

# West Wyalong High School

## Newsletter

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Monday 22 March 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 9

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was a pleasure attending our P&C Annual General Meeting last Monday evening. We would like to thank Mrs Melissa Blackwood for volunteering her services and being elected again as the President for 2021. We have filled all the necessary P&C committee positions and I am sure we will continue to work together to improve our wonderful school. During the AGM the successes of 2020 were discussed including the much needed support for our school canteen. I encourage all families to consider the canteen as a healthy option for school meals. Our services for purchasing food have been enhanced through the activation of payWave and EFTPOS and hopefully this has made our canteen a better option for students.

During the meeting I was able to present our key aspects for the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan. This included the commitment to improve literacy, numeracy and attendance as well as a senior school focus for our Year 10 students. Our planning also includes further strategies for strengthening relationships with our school community and using data to respond to the individual needs of all students. Several aspects for improving our school profile were also discussed including the importance of communication through our SENTRAL parent portal and wearing school uniform. School pride is at the forefront of our community and wearing school uniform is a very important part of the pride we have in our school. Mostly, the wearing of our uniform is excellent and I encourage all parents to insist on the wearing of uniform. For those families having financial struggles, assistance is available to help with the purchase of uniform. School uniform not only reflects school pride, it also improves our sense of belonging and improves the safety of our students.

Overall, it has been an extremely successful start to the year and our teachers are providing excellent, engaging lessons to extend our students. I am excited about the inspirational lessons being delivered across our school and look forward to some further outstanding results from our students.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter school holidays.

### CALENDER – TERM 1 & 2, 2021

WEEK 9	
Tues 23 March	White Card training
Wed 24 Mar – Friday 26 Mar	Year 11 Dubbo excursion <b>CANCELLED</b>
WEEK 10	
Wed 30 March	CHS Western Rugby League Boys Under 14s Buckley Shield, Lithgow
Thursday 1 April	Last day of Term 1
WEEK 1 TERM 2	
Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 April	Term 2 – students return
Monday 19 Apr – Friday 23 Apr	NSW CHS Basketball Championships, Tamworth

### STAY CONNECTED

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.westwyalon-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

## STUDENT ORGANISATION

### CHS BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUND 2

On the 11th of March our Open Boys' and Girls' basketball teams competed in the second round of the CHS basketball knockout. Our girls had one game on the day against Forbes High School and the boys had 2 games against Cowra High School and Forbes High School. First up the boys played against Forbes High, an early lead gave them some breathing room and they were able to come out with an 85 to 17 win.

The girls were up next and they were up against some tall timber in Forbes High. The girls were classy in their victory and showed dominance on the offensive and defensive side of the game coming out with a 100 to 28 victory.

Last up was the boys against Cowra High. Cowra put up a fight until the final siren sounded but our boys were a cut above and came out with a 71-53 victory.

Thanks to Ricky and Sheree for bussing us all back to school especially with the rain about. Congratulations to both the boys and girls teams and best of luck in the next round at Orange.



everyone, it is great to see all the new skills you are gaining.



## YEAR 9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Mrs Meredith's 9/10 Food Technology class have been working incredibly hard in practical lessons. Well done





## WESTERN REGION TRIAL DATES - 2021

Over the years WWHS has had many students selected in a variety of Western Region teams with some going on to higher honours. These students have been self motivated, organised and spent many hours training to compete against other highly skilled athletes from our Region, State and even Australia.

While there are still some sports yet to confirm their trial dates, the ones that have been set are listed below. The knockout draws for Western Region have not been released at this stage.

Any students who intend to trial for Western Region teams, please keep in mind that you will need to organise transport, listen carefully to the daily notices, at assemblies and collect and return all relevant forms to Mr Duncan in a timely manner.

As with all absences from school, students are expected to talk with their teachers about class work and assessment tasks that may be impacted by their absences and find workable solutions.

25th & 30th Mar & 22nd Apr – Rugby League (15's/Opens)

31st Mar – Opens Golf

26th Apr – Open Boys/Girls Touch Football

3rd May – Gymnastics

9th June – Cross Country

23rd July – Athletics

Everyone is welcome to view the current (the most up to date) information on the Western Region website <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Western>

If you have any questions, please see Mr Duncan.

## YEAR 12 2020 DESTINATION RESULTS

West Wyalong High School is very proud of last years' graduating cohort. Amongst the disruption of COVID-19 students displayed resilience and were able to achieve some fantastic outcomes for themselves. When interviewed in February students answered destination survey questions to indicate which career pathways they had followed. Many students have successfully found work, four students gained traineeships and all ten students who wanted a university pathway received university offers.

West Wyalong High School's success with students gaining early entry to university has continued. Nine out of the ten students wishing to go to university were able to apply for early entry and were all successful. All ten students successfully got into university and five students decided to defer their studies for a gap year. The most popular universities for our students were Charles Sturt University and the University of Canberra. When interviewed the feedback from students was very positive. Many students were very happy with the pathways they had chosen and were very grateful to the school for the support of teachers and staff. When asked if there was anything else the school could have helped them with, one student reported "Nope. I feel like I was helped a lot. Every time I was unsure someone had an answer for me". West Wyalong High School works very hard to support school leavers including accessing funding to provide free short courses for students finishing Year 12. Last year these courses included the RSA/RCG, Barista and Fork Lift Licence. These courses help students gain employment whether they are staying local or wishing to get a job whilst at university.

Close to 60% of students indicated that they would be staying in West Wyalong for 2021 whilst others indicated moving away from home. Wherever these students' paths take them West Wyalong High School wishes them the best of luck.

## YEAR 7 WOLLONGONG EXCURSION

Earlier this term, Year 7 embarked on a three day adventure to the South Coast. It was a long drive with a coach full of 57 excited students, but we finally arrived the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort. After unpacking our bags, we headed straight down to the local Surf Life Saving Club for a presentation on beach and surf safety. Here we learnt about how to identify a rip and what some of the flags and hand signals mean. Then we got to jump in the water for a swim! Some of us even learnt how to body surf a wave into shore. We didn't want to leave the beach but the promise of lasagne and pavlova for dinner encouraged us out of the water.

Day two was action packed yet again, with an early start to visit the Wollongong Lighthouse and lookout platform. The view was fantastic and we were all mesmerised watching the waves roll in and the surfers bobbing out on the water. There was an awesome hill to roll down too! After that we headed off to Nan Tien Temple to experience the many aspects of Buddhist culture. We practiced Tai Chi, learnt about the temple's history and even tried a vegetarian lunch. Next stop was an afternoon of bowling and eating hot chips and milkshakes.

Our final day was the one we had been waiting for.... Jamberoo! We spent the morning slipping, sliding and swimming and then we had a delicious burger meal for lunch. Lucas and Mr G competed for who could eat the most burgers.. let's call it a tie. Some of us tackled the biggest rides we could find like 'The Perfect Storm' whilst others like Ms Burgess, floated around in the lazy river.

Overall, we had an awesome time and would like to thank the school for this opportunity and Ms Burgess, Mr Grintell, Mrs Meredith, Mrs Wilson, Jesse, Hannah and Mrs Bishop for taking us.







## PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW YEAR  
NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)



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or visit our webpage  
[www.jossgroup.com.au](http://www.jossgroup.com.au)



We can help make teaching your learner driver a happy experience.



Be A Good Sport and register for Bland Shire Council's up-coming Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshop. You will get tips and practical advice on topics such as understanding the new laws for Learner and Provisional licence holders, completing the Learner driver log book and supervising learner drivers.

DATE: Tuesday 23 March  
TIME: 6.00PM – 8.00PM  
VENUE: TBC

Bookings are essential for the Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers and can be made by contacting Bland Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, Karen Trethowan:

Mobile: 0437 645 183

Email: [ktrethowan@temora.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ktrethowan@temora.nsw.gov.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyInfo](https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyInfo)

#ChooseRoadSafety #roadsafety #saferpeople #saferroads



Join us these school holidays  
at Bland Shire Library for

## Guitar Lessons

with Tegan Sheedy  
Riverina Music Therapy

Group Guitar Lesson For **Primary Students** 10.15am—11.15am

Group Guitar Lesson For **Secondary Students** 11.30am—12.30pm

Wednesday  
7th April  
2021

Limited places.  
\$25  
per person

Bring your own  
guitar.  
Alternatively,  
Tegan has plenty



For bookings and enquiries contact Bland Shire Library on 69790272



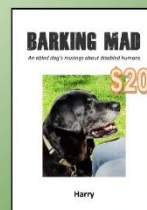
For beginners to the more advanced.



## Author Talk



## HARRY and ROSS



Meet Harry, guide dog and companion to Ross. Harry's book offers a light-hearted look at life from the perspective of a working dog entrusted with the safety of a disabled human.

Tuesday 13 April  
11am

Bland Shire Library  
Booking essential  
for catering  
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Profits from the sale of  
Barking Mad will go to  
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT



## Bland Shire Through your eyes!

Selected paintings and photographs created by local youth will be featured on window decals for display in selected empty shop fronts lining the Main Street.

12— 25 year olds invited to submit photographs and paintings

Artists will be paid for the use of the chosen images.

Submit A4 Portrait images only

Email images to [council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)—titled "Youth Art Initiative"

West Wyalong Anglican Church

# Book Fair

at the Parish Centre  
14 Court Street,  
West Wyalong

**Saturday 3rd April,**  
9.00am to 6.00pm

**Sunday 4th April**  
10.30 am to 5.00pm

**Monday 5th April 2021**  
9.00am to 3.00pm

A huge range of second hand books  
and lots of Children's Books ideal for  
reading during the winter months for  
sale!!!

COVID 19 Regulations will apply  
if necessary.

For more information contact John or  
Fran Mitchell on 6972 4221




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## COURSE SNAPSHOT

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The training will provide the participant with the skills and knowledge to assist clients' with mobility and transportation whilst participating in a safe working environment.

## THIS COURSE IS SUITED IF:

You are interested in further studies in the nursing and health sector.

These studies may include:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Health Services Assistance
- Aged Care
- Allied Health Assistance
- Diploma of Nursing

## COURSE DATES:

- 24 March to 16 June 2021

## UNITS OF COMPETENCY

- HLTWH5001 – Participate in Work Health and Safety
- CHCCCS002 – Assist with Movement
- CHCCCS026 – Transport Individuals

## COURSE STRUCTURE

- 2 hours per week 5.45pm to 7.45pm from 17 March to 16 June 2021, (excluding holidays 7 and 14 April 2021).
- 3 x 3 hour Skills workshops held on 21 April, 12 May and 2 June 2021 at West Wyalong Campus

Location:  
Delivered via  
"Connected Classroom".  
Attendance possible at West Wyalong or from home/work through a PC with internet connection.  
Course runs for 12 weeks.

Cost: This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. To be eligible you must be:

- 15 yrs or older
- No longer in school
- Living or working in NSW
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen



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