AWARDS NIGHT
Awards Night will be held on 14th December in the Gym, commencing at 6.30pm. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of WHS students and invite parents/carers to this important event for our school.

P&C
The P&C held their last meeting of the year on the 24th November. The Principal, staff and students acknowledge and appreciate all the support provided by the P&C to our Wollumbin High School community. They work tirelessly for us and we thank them very much. The first P&C meeting for 2016 is 10th February.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Congratulations to the student and staff team who ran a moving Remembrance Day Assembly. We particularly thank Mr Derek Sims who was our guest speaker. Our students were very respectful during the assembly and are to be congratulated.

VOLUNTEERS
We also acknowledge all our volunteers who assist the students and staff in many, many ways. We appreciate all you do for us too.

THANK YOU
We farewelled Gordon Vickery on Friday. Gordon has been one of our valued cleaning staff for the past 10 years. He has worked closely with the school assisting us to maintain the buildings and grounds. We appreciate all that he has done for us and wish him well in retirement.

WELCOME
Welcome to Ms Alison Tuck who is our new school counsellor. Alison will be here at Wollumbin High School on Mondays and Thursdays.

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CONGRATULATIONS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD


Year 9  Tahni Gibbons, Cherry-Ella Fields, Jordan Howlett, Travis Wardle, Chloe Gear, Ella Watson, Tess Sneddon

Year 10 Tamika Russell-Glew, Aiesha Kane, Britney McQueen, Zoe Wynd, Harry Liebke Pereyra, Madeleine Peters, Jasmine Cooper-McCredie, Kiana-Rose Janetzki, Harrison Harvey, Max Murray

CONGRATULATIONS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7  Miller Wolf, Bijou Gracie Henry, Duncan Mellor, Jahlia Garnham, Karly Gear, Zak Lateo, Brody Campbell, Heath Barnes, Jaiden Grey, Chloe Lopatecki, Meg Reynolds, Max Parker, Yoav Stein, Dominick Turk, Bryton Wilkes, Bethany Riseley


Year 9  Tahni Gibbons, Jason Riolo, Cherry-Ella Fields, Jordan Howlett, Chloe Gear, Ella Watson, Tess Sneddon

Year 10 Sarah Pernatin, Aiesha Kane, Harry Liebke Pereyra, Madeleine Peters, Jasmine Cooper-McCredie, Madeline Trew, Tamika Russell-Glew, Gina Weston, Kiana-Rose Janetzki, Harrison Harvey, Max Murray

Principal’s Award photos on back page.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nina Baumer who was a featured artist on School Spectacular which showcases the talents of students from NSW Government schools. It was a fantastic show; watch it on Channel 9 on Saturday 5th December at 7pm.

Congratulations to Georgia Carter who has been selected for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2016 for her artwork “What Lies Beneath”. From 9,033 students who submitted Bodies of Works for the HSC Visual Arts Examination only 442 students were nominated for ARTEXPRESS. We are very proud of Georgia’s achievement.
CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7  Ashleigh Mayfield, Ava Manuel, Krystal-Star Cooney, Saraswati Harrison, Bijou Gracie Henry, Duncan Mellor, Hannah McConnell, Cameron Scholl, Brody Campbell, Heath Barnes, Keaty Chipps, Oliver Liebke-Pereyra, Lily Mayr


Year 9  Georgia-Rae Gibson, Brianna Scerri, Jordan Howlett, Chloe Gear, Hannah Wright

Year 10  Harry Liebke Pereyra, Madeleine Peters, Jasmine Cooper-McCredie, Madeline Trew, Sarah Pernatin, Kiana-Rose Janetzki, Harrison Harvey, Max Murray

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 7  Ashleigh Mayfield, Ella Curtis, Ashleigh Mayfield, Ella Curtis, Ava Manuel

Year 8  Rebecca Merton, Ayla Bowden, Sarah Walsh, Kirra Gaedt, Taylor Haw, Ela Hallac, Jessica Maloney, Lilli Oniper, Jack Lee-Johnson, Timothy Whipps

Year 9  Georgia-Rae Gibson, Chloe Gear, Hannah Wright

WHAT’S ON

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SPORT
As the weather start to get hotter please remind your children to pack a water bottle, hat and sunscreen for sport.

GOOD LUCK DANE
Year 8 student Dane Peterson will compete at the National Athletics Championship in Melbourne this December. He recently won gold in the 14 year boys Javelin event at the NSW State High School Championships and then again at the NSW Combined High School Championships. We wish him all the best.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT
In the last school holidays, Jack Dawson went to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for an under 15 training camp. He was invited to attend after winning gold at the State Little Athletics Championships.

The camp was held over 4 days with athletes receiving training from different coaches. Jack was shown different recovery strategies call “Hot and Cold” and Mellissa Breen (sprint coach) taught his group sprinting and stretching.

Thank you very much to the P&C and SRC for supporting Jack’s attendance at the camp. He has come back with a lot of new ideas for him to pursue his athletics career.

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIADS
The ASO is a competition aimed at challenging gifted students in different fields of science.

Congratulations to Sudarshan Harrison and Rosa Lysiak for their outstanding results. Sudarshan received Credits in both physics and chemistry and Rosa received Credits in physics and biology.

2015 PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE
Wollumbin students were involved in three gruelling debates against some very experienced students from Byron Bay High, Southern Cross School and Mullumbimby High during terms 2 and 3. It was the first time the young Wollumbin students had debated at such a challenging level and they accounted for themselves well, winning one debate and narrowly losing the other two. Students impressed the adjudicator who praised their improvement in the competition. Congratulations to the team, no doubt we can expect big things of them in future years.

MURWILLUMBAH SUMMER 5 A SIDE HOCKEY
Commences: 3/2/16 for 8 weeks
Cost: $30
Contact: 0427 047688 by 15/12/15 to nominate/enquire

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.
QUALITY PORTFOLIO INTERVIEWS

Thank you to Mrs Cheryl Olive and her support team, our parent and community volunteers, past students and staff, our staff and students who gave up their time to be members of our panels. Some outstanding student presentations impressed panel members, with students clearly focused on personal best and quality work. However there are still some students who are not taking that approach to their studies and we hope they listen to the feedback provided and look toward improvements in 2016. Student focus on personal best and quality work is expected at our school. Students gain valuable interview skills through this process.

FOOTWEAR 2016

When buying shoes for the 2016 school year please ensure they are black leather and very solid.

These shoes are required for practical subjects and especially Science which is a mandatory course.

RRISK - REDUCE RISK INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

RRISK is a health promotion program that addresses risk-taking behaviour amongst year 11 students in the Mid North and North Coast of NSW. First developed in 1999, the RRISK program has grown rapidly in response to demand, initially involving 300 students from 9 high schools and now attracting over 4900 students from 58 schools across northern NSW from Tweed Heads to Port Macquarie.

Risk-taking in adolescence is an essential part of learning and personal development. Every healthy adolescent takes risks as he or she grows towards independence. Most researchers agree that if there is no risk there is no growth. A common problem for some young people is their inability to evaluate the potential risks and consequences of everyday behaviour. Thrill seeking, speeding, the desire to impress one’s friends; feelings of invincibility and the search for new experiences are all motivating forces that drive many teenagers. As a result they are over represented in every category of risk taking resulting in injury and trauma. Wollumbin High students attended the seminar on November 25th in Murwillumbah. Thank you Mr Lambert, Mrs Ayres and Mrs Smith for escorting our students.

EARLY ENTRY OFFERS TO UNIVERSITY

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. There may be additional offers of which we are unaware. As a small high school we are proud that 42% of our students have received one or more offers. Offers of early entry acknowledge students who have achieved substantial outcomes over their two years of senior study.

Congratulations Year 12.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Safer Community Alliance will be holding heats for Battle of the Bands again in early April 2016.

Start forming your band ready for competition to win some fantastic gear from Tweed Creative Studios, performance opportunities with local entertainment company Eventzbiz as well as a chance to record tracks with international producer Bryan Zee in studio!


Jenny Unwin for Safer Communities Alliance.

A youth development project.
BRIDGE BUILDING

Year 10 are studying trigonometry and the properties of right angled triangles. After gaining some understanding of right angled triangles and their strength, we became engineers and designed some bridges. Each group was given 10 straws, sticky tape and 6 name tag labels, they were also given scissors, a ruler and a piece of paper for designing. The ideas started to flow. Then we tested them for strength.

WHITE RIBBON

Australia’s campaign to stop violence against women.

Domestic violence is a widespread, though often hidden, problem across Australia. It occurs in all parts of society regardless of geographic location, socio-economic status, age, cultural and ethnic background, or religious belief, and its often devastating effects - psychological, social and economic, short-term and long-term - rebound on families, children, and the community as a whole.

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<td>Value partner’s opinion</td>
<td>Isolate partner from friends and loved ones</td>
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White ribbon is a primary prevention campaign - that is they work to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence against women. Wollumbin High School supported the white ribbon campaign by tying white ribbons on the front fence. If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and need help or support, please contact one of the support services to the left.

1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732): 24 hour, National Sexual Assault, Family & Domestic Violence Counselling Line

Lifeline (24 hours) 131 114

Police or Ambulance
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Kids Help Line
Freecall: 1800 551 800
E-mail and web counselling www.kidshelp.com.au

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www.whiteribbon.org
P&C POSITIONS 2016
At the end of every year all current positions held with our committee are declared vacant.

In 2016 we will be looking for nominations for two positions that have been successfully held by two of our parents for a number of years: Treasurer and Canteen Co-ordinator.

We would like to thank Donna and Lynette for their support of our school and for taking on roles within our P&C. We greatly appreciate your valuable contribution and wish you and your families all the best in after high school life.

Our treasurer role is currently held by Donna. Our P&C have decided to help with the transition for a new treasurer by purchasing a laptop that will contain all information needed for this role. Donna has advised that she will be on hand to help with the transition for the new treasurer.

All roles in the P&C are needed to continue the valuable input we have within the school.

If you have an interest in joining our P&C, especially the 2 roles as above, please contact me on 0431 601 211 after school hours. I will answer any questions you may have about what is involved.

Thank you
Sharyn Currant - Correspondence Secretary

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY VISIT
On Thursday the 22nd October, 12 eager to learn students from our year 12 went on an excursion to Southern Cross University, I, Sam Naoum, was lucky enough to participate in this particular excursion and am extremely glad I did.

The day started off with a seminar from one of the head professors of Southern Cross University asking us "Why Uni?" and to be honest no one really knew why we were there. He then broke down what university is and why it will help us gain a spot in the profession we desire and that its actually quite fun and flexible enabling a student to “study when you want where you want.”

After our first seminar we got to pick a different seminar of our choice. There were twenty different sessions to choose from including Law, Business, Sport Science etc. There were only two sessions you were able to attend. I chose Sports and Exercise Science for my first session and Law for my second. After the two sessions were over they had live music and a sausage sizzle for all of us to relax and mingle with the other schools that attended. We then got to attend our last seminar of the day which was a question and answer session with four of the current students at Southern Cross. We gained a lot of knowledge ready for the very hectic and demanding year to come.
YEAR 12 ART WORKS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS