GREAT START TO 2016
We congratulate all our students for the excellent start to 2016. Our student numbers are up and we have some very full classes. Students are making learning a priority, being respectful and acting safely.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR
On Tuesday night, 23rd February, Fiona Stanley and Blake Lam competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. For this quest, they were required to undergo an interview with a panel of community members, give two impromptu speeches that were each two minutes in length, and deliver a five minute prepared speech. Each year students from Wollumbin High School compete against the other high schools in Murwillumbah as participants in the Quest. Both students performed exceptionally well this year with high praise given from the panel of judges. We are particularly pleased to announce that Fiona Stanley won the Murwillumbah Lions Youth of the Year Quest this year. As the winner at this level of the Quest, she will now go forward to the next round and represent Murwillumbah at the regional Quest in Lennox Head on Saturday 12th March. We congratulate Fiona on her win, and wish her all the best for the next round of the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 P&C EXECUTIVE
President: Don Napper
Vice President: Donna Swift
Treasurer: Donna Swift
Assistant Treasurer: Lynette Prestwich
Correspondence Secretary: Sharyn Currant
Minutes Secretary: Helen Smith
Canteen Committee Convener: Lynette Prestwich

Thank you to the P&C members who also nominated as committee members and other roles. Special thanks to P&C executive who have continued in executive roles from 2015 (and prior years for some), your ongoing commitment to the students and staff at Wollumbin High School is very much appreciated.

Students benefit from the involvement of parents, extended family members and community members through the P&C. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. All welcome.

Hands up if you know a great High School

Interested in enrolling a student in 2017? Come along to our Open House 3.30-5.30 pm Tuesday 1st March

WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL
Educational Excellence - High Expectations - Student Success
North Arm Road, Murwillumbah 02 66725121

P & C Meeting: Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Library
KOREAN REPORT

All year 7 students are now engaged in their Korean studies and are coming to grips with the strange new characters in Hangul (Korean writing). They should be practising their new vocabulary at home.

A new initiative this year is the cooperative learning between Dungay Primary and Wollumbin, with Mrs Lofts travelling to Dungay for 2 hours a week to give a taste of Korea to students from kindergarten to year 6. Students and teachers at the school are embracing this opportunity to learn another language.

As Dungay is a partner school for Wollumbin, it will give the students an advantage in their Korean studies when they progress to high school.

Coming up

- Assessment task - speaking
- Korean restaurant excursion

A REMINDER: AEROSOL CANS ARE NOT TO BE AT SCHOOL

Aerosol cans are banned in schools due to health and safety issues. Students have been reminded not to bring them to school. If they do so, the cans will be disposed of. Persistent non-compliance will result in the discipline process being implemented. Students are reminded that one of our WHS Expectations is that they will act safely – aerosol cans fall into this category.

WELCOME

We welcome back Ms Cathy Cripps who is teaching in the Mathematics Key Learning Area.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR ORIENTATION

A big thank you to the parents and community members who have volunteered to work with students in Learning Support this term. We are always happy to have more people join the team so if you or anyone you know could spare some time to assist students improve their literacy skills we would love to hear from you.

VISITS TO OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Thank you to Ms Smith who has agreed to be Year 7 Adviser 2017. Our Transition to High School program commenced last week, with visits to our partner primary schools. The captains, vice-captains and year 7 students, accompanied by Ms Smith, Mr Cutcher and Ms Connell spoke about high school, answering the students’ questions.

Year 6 parents are invited to the information meeting to be held on 1st March 6pm in the library. Students and their parents are invited to the WHS Open House afternoon which is held on 1st March from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

The P & C has organised the new school fleecy jacket for junior students. It will be sold through school. Delivery is expected during April.
RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Devices with internet access allow students to be involved in chat groups which can be inappropriate. It is important that young people realise that if they start a group they then become responsible for what is posted on that site - even if not written by them. Being on social media requires a degree of maturity and understanding of the consequences. Parents are urged to monitor what their children are involved in - be active and check what they are accessing and posting. If there is a link to Wollumbin High School in any comments, or students are contributing to sites during school hours, then the school will take disciplinary action. Discussions on Cyber Safety occurs during Mentoring lessons and students have glued into planners some information that may be useful for parents to discuss with their children. We have Cyber Safety talks, run by the police, scheduled for year 7 & 8 soon.

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Vaccination packs have already been sent home with year 7 students. If you do not with wish your child to be vaccinated DO NOT complete the form. Completed forms should be returned to the Front Office before 4th March. If your child has not received a Vaccination pack they can get one from their year adviser.

ABSENTEE NOTES

For student ease, a black metal letter box has been installed next to the student message whiteboard in the main quadrangle.

This box is for:

1. All absence notes. (the ones that used to be collected in mentoring explaining whole day absences).
2. Late notes prior to 8.55am. If a student comes to school at 8.50am with a note, they put the note in the letter box and go straight to mentoring and be marked as late.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS & ELECTIVE FEES

Thank you to everyone who has been really prompt in paying them. We really appreciate your support. Invoices have been posted. Payment on Line is proving popular and invoices can be paid this way along with excursions.

CAR PARK

Car park flow has improved and we thank everyone for their co-operation. Some buses have adjusted their location for pick up thus leaving space for parent pick up and drop off in the designated area. Please be aware that area is not a parking space, it is for quick pick up and drop off only.

YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE 2016

A workshop was held for all year 12 students to inform them of a variety of future choices. Several universities and TAFE were in attendance at the workshop and they provided the students with the most up to date information of choosing a pathway for their future and advice for preparing for the future.

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SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A fantastic day was spent at the Murwillumbah Pool for our annual Swimming Carnival. The enthusiastic participation and excellent behaviour of the students made it a pleasure to be involved with Wollumbin. We received much positive feedback from the pool staff. Thanks to the teachers and to the Murwillumbah Pool staff for their assistance on the day.

We had a number of records broken. Many of these were records have existed for over 15 years. Other records were missed by fractions of a second. One individual was a standout, with Fiona Stanley breaking 5 records. Corey Hayes broke the 200m individual medley record. The unluckiest swimmer was Tansie Noble who broke the Breaststroke record, only to have that broken by Fiona.

Records broken were:

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The house points were closely contested for first and second with the winner being determined by the 50 points allocated to the house with the greatest team spirit. Placings were: Tamarind – 492, Melaleuca – 443, Grevillea – 295, Cedar – 127

We had a contingent of swimmers progressing to FNC which was held on Tuesday 16th February.

RESULTS FNC TRIALS

200m - Corey Hayes - 2nd, Tess Sneddon 3rd
100m Breaststroke - Corey Hayes 3rd, Bree Wihlborg 3rd
Relays - 12yr Girls 1st, Jade Howlett, Summer Stone, Tippi Geohr, Bella Willis
15 yr Girls 2nd, Tess Sneddon, Bree-Anne Wihlborg, Jordan Howlett, Shanae Hayes
14yr Boys 2nd, Max Parker, Zak Lateo, Sam Pollack, Ryan Stanley

SPORT TRIALS AND KNOCKOUTS

There are many trials and Knockout games in the next few weeks.

League trials will be held on March 1st for Under 15 and Open players.

Under 15 Touch – nominations have been taken.

Basketball - on next week.

Hockey – 15th March.

AFL TRIAL RESULTS

Round 1 - defeated Banora Point 36-16
Round 2 - lost to Byron Bay 28-20

Three boys were selected in the FNC team to play at Coffs Harbour in week 7: Dane Petersen, Jack Lee-Johnson and Sam Pollock.
HSIE NEWS
We have an array of exciting news in HSIE this year. 2016 has marked a year of great changed for our faculty and we are pleased to announce the introduction of new senior HSIE courses: Year 11 Geography and Year 12 Society and Culture.

Term 1 is sure to be a busy one with lots of fun and stimulating excursions for both seniors and juniors. Planned excursions include:
- Year 11 Geography: Field Study at Hastings Point
- Year 10 History: Visit Mudgeeraba Museum and commemorative plaques at Kingscliff
- Year 10 Geography: Coastal Management field trip to the Sand Bypass and Dune Care project

ONLINE RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE
Is your child a member of Richmond-Tweed Regional Library? If so, they can now use online resources as well as library resources. Online resources include e-readers and Britannica Online. Senior students are able to access information databases for their HSC studies. We recommend you arrange for your child’s membership. However, as full memberships require parents’/carers’ signing for responsibility for lost and damaged resources, some families may be reluctant to join.

As an alternative, we can arrange for your child to become an e-member with access only to the electronic resources, like e-readers, Britannica Online and the databases + weekly free music downloads. Our Year 11 and 12 students have had demonstration of the e-resources available and should already have e-membership cards. We plan to arrange a bulk membership visit for students in years 7-10, where library staff will visit, take student names and use an address care of Wollumbin High School, and issue e-member cards. However we are aware that some families may still prefer for their children not to be registered with the public library. If any family does not wish this to be arranged for their child or children, please contact the school to opt-out.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - MARCH 15TH
Photo order envelopes will be issued the week before on March 9th. Whether you wish to order a package or not, students need to have the photo envelope with them on Photo Day for accurate identification for their student ID cards. Failure to supply photo envelope on the day will result in the student having to pay $5 for the separate issue of their student ID card.

Please ensure your children have their envelopes for the day.

KIDS CARING FOR COUNTRY
After School Culture Group
For Indigenous Children age 0-16yrs and their Families
- Meet other parents and kids
- Talk about parenting cultural and family values
- Participate in traditional dance, cultural, language, healing, talking circles and art activities with your Jarjums
- Receive access to Aboriginal Family Support Worker

Wednesdays 3.30pm—5.30pm at Murwillumbah Community Centre.

Healthy afternoon tea and bus transport provided.
For more info contact Lara on 0431 951162, 6672 3003 or email lara@mccentre.org.au

FNC SURF LIFE SAVING
COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM
Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch are running several programs to keep our young people safe around waterways and the surf and to provide them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make sound decisions.

Programs Available
- Dangerous Marine Animals & Surf Awareness Talk - designed to communicate serious safety messages in a fun format tailored to each age group.
- Beach Fun Days $20 per person - targeting students 8 - 13 years. Covering topics such as wave types, rescue and survival techniques, beach signage & hazard identification.
- Surf Survival Certificate Course $50 per person - this program is designed for anyone who is interested in a pathway to become lifesavers or lifeguards.

For further information contact Elton Cummings on 0418 661175, email branch.slsfnc@gmail.com

FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
100 YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION
18TH SEPTEMBER 2016
Fernvale Primary School is looking for help with the following:
- Assisting the planning committee
- Contacting past students and teachers
- Information about use of the school building
- Stories, photos and memorabilia

Contact Julie Johansen on 0407 755226
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