Showcasing talented dancers, drama students, singers and musicians across all years, this is definitely a Concert of Excellence.

Doors open at 6.15, show starts at 7pm promptly and the early birds get the best seats. Tickets will be sold on the night at the door: $7 adults $4 concession.

Our lovely canteen ladies will be cooking up a feast of yummy dishes, serving food from 6.15 and again during Interval.

An event not to be missed!

Tuesday, August 26
Doors open 6.15pm, show starts promptly at 7.00pm
From the Principal's Desk

I would like to begin this newsletter with the recognition and appreciation our school community had for Aunty Marg Lardner who passed this week. Throughout her life she cherished the youth in our community and our school would not be the great place it is today without her continued support and positivity. Aunty Marg loved coming into our school and giving herself in stories to our children. At the last NAIDOC ceremony she sat in our Gumbaynggirr classroom and commented at how elated she felt at how far we have come in focussing on our youth and as a community in providing enjoyable outcomes for all of our students, particularly our indigenous students. She has certainly helped make our school rich in culture, language and heritage. Thank you!

Luke Hartsuyker, our local federal member of parliament, visited our school last Tuesday. He presented Sam Burke of Year 8 with a cheque for $500 to acknowledge his excellence as a sportsman. Whilst at the school, Luke visited a few classrooms. He was very impressed with the fluency of the language class who also had the opportunity to sing “The Welcome Song” in Gumbaynggirr language. He was also suitably impressed with Patrick Nimbs’ worm farm in the MC class. See more photos on page 5.

We have had two major excursions this week – one to Gunnedah for agriculture with students staying on a working farm and the other excursion to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre at Bonville. Last night I visited the Year 7 students at Bonville and the leadership camp, as the name suggests, was developing teams, bonds and capabilities in our students that will last a lifetime. Leadership development of our students is a very important part of our school culture and we are planning to expand these opportunities for many of our students.

At the last Executive meeting, it was decided that in most cases, future excursions may open up for opportunities for our prefects, SRC members and possibly Gold Award recipients. They may be offered a place in some of our quality excursions. They will work side by side with teachers, planning, working with, and leading groups of students in the various activities and parts of the excursion. The skills they learn will help them to develop into the true leaders of tomorrow. We trialled this at the Year 7 camp and there were enormous benefits to both the student participants and our new leaders.

Parent Teacher night last Tuesday was a resounding success. I heard many positive comments from parents about our school and our classrooms. There were more parents in attendance than any other parent teacher night I have attended at the school.

Please come and support our 2014 Concert of Excellence this Tuesday evening August 26th at 7.00pm.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal
Community loses a true lady

AUNTY MARG LARDNER

As a community grieves the loss of a remarkable woman, I would like to share some memories of a much loved friend and inspirational Garby Elder, Aunty Marg.

Aunty Marg spent a lot of time in classrooms here at Woolgoolga High School as well as the primary schools in this area. This wasn’t a chore, she genuinely loved to tell her stories and share her knowledge of Aboriginal culture with the children. This had a huge impact on both students and teachers alike, who would frequently comment on her visits and ask when she could come back to their class again.

NAIDOC wasn’t NAIDOC without the colourful presence of Aunty Marg, even the Aboriginal flag paled when she stood next to it. Our school has been extremely fortunate to have had Aunty Marg share this and other special occasions with us over the years.

Aunty Marg touched the hearts and lives of so many people and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with her family and the community at this very sad time.

Her inspirational stories and her beautiful, kind and caring personality will live on in this school for a very long time.
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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PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT

AMBULANCE SCHOOL COVER

EXCURSIONS

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 or 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.
Visit from local Federal MP, Luke Hartsuyker

Above: With Sam Burke

Right: With Kayla McIntosh MC Class teacher and Liz Scholten, Student Learning Support Officer,

Below: With Guy Wright, Principal and Gumbaynggirr language class students.
To help your children stay safe online, Woolgoolga High School hosted a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for year 8 students, this presentation was provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach covered 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.

Year 8 were all extremely attentive and have learnt some really valuable lessons to apply to their online behaviours.

Woolgoolga High School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home and it was great to be able to host this sort of presentation from a Cybersmart professional.
to our students who have successfully gained selection in the North Coast Regional Athletics team

Izack Smidt : Isaiah Koopmans : Samuel Burke : Johnathon Gusman : Steven Adams : Jarrod Sadler : Reeyce Sadler

Above: U/16 Girls Relay
Left: U/12 Boys Relay

Below: U/15 Girls Relay
Below Left : Walkers

Tanisha Wallace : Berach Desalegn Bekele : Rhianna Birch : Gemma Hutchinson : Jessica Midavaine

Izack Smidt : Isaiah Koopmans : Samuel Burke : Johnathon Gusman : Steven Adams : Jarrod Sadler : Reeyce Sadler
Regional Athletics Results

Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} August 2014 was a beautiful day, full of specialist athletes and talent a-plenty from around the North Coast region. Far North Coast took out the point score at the carnival, followed by schools from the following zones: Mid North Coast (774), Lower North Coast (626) and Northern Rivers (602). Woolgoolga High School competitors joined a strong contingent in the Mid North Coast zone and also came 8\textsuperscript{th} in overall placing among the school championship point score. Congratulations must go to all competitors from the school, in particular, to those who are advancing to the next level – the State Carnival to be held later in the term. A huge thankyou to Ms Melissa Hyder (school sports coordinator) for ensuring that all students were well-prepared for the day’s proceedings and championship organisation. Staff members, Mr Feeney, Ms Spillett and Mrs Hart also attended the day and some were even fortunate enough to observe one of the seven records being broken at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium facilities this year!

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Year 11 recently attended a road safety day filled with practical and powerful workshops. This interactive day was sponsored by Woolgoolga Rotary. All the students in attendance learnt a great deal from the driving experts. Year 11 represented Woolgoolga High School well and enjoyed hearing from the range of experts. All students who attended will receive a certificate of participation for this worthy program. Thank you to Woolgoolga Rotary and all the fantastic presenters for a valuable day.
It is hoped that the knowledge gained from RYDA will produce safer, more knowledgeable drivers in the future.
Each Friday of Term 3, and 4 starting 25th July, four of our Year 10 students are completing a Certificate II in Skills For Work and Training as part of an introduction to Vocational training. Depending on the strand chosen, these students can gain skills in Automotive, Construction, Plumbing, Metals, Hospitality, Hair and Beauty and Digital Media.

Pictured: Ben O'Connor and Jye Thomson completing the Construction course at Coffs Harbour TAFE. Other students attending are Shania Pitman and Katelyn McDonald.

**Assessment Resource Centre** (Board of studies) provides work samples for exam style questions and an online multiple choice using exam questions from past papers.

Leave Pass for School Sport

Student and Parents/Caregivers are reminded that School Sport is a compulsory requirement of schooling. Students who cannot avoid an appointment on a Wednesday afternoon during sport time must follow the correct procedure to leave school grounds.

1. Students must bring a note from home and submit this to their relevant Deputy Principal before school on Wednesday morning.

2. After approval for leave is granted by the Deputy, students take their note to the front office where a 'leave pass' will be given to the student stating the time they will be departing school grounds.

3. Students may leave school grounds at the time that the 'leave pass' states.

Failing to follow the above procedures may result in your child having fractional truancy on their record and a demotion in the school welfare merit system.

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.
**Flu season is here!**
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
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.

- Now making smoothies, milkshakes, thickshakes and hot chocolate
- Fresh home made pies
- Ham and cheese croissants available every morning before school.
- Menu change in September introducing new meals and keeping the most popular.
- If any students are interested on being on a roster to help in the canteen please just come and see me.
- Donations of any fruit which can be frozen greatly appreciated.

Cheryl Summers
Canteen Manager
Year 11 Girls Essay Competition (500 words) conducted by “Country to Canberra”

Country to Canberra is a national initiative empowering rural girls to realise their leadership potential. As an Australian first, we connect passionate students from country regions with powerful female leaders based in the nation's capital. Country to Canberra is running a nationwide essay competition for Year 11 rural students, with the winners receiving a trip to the ACT to attend an exclusive breakfast with high-profile female politicians and executives.


The competition closes on 11 September 2014.
Community

STEP OUTSIDE THE BOX

OCTOBER 11 & 12

NEW COURSES RELEASED
BIKE TRANSITION @ PACIFIC BAY RESORT

SUNDAY BEGINNERS/Juniors:
TASTE OF ADVENTURETHON and JUNIOR ADVENTURETHON
5KM PADDLE, 30KM MTB RIDE, 20KM RUN

www.ADVENTURETHON.COM.AU

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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.