It was refreshing to see students' enthusiasm, ethical behaviour and camaraderie, despite the fact that they were competing against each other raising $530 for the work of palliative care nurses.
Our school and community continue to help produce outstanding athletes. 2013 Year 12 student Jacinta Smithers will this month represent Australia in the ITU Triathlon/Aquathlon World Championships in Edmonton, Canada.

On Friday our school helped Sophie Bulger, a Year 8 student, raise funds for her upcoming trip to Canberra to the Institute of Sport. She also looks forward to many like opportunities in the near future. She was selected as one of the top 8 soccer goalkeepers from across the country. Good Luck Sophie!

The Year 11 Market Day was a resounding success, and as the front page of this newsletter indicates, raised a significant amount of money for the work of palliative care nurses. The experience built high quality business skills and put into practice much of the theory they have been learning in class.

Next Tuesday night’s P&C meeting will be held in the staff common room from 6.30pm. This meeting is an extremely important one. Our school community needs to have a look into the future and decide what our school would like to become and what direction our school needs to take in this ever changing world. Every school in NSW will prepare a new school plan that will run from 2015-2018 and beyond. Such a plan needs quality input from parents and caregivers, community members, staff and students. Already some preliminary discussions have been undertaken with staff and some student leaders. Next Tuesday night is a real opportunity for community members, parents and caregivers to help chart the future direction of our school. I hope to see quite a few community members and parents/caregivers attend.

We are now the North Coast Debating Champions!! Zoe Schmidt, Patrick Mullan, Liljana Brain and Clarence Harre – Congratulations! This win is a real feather in our cap. Debating is one of those skills that sets students apart. To develop high quality debating skills, whilst still in the junior school sets up students for a life of success. The ability to stand up in front of a group of people and think critically on your feet is a skill that many aspire to but few achieve effectively. Well done Team Debating!

Over the past two weeks, the Science Department has used live streaming video to showcase a bridge building event at our junior assemblies. Mr Dalton is creating a fun, challenging and high level learning platform in each of his faculty’s science classes. Well done to the students and the Science faculty! Have a look at page 6 – no wonder Science has become one of the most popular choices for our Year 10 students moving into Year 11 next year!

Well done Amy Bieman of Year 9 winning the high school section of the Art in Humanity competition at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal
Woolgoolga High School is once again preparing for the annual

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which traditionally showcases the talented Performing Arts students within the school and, in particular, the HSC candidates for Music, Dance and Drama.

The performances are across two stages on Tuesday 26th August in the school hall and tickets can be purchased on the night at the doors ($4 student concession/$7 adults). Early-birds get the best seats, of course, so doors open at 6.15pm and the show starts promptly at 7pm (finishes approximately 9.30pm with a 20 minute interval).
The North Coast debating camp was held recently at Bonville with students participating in a range of knock-out-based and mock debates with one eventual winner - Team Woopi - strongly lead by 2013 North Coast team member Zoe Schmidt. Her more than able counterparts were Patrick Mullan, Liljana Brain and Clarence Harre. The Woopi team was deemed more effective than the others, in terms of matter and manner throughout the series. They will participate in an Inter-Regional debate (in the knockout format) on Friday 29th August via video conference against the Riverina Regional Champions, with the eventual winner flying to Sydney for the final later in the year.

As mentioned, Zoe represented us proudly in the North Coast team in 2013 and this year Liljana Brain has been selected in this prestigious team. She will fly down to Sydney University for 1st-3rd December for the finals series - fundraising to assist her will be discussed over the coming weeks.

Well done Zoe, Patrick, Liljana and Clarence! This adds to the Year 11 Zone champion team that was crowned earlier in the year. For photos of all of the debates please see the school website in the Gallery section.

Mrs Megan Hart
On Thursday 26th June Year 11 students participated in a Market Day which allowed them to experience first-hand what it is like to run a business. The young entrepreneurs firstly developed a business plan and then in groups of 2 or 3, they operated their business for the day during school breaks 1 and 2. Everyone found it an enjoyable experience and learned a lot about the rewards and pitfalls of running a business.

At the senior assembly on Monday 4th August Ms Jacquie Page, on behalf of Silverchain, was presented with a cheque for $530, being the profits for the Market Day. This was proudly presented by Emily O’Connor (of Year 11) who was the instigator of supporting the well-founded initiative, who also has been affected personally by the good work that palliative care nurses provide. Ms Page spoke briefly about her career and emotionally moved the senior students to whom she addressed.
Over the first two assemblies of this term we carried out the testing for our school bridge building competition. There were entries in the competition from Matthew Dorahy, Rebecca Hopkins, Marley Evans, Jacob Sutton and Erin Dalton. The students were required to build a bridge to span a gap of 30cm weighing as little as possible. Testing involved loading the bridge in the centre until it collapsed and calculating the bridge that had the highest load to mass ratio.

The best bridges went to Matthew Dorahy and Rebecca Hopkins (pictured) who received the first prize of $30, with Jacob Sutton being runner up and receiving $15.

Our encouragement and thanks go to all of the students who participated in the competition. We hope to see entries in our next competition which will be to build a tower out of drinking straws.

Phil Dalton, Head Teacher Science
On Tuesday 22nd July we had a visit from Sydney Women In Engineering and Information Technology (SWIEIT). The activity was aimed at enlightening girls about the opportunities for them in these areas and giving them a little insight into what working in these areas might be like. As well as presenting a very interesting talk on some of the presenter’s experiences in the field, the students were involved in an activity where they had to build a floating building. The scenario involved an area in Asia where for half of the year the area is under water and people who live in the area have to build their homes to cope with this. They even have a floating basketball stadium!

Phil Dalton
HT Science

Our girls work in groups to build a range of model buildings of different designs, all of which performed admirably. The students enjoyed the visit and I expect to continue to have SWIEIT visit us into the future.
Internet safety presentation for Year 8 students

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Woolgoolga High School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for year 8 students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Woolgoolga High School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on Tuesday 12th August, for an hour, during school time. You might even like to talk with your Year 8 child about what they learnt during their session.

Congratulations to all of the young ladies who participated in the CHS Softball knockout earlier in the year.
There was a sea of denim on Friday as students and staff wore their jeans and gave a gold coin donation for the Children’s Medical Research Institute. Funds raised are used to do research to help eliminate childhood diseases and conditions. The prize for most denim went to Sherydan Simson of Year 8, who wore denim from the bow on her head right down to her shoes.

$560 was raised - thanks to everyone who donated and to the SRC for their organisation of the event.

Mrs Dean, SRC Co-ordinator
Congratulations to those students who, this week, took the opportunity for extension in mathematics by competing in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

On Friday 6th June Travers Powell from Tocal spoke to relevant Year 9 and 10 students about Agriculture courses for study and possible career paths available to students studying at Tocal (at Patterson west of Newcastle). Students were both intrigued and informed of the diversity of opportunities available. For more information about Tocal Agricultural College please contact him on travers.powell@dpi.nsw.gov.au
On Wednesday 16th July all of Year 10 spent the afternoon attending subject information talks by senior teachers.

This was followed up by an Information Evening for both parents and students to discuss the HSC in detail and take the opportunity to ask questions to Head Teachers (and delegates) about specific subjects.

Subject Selection process for year 11 2015: The Subject Selection Survey is now complete and a Line Pattern has been created for Year 10 to make their final subject choices during the coming fortnight.

Term 3 is by far the busiest term on the school’s career calendar with Year 10 making subject choices for the senior school and Year 12 deciding on tertiary pathways.
On Tuesday 5th August a University of New England (UNE) talk presented the options of Direct Entry via School Recommendation to interested Year 12 students so the decision-making process for Uni preferences is on in earnest to meet the September 30th deadline for all applications. Any students wishing to seek information about University scholarships please see their relevant Year Advisor.

Mr Allen will be available at the Parent-Teacher on Tuesday 19th August for individual interviews in the Library with Year 12 parents to discuss these options in more detail.

Mrs Megan Hart

Year 12 were issued with their 2015 University Admission Centre (UAC) guides when they attended a Southern Cross University (SCU) talk at school on Tuesday 22nd July. SCU school recommendation scheme is a popular avenue of entry for many of our students, particularly now that there is a new campus located at the Gold Coast. This was followed by the Post-Schools Option Day on Wednesday 23rd July at CHEC, where students were able to collect information from a range of tertiary course providers and major employer groups to bring back to school and discuss with the Careers Advisor.
If you want some inside help for sitting your HSC English exam then don't miss this seminar on 27th August at Coffs Harbour City Library.

Andrew Scrivener is an experienced Marker for English exams who will be talking about what to focus on and how to utilise that crucial time before your HSC exam. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from a Marker and there'll be plenty of time for asking questions.

Refreshments served at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Bookings are essential as space is limited - see page 17 of this Newsletter.

For further information please contact the library on 6648 4900.

Art in Humanity

Congratulations to Amy Bieman of Year 9 who was the winner of the High School Section, ‘Art in Humanity’ competition recently held at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery. The competition was held to celebrate the work of Red Cross and 100 years of People Helping People (1914-2014).

Amy, along with other Year 9 visual art students from Woolgoolga High School, also entered their art works in this completion and all received praise from Sydney Artist and Judge Kath Fries.

Big congratulations to Amy and all the students who entered works to demonstrate their respect for Red Cross. Well done and thanks from all the Art Staff at Woolgoolga High School.
Year 7 Camp to the Coffs Coast Beach School

45 Year 7 students lead by 4 of our Year 8 SRC students will be heading to the Coffs Coast Beach School for a 3 day camp from Wednesday 20th August to Friday 22nd August.

2 weeks to go. Hope you are all getting as excited as I am!! Remember to finish up those final payments and check you have everything you need to attend. I will meet with students early next week to let them know groups and dorm etc.

Please look at the website to see more about the camp and all it has to offer.

Overnight camps offer invaluable benefits to children. They offer a strong sense of community, teaching children how to live amongst one another and share. School camps are often designed with challenging activities as a part of the program, which place students in new, unfamiliar settings; offering them a chance to build a new foundation of confidence of which the benefits extend into the classroom, and many other aspects of life. Self-reliance, self-regulation, heightened social and interpersonal skills, teamwork and problem solving are all important life skills developed in the experiences of a school camp, and these are all incredibly important to a child’s transition into adolescence and the challenges of adulthood.

Chris Hansen, Year 7 Adviser


(Pictures from Website)
Canteen—Eat Fresh

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

See menu with price list on the school’s website

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- Now making smoothies, milkshakes, thickshakes and hot chocolate
- Fresh home made pies
- Ham and cheese croissants available every morning before school.
- With the change of season in September, our menu will change. New meals will be introduced, taking some out and keeping the most popular. We will endeavour to keep our prices the same.
- We are now making family pies for staff, and anyone else, to buy along with packaged meals. If you have a special meal request we just need 24 hours notice and where ever possible we will make it possible.
- A great catering menu of salads, fried rice, fruit salad, kebabs etc is available for anyone having a party and does not have time to prepare the food themselves. Just contact the canteen and I can give you the prices.
- We still need help so anyone who can volunteer some time would be greatly appreciated. I am only looking for about 1 hour of your time.
- If any students are interested on being on a roster to help in the canteen please just come and see me.
- I am also looking for donations of any fruit that I can freeze into fruit cups. The students love them.

Lynne and myself love working at the school and enjoy making good food for everyone.

Cheryl Summers
Canteen Manager
HSC English Marker talks on Exam preparation and study tips

Coffs Harbour City Library
Wednesday, 27th August

Refreshments served at 5.30pm
Talk starts at 6pm

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Ph: 6648 4900
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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