Science students sure to be up to the challenge

The school will host the Coffs Harbour Science and Engineering Challenge that will see more than 250 students from across the region come to town.

Supported by the Woolgoolga Lions and Rotary Clubs, and in conjunction with the University of Newcastle, the event will offer students a unique opportunity to experience a side of science and engineering they may not have encountered before.

“It’s a really great event where students get to do experiments and really get into the fun of science and engineering”, Lions president Michael Hope said. “The challenge bus comes up with fun and interesting activities.”

Principal Guy Wright said it was a great win for the school. “It really is perfect for us and ties in really well with the work our head teacher of science has been doing to increase interest in the field,” Mr Wright said. “We’ve been doing a lot of work at the school to focus on increasing interest in science and technology.

“I did read that Australia is looking to up the 457 visas for science and technology because we just don’t have enough graduates in the field so it’s really important to foster the interest and passion in the area at high school.”

Last year 32 students from Woolgoolga took part in the challenge and the Coffs Harbour organising committee is confident this number will increase in 2015. The challenge is aimed mainly at Year 10 students, however, some younger students are involved.
From the Principal's Desk

Our school has been developing a new school plan and we have worked closely with our school community to develop a quality plan for the next three years.

Significant consultation has taken place with our P&C, the SRC, Prefects and School Captains, the senior executive staff, executive staff and the whole school staff. Next Thursday at 3.30pm we would like to invite any other community members that would like to have input into the future direction of our school, to a meeting to be held in the school library.

As per our front cover page in this newsletter, we are very excited about hosting the Coffs Harbour Science and Engineering challenge on 31st of March and acknowledge the significant input from our local Rotary and Lions community groups. I believe few communities in NSW have such close links with their local clubs. Thanks once again for your support!

The Phoonie family continues to excel; what cricketing greats! Congratulations to Raman and Alisha who made it to CHS Firsts whilst in Year 11. Well done, we are very proud of you both.

Likewise, special mention needs to go to other great achievements this last fortnight: the zone swimming team; Daniel Ridge with his $1000 scholarship to study the automotive trade; Zoe Cowan and La'Shonda Pierce being invited to participate in the Bangarra dance group which will perform at the School Spectacular; Lachlan Beedie’s regional representation in baseball; Sam Burke who finished 3rd in the CHS (public schools) division of the All Schools Triathlon; Jarrah Bill earned a cheque for $250 at the 2015 Wandiyali Indigenous Surfing Classic. Our students have been busy!

Our Open Mic (performance) is continuing to gain a great following. I am always amazed and impressed at the exceptional talent in our school and how all performances are received in a most positive, friendly and encouraging atmosphere. We indeed have a great school culture. Thanks Mrs Chivers!

Over the next few weeks Mr Blair and his team are working with a significant number of staff to enhance their understanding and use of the literacy continuum in the school. This will in the future add significantly to our achievements in literacy across the school. With extensive experience over many years and working as a literacy consultant in past jobs we are very fortunate to have Mr Blair on our staff.

The University Road Show was a huge success last Tuesday. It is so important to encourage our students and create an environment where most of our students know they are capable of going to university and also to create a vision of future success. This often motivates students as they can gain a “need to succeed” attitude.

All students and staff now have access to Google classroom, Google sites and Google docs with unlimited storage. A link to these important tools can be found in the student portal.

Have a great fortnight.

Advance notice:

- A 7-12 parent/teacher evening will be held on 24th March from 3.30pm.
- Year 12 half yearly examinations begin 25th March.

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

Generation Animation
Cartoon characters from any era
Wednesday 18th March
6.30pm-9.30pm

Parent/Teacher meetings
Tuesday 24th March
Booking sheets will be available from Monday 9th March. Students are required to book an appointment time with their teacher.

Excluded from Woolgoolga High School - school discos
Any student who has received a SUSPENSION WARNING is excluded from the disco for the school term of that warning.

Any student who has been SUSPENDED from school is excluded from the disco for 6 calendar months from the date of that suspension.

Any student who continually refuses to wear UNIFORM, has been notified at least three times, and receives a uniform letter, is excluded from the disco for the school term of that letter.

Any student who TRUANTS twice is excluded from the disco for the school term of the second truancy and the next school term.

Mr Henderson-Deputy Principal
Last Friday 42 students represented Woolgoolga High School at the annual Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival held at Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool. The final points score has not been released yet, but Woopi had some excellent results, in particular in the team relay events. Woolgoolga came in the top three in every relay event they entered.

Many of the above students have also qualified to compete at the North Coast Regional Swimming Carnival at Lismore in various individual events. Special mention to Mitchell Huthnance, Isaiah Koopmans, Samuel Burke and Emerson Bhatti who have qualified for five or more individual events.

Commendation to the three senior boys Tom Fowler, Dayn Quiring, and Jordan Toms for their outstanding job as time keepers throughout day at the zone carnival. Also thanks to Mrs Bear, Mrs Hine and Mrs Hyder for attending the carnival as officials.

Good Luck to all students competing at the North Coast Regional Swimming Carnival.

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Congratulations to Daniel Ridge who was awarded a $1,000 scholarship towards study and career development in the automotive trade. With over 150 applicants for the 2015 BCU Bill Ussher Enterprise & Innovation Scholarship Daniel was recognised for his commitment, motivation and drive to achieve his career goals and for his contribution to the Woolgoolga community.

BANGARRA DANCE WORKSHOP

Zoe Cowan of Year 10 and La’Shonda Pierce of Year 7 attended the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Workshop at Grafton High on Monday 23rd February. The workshop was run in collaboration with the internationally renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre. The girls were part of a group of around 75 students from the mid-north coast area. All these students learned a contemporary Indigenous dance repertoire from some of Bangarra’s leading artists and through this process both Zoe and La’Shonda were identified as having exceptional talent and potential. They now have the opportunity to progress and join the Aboriginal Dance Company, which will perform at the State Dance Festival and School Spectacular. These are both very high profile events with the capacity to extend their skills and experience that may also inform a future career path.
To **Lani Goodman and Bayley White**
who have been selected to represent Woolgoolga Surf Club and the North Coast Branch at the 2015 Youth Opportunity Makers (YOMs) program held from Tue 7 Apr – Fri 10 Apr 2015 at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation.

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To **Raman Phoonie** (Year 10)
who was selected in the North Coast boys open cricket team. Raman competed two weeks ago at the CHS State Championship in Bathurst. A great achievement to be playing this level of cricket in an open school boys team at the age of only 15 years old.

*Well done!*

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To **Alisha Phoonie** (Year 11)
who also competed at the CHS State Championship in Armidale for the North Coast girls open cricket team. Alisha's performance was so impressive she has been selected in the NSW CHS girls open cricket team. Alisha will compete at the NSW All School State Carnival in Bathurst during March.

*Good Luck!*

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To **Lachlan Beedie** (Year 10)
who was selected in the North Coast Regional Baseball open boys team. Lachlan will compete at the NSW CHS State Championships in Lismore during March. Good Luck Lachlan!
to **Samuel Burke** (Year 9) and **Isaiah Koopmans** (Year 10) who competed at the All-schools Triathlon last week at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. This triathlon event was open to all students from public, Catholic and private schools. Both boys raced over the following distances for each discipline: 600 metre swim, 15 km cycle, 4 km run. Samuel came 7th out of all the students in his age group and 3rd out of the Combined High School (Public High Schools students only). Unfortunately, Isaiah withdrew from the event due to an injury in the run leg but very competitive in the swim and bike legs of the triathlon.

Well done boys!

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**2015 Wandiyali Indigenous Classic**

This prestigious surfing event was held on February 11th and 12th at Merewether Beach, Newcastle. The competition offers the biggest purse for an Indigenous surfing competition, with sponsors so impressed by previous year’s events they have doubled the prize money.

This attracted a high standard of competitors from all over the state. Jarrah Bill of Year 9, having recently found a passion for the sport and unearthed a potential talent, travelled to Newcastle to compete with a host of experienced surfers. Although Jarrah has only been surfing for a short time she managed to finish 4th in the open women’s event, picking up a $250 cheque and trophy.

We would like to congratulate Jarrah on her fantastic effort and wish her luck in her future surfing competitions.
# 2015 Sports Dates

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**Please Note:** Dates and venues are correct at time of printing but are subject to change. Please check closer to event.

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**Revised Date for Year 12 Formal**

**Tuesday**  
**17th November**  
**At**  
**Novotel Pacific Bay**
Parent Tips!

Vocational education
Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship or an apprenticeship, or gain other valuable industry experience.

Year 10 subject selection
How can you help your teen decide on subjects for Years 11 and 12? These tips talk about balancing choices based on your teen's strengths, while keeping their options open.

Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2015
Competition's theme is "My place in today's world". Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.
For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

When older kids struggle with reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.
Pediculosis (Head lice)

Usual time between infection and illness – eggs of lice usually hatch in a week and reach sexual maturity in approximately two weeks.

Symptoms and signs – the scalp itches. Lice and nits (eggs) are found on the scalp. Scratches may become infected and swelling of the glands of the neck can occur. Nits look like tiny white specks stuck to the hair.

How long to keep your child away from school because of the risk your child may infect other children – until appropriate treatment is begun. It is not necessary to shave the head.

Whether to keep contacts home from school – it is not necessary to keep those in contact at home. You should inspect all close contacts regularly for lice and nits. All other family members living in the same house should be treated at the same time when you are treating the affected person.

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.
1st Woolgoolga Scout Group major raffle

The prize is a brand new Mazda 2 auto including on road costs.
There are only 250 tickets for sale at $100 each.
Tickets can be paid off at $10 per week
Car will be drawn on the 30th June 2015 with delivery to take place 1st July 2015.

Contact Pat on 0409345604

for more details phone 6648 4833 or www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au
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.