ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day ceremonies this year were very special being the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Our assembly, held on 24th April was opened by Mandu Currie who gave the Welcome to Country, followed by Taylor Black who read the Prologue. Grace Adams and Bill Nobbs-O’Brien gave the ANZAC address (which can be read on page 3). Four representatives from the Murwillumbah Sub Branch of the Returned Services League of Australia attended our ceremony. We welcomed Mr Derek Sims, Mr Ron Bossink, Mr Jeff McIntosh and Mr John Macgregor-Skinner. Mr Sims presented the Ode. Mr McIntosh spoke movingly of the memories shared by his father, providing insights as to what it must have also been like for the Turkish soldiers. Mr Macgregor-Skinner, dressed in a WW1 uniform complete with kit, introduced himself as Private Jeff Bridges and told the story of this young soldier from when he enlisted to when he was killed in action. A tribute that caused the assembly to think deeply about the life of a soldier and gain an appreciation of what this young man must have experienced.

The choir led us in the National Anthem and the assembly was chaired by our Captains, Odette and Billy. Thanks must go to Ms Perry for all her behind the scenes efforts in ensuring the assembly was so special and thoughtful.

On the 25th April, Wollumbin High School had the privilege of conducting the Murwillumbah Commemorative Service. Over 90 students participated in the ANZAC Day march and ceremony representing the school with pride. Odette Miller did an outstanding job as M/C for the event. Taylor Black read the Prologue followed by Grace Adams and Bill Nobbs-O’Brien who gave the ANZAC address. Kaitlin Devine and Bill Nobbs-O’Brien read the Gallipoli Roll Call comprising 123 names of soldiers whose descendants live in the Murwillumbah District (of whom 32 were killed in action and 34 were wounded in action) whilst Kelsey Noble, Reba Ide, Billy Henderson and Matthew Wells laid the wreaths and tributes on behalf of many organisations and service clubs. Billy Henderson assisted the RSL President, Mr Bossink, present the Cadet Unit Awards and Reba Ide recited a call from the fallen to all of us:

When you go home,
 tell them from us, and say
 We gave up our todays
 for their tomorrows.

All our students are congratulated for their involvement in events on both days, for representing our school with pride and so much respect. In our congratulations we also include students from WHS who participated in other events or with other groups during ANZAC Day. Our students make the staff very proud to be associated with Wollumbin High School.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Term 2; especially our new students and their families who have joined our Wollumbin High School community. This is a busy term and it is important that students make learning their priority by coming prepared for lessons and participating positively in all learning experiences.
CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Year 7  -  Cameron Scholl, Ava Manuel, Karly Gear, Chloe Lopateck, Aurin Cahanovich, Joel Mudge
Year 8  -  Ayla Bowden, Danielle Sanderson, Mitchell Walsh, Casey Dawson, Molly Phillips, Samuel Pollock, Timothy Whipps, Marlie Farmer-Foster, Abby Johnson
Year 9  -  Ezekiel Jacobsen
Year 10 - Liana Foley

RRISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD
Receiving the RRISK Acknowledgement Award is Odette Miller and Billy Henderson.

WOLLUMBIN READERS CUP - YEAR 7
The Readers Cup is a free choice house reading competition, where students compile a reading log to be signed off by English teachers or Library staff. Each title scores house points for participation and a ticket in the weekly Read Stuff & Win Stuff prize draws.

Year reading champions will be the highest point scorers in their groups and receive a medallion.

Melaleuca won the competition last year and is the current competition leader. Cedar, Grevillea and Tamarind all have some great readers too. Any house might get everyone to add a title each and we could therefore see big changes at any time.

PARENT ON LINE PAYMENTS - SPORT
Thank you to parents using the online payment. Any POP payments for sport must be made 2 days prior to the sport event. If payment is for buses, a receipt must be produced on the day to obtain a bus pass. Please clearly state what the payment is for in the description.

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.
From 2014-2018 we will be commemorating the ANZAC centenary, marking one hundred years since Australia was first involved in WWI. Today, in particular, we come together to mark one hundred years since ANZACs first landed in Gallipoli. This is an occasion which gives us the opportunity to honour and remember the men and women who have fought and served in all wars, conflicts and peace operations and the sacrifices they made for Australia and its people. This ceremony gives us all the opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of all those who have worn our nation’s uniform, including the more than 102,000 who have made the supreme sacrifice.

What happened in WWI is still astounding for us all. It was a horrific war that woke the world and changed our nation forever. Despite this, Australians were able to persevere and through their bravery and their actions, demonstrated our unique spirit as Australians. The First World War helped define us as people and as a nation.

The ANZAC centenary is a milestone for all Australians. This ANZAC Day holds special significance, as we reflect on what the ANZACs did for our country, from the safety and security we all have today as a result of the ANZACs and their courage. We are lucky enough to live in a country where our freedom has been fought for and so we will never forget the ANZACs, and we will also thank and honour them, whether it be one hundred years or two hundred years since they made their first sacrifice.

Grace.

HSC LECTURES 2015 – MATHEMATICS AND GENERAL MATHEMATICS 2 COURSES

On Thursday 25th June, Wollumbin and Murwillumbah High Schools will be hosting The Mathematical Association of New South Wales HSC Lectures for all schools in the Tweed 5 Collegiate.

Students need to pay a deposit of $10 and hand in the excursion form to register their interest. This is to assist us in organising numbers for the day and being able to invite other schools if there are places available.

The school is subsidising the cost to attend these valuable lectures that will help students revise and prepare for the HSC Examination. The lecturers are by experienced mathematics educators with vast HSC experience.

The total cost will be advised to students once initial deposits have been received. Please contact Mrs J Smith, Head Teacher Maths, if you have any questions.

ANZAC ADDRESS

ANZAC Day is not only a day to commemorate those fallen in battle during the war, but it is also a day to celebrate the ANZAC spirit held by those during wartimes that continues to manifest itself in Australian culture today.

The ANZAC spirit is one of courage, mateship, loyalty and bravery and these qualities have come to be what is remembered of the ANZAC soldiers. But these such qualities have become the foundation of Australian culture since and can be seen during everyday life, during times of need both on our shores and overseas, such as floods, bushfires and providing foreign aid and through our soldiers currently serving overseas.

However, everybody has their own personal meaning of the ANZAC spirit. As a younger Australian I haven’t experienced first hand the effects of such tragedies that war can have on those involved, both directly and indirectly. So I see ANZAC Day as a way of thanking those that have come before me and have allowed this country to be what it has become and allows me to be gifted with all the opportunities I will have in my life.

So today, when you hear someone speak about the ANZAC spirit, think of courage, bravery, endurance, mateship, determination and sacrifice. Think of the soldiers who have put their life on the line to make Australia what it has become today.

Bill
HOCKEY

Congratulations to Georgia Fahy on her selection in the North Coast Girls’ Hockey team. She now travels to Albury for the State titles. Mrs Lofts is the coach for this team.

WEDNESDAY SPORT

Students are now participating in term 2 sport and are particularly enjoying the new sport of Flipout. A reminder to parents that if you pay online for your sport, then your student must have a receipt for this sport to show Mrs Lofts to confirm payment of the sport or for a bus ticket to be issued.

Please also note that if your child selected a sport involving money (either bus travel, or where an instructor is involved) then you will be required to pay for the cost even if your child is absent. This is due to significant costs involved with bus travel or our commitment to the instructors coming to the school.

Sport selections for term 3 (Tweed Valley) will commence in late May to enable teams to be sorted prior to the commencement of term 3.

SPORT CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Dawson competed in the Little Athletics Queensland State Championships coming 1st in the 100m, 2nd in the 200m and 4th in the triple jump.

Bradley Townsend has achieved numerous 1st places in rowing regattas.

Fiona Stanley, FNC U16 Swimming champion.

Isaac McKay was selected in the NC Soccer team and is going on to compete at State level.

SOCcer

Good luck to the U15 Girls’ Team for their next knockout round.

The U15 Boys’ Soccer team competed in the Bill Turner Cup.

Our Open Boys’ Soccer team and Open Girls’ Soccer team recently attended and competed in the State Knockout competition.

NETBALL

Knockout games will be held in early May. Students will be notified.

CROSS COUNTRY

This will be held Friday 8th May periods 4-5. Participation in this is compulsory for all students (unless a medical certificate is produced). Students can walk the course. Students can wear their sport uniform or their sport shorts and house colours.

The canteen will be available during this event.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This will be held on Thursday 4th June at Murwillumbah High School grounds. Students are expected to meet at the grounds, however a bus ($3) leaving from and returning to school, will be provided for any students who cannot make their own way to and from the grounds.

SPORT UNIFORM APPEAL

If you have any sport uniforms at home – please bring them back to the school. We have very few sets of uniforms which are complete due to students not returning the tops.
ATTENDANCE
Included in this edition of the Talkabout is further information for parents on Attendance Requirements. Please ensure you read this information as it follows on from the Department leaflet “Compulsory School Attendance” provided in the last Talkabout edition.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Jadess Clark who passed her USQ Headstart Introduction to Law.

Congratulations to Charlotte Hall who attended 2015 State Recorder Camp in March and a further camp at Stanwell Tops. Charlotte will be representing Wollumbin High School at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House in August.

INDIGENOUS KAYAKING EXCURSION
On Thursday 19th March 22 students accompanied by Mrs Hannam, Mr Shearman, Mr Butterfield and Indigenous Mentors, Kim McIntosh and Tulsi Blacka (from Titans 4 Tomorrow Program), were part of a Cultural Kayak Tour on the Tweed River in Tweed Heads. The students travelled by bus to Mindjumbal Museum at Tweed Heads, where they were met by Balunjali Leaders Mark and Aunty Brenda.

The day consisted of students kayaking around the estuary and small inlets of the Tweed River, stopping off at particular islands to observe bush tucker, traditional plants used for cooking, rope and shelters as well as a traditional ceremony conducted by Mark and Aunty Brenda. The students were able to make bracelets out of natural fibre from the Cottonwood Tree.

The students had a great time.

PARENT TEACHER
Students in year 7, 11 and 12 have been issued with parent teacher booking sheets for parent teacher evening to be held on 5th May for these year groups. If you have not yet seen the invitation 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.

Year 8, 9 & 10 interviews will be conducted on the 16th June.

P&C FUNDRAISER - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our P&C has the opportunity to cater for the Hockey QLD Womens Masters to be held at the Barry Smith Fields from Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May 2015.

Organisation for this event is in full swing, all we need are volunteers to help serve at the field or food preparation at school on the days below.

If you are able to help please email your details to Sharyn: shaz1912@bigpond.com or circle your available time and return the below slip to our school office by 18th May.

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SENIOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

YEAR 11: Senior Success for year 11 students and their study support person was held on the 29th April. The focus was on study skills and preparing for the half yearly examinations which commence on May 18th. Thank you to Ms Ndegwa and Ms Giddins for the valuable information presented to our students. The next evening will be conducted on the 19th August with a focus on review and preparation for the end of preliminary course exams.

YEAR 12: The year 12 evening will be on the 13th May at 6pm in the Library. It will continue to build on previous evenings including a focus on review and preparation for trial exams which are conducted in term 3.

UNIFORM

Enclosed is a separate information sheet from the P&C outlining proposed uniform changes.

With the cooler months about to commence it is important that students attend school in our winter uniform. A reminder that seniors can either wear the school approved black jumper with the WHS Senior logo on it or the senior striped jumper. A variety of black jumpers are not approved apparel.

Solid footwear is essential for practical subjects and also necessary for protection in wet and cold weather. Please purchase the correct footwear for students.

We have a supply of junior second-hand jumpers. If parents wish to purchase one please contact the Administration Office.

WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The school Annual Report can now be viewed on our website or by accessing the following link https://www.EMSAdSupport.nsw.edu.au/index.php/asr/download/asr/c5ae1e49695056c0c9c1da749bc2a8e/b9c1d8f68a525131e776df01fa5f673239bb89f84a8a6386d20bbf8decb87849. Thank you to the two parent representatives Mrs Donna Swift and Mrs Nicole Reynolds for their contribution. If anyone would like a hard copy of the report please phone the school or ask your student to come to the Administration Office.

UNBOUND HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM - YEAR 8 WORKSHOP AT SCHOOL

UNI-BOUND is Southern Cross University program to help high school students learn about university. The University works with students, families and communities from 18 partner schools in the Lismore, Gold Coast and Coffs Harbour regions. The Year 8 workshop includes:

- Interactive games about choice and decision making
- A brief introduction to university - who goes there? How is it different? What do people do there?

Our Year 8 Students will be participating in the program on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th May 2015.

Students are reminded to hand in the participation form to Ms Ndegwa or Ms Quantrill before Friday 1st May 2015.

NAPLAN 2015 FOR YEARS 7 AND 9

NAPLAN testing starts on Tuesday 12th May and finishes on Thursday 14th May, with a catch up day scheduled for Friday 15th May, for students to complete any tests they have missed.

The tests on each day are as follows:

- Tuesday 12th May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13th May – Reading
- Thursday 14th May – Numeracy
- Friday 15th May – catch up on all exams missed

Students are to bring a book to read if they finish early and must bring a calculator for the Numeracy test.

Year 7 students will be sitting their exams in English G block rooms and Year 9 will be in the school gym. A NAPLAN test schedule will be issued to students shortly so they know what books to bring for normal classes.

Any questions about the organisation of the tests can be directed to either Mrs J Smith (Head Teacher Maths) or Ms M Giddins (Head Teacher English).

WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL PLAN 2015-2017

The school plan has been placed on the website. Thank you to all parents who provided information to assist us develop this very important document.

HSC TIMETABLE RELEASED 29/4/15

Year 12 Students can access their personal timetable on Schools Online @ the BOSTES site.
I’m in Year 10 and I just don’t know what I want to do when I leave school and what subjects I should do for Year 11 and 12!!

You should attend the Info night at School!

Year 10 into 11
Information Night & Careers Expo 2015

Monday 25th May
2015

!!!A Special Night For Year 10 Students and their Parents/Carers!!!

**THE EXPO:**
Where: Wollumbin High School—Gymnasium
Time: 4.00pm—5.45pm

**THE INFORMATION SESSION:**
Where: Wollumbin High School—School Library
Time: 6.00pm—7.00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CAREERS ADVISER