END OF TERM
The end of term 3 has arrived very quickly. We congratulate our students who make learning a priority, are respectful and act safely. Term 4 commences on 6th October for students and staff. There is no School Development Day. Students are to return in summer uniform.

BEST WISHES YEAR 12 FOR THE HSC
Year 12 commence their Higher School Certificate examinations on October 12. We wish them all the best for the next few weeks as they settle into serious study and preparation. Visual Arts, Drama, Design and Technology and Music practical marking is underway with external markers visiting the school. Students and staff will farewell Year 12 at a special assembly during the last week of term. The formal will be held on the 17th September. Mr Ken Allison will be the Presiding Officer for the exams and we thank Mr Dunn who has retired from this position after many years of service to the school. Year 12 are reminded to be at the first HSC examination 30 mins before the start time. We wish Year 12 good luck with their examinations and for the exciting future ahead. We are proud of your achievements.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Congratulations to Jadess Clark and Blake Lam who have been appointed our new school captains.

Congratulations to Fiona Stanley and Millicent Cotmore, who also stood for the captain positions. Anyone of the candidates would have made an outstanding captain as they all displayed excellent leadership qualities.

Thank you to Ms Thornton and the team of students who ran the voting on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS NSW STATE CHAMPIONS
Three of WHS students achieved amazing results in javelin at the NSW State Championships. They are:

- Ben Prestwich-Hart - Gold in U17 boys
- Dane Peterson - Gold in U14 boys
- Talisha Atkinson - Silver in U14 girls

More details to come in the next issue.
CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Year 7 - Taren Thompson Gadsby, Koby Bevern, Ava Manuel, Saraswati Harrison, Oliver Liebke-Pereyra, Nicole Gibson, Lexie Sneddon, Lily Watts, Mereana Woods, Emily Hart, Karly Gear
Year 8 - Ethan Gascoin, Anna Van Cuylenburg, Briana Dodds, Ela Hallac, Briana Bradfield, Mikayla Cram, Dominic Weston, Elle Hyde, Chelsea Henderson
Year 10 - Vincent Hynes, Madeline Trew, Maya Heighes, Gina Weston
Year 11 - Fiona Stanley, Tansie Noble, Amber Conaghan, Isaac McKay, Millicent Cotmore, Blake Lam
Year 12 - Jaime Enseleit, Daniella Mishtler

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Year 7 - Tallulah Higgins, Bethany Riseley, Krystal-Star Cooney, Krishna-Priya Dasi, Katia Bell, Maddison Rix
Year 8 - Ethan Gascoine, Trinity Johnston, Mikayla Cram
Year 9 - Laetani Brehaut
Year 11 - Fiona Stanley, Tansie Noble, Isaac McKay, Millicent Cotmore, Blake Lam
Year 12 - Jaime Enseleit
CONGRATULATIONS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7  - Ryan Stanley, Ella Curtis, Aurin Cahanovich, Natashya Bozokian, Nina Westwood-Card, Jordan Simkins
Year 8  - Casey Dawson, Rebecca Merton, Bree-Anne Wihlborg, Jayanti McColl
Year 9  - Danielle Sanderson
Year 11 - Fiona Stanley, Justin Hayer, Millicent Cotmore
Year 12 - Jamie Enseleit, Odette Miller, Daneilla Mishtler

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Brooker who has been appointed as Head Teacher PDHPE after relieving in the position.

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SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Brianna Bradfield, Krystal-Star Cooney, Magnus Nelson, Chloe Gear, Jack Lee-Johnson, Dom Weston and Monty Murray on receiving Co-operation and Achievement Awards in Tweed Valley Sport.

TYPES OF LIGHT GROOVING

This week 15th - 31st August was National Science week. It is the International year of light to celebrate Einstein's contribution to Science.

To celebrate Year 12 Senior Science with the assistance of Year 11 Physics, sang a song about electromagnetic radiation and light.

Year 7 participated in a trivia competition. Congratulations to Mereana Woods, Serena McKenzie, Shakti Harrison and Kiana Ottery who won the competition. Hannah Murphy won the paper plane flying competition.

Well done for a great effort girls.

RIO TINTO BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to those students who entered the Rio Tinto Big Science competition. Yet again the students obtained fantastic results.

High Distinctions, distinctions and credits were awarded to the students based on their performance in the competition.

The students achieved 2 High distinctions (95-100%), 4 distinctions (85-94%) and 10 credits (60-84%).

High Distinction: Will Bray and Mitchel Walsh

Distinction: Chester Stadler, George Townsend, Koby L’Estrelle and Rebecca Bartlett

Credit: Caleb Booth, Ethan Gascoine, Garrett Kirkby, Ryan Stanley, Ted Stadler, Daniel Tredrea, Ezekiel Jacobsen, Jake Kennedy, Rhys Kennedy, Lochie Pansaru
ADVANCE NOTICE: INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11

On the 13th October at 6pm in the Library, the Board of Studies Liaison Officer will present HSC information to parents and students of year 11. This is a very important evening as not only will information be presented by the BOSLO but the WHS HSC Assessment Booklet will also be issued and requirements explained. It is important that parents are as aware as their student regarding HSC requirements. The HSC Assessment Booklet must be signed for on the night. We anticipate the evening running for 1 and a half hours. Light refreshments will be available.

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 will require a Doctors Certificate and notification to the school prior to, or at the latest, the morning of the examination. 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 have been provided with further information about our expectations – please ask to see the information.

LEGACY

We are proud to support Legacy and the work they do. We welcomed Mr Bruce Llewellyn and Mrs Alice Dale to our assembly who spoke about Legacy and shared real life stories on a DVD with us. Grace Adams and Bill Nobbs-Obrien attended the luncheon and John Ward, Sarah Pernatin, Georgia-Rae Gibson and Ezekial Jacobsen assisted with Legacy Appeals day.

VACCINATIONS

Year 7 will be having their second round of vaccinations on Thursday 10th September.

SPEED DATING WITH BOOKS

To celebrate Book Week, the library staff ran “speed dating” with books, where Year 7 students explored books gathered by genre. In a 5 minute period, students had to choose a table, choose a book and spend 3 minutes reading the covers and starting the first chapter. Students rotated through tables featuring genres such as Other Worlds, Sports, Non-Fiction, Magazines, Teenage Fiction and Graphic Novels. At the end of the period, students were able to borrow the books to take home to read. It was lovely to see so many students engage with the books and choose to take them home.

WOLLUMBIN WRITERS CLUB

This year, students at any year level have been invited to participate in the Wollumbin Writers Club. This is a virtual community of writers on Edmodo who are given regular opportunities to write for various purposes. Twenty-three students from Years 7 to 12 have been participating this year. A large number of competitions have been made available to them, and they have had three opportunities to submit pieces of writing for feedback also, with further chances for feedback coming later in the year.

Members of the Wollumbin Writers have had two great opportunities lately with the first being the day’s workshop with author Melaina Feranda. This workshop enabled students to explore ideas and create concepts and characters ready for the submission of a piece of writing for publication. The second great opportunity was the excursion to the Byron Bay Writers’ Festival where they were engaged in a series of workshops and lectures across the day. At the moment, the final deadline for submission of their pieces for publication in the school’s Write On magazine is now looming. All members of Wollumbin Writers, and any other interested students, are asked to contribute a piece by the end of this term at the latest in order to see their work in print in Term 4.

VACCINATIONS
CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte Hall played at the Sydney Opera House in the NSW Public Schools State Wind Band, the NSW Public Schools Senior Recorder Ensemble and the NSW Public Schools Combined Recorder Ensemble at the NSW Public Schools Festival of Instrumental Music. She had a busy August.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

The 13th Wollumbin High School Maths Olympiad was held on Monday 31st October, 2015. The Maths Olympiad is a competition for local primary school students in years 5 and 6. The day consisted of hands-on Mathematics problem solving activities with an emphasis on group work.

The 1st event was the marshmallow construction challenge, using spaghetti, string, sticky tape and a crowning marshmallow. Crystal Creek Public School set a new record of 50cm.

Mrs Whitehead’s year 9 class ably assisted throughout a busy day to deliver a very smooth and fun Olympiad for the 13 teams.

Dungay Public School were the overall champions. Dungay finished 2nd last year and were deserved winners this year. Equal 2nd were teams from Crystal Creek and Murwillumbah Public Schools.

Thank you to Mr Boyle and Mr Thompson for organising such a fun and challenging day.

YEAR 5 SPORTS AFTERNOON

On Thursday the 20th of August, Wollumbin High School hosted a Sports Afternoon for Year 5 students from our local partner schools as part of the transition program from primary to secondary school. A number of year 10 students organised and conducted sports activities, with the help of Mr. Trembath and Mr Wilkins, for the students to enjoy. The primary school students were placed into mixed school groups to form friendships with future peers and to experience some aspects of high school life.

Activities included Big Ball Soccer, Touch Football, Volleyball, Evasion Games and Basketball. Both primary and secondary students had fun throughout the day and a big thank you goes out to all of the students and teachers who contributed to the organisation and participation of the day. Photos on back page.

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.
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Ms Panoff is asking for your support in the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. This appeal helps support children in underprivileged areas. The idea is for students and staff to bring along an item and place it in one of the collection boxes located on Ms Panoff’s desk in the staffroom. Listed below are gift ideas. At the end of September these items will be put into “shoe boxes” and sent to neighbouring countries.

Items need to be here at the school before 18th September. Families can fill a shoe box and drop it off too. Official Samaritan’s Purse Shoe boxes are available from Ms Panoff for a cost of 50c.

I would like to thank you in advance for your wonderful support. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Ms Panoff at the school. You can also go online to: www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

Fill your shoe box with one or more items from each of the ‘something’:

SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kids, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
SOME THINGS FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, slinky, yo-yo, finger puppets, wind-up torch, etc.
SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

Prohibited items:
ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough and batteries.
FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (Due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins.
ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (Due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys.
ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors.
ANY ITEM THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including knives, war-related toys and toy guns.
ANY GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes.
ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

EXTENSION ENGLISH DAY
On Monday 31st August, Year 11 and 12 Extension 1 English students from six different high schools gathered at Wollumbin High for a workshop. Our other Tweed 5 high schools: Banora Point HS, Kingscliff HS, Murwillumbah HS and Tweed River HS, joined Wollumbin HS students for the workshop, along with students attending from Mullumbimby HS with one of our presenters. Our presenters for the day were Siboney Duff from Mullumbimby HS and Michelle Phipps from Arthur Phillip HS. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to not only hone their skills but also to interact with other Extension 1 English students from the various high schools. The day was deemed a success that will be repeated on an annual basis. The next opportunity for our Tweed 5 students to work together will be an Extension 2 English day in Term 4 for the Year 11 students who will be at the beginning of their Extension 2 journey.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED
Learning Support would welcome anyone interested in being a volunteer tutor in Term 4.