CONGRATULATIONS HSC ARTEXPRESS NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to Georgia Carter and Danielle Challand for having their Body of Work (major practical project) nominated for consideration for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS. Nominations are based on the works of all Visual Arts students who are sitting their HSC. An outstanding achievement for Danielle and Georgia.

“What Lies Beneath” by Georgia Carter, left and ‘Only Human’ by Danielle Challand below.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM ZACK LARTER

Please thank everyone of Wollumbin for their prayers and kind thoughts that kept me going while I was in the Lady Cilento Hospital. Also a huge thank you for the help and donations on the ‘Wear Hat Backwards Day’.

Thank you to all of my friends for the photos and phone calls that kept me strong while I was up in Brisbane. It helped me get better so much more quicker knowing I wasn’t alone and you were all there for me.

Thank you,

Zack Larter

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Joel Mudge, Zak Lateo, Duncan Mellor, Ryan Stanley, Bijou Gracie-Henry
Year 8 - Zara MacDonald, Timothy Whipps, Jack Dawson, ShaeTaya Heatherill, Riley Hall, Sola Antonini, Adam Spring, Lilli Oniper, Hannah Carmody, Hannah-May Murray, Madison Anderson, Jacob Costas
Year 9 - Hannah Wright, Lily Rawson-Neil, Brianna Scerri, Ezekiel Jacobsen, Georgie-Rae Gibson, Corey Hayes, Jason Riolo, Lucy Parker
Year 10 - Charrissa Birtwell, Peta Hanger, Erin Swift, Sarah Pernatin

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Darci Gibbons, Ryan Stanley, Joel Mudge, Jonathon Rawling, Cameron Scholl
Year 8 - Riley Hall, Jason Merton, Adam Spring, Hannah Carmody, Jack Dawson
Year 9 - Hannah Wright, Lily Rawson-Neil, Brianna Scerri, Ezekiel Jacobsen, Georgie Rae-Gibson, Corey Hayes
Year 10 - Peta Hanger, Charrissa Birtwell, Erin Swift

THANK YOU
To the Staff, Students and parents at Wollumbin High School. I cannot thank all of you enough for your thoughts, prayers, kind wishes and support over the past 4 weeks. (It feels like months!!)
I have received so many cards, emails, messages and phone calls that it is difficult to thank you all individually. I am making excellent progress and plan to be back at school day 1 2016.
My condition is manageable with medication, diet and a healthy lifestyle.
Missing school lots and thinking of you all.
❤ KP xxxx
A special hello to my Year 10's!!
CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7 - Madison Dorrough, Lochie Pansaru, Carter McHugh, Ella Curtis, Lexie Sneddon, Alexander Napper, Amy Edmed, Chloe Lopatecki, Amanda Swift-Devine, Joel Mudge, Darci Gibbons

Year 8 - Skye Brambleby, Abby Johnson, Sarah Walsh, Ela Hallac, Briana Bradfield, Samuel Pollock, Marlie Farmer-Foster, Molly Phillips, Zahli McKay, Ayla Bowden, Monty Murray, Jessica Maloney

Year 9 - Chloe Gear, Hannah Wright, Georgie-Rae Gibson, Ezekiel Jacobsen

AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT CHANGES FOR 16 & 17 YEAR OLDS

Information for school communities
Recent amendments to the Australian Government's legislation on passports include some important changes that will affect 16 and 17 year old passport applicants.

From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 or 17 will be issued with a 10-year passport instead of the five-year passport currently issued to children under 18.

Parental consent will still be required when persons aged 16 or 17 apply for a passport.

Applicants aged 16 and 17 will need to accompany their parent or a person with parental responsibility when lodging the passport application.

The application fee for 16 and 17 year olds will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.

More information is available on www.passports.gov.au. Any questions can be directed to the Australian Passport Information Service (APIS) on 131 232.

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AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 9 - Ezekiel Jacobsen

www.whiteribbon.org
SPORTS

FNC BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Last Friday we took 4 teams to Byron Bay to compete in the FNC beach volleyball knockout competition and we had one of our most successful years.

The junior boys, senior boys and senior girls teams made it to the finals. The Junior girls lost their opening game in a close three sets.

Well done to all the students who participated on the day. More photos on back page.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

The P&C, represented by Sharyn Currant, thanked staff for working in partnership with parents for the benefit of students. Sharyn also provided some yummy additions to the morning tea. Blake Lam (School Captain) thanked staff on behalf of students acknowledging the additional things staff at Wollumbin do for students.

We also celebrated Gonski Day at this morning tea acknowledging some of the opportunities the additional funds have provided for students and staff. Some of the opportunities include technology resources and texts for students, additional Learning and Support Teacher hours, professional learning opportunities for staff, transition to high school enhancement, employment of an Indigenous Mentor, study days for combined T5 senior students and additional staffing.

CONGRATULATIONS - DANE PETERSON - SELECTED FOR NATIONAL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Dane has been selected as a member of the NSW Athletics team to compete in the Javelin at national level. The Australian championships will be held in Melbourne early December. Dane secured a place in the team by coming first in Javelin in both the NSW Combined High Schools and NSW All Schools competitions. To be selected to compete at National level you had to come first in your events.

Congratulations Dane. We are very proud of your achievements. Good luck in December.
A SPECIAL INVITATION TO WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL’S ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2015

Year 8 students short animated films feature in the 2015 ANIMATION FESTIVAL on the 3rd December at the REGENT Cinema, Murwillumbah. The students have worked hard in anticipation of an appreciative and supportive audience and we would love you to come and be a part of this.

This exciting opportunity for students to show their work on a large screen will be made more special by sharing with family and friends. The animations will be followed by an animated feature film.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Adults ....................... $10
Students ..................... $8
Family of 3 ............... $25
Family of 4 ............... $32

You can purchase your tickets in advance at the school office, or at the door on the night.

We look forward to your company

QUALITY PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS

We are seeking the support of our local community by being members of a panel for year 7 to 10 for one or more days. The dates are as follows:

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th November - Year 9
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th November - Year 8
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th November - Year 7
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November - Year 10

Anyone available on one or more days, please contact Cheryl Olive on 6672 5121.
**SCIENCE**

This is the first year that we will see Year 8 completing VALID (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development) testing in Science. It replaces the old ESSA test and is compulsory for all year 8 students. We are running the assessment on Monday, 9th November. Each student will need their own ear buds or headphones to complete the assessment. A similar assessment is being trialled in some schools for year 10 students. VALID provides valuable data to help us improve the learning of our students.

Students in all years have been working hard and have completed their Individual or Guided Research Projects. These represent an important part of Science – researching to find out more about a topic of interest and performing first-hand investigations.

The year 7 gardens should be producing fruit by now. Their gardens are a valuable learning tool that represent the connection between “real life” and the classroom.

As we come to the end of the year, please remember that the Science classrooms are a workplace and leather shoes must be worn, even at the end of the year.

The Agriculture and Marine Science departments have seen some changes this year. We now have a calf pen up and running ready to borrow a calf next year for animal husbandry. Marine have acquired a number of new fish and some are so happy they have already bred. Thanks to the staff at Murwillumbah High School for their help and supply of fish to us.

**CHICKENS FOR SALE!**

As the end of year holidays approach, we are looking to sell our beautiful organic hens to loving new forever homes. The chickens are roughly one year old. Lohmann Browns, excellent layers and their eggs are delicious. They have been raised organically and are used to being around children, so they are really easy to handle. We have 20 chickens for sale for $20 each. There are no minimum order numbers so you can buy one chicken or all 20 if you would like. First in, best dressed. If you are interested, call the office and they will pass a message to Miss Underwood.

Thank you for helping to support Wollumbin High School’s Agriculture Department.

**TREE PLANTING EXCURSION AT TYGALGAH**

On Thursday the 22nd of October, a group of eight environmentally keen students attended a tree planting excursion along the riverbank at Tygalga (Near Condong). The excursion was to assist with the Million Trees Initiative run by the Australian Government.

Students were involved in planting and watering native rainforest trees in an attempt to restore the habitat for local wildlife. The students worked extremely hard to both plant and water 273 trees in 1.5 hours. They jumped straight in, got their hands dirty, asked questions and did some hard work (all without complaint!). The Tweed Shire Council member, Matthew Bloor, who instructed and assisted us on the day, was also very pleased with our efforts. We have asked to be notified of other projects in the near future so we can further contribute to helping our local environment.

We are very proud of these 8 students (eco-warriors) who are doing their bit to help the environment. We hope to see the group of students interested in helping the environment and getting involved, grow in numbers in the future.

**OPEN FOR TENDER**

Second hand green colourbond roofing structure and poles. Was used as a shade gazebo. Approx 4.5m². All tenders close Friday 20th November. All enquiries to Sean Larrescy. Pick up only.

**PAYMENT ON-LINE**

Reminder, that school fees and excursions can be paid online using either a Visa, Mastercard or debit card. Please go to the school website and click on "$ Make a Payment". Any enquiries please contact the school on 6672 5121.
WOLLUMBIN READERS CUP AND 2015 READER CHAMPIONS

The Wollumbin Readers Cup is a House Reading Competition that runs throughout terms 1 to 3 each year. It recognises and rewards voluntary reading. Worldwide research continues to show that students who maintain a regular habit of reading for fun do better across standardised tests and continue to improve their literacy. Other research also shows that fiction readers develop enhanced creative language skills and empathies with others. We encourage all our students to keep reading for fun and provide books to meet popular interests and weekly prize draws to reward students. There were over 500 books read to be included in the competition, but many more by non-participants, and we hope that next year other readers will become participants as well. Readers are Winners!

The 2015 Wollumbin Readers Cup was won by Melaleuca House and the Reader Champions for 2015 are:

Year 7 – Lara Wynd; Year 8 Lilli Oniper; Year 9 – Kaleah Cram; Year 10 – Madeline Peters and the Senior Champion for Years 11 & 12 is Sudi Harrison.

Well done everyone.

ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS IN TERM 4, 2015

All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 are required to attend school until Wednesday 16 December, the last day of teaching for Term 4 2015. Prior to this date, students in all year groups should be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time, the current Exemption from School - Procedures should be used. These procedures were updated in Term 1, 2015.

As in previous years, students who complete the Higher School Certificate examinations in 2015 will be signed out from school on dates determined by principals to align with local school management practices.

Homework Help

When: Every THURSDAY after school until 4pm
Where: COMPUTER ROOM 2
Who: Miss Underwood (Science and Maths), Mrs Hirst (English) and Tulsi Blacka (Titans for Tomorrow)
Why: Homework help is a volunteer program run by teachers, designed to assist students in completing their homework, extra classwork and assessment tasks. It can help students establish a regular study routine, give them an opportunity to go over any work they need extra assistance with and build and support independent learners.
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