**WELCOME**

A warm welcome to all our new and returning students and their families. Thank you for choosing WHS staff to educate your children. We look forward to yet another exciting, challenging and fulfilling year.

**STAFF UPDATE**

Congratulations to Ms Kathryn Perry who has been appointed Head Teacher, HSIE.

Mrs Bronwyn Thomas, will be relieving as Head Teacher Science. Mr Craven, Mrs Craven and Mr Young have all taken leave this year. Mr Cenda accepted the position of Music teacher for this year. He will also continue to enthuse members of the band and choir.

We introduce our new staff on page 2.

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**WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2015**

**OPEN HOUSE 11AM TO 3PM**

**CEREMONY 1PM**

COME AND VISIT THE SCHOOL, VIEW DISPLAYS AND CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS

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**ALL WELCOME AT OUR FIRST P&C MEETING**

The P&C will meet on the 11th February from 7 - 9pm in the Library. Meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month.

The following meeting will be on the 25th February and is the Annual General Meeting.

Please come and join our friendly, easy going P&C who work hard for your children.

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**LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT**

A huge thank you to our P & C who made all this possible.

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**WHS EXPECTATIONS**

At our school we:
- Make Learning a Priority
- Are Respectful
- Act Safely

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE ENVELOPE**

- School Fees
- Scripture Letter
- Uniform
- Term 1 Calendar
- Book Lists
- PD/H/PE Advice
- Directory of Staff 2015
- Information Update Form
- Year 8 Assessment Information
- Canteen Menu

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**P & C Meeting: Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 7.00pm in the Library**

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**Phone:** 02 6672 5121  
**Fax:** 02 6672 6056
THANK YOU TO PARENTS

Thank you to parents who have already paid voluntary contributions and subject specific fees.

Subject fees pay for the consumables used by your child in completing projects.

Voluntary contributions assist with the purchase of textbooks, ICT equipment, learning resources, paper - in fact a multitude of things used to support our students.

We have EFTPOS facilities at school to assist parents with payment options. Of course cash and cheques are still accepted!

Your support with early payment is greatly appreciated.

PAYMENT ON LINE

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 school’s website www.wollumbin-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on ‘$ Make a Payment’ and complete all the mandatory fields and select from the relevant ‘Payment options’.

The expenses (Payment Options) that can be paid online are:

- 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 ‘$ Make a Payment’ you MUST enter:

- the student’s full name and date of birth
- select from the relevant ‘Payment Options’ section.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

It is with great pleasure we introduce our new staff:

Mr Nick Gallagher
(Science/Math)

Miss Jenna Huggins
(HSIE)

Mrs Diana Shearman
(Visual Art)

Mr Glenn Kaminski
(TAS)

WELCOME BACK FOR 2015

Billy and I are excited to assist in the leading of Wollumbin High during our final year of schooling and anticipate this year will hold many challenges and rewards in our roles as captains. We are looking forward to representing the school in community functions such as our school’s 20th Year Anniversary, ANZAC day and a trip to Parliament House in Sydney later this year.

To any new or returning students, feel free to approach us at any time in the playground to bring up concerns or just have a conversation. We would be happy to assist you in any way or simply get to know you better. We hope everyone has a satisfying and fulfilling 2015 and look forward to our next meeting with you all.

Odette Miller & Billy Henderson

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OUTSTANDING 2014 HSC RESULTS

Year 12 2014 was a small cohort to sit the HSC.

We congratulate the Dux of Year 12 – Drew Magnum who achieved excellent results.

Drew achieved 2 band 6’s. Brianna Greasley, Megan Albury and Emily Anderson achieved a band 6 each.

A quarter of students achieved band 5 and higher, and half our students received offers of early entry to university prior to HSC results being known.

We congratulate all students on their achievements and wish them the very best for the future.

YOU HAVE A FRIEND

We thank the students, their families and staff who donated food and gifts which filled a total of 17 medium sized cooler bags for the You Have A Friend charity.

Mr John Lee attended school late last year to collect, not only the cooler bags, but also a financial donation of $320 as students made a gold coin donation to come in Christmas mufti the last Friday of Term 4.

We congratulate the SRC for their initiative and strong sense of citizenship and community.

AWARDS NIGHT 2014

Congratulations to the ever increasing number of students who are achieving at a high level and therefore acknowledged at our annual Awards Night.

Thank you to the parents, special guests and staff who made the 2014 evening so special for our students.

OFFICE DUTY

Each day a student from year 8 will be on office duty. Students are notified in advance of their day on the Daily Information Sheet. Parents should speak with Mr Cutcher (Deputy Principal) if they have concerns about their student being involved in this school service activity.

Students are recognised for their school service with a Service to Others Outcome.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL TUESDAY 10th FEB AT MURWILLUMBAH POOL

This is a compulsory school day and students are expected to attend. Non-attendance will require a note of explanation from parents.

All students are to attend school as normal at the beginning of the day. They will then be transported by bus to the pool at 8.45 at no cost.

Students will return to school by bus in time for the usual end of school routines. All students have been issued with a permission note with detailed information. This note is to be handed in as the student gets on the bus.

The cost will be $6.00 (even if a swimming club member). This money will be collected as the students enter the pool.

The pool canteen will be available on the day.

No student will be permitted to leave early. If you wish to pick your child up at the end of the carnival, you may do so, but students can only leave with their parents, not friends.

Parents/carers are invited to join us for the day. If you would like to volunteer to assist on the day please let Sue Lofts know by Monday 9th February.

Students are encouraged to support their Sports House by wearing house colours.

Glass, glitter bottles and paint are not permitted by the pool. Permission notes were given to students at assembly.

WHAT’S ON

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**PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- Change of Address or Phone Number
- Flood Evacuation Details
- Medical Advice
- DO NOT give permission to have your child’s photograph used in school productions or promotions

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**IS YOUR CHILD HAVE TROUBLE GETTING ON TOP OF THEIR HOMEWORK?**

Homework help is available for all students during break 2 in the Support Room (G1). Students may bring their lunch and can access the computers, internet, newspapers or other reference material.

We have six computers and two printers connected to the school network. Students are able to word process, search the Internet, consult reference material or receive help from staff in any subject.

If your child needs help completing homework, assessment tasks or projects or just time to catch up on class work tell them to come to the Support Room any Break 2.

They can eat their lunch while working.

Lindy and Phil Thomas
(Support Teachers Learning)

“Guess what?”
“You don’t have any homework tonight - I did it all in Learning Support”

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**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

**Year 7** - Parent information evening 5th February 6pm Library

**Year 8** - Included in the Talkabout. (please read both sides of the flyer)

**Year 9** - Students have been issued with their assessment overview. Please ask for the copy.

**Year 10** - Parent and student information evening and issuing of Assessment Policy 17th February, at 6pm Library

**Year 11** - Parent and student information evening and Issuing of Assessment Policy 9th February, at 6pm in the Library

**Year 12** - Students received their Assessment Policy at the information evening last term.

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**STUDENT PLANNER**

All students have been given their new planner. A replacement planner will cost $10.00.

Please take the time to look at the first few pages with your student as it contains valuable information about our school practices and awards system.

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**YEAR 12**

**SENIOR SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS / CARERS.**

**WORKSHOP - 18th FEB**

6pm LIBRARY

Students and their Study Support Person (a parent/carer, an adult or someone not sitting the HSC in 2015), are invited to the next workshop in the series we commenced last year.

If students were unable to attend last year it is not too late to join us. Students need support doing their HSC and we only ask that one workshop per term is attended.

There are many topics covered such as study skills, exam preparation, time management, stress management, useful sites and more!

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**WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD IS ILL AT SCHOOL**

Please do not send students to school if they are feeling ill or have uncovered wounds. It will require us to phone you to come and collect your child.

If a student presents with an illness or injury during the school day we will contact you.

If your child phones you on their mobile to say they are ill advise them to follow school procedures and to go to First Aid to be assessed, and the school will call you. Please do not ask them to meet you out the front of the school. It is very important we are aware of their circumstances and that they are collected from the Administration Office.

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**ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM**

26th February

- Hep B 1st dose - all Year 7 students.
- Gardasil (HPV) Dose 1 - all Year 7 students.
- Gardasil - Year 9 Boys only.
SPORT AND PD/H/PE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT

Mouthguards are compulsory to wear in the following sports: Rugby League, Rugby Union, Australian Rules Football and Hockey. Students must supply a mouthguard to participate.

It is advisable that students also wear mouthguards for the following modified games: Gaelic Football, Gridiron, Australian Rules Football and Austag. As shin pads are compulsory in competition Soccer, Futsal and Hockey, Students must ensure they bring this protective equipment to participate.

CYBER SAFETY

An excellent site for parents to view is: www.cybersafekids.com.au

YEAR 7 SPORT PROGRAM 2015

Term 1 - Students will take part in rotational activities within the school grounds. This will give them a general guidance on sporting skills.

Term 2 - Students are able to select their choice of sport from the range available.

In approximately week 9 students will change to their Tweed Valley sport choice (depending on the starting date) and will commence training for this competition.

Term 3 - They will compete against other Tweed Valley High Schools for 10 weeks and first and second placed teams will participate in a finals day. Sport will be during the afternoon in term 3.

Term 4 - Students are able to select their choice of sport from the range available. Sport will convert back to the morning.

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BOOK STANDARDS

All books covered and clearly labeled.
Each subject has its own book, preferably covered appropriately.
Margins
No scribbling or graffiti (students can have a scribble book).
Sheets pasted in.
Headings underlined.
Up to date and complete work. If absent, catch up.
Labels on diagrams, drawings and maps.
Single line through mistakes.
Use rulers for lines.
Legible writing. Blue or black preferred. Pen, not texta.

Basic Equipment for Each Lesson

School Planner
Subject book
Ruler Pens Pencil Eraser Glue Sharpener
Subject specific items e.g. calculator (Label items with student’s name)
USB Stick

STUDY SKILLS 7 - 12

We encourage you to visit a fantastic site the school subscribes to and is free for students and parents. Enhanced Learning Educational Services offers a range of strategies to support student learning.

The website is:
www.studyskillshandbook.com.au
User name: wollumbinhhs
Password: 48success

We encourage you to explore the valuable information and subscribe to the monthly newsletter.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture is again provided for years 7 & 8. See the separate letter included in the envelope. Should a parent not wish their student to participate, then a letter must be given to the Deputy Principal.

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AEROSOL CANS

Aerosol cans (including deodorants) are banned in NSW schools. Students are not to bring these to school. This is a safety issue.
NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES

Congratulations, Nina Baumer, Reba Ide and Natasha Currant who represented our school in 2014.

Being an ensemble member demands a high level of dedication and commitment.

MURWILLUMBAH VULCANS JUNIOR AFL SIGN-ON DETAILS - NEW U12’s GIRLS TEAM

Age Groups: U8’s to U16’s - mixed
U12’s - Girls

Date: Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February
Time: 10am - 1pm
Fees: Super 8’s $50
U12’s Girls $70
U10’s - U16’s $150

Where: Rabjones Oval, Elizabeth Street Murwillumbah
Enquiries: Judi Lee on 0402 158755 or Dom Trevaskis on 0408 118 551.
murwillumbahvulcans@yahoo.com.au

CASUARINA BEACH JUNIOR RUGBY SIGN ON

Date: 7th February
Time: 9am - 1pm
Venue: Casuarina Rugby Fields, Coast Road, Cauarina
Enquiries: Leanne Blyth on 0414 895121
www.cbrugby.com.au

Training starts mid February on Tues & Thurs depending on age and games are played Saturday mornings. Season commences April.

MURWILLUMBAH NETBALL SIGN-ON

Net Set Go 5 - 7 years
Modified 8 - 10 years
Juniors 11 - 13 years
Intermediate 14 - 17 years

Date: 21st & 28th February
Time: 11am - 2pm
Venue: Murwillumbah Netball Assoc. Knox Park
Enquiries: 0419 722235

TUMBULGUM RANGERS SPORTS CLUB

Registration and payment of fees may be made online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or in person on the following dates:

Date: Saturday 7th February 12 - 2pm
Sunday 8th February 9 - 11am

Fees: Grade 6-7 years $155
Grade 8-11 years $165
Grade 12-15 years $185

Enquiries: Darren Phillip 0418 985305

MULLUMBIMBY GIANTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Date: Saturday 7th & 14th February
Time: 10 - 1pm
Fees: $130 Early Bird Basic (valid until 14th Feb)
$150 Early Bird Everything (valid until 14th Feb)

Venue: Mullimbimby Leagues Club
All sign on for existing and new players is now via our website http://mullumgiantsjrl.leaguenet.com.au/
mullumbimbygiantsjrl@gmail.com

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN ENROLMENT FOR 2016 AT WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL

Please let them know to come to our Parent Information Session to be held on the 3rd March at 6pm in the Library

CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM IN 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program did not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date through schools.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’.

CLOTHING POOL

The school is always happy to receive second hand uniforms. We are currently very low in girls skirts and boys shirts in particular.

If you would like to donate any uniform, please drop them off at the front office.
Learning Support Room Volunteer Tutor Program

Each year parent and community volunteers assist students needing help with their school work in our Learning Support Room. Tutors may help with class work, homework, projects, assignments, spelling or intensive reading programs. Work is with individual students or small groups with the support teacher or class teacher setting all work. This has been very successful in the past with many tutors returning to assist each year.

This coming year we will need tutors every day except Wednesday. If you (or your friends, neighbours or relatives) have a day or a couple of hours to spare each week we would love to hear from you. Although some of our tutors have had previous experience, most have not. Training is provided, help is always available and hopefully we can allay any concerns you might have about tutoring High School students.

If you would like any more information on being a volunteer tutor, please phone us at the school.

Lindy and Phil Thomas (Learning and Support Teachers)

We will be having a meeting for old and new tutors in the Learning Support Room on Friday 20th February at 8.45am

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL

Yes I am interested in being a Volunteer Tutor in 2015

I will/will not be able to attend the meeting on Friday 20th Feb at 8.45

Name ................................................................. Tel .................................

Student contact ................................. Class .............................
SPECIAL INVITATION – TO PARENT / CARERS

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE LUNCH?

Why not volunteer some time in our school?

If you have a free day per month to work in the canteen, we would really appreciate your time. Come along and be involved in our school, meet other parents and the staff.

If you can help, please fill out your details below and return to administration as soon as possible. Mums, Dads, Carers, family members and friends are all welcome as volunteers.

If you require any further information contact:

Lis Jephcote
Canteen Manager
02 6672 5121 Ext 110

Thank you for your support.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7’s

AND OUR NEW YEAR 12’s