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
We have many new staff to welcome this year.
The following staff have been appointed permanently to Wollumbin High School and bring great skills and knowledge to our school:

Mr Christopher Ellis has been appointed HT Mathematics.
Mr Tom Collett has been appointed as the Music Teacher.
Mr Lachlan Glasby has been appointed as an English/Drama Teacher and Ms Jaime Underwood has been appointed as Science/Mathematics Teacher.

Ms Sarah Doyle has been appointed as a PDHPE Teacher and Mr Glenn Kaminski has been appointed as TAS/Industrial Arts teacher. On temporary contract, new to the school are: Ms Joanne Woodford (Mathematics) and Ms Sharnie Warner (Science).

Familiar faces returning on temporary contracts are Mr Mitch Lambert, Mr Geoff Wakely, Mrs Diana Shearman, Ms Bridget Boserio and Ms Jenna Huggins.

Ms Perry will remain on leave for term 1 while she continues to focus on improving her health. She misses all the students and we miss her. Mr Phil Wilkins will relieve as Head Teacher HSIE 4 days per week and Ms Nicole Thornton for 1 day per week during Ms Perry’s absence. Mr Lambert will be Year 11 Adviser.

At the end of 2015 we said farewell to several staff for different reasons – retirement, new roles, new locations. They have all made a significant contribution to our school and will be missed. Staff leaving us included Mrs Jenny Smith (HT Maths), Mr Phil Young (TAS/IA), Mr Robby Cenda (Music) and Ms Kerry Williams (Visual Art). Other staff who were here in 2015 Mr Gallagher, Ms Fitzmaurice, Ms Cripps and Mr Van de Scheur will no doubt still be seen at the school on day to day teacher relief.

ALL WELCOME AT OUR FIRST P&C MEETING
The P&C will meet on Wednesday 10th 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 23rd 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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There is much information in this edition. Please take the time to read it.
PAYMENT ON LINE

Westpac have been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment (POP) webpage attached to the school’s website and is now user friendly on mobile devices.

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, AND
- 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

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

One of our teachers has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. As it was the start of the school year there has been minimal contact with students. We have included a fact sheet for the information of parents in this Talkabout. If any symptoms become evident you should see your Doctor as soon as possible.
OUTSTANDING 2015 HSC RESULTS

We congratulate Dux of Year 12, Odette Miller, who achieved excellent results including band 6 in Advanced English and Visual Arts.

We also congratulate the following students who achieved Band 6 (or the equivalent of):

Grace Adams – Extension 2 English
Nina Baumer – Music and Drama
Georgia Carter – Visual Arts and her artwork was chosen for exhibition in NSW ArtExpress
Jaime Enseleit – Community and Family Studies
Natasha Unwin – Advanced English and Extension 2 English

As a small high school we are proud that 42% of our HSC students achieved a band 5 or higher in one or more courses for their HSC along with the outstanding number of early entry offers to University that this group of students received late last year.

Congratulations to all of Year 12 and their teachers who have worked closely together over the past 2 years to achieve results of which they can be proud.

AWARDS NIGHT 2015

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 2015 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 9th 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 Friday 5th 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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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)

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.

ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM

10th March 2016

- Hep B 1st dose - all Year 7 students.
- Gardasil (HPV) Dose 1 - all Year 7 students.
- Gardasil - Year 9 Boys only.

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.

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulation to the following on their election.

Cedar: Mandu Currie, Amelia Bentzen, Vice Captains: Daniel Bartlett, Millie Cotmore

Melaleuca: Sam Naoum, Tansie Noble, Vice Captains: Isaac McKay, Charlee Lewis

Grevillea: Cooper Farmer-Foster, Hayley Hyde, Vice Captains: Aron Forrest, Maya Heighes

Tamarind: John Ward, Maddie Trew, Vice Captains: Drew Reynolds, Tamika Russell-Glew

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Year 7 - Parent information evening 11th 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 18th February, at 6pm Library

Year 11 - Parent and student information evening and Issuing of Assessment Policy 4th February, at 6pm in the Library

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

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
SPORT INFORMATION

This term students will be very busy with many sporting commitments.

The first knockout games commence at the beginning of February, with Basketball and Volleyball. Trials will be held for these games shortly. Students are asked to watch the sport notice board near the canteen where future events will be listed. They will also be listed in the Daily Notices.

Terms 1, 2 and 4 will be run as 'morning sport' from 8.45 – 10.45 while in Term 3 sport will be in the afternoon in order to participate in the Tweed Valley competition. All students are encouraged to participate in the inter-school competition.

Tweed Valley is a Round Robin Competition against Murwillumbah, Tweed River, Kingscliff, Mt St Patricks, Banora Point and St Josephs High Schools in a variety of team sports. The format - one round only being played and central venues for allocated sports. Some teams may travel every week.

It is compulsory for students who study PDHPE elective to participate in the Swimming and Athletics carnivals and also in the Tweed Valley competition. All students will compete in the Cross-Country.

Monies – Students can pay for their sport weekly when travelling and receive a daily, colour coded bus pass. This is purchased on a Wednesday morning and will be collected as the student gets on the bus. Some sports also have additional fees which are collected on a weekly basis.

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.

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. Student 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.

CAR PARK SAFETY — (see diagram below)

1. A “10 km/h speed limit” applies to all motorists
2. Note the “ONE WAY” movement of traffic within the car park (clockwise)
3. The “NO STOPPING” zone strictly needs to be adhered to by all for traffic safety concerns. Students are not to be dropped off in this area.
4. “Disabled Parking” zone is allocated to the closest access to the administration building.
5. The “30 minute parking” zones are allocated only for parents picking up infants/primary students from the bus zones directly opposite.
6. Parents are to utilise the “student drop off zones” allocated. This greatly reduces congestion and improves car park safety. Students then cross at the pedestrian crossings to enter school.
7. “Normal road rules apply” within the car park e.g. indicating when turning.
8. When dropping or collecting students in North Arm Road please ensure you park as far away as possible from the roundabout to prevent traffic congestion which compromises student safety.

We appreciate your co-operation in maintaining the safety of our students.

CYBER SAFETY

An excellent site for parents to view is:
www.cybersafekids.com.au
MATHEMATICS FACULTY
CLASS WORK POLICY
The following are basic class work requirements for all Mathematic students at Wollumbin High School.

A4 Grid Book - Exercise and Theory Book
- This book must be set out with a margin, ruled in red pen, on the left edge of all pages.
- There must be a title page at the beginning of each topic.
- There must be a date at the beginning of each day's work and ruled off after the day's work.
- Headings for each day's notes and exercises must be underlined with a ruler.
- Mark all exercises in red pen.
- Diagrams must be drawn in pencil with a ruler.

Calculator
- Preferably Casio fx82AU PLUSII (available at Administration for purchase $22.00)

Geometry Set
- The geometry set must include:
  - Ruler
  - Set square
  - Protractor
  - A pair of compasses

Pencil, Red and Blue/Black Pen, Eraser, Sharpener
Your workbooks need to be covered in plastic. All students need to make sure they have their equipment for EVERY lesson from the end of week 2.

One warning will be given for failure to bring equipment/books, after which detentions will be given. Parents will be notified if students continue to not bring their equipment/books.

Homework
Homework will be set by each class teacher through the Maths Online Homework Program.

All students will be issued with a username and password by the end of week 2 this term.

This program allows students to view tutorials, complete interactive questions and to print off worksheets and summaries. Students will be able to access this program both at school and at home.

If you wish to see this program in more detail, visit the website www.mathsonline.com.au

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: wollumbinhs
Password: 48success

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

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

HOMEWORK HELP
Homework help will commence Term 1, Week 3 and will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.05 to 4pm in computer room 2.

AEROSOL CANS
Aerosol cans (including deodorants) are banned in NSW schools. Students are not to bring these to school. This is a safety issue and the cans will be confiscated.

2016 SCHOOL UNIFORM
A reminder about uniform is also included in the newsletter – please ensure that solid leather footwear is purchased according to safety requirements. Please do not buy ‘fashion’ shoes - they are not acceptable in many subject areas and will mean parents purchasing a ‘second and correct’ pair of shoes at additional cost.

Financial Assistance is available - Please contact Administration.

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.
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN ENROLMENT FOR 2017 AT WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL

Please let them know to come to our Open House from 3.30 - 5.30pm and Parent Information Session to be held at 6pm in the Library Both events are held on 1st March
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 19th February at 9.00am

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL

Yes I am interested in being a Volunteer Tutor in 2016

I will/will not be able to attend the meeting on Friday 19th Feb at 9.00am

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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CANTEEN HELPER RETURN SLIP

Name: _________________________________

Students Name: ________________________________

Home Phone No: ___________________ Mobile Phone No: ___________________

Email: ________________________________

Suitable Day/s: (Please Circle)
MON TUES WED THURS FRI

How Often: (Please Circle)
Weekly Monthly Term
WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7’s

AND OUR NEW YEAR 11’s