END OF YEAR

How can it be the end of school 2014 already? There is much to do before we finish up so staff and students will be focused and hard at work until the final day for students which is Wednesday 17th December.

We thank and acknowledge the volunteers who have worked tirelessly for the school in Learning Support, the Library, Canteen, P&C and on Quality Portfolio Panels. Students and staff benefit from your time, energy and expertise.

Thank you to all the staff (teaching and non-teaching) at Wollumbin High School for their commitment to students whether it is in the Administration area, classrooms, Library, Food Technology rooms, technology support area, Science labs, grounds, sporting fields, Careers and Canteen. Also to our cleaners – Gordon, Julie and Karen – a big thank you for your behind the scenes work - it is appreciated.

We thank Ms van Megchelen for working at our school during 2014. She has taught in the Technology and Applied Studies KLA during this year and we appreciated her involvement in school activities.

Mr & Mrs Craven and Mr Young are taking extended leave next year and we wish them all the best. A staff update will be provided in the first Takabout of 2015.

This is the final edition of the Talkabout for 2014. We wish all members of our school community a safe and happy holiday break.

FAREWELL and THANK YOU

MS KERRY STEVENSON

Ms Stevenson leaves us at the end of the year as she is retiring. Ms Stevenson is a passionate and knowledgeable teacher, very strong advocate for public education, a valuable member of the executive and teaching staff who has bought about many initiatives at our school. Her drive and energy has seen the establishment of Agriculture gardens and the arrival of the ‘girls’ – our chickens. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the Coffee Project and our mini plantation on the hill. We thank Ms Stevenson for all she has done for the students at the school and wish her well for the future. We do know that we will keep seeing her at school in a volunteer role as Ms Stevenson will remain involved with the Coffee Project and the Agriculture gardens.

WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL

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LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

The P&C has contributed a substantial amount of funds towards the refurbishment of the Library. Students will come back to a modernised library. It will be an exciting start to 2015 – the year WHS turns 20!
CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Kirra Gaedt, Tyrone Roach, Rebecca Merton, Kaitlan Grant, Lilli Oniper, Abby Johnson, Chance Noori, Ela Hallac, Adam Spring,
Year 8 - Clair Constable, Ella Watson, Luke Smit, Chloe Tanner, Jamie Smith, Zachery Lasker, Brianna Scerri,
Year 9 - Mackenzie New, Kiana-Rose Janetzki, Jordan Flight, Koby L’Estrelle, Max Murray, Louise Trueman
Year 10 - Caelan Parratt, Brandon Boyce, Ben Prestwich-Hart, Jadess Clark
Year 11 - Kelsey Noble, Samuel Cook

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Kirra Gaedt, Elle Hyde, Jaidyn Larrescy, Ella Hallac, Adam Spring, Daniel Bennett, Lilli Oniper
Year 8 - Michael Larrescy, Ella Watson, Tess Sneddon, Zachery Lasker, Brianna Scerri,
Year 9 - Mackenzie New, Koby L’Estrelle, Max Murray
Year 10 - Isaac Holtby, Georgia Fahy, Jadess Clark, Ben Prestwich-Hart
Year 11 - Kelsey Noble

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7 - Kirra Gaedt, Timothy Whipps, Danielle Sanderson, Zahli McKay, Jack Dawson, Elle Hyde, Jaidyn Larrescy
Year 8 - Brianna Scerri, Ezekiel Jacobsen, Karinne Wihlborg, Tess Sneddon
Year 9 - Mackenzie New
Year 10 - Isaac McKay, Justin Hayer, Isaac Holtby, Jadess Clark, Georgia Fahy
Year 11 - Kelsey Noble

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 7 - Kirra Gaedt, Elle Hyde, Jaidyn Larrescy, Zahli McKay
Year 8 - Ezekiel Jacobsen
Year 9 - Mackenzie New
Year 10 - Isaac Holtby
Year 11 - Kelsey Noble

CONGRATULATIONS
GOLD AWARD

Year 11 - Kelsey Noble

More Award photos to appear on last page
**TITANS**

Last Tuesday the Titans 4 Tomorrow Girl’s Academy held their final workshop for the year at Banora Point High School - Celebration and Success. The girls were awarded with certificates for their achievements throughout the year. Wollumbin students were presented with certificates of participation along with Silver, Bronze and Gold awards. Casey Dawson was presented with a T-shirt for outstanding achievements throughout the year. Congratulations.

**WHAT’S ON!**

**Term 4 2014**
- 15th December  Awards Evening 6.30pm Gym
- 16th December  School Picnic Day
  *(must have DP Award and meet behaviour expectations)*
- 17th December  Last day of term for students

**REPORTS WILL BE POSTED HOME IF NOT COLLECTED BY STUDENTS**

**Term 1 2015**
- 27th January  School Development Day
  *Staff Only*
- 28th January  Year 7, 11 and 12 return
- 29th January  Year 8, 9 & 10 return
- 6th February  Year 7 Parent Information
  *Evening 6pm*
- 9th February  Year 11 Assessment & Senior Success Information
  *Evening 6pm*
- 10th February  Swimming Carnival
- 11th February  P&C Meeting 7pm Library

**HOSPITALITY AND CONSTRUCTION WORK PLACEMENT**

CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

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**ANIMATIONS**

Congratulations to Mrs Watson, Mrs Quantrill, Mrs Shearman and Year 8 students for the outstanding Animations screened recently at the Regent Theatre. There were 46 Animations presented by 79 Animators to an appreciative audience. We thank Ken and Mia for opening the Regent Theatre for our school.

**YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES**

Congratulations to our Year 11 Business Studies students Jamie Enseleit, Odette Miller, Braydon Smith, and Owen Bruin who competed in the recent Deadly Business simulation.
SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to Jack Dawson on his selection to travel to the United States and Canada as a member of an elite targeted Athletics group. Jack was selected for his prowess in track and field.

UNIFORMS
If you have any uniforms still at home from the various competitions, could you please return them asap, as without these shirts our sets are ruined.

2015
Competitions begin very early in 2015. School sport will commence the second week of school on the Wednesday morning as usual. Students will attend their selected sport. Please ensure that they have the correct money if they have selected a sport that requires payment.

Notes for the swimming carnival will be given out during the house meetings prior to the carnival.

DATES TO REMEMBER.
9/2/14 - FNC Open Volleyball — Boys - MHS, Girls - Wollumbin.
10/2/15 - School Swimming Carnival
12/2/15 – FNC Open Basketball – Byron Bay.
19/2/15 – FNC U15 Touch – MHS
20/2/15 – FNC Soccer - MHS

U15 GIRLS NORTH COAST HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
Earlier this year, 13 lovely young women, some very helpful parents and Ms Underwood participated in the U15 Girls Hockey Knockout competition.

The first round was an easy victory, with Kingscliff forfeiting.

The second round took us down to Ballina to play a difficult Southern Cross HS outfit. The girls played an amazing game, led by their captain Georgia Fahy, coming out with the win.

We then progressed to Lismore for the third round of the competition. The girls played against a beginning Goonellabah team and came out with a convincing win. We were very proud of the girls for being respectful to the other team who had not played many games together.

The final round was to be played against Grafton or Bellingen but a forfeit by both teams ensured our girls won the competition, becoming the North Coast Champions.

Well done to all of the girls for playing hard and having a great time. We give a huge thank you to all the parents and drivers for supporting the girls throughout this competition and to Jodie Wihlborg for supplying the photographs. Thank you to Ms Underwood who hopes to see you all again in the team next year.

COOLHEADS
(THE FAMILY CENTRE)
Has Free BBQ & activities for young people ages 12 – 18
MURRWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE
Nullum Street
Fridays fortnightly December 5th and 19th
Contact Coolheads for any questions contact 0439009850
Learning Support Thank You Morning Tea

Last Thursday was another successful thank you morning tea for our community volunteer tutors, student reader/writers and peer tutors. Our students, as always, provided heaps of festive food and did a great job of thanking the people who have helped them during the year.

We would also like to give an especially big ‘Thank You’ to Santa for taking time out of his really busy schedule to deliver a special seasonal message to the students and volunteers.

2014 was another busy year in Learning Support and it would not have been possible to provide the level of support we did without the assistance of the many volunteers who give their time to working with our students. A huge THANK YOU to the nineteen volunteers from our community, the seventeen year ten peer tutors and the ten students who provided support by being readers or scribes during examinations.

The other people we need to thank are the SLSO (School Learning Support Officers) – Thea Curby, Ross Goode, Val Humphrey, Anne Sterling, Kim McIntosh and Jenny Marks for all the great work they do over and above their ‘statement of duties’ to ensure as smooth a journey through High School for our students.

Lindy Thomas, Phil Thomas, Paul Butterfield (Learning and Support Teachers)

We will have a meeting on Friday 20th February at 8.45 till 10am for anyone interested in being a volunteer tutor in 2015

GIFT GIVING
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SRC initiative by providing food and items for ‘You’ve Got a Friend’ charity drive.

Above: & Left: The Principal Ms Connell thanking our volunteers. As usual, everyone enjoyed the food brought by the students

Above: Santa giving out candy canes with some help from Clancy.
WHITE RIBBON DAY

Wollumbin High School supported the national White Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the costs caused by domestic violence to our country. The costs are both personal and financial.

All members of the SRC contributed to an assembly item outlining national statistics on the impact of domestic violence. They sent a powerful message when they applied the national statistics to the number of students in our school. Following the assembly, all students were invited to place a white ribbon on various parts of the school, including along the front fence and within the school.

Additionally, seven female staff have been trained in Rock & Water to deliver self-awareness and assertiveness training to female students. The first groups of girls from years 7 & 8 will be trained this year. More girls and boys groups will be taught Rock & Water in 2015.

Domestic violence, physical or verbal, is never OK. This will be a reoccurring message given to the students of this school.

UNIVERSITY EARLY ENTRY

Wollumbin High School provides detailed support to students considering post-school options, including advice about options for entry to tertiary institutions. The making and accepting of offers is a matter between those institutions and the individual students, however to date the school is aware of offers to students from Griffith University, University of New England, Bond University and Southern Cross University with courses including (but not limited to) Psychology, Architecture, Forensic Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Nursing and Exercise Science. Some students have had more than one offer of early entry. There may be additional offers of which we are unaware. As a small high school we are proud that nearly half of our students have received offers. Offers of early entry acknowledge students who have achieved substantial outcomes over their two years of senior study.

KOREAN STUDENT VISIT

Sadly the visit from our sister school has been postponed for the beginning of 2015. We thank all parents and students who offered to host the students. We really appreciated your offers of assistance. When we are advised of a new date we will be in contact with you. The exchange visits between our two schools are greatly valued.

YEAR 10 GRADES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

All Year 10 (Stage 5) grades will be released to students on Wednesday 10 December.

Students will be able to log in to Students Online to view their grades onscreen and download their personal eRecord.

The eRecord is an interim report of each student’s accumulated results. It will show each student’s

- grades
- Life Skills outcomes, where applicable
- voluntary Literacy and Numeracy test results, if taken.

Students need to have activated their Students Online account in order to view their eRecord.

Once logged in to Students Online, the eRecord is available in the student’s personal secure account in My Details > Enrolments/Results. Students can generate a PDF eRecord to save, print and/or email by clicking on the “Request” button found in this section. Once requested, the PDF eRecord will be delivered to Students Online > My Details > My Messages.

Can the text be translated?
MATH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Torren Fenwick (Year 9) participated in a Mathematics Enrichment Program, over 6 months, through the Australian Mathematics Trust. He worked through a set of problems based on the Mathematician Gauss. He was able to challenge his Mathematical thinking, extend his problem solving abilities and strategies. Torren worked with his Maths Teacher, Mrs Smith, to help guide him through the process.

Students who are in the top classes for Mathematics are encouraged to participate in these extra-curricular opportunities to build up their confidence in solving unfamiliar and more complex mathematical problems. Congratulation Torren.

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment. Log onto the School site at: www.wollumbin-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard. When? This payment method will go live on 10 December 2014.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts (these include band, drama and dance).
- Sales to Students
- Other (includes items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.)

When you access the $ Make a Payment you must enter:
- the student’s name and reference number OR
- student’s name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number. You will need to make individual payments for each student.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the Wollumbin High School Administration Office on (02) 66725121

2015 SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS & UNIFORM UPDATE

We have included information about subject requirements for 2015 courses so that students return fully prepared for their lessons. All students will be supplied with a diary (student planner) when school resumes.

Due to some supply issues regarding girls green shorts the P&C has endorsed grey shorts for all students at WHS. There are some girls green shorts still available so until those are sold out girls can wear either colour. Also there is now choice of 2 styles of senior girls shirts as the P&C appreciates that the current style does not suit all body shapes.

Black shorts are sports shorts only and not day to day wear. Please ensure students return in correct uniform. Students are to change for PE and Sport into the sport uniform. It is not appropriate for students to participate in sporting activities in their day to day uniform.

A reminder about uniform is also included in the newsletter – please ensure that solid leather footwear is purchased according to safety requirements. Please do not buy ‘fashion’ shoes - they are not acceptable in many subject areas and will mean parents purchasing a ‘second and correct’ pair of shoes at additional cost. Sport shoes should provide support and protection for a range of physical activities.

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