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AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 7  -  Joel Mudge, Ryan Stanley
Year 12 - Brooke Maynard, Grace Adams, Jaime Enseleit, Kelsey Noble

SRC 2016 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are currently being called for students interested in being 2016 Student Representative Council members. Year Advisers and Ms Smith have the nomination forms. Year groups vote to elect their representatives from students approved to run for SRC by the executive.

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SPORTS

STATE ATHLETICS - GOLD AND SILVER.

Wollumbin athletes have achieved outstanding results at the State Championships. These are the best achievements in the school’s history thanks to the dedication of Mr Larrescoy’s coaching with our elite program.

Ben Prestwich Hart and Dane Peterson both achieved gold medals in the 17 and 14 age groups in Javelin while Talisha Atkinson received a silver medal in the 14 Javelin as well.

The remainder of the Wollumbin team were outstanding with all reaching the semi-finals or finals in their events. Special mention to Jack Dawson in the 100 and 200m events.

FNC FUTSAL CHAMPIONS

Wollumbin are now FNC Champions in both the Under 16 and Under 14 Girls Futsal and will be progressing to round 5 early next term. They will play for a place in the North Coast finals.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

The senior boys played in the semi-finals and were narrowly defeated in a fast moving game, while the junior boys were placed second in the FNC.

Thanks to Mr Trembath for his fabulous coaching.

TERM 4 SPORT

Normal sport has commenced for years 7-10. Remember that correct uniform must be worn and notes brought in to attend for selected sports. If a student chose a sport requiring payment they will be required to pay even when absent, as specialist teachers have committed to attend the school based on a specific number of students.
TWEED VALLEY

Congratulations to the following teams for their success in the Tweed Valley competition: the 15+ A Girls Volleyball, 15+ Team 2 Girls Soccer, and the Girls Hockey. Well done to all competitors. The sportsmanship shown by all students participating in the Tweed Valley competition was outstanding.

CONGRATULATIONS

Zahli McKay spent the first week of school holidays competing in the U15 Queensland State Hockey Championships on the Sunshine Coast.

The girls from Tweed Border fought hard and managed to pull off a dream run, progressing through each round undefeated and bringing home gold!

YEAR 10 EXPECTATIONS

Year 10 are working toward attainment of the RoSA (Record of School Achievement). Parents and students are reminded that assessments continue until the end of the year and that year 10’s final day is the same as other students – 16th December. Year 10 students must meet all assessment, learning and attendance requirements to successfully attain the RoSA and be able to proceed into senior years. There are some Year 10 students who need to work very hard at present as not all requirements are being met. If the school is sending you letters regarding incomplete work by students please take these letters seriously as they indicate your student is not meeting the outcomes required. Parents, who have received notification about incomplete tasks should confirm with either the teacher or their student whether they have presented this work. Learning Support and Homework Help is available to students seeking assistance.

TOP CLASS 2016

Applications for Top Class for Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2016 will be issued at the Year Meetings on Wednesday, 21st October. If your child is interested in applying to be a member of a Top Class, please remind them to collect a form at the Year Meeting, and keep an eye out for the form coming home shortly thereafter. Application forms are to be returned to the Year Adviser by Thursday 29th October at the latest.
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DEBATING AT DUNGAY
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The quality of the debates was high and the students were quite advanced in their debating skills for their tender ages. There were a few stand outs and our own Mackenzie and Connor will have learned a lot from the day. They each did a fabulous job adjudicating and were objective when providing the debating students their feedback.

Mackenzie and Connor represented our school impeccably and WHS is proud of their achievement.

Congratulations to Dungay for organising the event and winning the overall debate series for this day.

CONGRATULATIONS
Charlotte Hall on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for the Festival of Instrumental Music 2015