Double the Celebration!

On Friday the 21st the whole school celebrated two special events: Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Each year we celebrate Harmony Day as a day of cultural respect highlighting the fact that in Australia, everyone belongs. In joining together and celebrating this special day we acknowledge that all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was an opportunity for the whole school community to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence. Many students wore a superhero outfit to signify that true heroes don’t stand for bullying.

The day was relaxed and fun with everyone joining in the variety of afternoon activities. We started the afternoon with a special assembly featuring a memorable Sikh musical item and special guests including Councillor John Arkan and Aulfina Deressa Bulto and his wife Alem, representatives from the Ethiopian/Kenyan community. Unfortunately special guest Aunty Marg, local Aboriginal Elder, was unable to attend but sent her support for this special day.

Plenty of sports, multi-cultural foods and music as well as an anti-bullying photo booth all followed to highlight the message of cultural respect and anti-bullying.

As the day was jam packed with activities two of our SMILE Peer Mentors, Jessica Sutton and Caitlin Valentine, spoke to the whole school the following Monday about their strong anti-bullying message.

A big ‘thank you’ to all the special guests, students, staff and families in our local community who made the day such a success!

Alison Fenton
Student Support Officer
From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank Kerri Green and Christine Stewart for the many years they have worked and supported our school canteen. They are leaving the canteen at the end of this term for a much deserved break and to enjoy the rest of their lives. Best wishes from all staff and students from Woolgoolga High and thank you!

As you look through this newsletter I draw your attention to Mr Radford's Engineering class. I visited the class and was amazed at the detail of their projects. The structures designed and built with spaghetti were definitely an engineering feat. Well done to all students who participated.

From all accounts the Honeywell Engineering Summer School was an excellent opportunity for our students. Continually year after year, the Woolgoolga Rotary Club supports our students to get a real taste of what it is like to be an engineer. Looking back at past years, and I believe this year will not be any different, many students who experience this hands on experience come back to school motivated and focussed and in fact, go on to study Engineering at university. It is indeed a great opportunity.

The Year 12 half yearly examinations are in full swing – good luck in your exams.

The painters are in the school over the next two weeks and are working in the area outside the canteen. This area has needed a facelift.

Jessie Gentle represented the school last weekend in the 3rd round of the Lions Youth of the Year, already winning at Woolgoolga and Grafton. She travelled to Port Macquarie finishing 1st in the public speaking section of the competition, however, 2nd overall. Well done Jessie – what a great representative of Woolgoolga High!

As Term 1 comes to a close, I would like to wish all parents/caregivers, students and staff a safe and happy holiday. School finishes this term on Friday 11th April and students return to school on Tuesday 29th April.

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

Year Advisor message to Year 8 students and their families

On 18th March, Year 8 students were supplied a blank home study timetable, with directions on how to complete it. It is advised that all students develop and learn to follow a study routine, particularly in preparation for senior studies.

I ask you to encourage your child to prepare their study timetable and bring it to school signed. Each student that returns it to me will receive a Woopi draw ticket, and a small reward. The timetable will be sent home so it can be placed in a prominent location (fridge, bedroom or other convenient place). There is also an electronic version on the school website, which can be printed or used electronically.

Students in Year 8 have been working well so far this year. The transition to high school is now complete and they all appear to feel “at home”. I am so proud of the personal growth and achievement of the Year 8 students. I look forward to sharing their successes with you in newsletters to come.

Karen Dorahy, Year 8 Advisor
The summer of 2014 has been unseasonably dry. This has brought some challenges, especially the quantity and quality of pasture available for our gestating ewes. The ram seemed more interested in one thing!

Our sweet corn, watermelons and rockmelons still produced, although with lower yields and quality than usual. On the positive side, weed and pest impacts were reduced.

Student numbers remained constant. They have enjoyed bananas, watermelons, sweet corn and lately citrus as a bonus in their practical lessons this term.

Year 8 have established a no-dig Mandala garden of vegetables and flowers.

Year 9 have established a plant trial comparing traditional and hydroponic systems of production.

Year 10 have started a tomato trial similar to Year 9’s as well as skilling up in viticulture and tractor operations.

Recent good rains have been welcomed and so have the holidays!

Steve Griffin, Ag Teacher
Students recently completed an assessment task where they were required to design, make and justify a toy for a baby or young child. Their products were completed to a very high standard. Lachlan's "Minion Bowling" game deserves a special mention for its creative use of familiar characters as well as execution in materials and educational design features. Other projects which reflected educational concepts were colouring puzzles, racing cars, building blocks and glitter books. Well done everyone!
During this term students at Woolgoolga High have been participating in engineering challenges as part of their Years 9, 10 and 11 Engineering studies courses. Mr Radford has coordinated the construction of some marvellous creations involving weight bearing structures made from waste paper and towers made from spaghetti.

Students have learnt to assess strong and weak structural shapes and apply these principles in the design and construction of structures that need to be strong, stable and support a load.

Woolgoolga High is developing strength in the delivery of Engineering Studies which is evidenced by strong 2013 HSC results and new classes in both year 9 and 10 in 2014.
Three Year 12 students, Dylan Verhoef, Callon Roach and Joshua Partridge attended the Honeywell Engineering Summer School (or HESS) in Sydney, visiting and experiencing a wide variety of universities and fields pertaining to Engineering. They were sponsored by Woolgoolga Rotary and WHS P&C Association to attend this eye-opening and thrilling opportunity. All three boys attended a Rotary dinner to tell of their experience and to thank them for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

It was a great week. When we arrived, we were greeted with a warm welcome and guided to our rooms. The first activity was an ice-breaker, as we were organised into our weekly groups and instructed to make a catapult and a fort out of rubber bands, paddlepop sticks, skewers and tape. Although my team didn't win we had a great time participating in the activity.

The first morning we went to University of New South Wales, where we had two activities on offer - Mechanical and Electronic sessions. The first session involved my group observing equipment involved in measuring the pressure of fluids and measuring torque. We then went to investigate the University's F1 car and their solar-driven car - the ones they entered competitions in.

The second session involved another mixed group around the quantum computing building, looking at all the weird and wonderful mechanisms that they use.

After this session, I went to Honeywell - a software engineering company and we were guided around their facilities seeing their security programs, server rooms and their office where they collaborate their ideas.

The next day our group went to University of Technology Sydney in the city centre - it was incredible! A highrise as a Uni; we did a lot of activities, one of which was called 'Python'. In this facility we learned how to program in Python which was a computing language.

After lunch I went to Macquarie University and made a water-powered rocket. Our group's went up about 85 metres in the air and was one of the only successful rockets constructed. That night we had dinner with a miriad of different engineers that are currently working around Sydney. They were more than happy to tell us about their job, which was a real highlight.

Wednesday was an amazing day as well, as we went to Wollongong and Port Kembla Steelworks, which was awesome! We observed steel being made and how incredible the whole facility was.

On Thursday we went to University Of Western Sydney, which was an amazingly cool place, with new facilities and great people. We saw their first solar car and their expensive 3D printers. After that we went to Richmond RAAF base, where we were allowed to board two retired Hercules planes and sit in the pilot seats. That night we went to Coogee Diggers where we had our farewell dinner. It was a great evening to spend time and then say goodbye to our new friends.

The next day was the last opportunity to discover our new environment. We went to the University of Sydney, where my highlight was making ice-cream using liquid nitrogen; it was great and we had a fun time.

By Dylan Verhoef
Harmony Day
Students from all years wrote an anti-bullying message while having some fun in the photo booth.

Mr Newman’s history class were given the opportunity to enjoy some ancient Chinese delights to celebrate finishing their study of ancient China.
http://www.jobjump.com.au/ is a fantastic website that allows students and parents to find out information on careers, Universities, subject selection, traineeships, atars and other pathways. The school has paid for everyone to use this site. The password to access this site is swan.

**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.

**IMPORTANT SPORT DATES 2014**

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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
### When older kids struggle with reading
If your child is struggling with reading, it's important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help.

### 2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

### Developing resilience
We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

### Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

### Sushi train
Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish.
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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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Performance poets, prose artists and musicians
11:30 - 2:00pm, Sunday April 6th
The Pavilion, Coffs Botanic Gardens
FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL

2014 YOUTH WEEK LAUNCH FREE EVENT

National Youth Week 2014 kicks off in Coffs Central upstairs! 5pm - 8pm

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20 short films by young film makers from the Short Sharp Film Festival and the ABC Open Program will be shown on all the big screens in Coffs Central.

The highlight of the evening will be the launch of the music video by local metal band FELONY produced by band members and professional film makers with the support of Coffs City Council and Short Sharp Digital.

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