Tanisha Wallace and Alaani Keighran of Year 8 who have been successful in winning a scholarship to attend the University of New South Wales Indigenous Science and Engineering Program for 2014.

The program is run through the Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit which offers many opportunities for students to spend time on the Uni campus and experience what life can be like after school.

This program is a fully supervised 3 day residential program for students in Years 7 to 9. During their stay, the girls will have an action packed time with mind blowing exposure to cutting edge technologies such as the Virtual Reality Simulator that will transport them into the belly of a mine site. They will also have the opportunity to meet the World Cup winning football playing Robots! Then it will be on to the Sydney Observatory where they will travel through space in 3-D to learn about Indigenous sky stories in Sydney’s newest Digital Planetarium.

We are very proud of Tanisha and Alani’s successful application to this program and wish them a wonderful trip!
From the Principal's Desk

Our school continues to give our students the best possible opportunities. This once again has been highlighted by Tanisha Wallace and Alaani Keighran’s winning scholarship to attend the Science and Engineering program at the University of NSW. In Australia there is a shortage of quality science and engineering graduates and programs like this encourage students to aim high and understand that they can become anything they want to be in their future lives. One significant advantage of such programs is the meeting and interacting with other talented students from across this state. Congratulations girls!

Our Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day is next Wednesday morning and 176 students from our local primary schools, along with parents and caregivers, will visit Woolgoolga High School. The day will allow our new students to get a real feel of what it will be like at high school. Over the past few weeks, all of our partner primary schools’ Year 6 students have visited our school and have had the opportunity to take part in exciting lessons in Science, Woodwork and many other KLA areas. It is a real priority that we make the transition from primary to high school as smooth and stress free as possible.

Our Welfare Team, along with Year Adviser for Year 7, 2015, Robert Pursch, have also visited each of our partner primary schools.

Our Yellow Brick Road careers program run by Julie-Anne Chivers has also been an integral part of making strong bonds between our new students and our school. The Yellow Brick Road program has allowed Julie-Anne to begin to develop a degree of understanding, information and possible future career paths for our youngest students. It is true that once students have a purpose then they are likely to be more focussed on their education.

Once again I am amazed at the quality of the artwork produced by our students. Some of it is showcased within this newsletter.

Our Under 14 Boys Cricket Team is to be congratulated, in particular our captain Raman Phoonie. The team is currently in the North Coast semi final. Good Luck! Raman has also been selected as part of the North Coast Team and will travel to Bathurst early next year to compete at the state level.

Twelve of our students are currently in Sydney at the Schools Spectacular. I am certain they will be fantastic! Please look for them on the upcoming television coverage.

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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Mr Henderson-Deputy Principal

Thursday
11th December
Fundraising
Year 12, 2015

Cake Stall

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Disco

Monday, 8th December
6.30pm-9.30pm

Theme: High School Stereotypes
Cost: $3 (Gold award students)
$5 (all non-excluded students)

Tickets will be sold on the day of the disco at school - no ticket sales at the door. Suggestions for songs you would like to have played need to go to an SRC Representative or to the box in the library. Don’t complain if you haven’t put your suggestions in and they don’t get played! So, get your costume together and come along for a great night of music and dancing.
Entries from this year’s Art Smart Competition ranged from painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and film.
On Friday 21st of November the Under14 Boys Cricket Team travelled to Bellingen who hosted the third round of the National Bank Shield. Our Captain Raman, lost the toss but as fortune would have it, got to bowl first which is what he wanted anyway. If I could describe in a couple of words the performance of the team, it would be “complete domination!” Our bowlers despatched the Bellingen batsmen for a not so grand total of 43 runs in 18 overs bowled. The bowling statistics for the day were as follows:-

Noah Pilon 0-5; Humraj Singh 2-5; Raman Phoonie 1-2; Kartar Singh 1-1; Sam Gustafson 2-16; Addison Mallet 1-8; and Gus Singh 2-2. An awesome performance!

In the second innings Raman and Gus opened and they both started swinging to rack up some quick runs and both scored 18 and 16 respectively before being caught out. Sevak Clair and Luke Beresford got to the crease and steered the team to victory by the eighth over scoring 3 and 4 runs not out respectively.

The win now means that we have to play Melville High at Kempsey this Friday 28th of November, which is actually the semi-final for the North Coast Region and I think a school record! Fingers crossed we have a win, which will ensure a spot in the final against one of the schools from the northern part of the region at Grafton.

I really have to take my hat off to the boys. They really are the epitome of the many good things to come out of team sport. They have displayed camaraderie, sportsmanship, determination passion and enthusiasm for cricket and have represented Woopi High in a stellar fashion. I am very proud of them. Over the next few years, I will be looking forward to seeing their skills develop and improve, as we have the makings of a very good opens team too.

Well done boys!

Mr Robins.
Instructions to students:

- Clearance is a process that is undertaken to finalise fees and to return all books and equipment. These forms will be handed out by roll teachers to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 11 on Monday 1 December 2014. Year 10 forms will be handed out at a Year 10 Meeting in Week 10, Term 4 (8-12 December).

- School Fees - If you owe nothing your form will be signed 'cleared' from the office. If you owe money, the amount will be written on your clearance form. Payments can be made at the Front Office before school and during Break 1.

- When you have received your office clearance ask your class teacher during class time (not during breaks) to sign your clearance form. Some subjects do not require clearance (as indicated on your sheet).

- Return all Library books/text books to the Library – before school, Break 1 and Break 2.

- Final Clearance Day for students in Year 7 to 11 is Friday 12 December 2014. Clearance forms should be complete and returned to the Front Office by this date.

- If your family is experiencing difficulty with paying your school fees please bring a letter to your Deputy Principal and we may be able to assist.
Thankyou to all of those students who successfully completed their All My Own Work modules in the Library (and classrooms) recently. Those students who have not done so, please see/email Mrs Hart asap. Mrs Megan Hart
Safety First

Parents, carers and students are reminded not to use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up their children, unless using the disabled parking bays.

Our car park is very congested, especially on rainy days directly before school begins and after school finishes. Parking is available at the front of the school for safety and a covered walkway for students’ convenience leads from the bus bay into the grounds.

The clothing pool is in need of second hand school uniforms for emergency clothing etc. Donations of pre loved school uniforms in good condition which are no longer required are gratefully accepted at the front office.

Insurance

Insurance for accidents during school/sport time is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver. There are a number of private providers who are able to provide insurance cover at reasonable rates.

If taking holidays or long term sick leave, greater than 5 days, please apply for an exemption form from the Front Office. These days are not included as absences if appropriate paperwork is completed.
Guide to technology tools
The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here's what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.

Find out more: 

New website gives easy access to vocational courses
Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/

The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships.

For enquiries, students can contact enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.

Word clouds
Has your child made a word cloud yet? It's a great idea for adding to book reports, assignments and even for revision. Cut and paste a big slab of the text into a Wordle for a visual summary of the major themes. Create a Wordle: http://www.wordle.net/

Natural disasters
Is your child studying the science behind natural disasters? The science assignment starter gives interesting links and resources that explain the causes of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Science assignment starters: 

Different types of writing
You child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.


Understanding climate change
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.


Future Leaders Program
An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/
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.
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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