Patrick Mullan, Zoe Schmidt and Jake Townsend have scored spectacular results in the 2012 ESSA tests. All three have achieved overall level 6 scores rating them in the top 3% of the state.

Patrick scored above level 6 results in the ‘knowledge and understanding’ and the ‘working scientifically’ sections of the online test.

Essential Secondary Assessment (ESSA) is a state wide program that complements the school based assessment and reporting programs of schools. This multimedia ESSA online test assesses what Year 8 students know and can do in Science; then students, parents and teachers can use the ESSA levels to plan learning programs and activities so that students keep moving forward in their science knowledge and skills.

Our current Year 8 will have their chance at ESSA in November this year.

Peter Holt
It was “SMILES” all round at Woolgoolga High last week when it was announced by the Federal Minister of Education Peter Garrett that Woolgoolga High had won a prestigious National Safe Schools are Smart Schools Competition. Only one high school in each state was selected and this is a significant milestone and provides much recognition for all the work that our school has been doing in the area of bullying, anti-social behaviour and welfare for our students. Reminding ourselves that the SMILE program was created by our own students for our own students in a true recognition of the leadership development programs that are operating throughout the school. Congratulations to all of those students who have been involved (thirty senior students in 2012 and another forty senior students in 2013). The award has a prize package of $5,000 to purchase school resources and a multimedia suite that students will use to create innovative videos well into the future. The award was part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and more information and resources are available at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au and www.safeschoolshub.edu.au. To receive national recognition for a student led program is exciting, well deserved and fantastic recognition for our great school. Well done and congratulations again!

As per the front page of this newsletter, congratulations are in order for our successful science students, in particular Patrick Mullan, Zoe Schmidt and Jake Townsend. To gain a score in the top 3% of students in NSW is outstanding. It is a true credit not only to the students but also to their science teachers. Well Done!

To date more than $3000 has been raised for Shave for a Cure participants Bianca McNeill (Year 9) and art/photography teacher Ms Lalla Jones. Congratulations for their fantastic initiative to support such a worthwhile cause.

Jake Harper of Year 10 recently competed in the Thredbo Inter schools 2013 Championships, representing Woolgoolga High School. He competed in the Dual Compressor racing and the Downhill, he finished 2nd in the Dual Compressor and 7th in the Downhill. He is the only Woolgoolga High School student who has competed in these championships and has competed for Woolgoolga High School for the past four years. Well done Jake and congratulations!

I urge all parents to attend our upcoming parent Teacher night on April 2nd. This is an excellent opportunity for all parents and caregivers to discuss their child’s progress through high school. An information and booking sheet will be sent home with all students. Hope to see you there!

Our celebration of Harmony day has been moved to the 28th March and I am looking forward to this significant day in our calendar. Harmony day is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the diversity that exists in our school and community.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

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Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the SMILE program at Woolgoolga High School for winning the NSW secondary school category in the **Safe Schools are Smart Schools Competition** held to mark the third National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

It is a testament to the commitment of students at our school to stamp out bullying that we received this national award. For more information about the award see the next page.
Friday, 15 March 2013

Woolgoolga High School wins Safe Schools Competition

Woolgoolga High School has won the NSW secondary school category in the Safe Schools are Smart Schools Competition held as part of the Gillard Government’s activities to mark the third National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on March 15.

Duty Senator for Cowper Matt Thistlethwaite congratulated Woolgoolga High School for their positive work to create a respectful, inclusive and safe learning environment for students.

“Our message is clear – we say no way to bullying in all shapes and forms including cyberbullying, physical violence and intimidation. There is no place for bullying or violence in, or outside, our schools,” Senator Thistlethwaite said.

“Everyone has a role to play in ensuring our students are safe at school. Principals, teachers, parents and local communities can work together to make our schools safe, supportive and respectful.”

“Woolgoolga High School has demonstrated a strong commitment to making sure students at their school do feel safe and supported.

“Woolgoolga High School’s entry captures the compassion and initiative of a group of Yr 12 students who were concerned by kids being lonely in the playground, bullying and anti-social behaviour.

“They created a peer support program – SMILE – Support, Mentor, Inspire, Listen and Encourage, which aims to reduce the level of bullying in school and give the mentees a positive and successful school experience.

“A great feature of this entry was the level of responsibility and active participation of the senior students to raise awareness and promote their program to address a real need in the school.

“I encourage all schools in NSW to be inspired by this success and make a similar commitment to implementing safe school policies and activities,” Senator Thistlethwaite said.

The Safe Schools are Smart Schools Competition was open to all Government, Catholic and Independent primary and secondary schools in Australia.

Schools focused their entry on activities that addressed issues including bullying, cyberbullying, violence, discrimination, harassment and mental health. Entries could also contain a creative element such as a video, story, song, artwork or poster.

The best primary and secondary school entries in each state and territory received a $5000 voucher to purchase school resources, as well as a ClassMovies System starter pack to film and produce a video about their Safe Schools are Smart Schools initiative, allowing them to share their story with other schools.

For more information on the competition and winning entries, visit: www.deewr.gov.au/safe-schools-are-smart-schools-competition.
On Tuesday 19th March the Construction White Card course training was held in the Woolgoolga High School Library. Mr Paul Woods (Regional Trainer on behalf of DEC NSW RTA) instructed students on knowledge of Work, Health and Safety, identifying risks and hazards, communication and documentation of safety hazards and knowledge on evacuation, first aid, fire and safety equipment and PPE (personal protective equipment).
A school disco is scheduled for Tuesday 26 March 6:30-9:30pm, with a sausage sizzle or drink available (@$2 each) from 6pm.

Entry is $5.

Watch the school website for more details.

Disco tickets will be sold on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March from the following places:

- Years 7 and 8 each window of Room 9
- Years 9 and 10 each window of Room 10
- Years 11 and 12 window of Room 11.

If you are on the 'exclusion list' placed on the window please do not try to buy a ticket, see the Year Advisor/staff member in each room. If you do not purchase a disco ticket on the Monday or Tuesday during school time you cannot buy a ticket at the door.

Excluded from Woolgoolga High School school discos

Any students who have received a SUSPENSION WARNING is excluded from the disco for the school term of that warning.

Any student who has been SUSPENDED from school is excluded from the disco for 6 calendar months from the date of that suspension.

Any student who continually refuses to wear UNIFORM, has been notified at least three times, and receives a uniform letter, is excluded from the disco for the school term of that letter.

Any student who TRUANTS twice in a term is excluded from the disco for the school term of the second truancy and the next school term.

Mr Henderson-Deputy

Theme 'Masquerade'

Students’ Photographs

There are many occasions where we would like to publish photographs of students involved in various school activities, including reports for the local papers, school newsletters, and the annual report and on our school website.

If you do not wish your child’s photograph to be used for these purposes, please notify the school in writing.

Reminder for Years 9-12 to bring your equipment, including laptops to class.
Seniors please bring work with you during Study Periods to the Library. No work no entry.
We have been advised that the Ambulance Service of NSW has reciprocal health care agreements with all Australian states except Queensland and South Australia. This means that, even though Woolgoolga High has Ambulance School Cover for students who have an accident or fall ill whilst at school or at an organised school activity, they are not covered while on school excursions to Queensland and South Australia. Only students whose parent/guardians hold a Commonwealth Government Health Care Card or have private health insurance (including ambulance-only cover) are possibly covered when on a school excursion to Queensland and South Australia. It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians who do have cover with a private health fund, check their family’s eligibility with regards to travel to all the states.
Harmony Day is celebrated each year on and around March 21. It is a day that is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and it coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

This year the theme is Many Stories – One Australia with the overwhelming message that Everyone Belongs.

Woolgoolga High School will be celebrating the cultural diversity and the many different stories that make up our school and community next Thursday 28th March. We will celebrate the richness of culture in our own community with a range of different food for sale at lunchtime. The afternoon will be spent engaged in friendly competition with staff versus student teams playing a range of different sports in the playground. Sport is an activity that we can all share regardless of our language or cultural background.

Staff and students are asked to wear orange shirts and/or accessories on Thursday to promote the spirit of harmony.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Mid North Coast zone sports teams

Masyn Egaj Year 9: U/15 Touch Football
Damian McTighe Year 9: U/15 Rugby League
Alison Schmidt Year 12: Netball
Lachlan Arthur Year 11: Soccer
Jessie Gentle Year 10: Soccer
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PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT

Reminder

Year 12 - please hand in your baby and primary-aged photo by Friday 29th March of you'll miss out on your profile being in the Yearbook.
A REMINDER TO STUDENTS THAT YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY GAMES ON LIBRARY COMPUTERS

A reminder to students that the placing of game files on the Department systems can result in the loss of all computer privileges.

Reminder to senior students

* When driving to and from school you will need to complete the 'Conditions for Application for Student Drivers' form. This can be obtained from your year Deputy Principal.

* All senior students are to remain on school premises for the entire day. Those wishing to leave at recess or lunch time will need prior permission.

* Flexible leave passes are for students who have no timetabled classes for the beginning or end of the school day. Applications are available from your Deputy Principal.

* All senior students with unscheduled classes are expected to study in the 'Senior Area' in the Library.

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Contact Kerri Green 6649 2303 or 6654 1500

If possible, please arrange a swap if you are unavailable on your rostered day

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Enclosed shoes in school colours—black, white, navy, grey, blue—preferably leather—NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety.

A Woolgoolga High School Tie is now available for purchase at the onsite uniform shop at a cost of $16.

This has previously been approved through the community consultation process and is offered as an additional (and optional) part of the uniform.

EFTPOS Facilities for credit/debit card transactions are now available for making payments at the school office. There is no cash out facility. The office is open for students to make payments before school and during Break 1.

The WHS P & C meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm

We’re on the Web:
www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au