Most parents of a teenage girl will have said at some stage, “Will you stop being so dramatic!” But this week, Wollumbin is celebrating as four of our Year 11 students have proved themselves to be state-level drama queens by being accepted into State Drama Ensemble in Sydney, with a fourth on the reserve list.

Reba Ide, Natasha Currant, Kaitlin Devine and Nina Baumer auditioned via video upload, submitting a 2-3 minute performance of their own choosing. These four girls had previously attended State Drama Camp in Term 2 of this year and were inspired by the experiences it provided.

Reba, Natasha and Nina will rehearse during the upcoming Spring school holidays at the Arts Unit in Sydney and for 3 days in October. They will perform at the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre, Sydney on October 23rd and 24th. State Drama Festival showcases the best of New South Wales Drama from K-12.

BEST WISHES YEAR 12 FOR THE HSC

Year 12 commence their Higher School Certificate on October 13. We wish them all the best for the next few weeks as they settle into serious study and preparation. Good luck with your examinations and for the exciting future ahead of you all. We are proud of your achievements.
**CONGRATULATIONS**
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**

Year 7 - Chelsea Henderson, Lucas Van Egdom, Calam Nixon, Zara Macdonald, Caleb Booth, Molly Phillips, Jessica Sanderson
Year 8 - Corey Hayes, Lucy Parker, Tea Hallac, Brittany Doohan, Brianna Scerri, Ezekiel Jacobson
Year 9 - Tamika Russell-Glen, Olivia Ward, Taeisha Keevers, Sarah Pernatin
Year 10 - Isaac Holtby, Dylon Foley
Year 11 - Meg Phillips, Nina Baumer, Kaitlin Devine, Natasha Unwin, Frangellina Ferndale-Gawain, Kelsey Noble, Zac Thomas
Year 12 - Clancy Whiteman

**CONGRATULATIONS**
**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**

Year 7 - Rebecca Merton, Jack Dawson
Year 8 - Tea Hallac, Brianna Scerri, Laetani Brehaut, Brittany Doohan, Levi Yeaman
Year 9 - Le-Keisha Steadman, Sarah Pernatin
Year 10 - Fiona Stanley, Isaac Holtby
Year 11 - Meg Phillips, Frangellina Ferndale-Gawain, Nina Baumer, Kelsey Noble
Year 12 - Clancy Whiteman

**CONGRATULATIONS**
**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Year 7 - Rebecca Merton, Jaidyn Larresey
Year 8 - Ezekiel Jacobsen
Year 9 - Sarah Pernatin
Year 10 - Isaac Holtby
Year 11 - Meg Phillips, Sally-Ann Montgomery, Callie Wynd, Kelsey Noble, Odette Miller, Nina Baumer

**CONGRATULATIONS**
**AWARD OF HONOUR**

Year 7 - Madison Hackenberg, Rebecca Merton
ENGLISH UPDATE

Last week, thirty-four students from Years 7 to 10 participated in a workshop with author Melaina Faranda in preparation for contributing to this year’s Write On magazine. The fabulous students involved had two hours of working on inspiration for their stories and then one hour learning more about the importance of the editing process and how to edit narratives successfully. The students will now go forth and write across the next 6 weeks, coming back after the holidays with a draft that is ready to submit for the magazine. We are looking forward to reading the submissions next term.

Three of our Year 11 students, Taylor Black, Kaitlin Devine and Kelsey Noble, recently accompanied Ms Giddins to Murwillumbah East Public School. The students and Ms Giddins were guest adjudicators for Murwillumbah East Public School’s Speaking Finals. The girls did a fantastic job and learned valuable skills about public speaking and the marking process, as well as learning just how cute a speech from a kindergarten child can be!

At the end of each unit of work in English this year, students in Years 7 to 10 have been completing surveys regarding the unit of work. In Term 4, we will be analysing this data as part of an evaluation process for 2015. The data so far has been interesting, including the fact that most of the junior students would rather watch a movie than write something down.

The exam periods are coming up for Year 11, and they will have two exam papers of two hours each for Standard English and Advanced English. Paper 1 is all about the Area of Study: Journeys, while Paper 2 covers the Modules they explored in Preliminary English. Following the results of these exams, students will need to reassess the course they are doing and ensure that they are in the correct English course for them for their HSC. If a student is unsure, please have them speak to either their class teacher or the Head Teacher, Ms Giddins.

LEGACY

We are proud to support Legacy and the work they do. We welcomed Mr Bruce Llewellyn and Mrs Alice Dale to our assembly who spoke about Legacy and shared real life stories on a DVD with us. SRC students will be attending the Legacy luncheon and assisting with fundraising.

MUFTI DAY

Date: Thursday, 18th September

Theme:
- Football colours
- Sports colours
- Uniforms
- No 3B’s

Gold coin donation towards PE equipment
Shorts need to be at an appropriate length.
Tops are NOT to be revealing.
NO short shorts and NO tights.
SPORTS NEWS

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS (MMA) SCHOOL SPORT

MMA/ Mixed Martial Arts (like UFC) are being offered again in term 4 as a school sport elective. You will learn proven self-defence and combat sport techniques from Pro MMA fighter and Coach Brett Jacobsen. It involves various techniques from kick boxing to wrestling and Judo to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. You will have fun, get fit and learn how to defend yourself in any situation. There are limited spots so sign up asap.

YEAR 5 SPORTS AFTERNOON

On Thursday the 21st of August, Wollumbin High School hosted a Sports Afternoon for Year 5 students from our local partner schools as part of the transition program from primary to secondary school. A number of year 10 students organised and conducted sports activities, with the help of Mr Trembath and Mr Lambert, for the students to enjoy. The primary school students were separated into mixed school groups to form friendships with future peers and to experience some aspects of high school life.

Activities included Big Ball Soccer, Touch Football, Volleyball, Evasion Games and Minor Games. Both primary and secondary students had fun throughout the day and a big thank you goes out to all of the students and teachers who contributed to the organisation and participation of the day.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2015

Congratulations to Odette Miller and Billy Henderson who have been appointed our new school captains. They were welcomed by the outgoing captains Brianna and Toby who have shown exceptional leadership. Brianna and Toby briefed the incoming captains on what to expect over the next 12 months.

Congratulations to Brooke Maynard, Matt Wells, Kelsey Noble, Nina Baumer, Taylor Black, Reba Ide, Kaitlin Devine and Nathan Draman who also stood for the captain positions. Any one of the candidates would have made an outstanding captain as they all displayed outstanding leadership qualities.

Thank you to Ms Thornton, Mr Shearman and the team of students who ran the voting on the day.

INTO SCIENCE

As part of Science Week, 2014, all WHS students in Years 7-10 will be going on Australia’s biggest virtual excursion to Jenolan Caves. The virtual excursion has been developed in collaboration with CSIRO scientists in a world first. The activity uses ground-breaking technology and provides engaging interactives and visuals as students explore, experiment and independently problem solve their way through a full scale replica of the Jenolan Caves.
HOMEWORK HELP
Need some help with your assessment tasks or homework? Do you want to start studying but are not sure where to start? SOLUTION = Come along to homework help
When: Every Wednesday after school until 4pm
Where: School Library
Who: Miss Underwood (Science and Maths), Mrs Hirst (English) and Mrs Curby (Learning Support)
Why: Homework help is a volunteer program run by teachers that is designed to assist students in completing their homework and assessment tasks. It is also designed to help students establish a regular study routine, go over any work they need extra assistance with and to build and support independent learners.

NSW STATE DRAMA CAMP
On the 22nd to the 26th of June, four year 11 drama students were given the opportunity to travel to Sydney to participate in the NSW State Drama Camp. We thoroughly enjoyed a week of drama workshops and activities run by industry professionals such as Paul Viles. We were also able to meet the cast of Strictly Ballroom. After enjoying the absolutely amazing show we met some performers from last year’s HSC Onstage (the best of the HSC Drama performance major works). This made us motivated and more confident about our HSC.

We all loved the trip so much and it made us all the more eager about following this career path. It was great to meet so many like-minded and interesting people at the camp, many of whom we have kept in contact with. We would like to say a huge thank you to the P&C, as the trip wouldn’t have been possible without the support from them, and to the school community for the funds raised at the sausage sizzle.

By Kaitlin Devine, Natasha Currant, Reba Ide and Nina Baumer.

THANKYOU
I am very thankful for the opportunity I was given these past 5 weeks to go to WHS. I received a very warm welcome to the school, and all the teachers were very generous and supportive of my education. I had a great time learning and experiencing the Australian school system, and I cannot believe how quickly the time went. It is definitely different to the schools back in New York, but those differences have made this trip more enjoyable. I feel like a true Aussie! I have even almost perfected my "G’day mate!"

I’d like to thank Ms Connell, all the teachers and students for making this experience unforgettable.

Alyssa Fenger (Grade 8 Student, 2014).

Alyssa (pictured right) has very generously donated a book to our Library.

RED DAY
Red day was a credit to Lis and her initiative. Lis’ energy, enthusiasm and fantastic menu had WHS students lining up to enjoy the special canteen event. We also enjoyed Lis’ unique ‘canteen manager’s uniform’ on that day. What fun!

WHITE RIBBON
Wollumbin High School is proud to support the White Ribbon campaign. White Ribbon is Australia’s only national, male-led violence prevention organisation and is part of a global movement that aims to create a society in which all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse. http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/

WOMEN’S & U17s REGIONAL 7s RUGBY TALENT DISCOVERY DAY
Want to represent the FNC Zone? If you are turning 15, 16 or 17 in 2014, please sign up to attend the Talent Discovery Day being held in your area on Sunday 14th September.
To register go to http://alturl.com/9rzx9 or contact Harry Witt 0431 349 446 or email bruce.frame@rugby.com.au
WOLLUMBIN DREAMING 2014

For the past five weeks Aron Forrest, Tamika Russell-Glew, Yaimee and Mandu Currie have been involved in the Wollumbin Dreaming Program for Indigenous students. The program teaches leadership and gives the students an opportunity to meet Indigenous leaders in their fields. The students have played traditional games, taken a cultural kayak tour and studied dance with an instructor from the Bangarra Dance Theatre. They have learnt sand art, basket weaving and created Aboriginal street art at Fingal. The final week they met and cooked with renowned Indigenous chef, Mark Olive. Students served parents and community members an afternoon tea of pizza and Quandong damper that they prepared in the Kingscliff TAFE kitchen. Mark Olive presented each school with his book “OUTBACK CAFE - Taste of Australia Bush Food “, which is now in our school library.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11

On the 14th October at 6pm in the Library, Edwina McCoy from the Board of Studies will present HSC information to parents and students of year 11. This is a very important evening as not only will information be presented by Edwina but the WHS HSC Assessment Booklet will also be issued and requirements explained. It is important that parents are as aware as their student regarding HSC requirements. The HSC Assessment Booklet must be signed for on the night. We anticipate the evening running for 1 and a half hours. Light refreshments will be available.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11

Year 11 students need to be very focused as they move toward the end of the term. Year 11 exams commence on the 8th September and run until the 15th September. Students are expected to be at school for the last week of term. Absence from an examination will require a Doctors Certificate and notification to the school prior to, or at the latest, the morning of the examination. Students who have not completed all their tasks or examinations will not meet Preliminary requirements and therefore place entry into HSC courses at risk. Students have been provided with further information about our expectations – please ask to see the information.

PARENT SURVEY

We are preparing for the next 3 year school planning cycle. Enclosed is a quick survey that we ask parents to complete to assist us with our planning. The front cover is for you to record your student(s) names so that when the survey is returned to Administration it will be placed in a draw for your children to have the chance to win a $10 canteen voucher donated by the P&C. There are two canteen vouchers to be won. Parent responses will be collated along with staff and student representative responses. The survey should be returned to school by Wednesday 17th September. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, we appreciate parent contributions.

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