Recently, the Year 10s packed their bags, climbed into 3 great big orange vehicles and began their adventure of exploring the magnificent Fraser Island.

Before arriving at Fraser Island we stayed in Brisbane overnight so we could explore some museums and absorb some Brisbane culture. When we arrived on the Island we were hit with an abundance of natural beauty. We explored rainforests, pristine creeks, sand dunes and floated in a paradise-like, tea-tree infused body of water. We learnt a lot about the environment, the history of the Island and much about ourselves and each other. An excursion like this is truly one that will be remembered forever!

The students all gelled as a team (except of course when we were in fierce competition to be the first bus to arrive at the next breath-taking destination!). On the way home we stopped in for some thrills at Dreamworld. The first half of the bus trip home was spent excitedly reliving the fantastic experiences, the second half was spent sleeping! Mrs Rook wanted this excursion to be an unforgettable experience for her year group… and it certainly was!

Alison Fenton  
(Student Support Officer)
From the Principal's Desk

Last Monday an exceptional event happened at Woolgoolga High School. Around 40-50 parents/caregivers, local primary school students and our high school aboriginal students attended Clark Webb's Lub-4-read-a-thon in the Industrial Arts quad. It was an outstanding afternoon, where younger students had the opportunity to read to older students and parents/caregivers. The books had been carefully selected by Clark and the significant prizes and books had been donated to Clark for this event. I have never seen so many students fully engaged in reading. This initiative and many others like it which Clark brings to our school and local schools, is ensuring our aboriginal students are achieving in all aspects of school life. Well done and thanks to Clark and your dedicated team.

The Australian Red Cross is a very important institution and helps many Australians. I would like to thank Scott Rodham for presenting our school with the book “Power of Humanity” which has been placed in our library collection.

The Year 10 Fraser Island excursion was a fabulous event and both staff and students learned a great deal about themselves and many formed new positive friendships. The Year 9 Camp Kokoda excursion also has developed many skills in our students – resilience, teamwork, problem solving and leadership. Our new leadership program offering opportunities to senior students to help teachers organise, plan and execute these exciting learning activities is proving to be a very successful leadership development tool.

Congratulations to our Open Girls Cricket team in their recent excellent effort against South Grafton. A special mention needs to go to Alisha Phoonie, the captain.

Our Excel class for 2015 was selected last weekend. A total of 55 applications were received for only 29 class placements. ALL applications were of a very high quality. The selection process is a great learning activity for all involved. The student portfolios in particular highlight the outstanding work that each of these students are doing at our local primary schools. All are also contributing significantly in many other areas throughout our community eg in sporting areas.

After looking through the portfolios and watching each of the 55 students apply themselves in the challenging activities on Super Saturday, I believe that Year 7 in 2015 will be an exceptional group of young students. Congratulations to the primary schools for their preparation to high school. At our last staff meeting I explained to staff on how impressed our selection committee was with the quality of students coming to our school. Our challenge is to start Year 7 at that high level and extend each and every student throughout the next six years.

This week I have personally issued every student in Year 11 their preliminary report. I took the time to talk to each and every student. We indeed have many talented and very capable students in Year 11. I am going to ensure that I take a very personal interest in their pathway throughout Year 12. It was very heartening to hear first hand every student’s challenges, achievements and ambitions.

Our school is doing a great job in preparing our students to become lifelong learners who will live very successful and creative lives.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal
### IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

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The WHS P & C meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm

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**The Power of Humanity** – 100 Years of Australian Red Cross 1914-2014, written by Melanie Oppenheimer presented to Guy Wright by Red Cross branch president, Scott Rodham.

Published to celebrate the organisation’s centenary, the book gives an account of the Australian Red Cross which started a week after the Anzacs were sent to Gallipoli, until the present time.

The publication was facilitated by the Department of Veteran Affairs and is available in the school library.
Monday afternoon we held our second Lub-4-Read-A-Thon at our weekly ALC and it was a great success. Parents and students from Woolgoolga High, Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach and Mullaway Primary schools came together for an afternoon of fun and learning.

High school students read books with the junior students in an attempt to read as many books as possible in 40 minutes. Incentives were given to every child who read 5 books or more and extra points were on offer for older students who helped by reading with younger kids.

Books were being read at a frantic pace and every child went home with loads of prizes for their efforts. Kyle Wallace (Mullaway Primary) and Alaani Keighran (Woolgoolga High School) took out the top prize of a surfboard. Other prizes included 3 boogie boards and a wave board and every child received a book, snorkel set and a t-shirt on the day.

Very special thanks go to Clark Webb (Clarky) for the outstanding job of supplying these fantastic prizes. Also our regular tutors Kamla Webb, Libby Hunt, Kelly and Courtney Hine for their encouragement throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to the generosity of Prime Minister Literacy Awards for book donations, the Co-Op Book Shop Coffs Harbour and Mis-Fit Aid for donations of boards and snorkels. Most importantly we would like to thank our parents and community for taking the time to join us in making this a wonderful day.

SEE YOU ALL AT OUR NEXT LUB-4-READ-A-THON !!!!
Year 10 students were given a wonderful opportunity this week to act out the final scene of Shakespeare’s ‘The Taming of the Shrew’. This comedy was brought to life with Matthew Alford as Katherine (the shrew), Jordan Constable-Love as arrogant Petruchio, Kelera Marsden as the beautiful Bianca, Cloe Jenkins as the love-struck Lucentio and Jason Reinecker playing the loyal Grumio and Biondella. Students commented on the different characteristics of each character and the way that the meaning of the play was made so much clearer through its performance. Students dressed up to add personality to their characters and added expression to accentuate each character’s traits. This was a very valuable activity and 10 English 1 and 2 performed their parts superbly.
On Tuesday the 28th October the Open Girls Cricket Team travelled to Grafton to play South Grafton High. Alisha Phoonie our captain won the toss and elected to bat. Dakota Rees and Gemma Hutchinson opened the batting, but were dispatched cheaply for 1 and 0 runs respectively. Alisha (Miss Cricket) Phoonie came in at first drop and steered our team back on track. She piled on 76 runs; a super effort. Being the only true cricketer in the team, it was great to see some valuable runs scored for the team. Leteisha Campbell and Amrit Tiwana followed Dakota’s departure but scored in single digits. Emily Nudd followed and created a valuable partnership with Alisha before being bowled out for 17. The tail end of the batting order scored as follows; Jorja Murphy 3, Emma Cahill 6, Jennah Turner 3 and Jammie Hill 6. The girls’ total score after the first innings was 10/192; a whopping 46 no balls and 23 wides were bowled by the other team to help out.

In the second innings the girls were extremely unlucky. The South High opening “batswomen” were quite skilled and managed to pile on the runs very quickly. They piled on a 94 run partnership that frustrated the Woopi high girls. Despite Alisha’s bowling efforts, they didn’t manage to take a wicket until the 26th over. Eight of the ten girls took turns at bowling. Unfortunately, as most of the girls are not cricketers, it was the bowling performance that ultimately led to South High’s victory, allowing them a total of 90 sundries. This is in no way a criticism of the Woopi team, but rather a huge pat on the back for trying their hardest and remaining to smile all day. They are a great bunch of girls and they can all be proud of how they represented the school!

There were some unlucky dropped catches, that would have kept Woopi competitive on the day but it was not to be. In the end the South High side reached our total by the 31st over and sent us packing back home via McDonalds for some McFlurries, Frozen Cokes and Sundaes!!

Maybe next year we will have better luck,

Mr Robins
There is a great group of students coming to Woolgoolga High School next year!

On Friday 24th October, Woolgoolga Public School hosted a kanga cricket transition activity for Year 6 students starting at WHS next year. Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach, Corindi and Mullaway students all participated with enthusiasm and great cricket skills!

Thank you for the organisation from the primary school teachers, Mr Cook and the Year 10 students who umpired on the day. It was great to see students from different schools playing harmoniously. I’m really excited about the quality of students starting high school next year!

Robert Pursch, Year 7 Year Adviser in 2015
**NSW All-Schools Track & Field Championships**

Three Woopi High students competed at the NSW All-Schools Athletics last weekend - Jonny Gusman (800 metres), Rhianna Birch (3,000m Walk) and Isaiah Koopmans (1500, 3,000, 2,000m Steeplechase).

Rhianna was 4th in the 13 years Girls Walk while Isaiah's best result competitively was 5th in the Steeplechase - he also collected a personal best in the 3,000m.

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**Canteen—Eat Fresh**

http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information

See menu with price list on the school’s website

Volunteers needed to serve in only 1 hour increments:

8.30am - 9.30am
11.00am - 12.00 noon
1.00pm - 2.00pm

If you can help please ring the school on 66541500 or follow the link on the school’s website to complete the expression of interest.
Diwali – The Festival of Lights

Submitted by Simranpreet Kaur and Kirandeep Kaur- Year 9

Diwali also known as Deepavali and the Festival of Lights. It is an ancient Hindu festival celebrated in spring every year. The festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil and hope over despair. The festival preparations and rituals typically extend over a five day period, but the main festival night of Diwali coincides with the darkest, new moon night. Before Diwali night, people clean, renovate and decorate their homes. On Diwali night, Hindus dress up in new clothes or their best outfit, light up diyas (lamps and candles) inside and outside their home.

Diwali dates back to ancient times in India, as a festival after the spring. Many see Diwali honouring the return of the lord Rama, his wife Seta and his brother Lakshman from exile, as told in the ancient Hindu epic called the Ramayana. To some, Diwali marks the return of Pandavas after 12 years of Vanvas and one year of agyatavas in the other ancient Hindu epic called the Mahabharata.

The Woolgoolga community celebrated this important festival by continuing the customs of Hindus and Sikhs around the world.

The Sikh temples in Woolgoolga became a focus for the celebrations last Thursday. They were decorated with many colourful lights outside and candles burnt brightly inside.

Fireworks were also enjoyed during the night.
Fraser Island
**Private tutoring**


**Hospitality careers**

Young people between 13 and 17 can get a taste of what it's like to work in the hospitality industry and win prizes as part of the Level Up Careers campaign. Find out more: [www.facebook.com/levelupcareers](http://www.facebook.com/levelupcareers).

**Leaving your child at home alone**

At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: [http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9](http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9)

**Managing your child's weight**


**Team sports – more than health benefits**

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: [http://bit.ly/HlgxVO](http://bit.ly/HlgxVO).

**Career planning for your child**

Corindi School of Dance 25th Annual Concert
‘Dance Dream Believe’

When: Friday 21st November
Time: (doors open 30 mins prior) Matinee Show: 10.00am
Evening Show: 7.00pm
Where: C.ex Coffs, Vernon St Coffs Harbour in the Grande Auditorium
Reserved seats are available for evening show only from Fri 14th Nov
in auditorium at C.ex Coffs & Sat 15th Nov at Corindi Dance Studio,
Kangaroo Trail Rd Corindi Beach.
Ticket door sales are also available at both shows.
Enquiries: Call 0409 768182
Hello – I’m the Doctor

Doctor WHO?

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and practice high ethical services; one of the objectives of Rotary is to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.

In recognition of different vocations a selection of doctors will be ‘Dr WHO’, special guests of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga meeting on Monday 24 November at 8pm at C.ex Club Woolgoolga.

The Doctors include Dr. John Kramer (MB BS (NSW) FRACP FACRRM) (GP Beach Street Woolgoolga); Dr Steve Smith (Assoc. Professor National Marine Sciences Centre) and Dr Sue Keeler (Regional Manager Sullivan and Nicolaides)

From a Doctor who is a medical doctor to PhD doctors - guess will hear the views of these well-educated locals; what they see as the main 2 issues for the Northern Beaches community and they will provide their opinions on what we can do to deal with these issues.

This is a Rotary Club of Woolgoolga initiative and the evening is open to the local community. Cost includes a meal as well as an opportunity to quiz the doctors at question time on their views in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you or interested members of your organisation there.

Date: Monday 24 November 2014. Time: 6pm – 9pm

Venue: C.ex Woolgoolga 18 Boundary Street Woolgoolga

RSVP to Patty Delaney by email or phone (as per the bottom of the page) by 21 Nov, 2014

COST: $21.00 (2 course meal) (Drinks available separately from the C.ex Bar) Please notify any dietary requirements at the time of RSVP.

Thankyou

Patty Delaney
President 2014 – 15

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Free Parent Workshop
Parents As Career Transition Support

Want to know how to help your teenager with career ideas?

What is HSC & VET?

How to explore careers and make a good choice?

What is the difference between TAFE & University?

What is an apprenticeship?

Supporting parents to learn about study and work options for young people

When: Thursday 6th November 2014
Time: 9.30am—11.30am

Where: Innovation Centre, Coffs Harbour Education Campus
The session will be run by local secondary school careers advisers in association with Youth Directions

Places are limited. To secure your booking please contact either Suzy Zullo or Jo Symons at Youth Directions on 0266532900 or Email: admin@youthdirections.com.au by Tuesday 4th November.
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.

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