BOOYONG FLORA RESERVE

On Thursday, 5th of May, the Year 12 Earth & Environmental Science class travelled with Mr Shearman to Booyong Flora Reserve, an important Big Scrub rainforest remnant situated between Bangalow and Lismore. The purpose of the excursion was to examine the effects of introduced species on the natural ecosystem. The students collected information on both biotic and abiotic factors at five different sites, with the first site being the control in that it had minimal impacts by introduced species. This 13 hectare rainforest remnant has over 130 species of trees, more than the whole of Europe, and is also home to the biggest Water Gum in the southern hemisphere (it is on the national Big Tree register). It has also been heavily impacted by introduced species such as Madeira Vine, Large-leaved Privet and feral pigs. There has been ongoing ecological restoration works at Booyong Flora Reserve for almost 20 years, which Mr Shearman was heavily involved in prior to his teaching career. The students all found the reserve and the work that had occurred there interesting and stimulating.

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CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Year 8 - Jessica Maloney, Mitchell Hosier, Calam Nixon, Trinity Johnston, Jayanti McColl, Bree-Anne Wihlborg, Lauren Kirkby
Year 9 - Laetani Brehaut
Year 10 - Le-Keisha Steadman
Year 12 - Odette Miller

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Year 7 - Ava Manuel, Joel Mudge, Karly Gear, Ashleigh Mayfield
Year 8 - Jessica Maloney, Madison Hackenberg, Samuel Pollock, Sarah Walsh, Timothy Whipps
Year 10 - Liana Foley

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Year 7 - Joel Mudge, Ryan Stanley
Year 8 - Lilli Oniper, Rebecca Merton
Year 9 - Ezekiel Jacobsen

CONGRATULATIONS
YEAR 7 SRC REPRESENTATIVES
Left to right, Amanda Swift-Devine, Ava Manuel and Ryan Stanley.

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.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Date: Thursday 4th June, 2015
Time: 8.45 am – 3.05pm
Venue: Murwillumbah High School Oval

BUS TRAVELLERS
Please organise where possible to drop off and pick up at Murwillumbah High School. There will be a bus ($3) running between WHS and Murwillumbah High departing at 8.45am for those unable to make their own way to and from the grounds.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
Are welcome to come along and join in the day. If you would like to help in judging / timekeeping, computer recording or canteen, please ring Suzanne Lofts.

UNIFORM: Nil
Wear your house colour. BE BRIGHT AND HAPPY!!

FOOD:
- Drinks and snacks (sales by SRC).
- BBQ available (run by Year 12).
- BYO water. Water should be drunk regularly.

WEATHER
Be prepared for all weather.
If carnival is postponed announcement will made between 7.00 and 7.30 am on Radio 97 or ABC.
Bring books for a normal school day should this happen.

ATTENDANCE:
Remember that this is a normal school day. Absence requires written note of explanation from parents. All PDHPE elective students are expected to attend and compete for assessment purposes.

SPECIFIC ATHLETICS SAFETY RULES
1. Correct carrying technique always (to and from equipment room included).
2. Consider state of grounds and field (slippery when wet).
3. Do not throw until called by teacher and checked again by yourself.
4. Do not retrieve until told (again still check yourself before going).
5. Never throw towards another person (also be aware of people behind).

OUT OF BOUNDS
- Students are not permitted to enter Murwillumbah High School grounds unless going to the bottom toilet block.
- All other areas of the school are out of bounds. Please respect this rule to enable our school to continue to use Murwillumbah High School facilities.

SRC SCHOOL SOCIAL

The SRC will be holding a social in the Performance Workshop on Thursday 18th June. It starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Parents are to ensure they collect students promptly at 8.30pm. Students are not to leave the venue early unless collected by a parent.

The social’s theme this year will be Rock Stars. Students are to maintain an appropriate dress sense.

Tickets will be sold two weeks prior to the event. Tickets cost $5.00.

There will be soft drinks, chips and lollies sold on the night. A BBQ will be run by Year 12.

Students who have not been meeting our behaviour expectations will not be able to attend the social. Parents will be notified if their child cannot attend.

The event will be supervised by teachers. So please, get behind it and come along! Join in a fun night.

Thank you,
The Student Representative Council (SRC)

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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

A very successful day was held for the annual cross-country. It was a fabulous afternoon with the competition intense for the house cup. The results were:-

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It was interesting to note the breakdown of house points with runners (receiving points) and walkers (not receiving points). Perhaps the large number of walkers might consider running next year.

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The winner is to be announced at assembly.

It was disappointing that many senior students did not support the school activity. It is to be hoped that their attendance at the athletics carnival will be an improvement on the Cross-Country. Please encourage your students to attend.

Following the Far North Coast Championships three students will travel to the North Coast trials. Lachlan Durrington placed 3rd in the U12’s, Brody Campbell placed 3rd in the U13’s and Alec O’Brien 1st in the U18’s. Good luck at the trials.

UNDER 15 SOCCER GIRLS

Under the guidance of Mr Lambert, the Under 15 girls are moving through the state competition with another great 2-1 win, this time beating Lindisfarne. They will now meet Mt St Patricks. Good luck to the team.

UNDER 15 HOCKEY GIRLS AND OPENS

The team will travel to Southern Cross next week to play on their home turf, while the Opens will play Murwillumbah High.

Georgia Fahy will travel to Albury in the North Coast team for the State Titles. Mrs Lofts will be coaching this team.

Good luck to all competitors in their endeavours.

TWEED VALLEY

Selections will take place soon for the Tweed Valley competition which will take place in term 3. Wollumbin will compete against all Tweed Valley schools, public and private, in their respective age groups.

ALEC O’BRIEN

Alec was selected in the Australian Duathlon team to compete in October. He was also placed third in the state at the All Schools Triathlon. Congratulations Alec.
2015 CHALLENGE

2015 is the year and this brings a new challenge.

The Mathematics department has run a creative challenge for all students using the digits 2, 0, 1 & 5 to make different numbers. Using ALL the digits in the year 2015 once and only once (they could not use any other numbers except 2, 0, 1, and 5) create as many different mathematical expressions that give results for the numbers 1 to 100.

Many different tricks were developed, over the 4 weeks, to help find solutions to ‘difficult’ numbers.

Contributions were received from Year 7-11.

Special mention to Jacob Baartz (9) who entered over 80 solutions, Kahleah (9) and Reece Cram (10) over 30 entries and George Townsend (9) who wrote a computer program to find 78 solutions. Thankfully the students beat the computer.

As the competition entered the final week, there were still 20 solutions to find. It was time for Nila Poudal (11) and Sudi Harrison (11), from Mrs Smiths’ Advanced Maths class to shine. They used trigonometry and factorials to find all remaining numbers.

All entries earned raffle tickets for the prize draw of canteen vouchers and stationary items.

Displayed are a selection of inspiring entries.

\[
2! \times 10 \div 5 = 4 \quad \text{- Max Mander, Year 7}
\]
\[
.1^{-2} - 5 - 0! = 94 \quad \text{- Jacob Baartz, Year 9}
\]
\[
\tan^{-1}(1) \div 0.5 - 2 - 0! = 87 \quad \text{- Nila Poudal, Year 11}
\]
\[
12 + 50 = 62 \quad \text{- Lucille Murray, Year 7}
\]
\[
\frac{15}{.2} - 0! = 74 \quad \text{- Jacob Baartz, Year 9}
\]

The full list of solutions can be accessed on the WHS website.

Well done mathematicians of Wollumbin.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 students, Year 11 mentors and staff had a great camp at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre during the 23rd - 25th March.

The camp focused on team building, establishing and reinforcing friendship and developing confidence. Students experienced a variety of activities including high ropes course, team challenges, rock climbing, surfing/body boarding, catapults and trivia. All students embraced the activities enjoying the experience. The respect and positive behaviour they displayed throughout the camp proved what a wonderful year group they really are.

A massive thank you to all year 11 mentors who did a fantastic job assisting staff and being generally supportive, and encouraging of the Year 7s during the camp. Thankyou Mr Trembath and teachers who went to camp.

COFFEE UPDATE

We have beans! Our largest tree has started to bear some fruit.

The Adopt a Coffee project students were busy fertilising, weeding and staking their trees. Calam Nixon, Danielle Sanderson, Dylan Revell, Jessica Sanderson and Taylah Endicott were busy.
YEAR 8, 9 & 10 PARENT TEACHER

Students in year 8, 9 and 10 will be issued with parent teacher booking sheets for parent teacher evening to be held on 16th June. If you have not seen the invitation by May 30th please speak with your child. Their role is to make appointments with their teachers on your behalf. Students are welcome to accompany their parents to the interviews. Please feel free to contact the Administration Office if you need a copy of the invitation or assistance in making appointments. Interviews are by appointment and there is no guarantee of meeting with a teacher without an appointment.

REVIEWS OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted.

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.

SORRY DAY - 26 MAY

The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998 - one year after the tabling of the Bringing them Home report, 7 May 1997. The report was the result of an inquiry by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

The public and political debate about the removal of children was marked by intense political activity since the mid-to-late 1980s. In 1992 Prime Minister Keating acknowledged that 'we took the children from their mothers' at a speech in Redfern. In 1994 legal action was commenced in the Supreme Court of New South Wales. These children who were removed came to be known as the Stolen Generations.

Wollumbin High School held a special assembly last week to acknowledge and recognise members of the Stolen Generations. A big thank you to Ms Ndegwa, Bill Nobbs-Obrien and Grace Adams for speaking so eloquently and Yaimee Currie, Kia MacDonald and Zara MacDonald for their Acknowledgement of Country.

SENIOR UNIFORM

As leaders of the school it is vital senior students are role models for all students.

Some seniors are not wearing WHS uniform correctly. Please check in the Student Planner.

Tight black jeans, black leggings, cardigans/jumpers etc. not identified as WHS are incorrect uniform for seniors.
BUSH TUCKER/NATIVE TREE GARDEN
During the last school holidays, a working bee was organised by our Aboriginal Parent Committee to revitalise the school’s Bush Tucker garden. Over the years, it has become overgrown with weeds and difficult to navigate the bush track. We had 10 parents and 15 children involved in the massive tidy up. The next step will be to label each tree with an Aboriginal name, a scientific name and uses.

Some of the trees in our Bush Tucker garden include: Davidson’s Plum, Aniseed Myrtle, Plum Pine or Brown Pine, Tingle Tongue, Brush Cherry (Lilly Pilly), Riberry (Lilly Pilly), Blue Quandong, Native Tamarind, Silky Oak, Common Lilly Pilly, Peanut Tree, Cottonwood, Foam Bark, Lemon Aspen, Macadamia Bush Nut, Black Plum, Lemon Myrtle, Creek Sandpaper Fig, Coolamon, Grey Myrtle, Common Lilly Pilly (River), Icecream Bean, Red Ash, Cheese Tree, Alexandria Palm, Powderpuff Lilly Pilly and Native Ginger.

During periods 4 and 5, Friday 15th May, staff, students and parents met again to complete the tidy up. Wollumbin High School wishes to thank Deidre Currie (organiser), parents, staff and Aboriginal community for their assistance in helping us revitalise our Bush Tucker garden.

Thankyou to the Riverview and their staff for their ongoing support in loaning us their bus on regular occasions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

HSC DRAMA PERFORMANCE NIGHT
On Thursday June 25th from 5.30 p.m., Year 12 Drama will perform their HSC Group Performances for assessment. Snippets of their Individual Projects will also be shown. This event is open to Wollumbin High School staff, immediate family and specially invited guests of Year 12 Drama students with a maximum of three guests per student. Further details are available on the school website or from Susie Hall.

LEARNING SUPPORT ROOM
Volunteer Tutor Program

We need more Tutors this term on a Mon, Tues, or Thurs. Can you help?
Tutors may help with class work, homework, projects, assignments or intensive reading programs. Work is with individual students or small groups with the support teacher or class teachers setting all work. This has been very successful in the past with many tutors returning each year.
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
(Support Teachers)

Wollumbin High School 66 72 5121

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Kingscliff TAFE Campus
Cudgen Road Kingscliff
Wednesday 27 May 2015
4.00pm — 7.00pm

Enquiries: Sylvia Roylance 0420 961 622
YEAR 7 CAMP