MADDD

Congratulations to everyone involved in MADDD 2015. Many, many students and staff worked together to ensure a great evening of entertainment for an audience that packed the Civic Centre. Special thanks to Ms Giddins, Mr Cenda, Mrs Smith and Mr Glasby for leading MADDD. P&C and community support was invaluable on the night. We thank everyone involved. The evening showcased the wonderful talent of our students, not only on stage, but also of those who worked behind the scenes. 50% of WHS students were involved in this year’s MADDD production. MADDD keeps getting better and better each year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11

Year 11 students need to be very focused as they move toward the end of the term. Year 11 exams commence on the 7th September and run until the 15th September. Students are expected to be at school for the last week of term. Absence from an examination requires a Doctors Certificate and notification to the school prior to, or at the latest, the morning of the examination. On the 3rd and 4th September, students are only required at school for their Portfolio Interviews. The time not at school should be utilised for study and exam preparation. Students must ensure any tasks not submitted as per any N warning letters have been submitted and attendance is maintained. Students who have not completed all their tasks or examinations will not meet Preliminary requirements and therefore place entry into HSC courses at risk. Students will be provided with further information about our expectations – please ask to see the information.

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS

There is an event being organised as a year 10 formal that is not school endorsed or school supervised. Please be aware this is a privately organised event. The official leaving event organised by the school is the Year 12 Formal as the recognised conclusion to schooling.

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P & C Meeting: Tuesday 25th August 2015 at 7.00pm in the Library

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CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7    - Carter McHugh, Darci Gibbons, Bethany Riseley, Hudson McHugh, Hayley Jackson
Year 8    - Jason Merton, Skye Brambleby, Maxim Radlovic
Year 10   - Shaun King
Year 11   - Justin Hayer, Georgia Fahy
Year 12   - Brooke Maynard

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7    - Thomas Nelson, Ella Curtis, Carter McHugh, Nina Westwood-Card, Amanda Swift-Devine, Jordan Simkins, Ted Stadler, Hudson McHugh, Natashya Bozokian
Year 8    - Lauren Kirkby, Bree-Anne Wihlborg, Sarah Vasseur, Monty Murray, Maxim Radlovic
Year 9    - Georgia-Rae Gibson
Year 10   - Le-Keisha Steadman
Year 11   - Justin Hayer
Year 12   - Brooke Maynard

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7    - Joel Mudge
Year 12   - Brooke Maynard

CONGRATULATIONS
CITIZENSHIP MERIT

Year 9    - George Townsend

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.
SAE BYRON BAY EXCURSION

Year 10 and 11 Music Students recently visited the SAE Quantum Creative Media Institute at Byron Bay.

The visit gave students exposure to the types of courses they could study, what equipment is available to gain industry qualifications on and workshops to give students a practical taste on a variety of courses from television/film, special effects, foley sound and electronic music production. Students also saw a demonstration of new lighting/sound effects, such as 3D projection that is used in lighting up large scale buildings – like the Sydney Opera House.

HUG A HEDGEHOG
A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

A teen’s job is to be difficult and most do it really, really well. But what about you? You want to hug that hedgehog, right? But you don’t want to get hurt. No problem. With entertaining stories and 12 principles that open the cages, unlock the doors, gently tear down those walls, and get you talking, How to Hug a Hedgehog explores everything from communication to what you might have missed on the teen “warning label”. Wilcox and Tobbins help you face your worst fears, effectively handle pressure and stress, and answer the hardest question of all: What happens if I fail?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Mitchell Walsh and George Townsend for participating in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for schools in Digital Technologies with George receiving a Distinction.

WHAT’S ON

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SPORTS
NORTH COAST ATHLETICS
A strong team of athletes attended the North Coast Championships on a beautiful day. We had wonderful results as a consequence of this and will be sending a strong team to Sydney.

We had a number of relay teams progressing to North Coast with one competing successfully to progress to the state titles. This was the 15+ year boys 4 x 100m - Jack North, Bailey Lateo, Jack Dawson and Drew Reynolds.

Individual athletes to be selected are the following:-
Lachlan Durrington - High Jump
Briana Bradfield and Luke Johnston - Hurdles
Alec O’Brien - 1500m, 3000m and walk
Talisha Atkinson, Dane Peterson and Ben Prestwich-Hart - Javelin
Nathan Draman - Triple jump
Jack Dawson - 100m and 200m

36 of our athletes were placed in the top 5 in the North coast. Thanks to Mr Larrescy for his coaching.

Congratulations to all athletes.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations, Dane Peterson who came first in Javelin at the North Coast Athletics.

TWEED VALLEY
The Tweed Valley competition is now underway and we have had a number of winning teams. Players are reminded about sportsmanship on the playing field whether winning or losing. Students are to ensure that correct uniform is worn and that they bring bus money. A reminder that if students do not turn up they are letting their team down.

UNIFORMS
We have quite a large number of uniforms missing. This is ruining our sets which are required for Tweed Valley and other competitions. If you have any of these tops at home could you return them either to Mrs Lofts or to the office. This would be appreciated.
T5 SRC
On Monday 3rd August four students (Fiona Stanley, Blake Lam, Jadess Clarke and Sarah Pernatin) went to Murwillumbah High to meet with the T5 SRC group.

There was a guest speaker from the council who discussed culture and how can we promote this. White Ribbon Day was also discussed as well as many other localised topics and issues.

EARN & LEARN
Wollumbin High School is once again participating in Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program. Please collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths and glue them onto a sticker sheet. Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths, Wollumbin High School or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Students can drop their completed sticker sheets into the library at school. With your support, the school will be able to collect resources for subjects, sports and the library.

Say yes to those stickers!

LEARNING SUPPORT TRAINING DAY
‘AWAY FROM THE MADDDING CROWD’
While half the school was in the last stages of perfecting their MADDD performances the Learning Support Team were involved in their annual training day.

We would like to thank Dr Melanie Bruce for speaking on The American Learning Experience and Monica Barnes who gave an update on changes to funding support and information on youth mental health first aid. Monica impressed on us all to catch students as often as you can making a good choice.

Nik, our Italian barista, kept everyone happy with great coffee and Melanie did a great job producing the pizzas for lunch in the wood fired oven.

Our thanks as always to our wonderful team of School Learning Support Officers – Andy, Anne, Jenny, Kim, Ross, Thea and Val for always working over and above what is expected of them.

Our team of current volunteers Anne, David, Megan, Michelle, Monica, Robyn, Sue and Sandy contribute over 40 hours a week between them and without their continued support we would not be able to offer the level of assistance to Wollumbin students that we do. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and community members who volunteered earlier in the year but are no longer able to do so due to changes in their circumstances.

SAS RECOGNITION WEEK
31st August - 4th September is School Administrative Staff Recognition Week. We have wonderful support staff in our school. We appreciate our Administration, Technology, Science, Food Technology and Library Officers, our School Learning Support Officers, Indigenous Mentor and the General Assistant who work closely with staff to support students at Wollumbin High School. Our SAS staff go way beyond their job descriptions and we thank them for being so caring and effective in their roles.
TARGETED WRITERS LAUNCH

On Monday 27th July, our Targeted Writers program launched with an evening for the students, parents and teachers involved from our partner primary schools. The Targeted Writers program is an opportunity for talented writers in Years 5 and 6 to be involved in a virtual community where they will complete a writing task every fortnight this semester as part of their transition to high school. Thirty students from our five partner primary schools: Chillingham PS, Crystal Creek PS, Dungay PS, Murwillumbah East PS and Tyalgum PS, have been chosen for the program, along with four students from Year 7 at Wollumbin High School.

The evening launch session allowed students, parents and teachers to meet with Ms Giddins who is coordinating the program, and to be assisted to connect to the virtual community on Edmodo. We are looking forward to the submissions we shall receive, which no doubt will be of the same excellent standard as what we experienced last year. The first writing task has been issued, so for the 34 students involved, it’s ready, set, write!

YEAR 6 KLA DAY

Students from Year 6 invited to attend Wollumbin High School in 2016 participated in a KLA (Key Learning Area) Day on Tuesday 4th August 2015.

The students all participated in a variety of lessons. The lessons were Mathematics, Science, PD/H/PE, English/Drama and HSIE (History/Geography).

The students were excited to be at Wollumbin High School for the day and are very keen to start here in 2016!!

SCHOOL SERVICE AFTERNOON

Year 12 recently held their School Service Afternoon to raise funds towards a gift for the school and donation to a charity. Each student was auctioned off to the highest bidder be it a student or teacher, to help with school work, cleaning of their hang or lining up at the canteen. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the day.
We have had the pleasure of hosting students and two teachers from our Korean sister school. Students have been hosted by our families and we thank you for providing such a valuable homestay experience. Students have attended lessons with their host student in addition to special lessons provided by WHS staff on Australian Geography, Music, Visual Art, Design and Technology, Food Technology and English. Students also visited Chillingham and Tyalgum Public Schools where they received a warm welcome. Wollumbin High School held a special assembly to welcome our visitors. Our Aboriginal dancers presented 2 items prior to the WHS host students introducing each visiting student and telling us a little about them.

We especially thank Mrs Lofts for all her organisation and her willingness to coordinate such events.