

West Wyalong High School



Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EDUCATION WEEK

Last week was education week across NSW and it was a great time to reflect on how lucky we are to be Australians. We have a great free public education system that supports the development of all students in our care. We recognise that many students around the world do not have such opportunities to learn in a school setting like ours. Many families cannot afford an education and many cannot access a free education. Sometimes it is important to remind our children of the opportunities that surround us and the importance of making smart choices.

The theme for education was "Today's schools-making tomorrow's world" and this aligns very closely with our school focus on student futures. We continue to provide experiences for our students to aspire for the careers of their choice. We had an Astrophysicist from CSIRO visit our school last week to inspire our students about the physical nature of stars and other celestial bodies. We are always seeking new experiences for our students to expose them to the vast range of careers available. Our students continue to participate in local work experiences and we appreciate the support of the business community in our town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the support of our entire school community as we continue to strive for school excellence. After all it takes a village to raise a child!

GRIFFITH HIGH TOO PERSUASIVE

Our Year 9/10 Debating team competed in their two rounds of the Zone debates for the Premier's Debating Challenge against Arian Park Central School and Griffith High School at the end of Term 2. Our team consisted of Molly Cattle, Oscar Mason, Jake Jewell and Rebecca Cumming.

CALENDAR

TERM 3 WEEK 4	
Tuesday 14 August	Year 11 Parent Teacher Night POSTPONED to a later date
WEEK 5	
Monday 20 August	P&C Meeting, 7pm - Library
Tuesday 21 August	YAM – Year 9
Wed 22-29 August	HSC Trial Exams

We won the first debate as the negative team against APCS on the topic that "Teachers should be able to search student's bags." We moved on to debate against GHS, with GHS narrowly winning the negative case on the topic that "All State and National teams should have at least two indigenous players." Arian Park then debated GHS on the topic that "There should be a Minister for Youth in the Federal Cabinet", with GHS winning the negative case. GHS were outstanding in their debating technique and ability to speak for the required 8 minutes and deserved to be Zone Champions. Our coach Ms Dwyer was pleased with our performance and the way our line of argument had developed so that we presented a strong team case in each debate. We enjoyed the excellent food prepared by the APCS Hospitality students.



WWHS Year 9/10 Debaters Sitting L-R Molly Cattle, Jake Jewell, Oscar Mason and Rebecca Cumming.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL 15 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS ADELAIDE

From the 21st-28th July, 2018 (Week 1, Term 3) Zac Hanrahan represented NSW All Schools 15 years and under at the Australian Football Championships held in Adelaide. Zac was one of only two player's bottom age who represented the NSW side.

Zac had a fantastic time at the Championships and gained valuable experience playing against the best Under 15's players in Australia. He played outstanding football in all games and was named one of the best players against Victoria.

Zac mostly played in the ruck position with a couple of spells in the forward line. Some of the venues played included Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Hickinbotham Oval, Coopers Stadium and City Mazda Oval.

Zac should be very proud of his efforts. To represent New South Wales is an outstanding achievement. Zac also has the opportunity to gain selection in the same Championships next year.

Results:

NSW V ACT 83-12 win,
NSW vs VIC 75-10 loss,
NSW vs WA 56-36 loss,
NSW vs NT 158-14 win,
NSW vs TAS 55-44 loss

Congratulations Zac, you have represented West Wyalong High School, your community and your family with distinction.



Stay Connected

A reminder to those students, parents, carers and family who have yet to "Like" our Facebook page. A reminder to those students, parents, carers and

family who have yet to "Like" our Facebook page, please do, so that you will receive notifications and important information about upcoming events.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WestWyalongHS/>

School Website <http://www.westwyalong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Newsletter (which can also be found on our website)



The Department of Education is working closely with the Black Dog Institute to support the implementation of Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM), an evidence based mental health program. As part of the Wellbeing initiatives at West Wyalong High School, all Year 9 students will be participating in YAM for five hours over a three week period. This program will be run at our school by qualified YAM instructors.

YAM is a culturally sensitive program targeted at all Year 9 students to promote increased knowledge and discussion about mental health, as well as the development of problem-solving skills and emotional intelligence.

There are six themes explored through discussion and role play in the program: *What is mental health; Self-help advice; Stress and crisis; Depression and suicidal thoughts; Helping a friend in need; who can I ask for advice.* Students will also be issued an information resource booklet about content covered in the course as well as local support networks that they may find helpful.

This is a free program for all Year 9 students. The Department of Education has funded all costs associated with the YAM program.

If you wish to discuss or gain further information about the YAM program please contact:

West Wyalong High School

Contact person: Mrs Leonie Meredith

Phone number 6972 2700

SCHOOLS' CUP NETBALL

On Wednesday 8th August, ten year 7 students travelled to Orange to compete in the finals of the Schools Cup Netball. The girls had won the year 7/8 division at Parkes in May to qualify for this competition.

The girls played eight games during the day consisting of 8 minute halves. The other teams were predominantly year 8 students which did not deter our girls. They finished the day with a win against Broken Hill and a draw with OAGS. Three of the six losses were only by 2 goals and a fourth loss was by only one goal. The West Wyalong team was very competitive and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

The team consisted of Loudy Bishop, Holly Whiley, Kaylee Johnston, Olivia Hopper, Rory Burge, Abbey Whyte, Halle West, Brianna Hanrahan, Charlee Jones and Maddie Cooper.



WWHS - SCHOOLS' CUP NETBALL REPRESENTATIVES

YEAR 7 HISTORY EXCURSION MANNA MOUNTAIN

On Monday 6th August, Year 7 travelled out to Manna Mountain for a History excursion. They looked at the grinding grooves and the water well created by Aboriginal people. Sally and Mal from LCCC shared lots of interesting knowledge about the local site and its significance to the Aboriginal people.

Year 7 enjoyed the very difficult climb to the top of Manna Mountain. It was great to see everyone helping each other to get to the top and back down again.

To finish off the day, the students had the task of building a "Gunya" (shelter) using natural resources.

It was a great experience for Year 7, and it was pleasing to see excellent leadership qualities displayed by the students.





NSW EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY

Students Taking Minimum Standard Online Tests This Term

We are enrolling a number of Year 10 students in this term's minimum standard online tests. The tests allow our students to demonstrate they meet the HSC minimum standard, which is required to receive the Higher School Certificate from 2020. There are three tests the students must pass to achieve the HSC minimum standard – reading, writing and numeracy. Students have two opportunities a year to meet the standard in each of these areas from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

We will also be enrolling Year 10 students in practice tests so they can get used to the online test format and we can assess whether they are ready to take the tests.

Go to the NESA website to:

- Understand what to expect in these tests
- See sample questions and answers
- Take the demonstration test

www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to Hannah Whyte and Reece Turner for their Excellence in Leadership awards. All 20 of the West Wyalong network of schools were represented at the presentation and our school was chosen as the host venue. Mrs Karen Burke (DoE Director Education Leadership) presented the awards to our school captains.

