



WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the school year ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful community for their support and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our staff and students. 2022 has been another year of challenges related to COVID, staffing and the general wellbeing of our students. Although we were presented with a range of difficulties, our staff adjusted and provided fantastic support for our students and their families. We are extremely proud of the progress made during 2022 and we have great plans for 2023.

We have been fortunate to have plenty of support from our local community, particularly in relation to School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships and work experiences with our local businesses and schools. The generosity of scholarships from a range of families, CWA, Bland Shire Council, Ex-Sevicemans' Club, Riverina TAFE, Goldenfields Water and Evolution Mining are greatly appreciated.

We recently held our Outstanding Effort Assembly and it was pleasing to see so many students receive awards for their efforts during Semester 2. Throughout the year, our students achieved a range of successes in and out of the classrooms. We provided plenty of extracurricular activities that supported student wellbeing and we extended students in their areas of interest. On Thursday, at our Presentation Day Assembly, we will acknowledge some of these achievements.

Although our students have faced their own challenges, it was pleasing to see our leaders volunteer to fundraise and send their best wishes to

some of our local schools impacted by floods. It is reflective of our school spirit and I continue to be very proud of our community and thoughtfulness of students.

I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy some quality family time during the holiday break.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr Sheens

CALENDAR – TERM 4, 2022

WEEK 10	
Thursday 15 December	Years 7-11 Presentation Day Assembly 1:00pm
Friday 16 December	Last day of Term 4
WEEK 1 TERM 1 2023	
Monday 30 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 31 January	School returns – all students

STUDENT ORGANISATION

TERM DATES

**Friday 16 December 2022 -
Students last day of Term 4**

**Tuesday 31 January 2023 -
Students return Years 7-12**



SHEARING SCHOOL

During Week 3, eleven students participated in a shearing school run by Australia Wool Innovations (AWI). A big thank you to the AWI instructors, who did a wonderful job showing the students all aspects of shearing and wool handling. In the five years that AWI have run this program for West Wyalong High School, 12 participants have joined the shearing industry as shearers around our local area. This can largely be put down to the professional way that the AWI Shearing Schools are structured and the excellent skills passed on to the participants.

Throughout the school, the students are reminded of the importance of hygiene, looking after themselves in relation to diet, good manners, teamwork, plenty of sleep and staying hydrated throughout the day. These are skills that relate to all aspects of everyday life.

A big thank you to John and Leanne Staniforth for again allowing us to use their shearing shed and Grant and Rebecca Kitto for once again supplying the sheep. Without their support, these types of activities would not be able to run.

Let's hope that these types of learning experiences continue for many years to come to allow secondary school students to experience what happens in the shearing and wool handling industry and give them the opportunity to join the industry if they find the work suitable to their interest.

Thanks also to Jackie Thompson of Moses and Son for supplying the students with a shearing singlet and the West Wyalong Sheep Breeders Association.



SHEARING OF THE SCHOOL SHEEP

On Friday 25 November, five WWHS students attended a shearing and wool handling day at "Avalon", West Wyalong, a farming property owned by Terry Cattle. The purpose of the day was to shear the school's sheep that were donated by Terry Cattle and John Staniforth. Liam and Hayden were keen to shear the sheep and fine tune the skills learnt at a recent shearing school. Laci, Madison and Jayde were able to learn skills relating to the handling of wool and had Lisa Sturgess from Fox & Lillie Rural on hand to pass on her knowledge.

Thank you to Terry Cattle, Terry and Mitchell Cattle and Lisa Sturgess. The day was finished with a sausage sizzle and a cool can of lemon squash.



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12

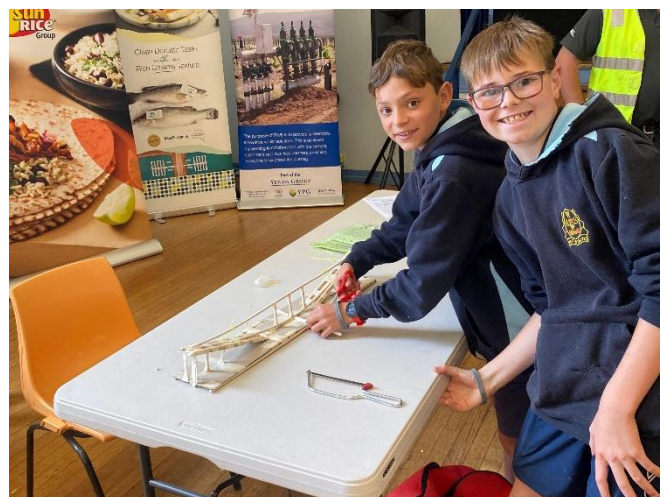
Our Year 12 graduating class were recognised at our Presentation Assembly and Dinner recently. It was a great opportunity for our Year 12 students to celebrate reaching the end of their schooling years. We wish our graduating class of 2022 all the best in their future endeavours.

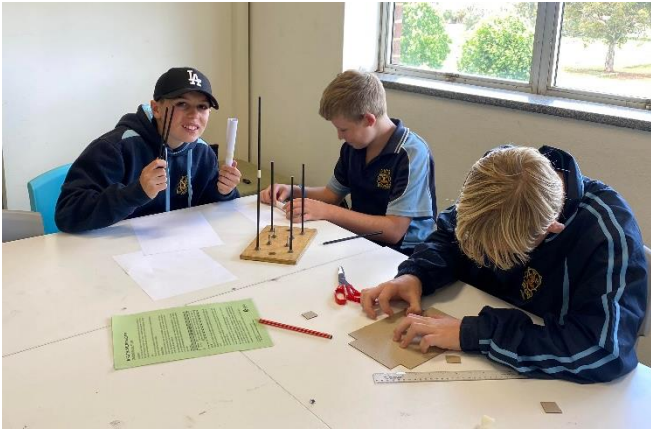


YEAR 7 STEM CHALLENGE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 16 November, some Year 7 students attended the STEM challenge day at Murrumbidgee Regional High School. Upon arrival, we quickly realised that we were the youngest (and shortest) competitors out of the seven schools attending. Regardless, we gave all the challenges a red hot crack and our major challenge of bridge building was one of the strongest when tested by the weighted trolleys.

In small groups, we worked our way through activities of creating a robotic hand, building an earthquake proof structure, sending beams of light to show a coded message and linking power to a town. At the end of the day, we came in last but had an exciting day. Thank you to Mr Heydon, Miss Maslin, Miss Wesierski and Ricky for organising the excursion.





Youth Outreach Support Officer) finished off an enjoyable evening with a gift bag for each student. A big thank you to all involved.



SENIOR STUDY LOCK IN

A dedicated group of senior students recently attended an information evening at Bland Shire Library. Hosted by Cathy Lange, they were shown online HSC resources available to them through the Riverina Regional Library and given study tips and advice from Ella Pettit (2022 WWHS Dux) and Abby Bolte (practicum HSIE teacher). Ms Maddie Wesierski then ran the students through yoga stress relief techniques and Mrs Ricky Bishop (WWHS

YEAR 12 SYDNEY EXCURSION

Our Year 12 Music, Visual Arts, Business Studies and Legal Studies classes recently spent 3 days in Sydney. Students experienced an array of activities that aligned with their subject areas. The first day was spent touring Bankstown, tasting different cuisines and finishing up with a ghost at Manly's Q station. On the second day, students split into curriculum based groups. HSIE students explored the law courts, did workshops at the Apple store and walked up the Sydney Harbour Bridge. CAPA students visited the Botanical Gardens for composing and observational

drawing, then headed to the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Conservatorium of Music. Finally, students enjoyed a symphony performance at the Opera House. The third day was just as busy with students splitting into subject areas again to further explore the law courts and art galleries before meeting at the Sydney Eye Tower for one last memorable experience.



MOVEMBER

Movember helps to spread awareness about men's mental, physical, and wellbeing health. It helps let men know that they are not alone and that there is support available to them.

The Movember event at West Wyalong High School was a success. Students and staff grew some mo's and created fake mo's to promote this cause. A free BBQ was provided alongside some free cookies. The students and staff had a lot of fun creating fake mo's and showing them off to others. There were many



Movember prizes handed out to the following winners -

- Best Mo - Mr Bishop
- Best Fake Mo - Mia Baker
- Runners Up Fake Mo - Gemma Lord
- Frazer's Favourite - Charlie Dodds
- Most Unexpected - Mr Charpentier
- Best All-Rounder - Tony Martin
- The Colourful One - Barnaby Worland
- The Untamed Beast - Mr Grintell
- The Classic Bogan - Bryson Earl
- The Lopsided Mo - Mr Frame
- The "Have a go bro" Mo - Kieran Duncan, Bryall Crowe and Nick Seaman

Thanks for the following people/businesses who donated prizes for our event -

- What's Cookin'
- Larry's Butchery
- Lush Hair & Co.
- Top Town Tavern
- Local artist Rebecca Cumming
- West Wyalong Pharmacy

Thank you also to Bland Shire Council for providing the BBQ lunch and to Mr Charpentier's food technology classes for providing the free cookies to go with the sausages. Massive thanks to other staff who helped with the organisation of this event.



PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS

On Wednesday 7 December, West Wyalong High School, in collaboration with the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Lands Council, held a presentation event to honour the effort and cultural connection of 15 First Nations students. Proud and Deadly Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of students across various fields such as attendance, cultural, academic, artistic and sporting accomplishments. The event was attended by students, staff, parents/carers, family members and local community members, all of which were in attendance to respect the efforts of all award recipients.

All students who received an award, held at the Lands Council were also honoured at the WWHS Outstanding Effort Award ceremony held on Friday 9

December. The Proud and Deadly Awards have been celebrated by WWHS for many years, however, it was tremendous to honour our students in the local community and we look forward to organising the event again in years to come.

Special thanks to Linton Haworth and Marlene Collins for their ongoing support of the students and staff at WWHS, Leticia Payne for her support in setting up the event, Peter Charpentier for his catering efforts and Ricky Bishop for organising the drinks. Finally, a big thankyou to Darryl Meredith for making the event happen.

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As technology advances, there are many educational platforms that we use to enhance student learning. Currently at WWHS, students have access to and are using:

- DEC Student Portal for emails
- WWHS Student and Parent Portal
- Google classroom
- Microsoft Teams
- edmodo
- WWHS website
- ClickView
- IXL
- WordFlyers
- Atomi

The WWHS Student and Parent Portal is one site where students can log into and access all of the above through clicking on the relevant links.

There are other features of the Portal that allow parents and students access to NAPLAN results, school

report comments and attendance data, all of which allow students to take ownership of their progress and learning as well as allow parents to be able to monitor their child's progress. WWHS reports are also distributed and accessed through the Portal.

Parent and student SENTRAL Portal instructions

This Quick reference guide can be used for both parents and students.

First time use and new user registration

The steps to access the Parent and student Portal are:

1. All parents and caregivers, are emailed their Parent and student Portal letters with their unique access key. If you do not have one contact the school.
2. Use Google Chrome to access the portal as some other browsers may not work as well.
3. Register for an account on the registration page
 - a. Enter in your username. This must be your current email address.
 - b. Create a secure password. Note - This is not where you put in the access key

You will now be taken to another screen.

1. Enter in the Access key from your letter
2. SUCCESS! You now have access to the WWHS Parent and Student Portal.

Please contact Mr Bishop if you require further assistance with access to the portal.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Bland Shire Library

2022 Christmas FOOD & GIFTS APPEAL



Please place your non-perishable in-date
FOOD in the basket under our Christmas
tree before Friday 16th December

and

Please place your unwrapped Christmas
gifts for children up to the age of 10 years
under our Christmas tree before

Friday 16th December



Thank you





supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

These sessions aim to:

- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
- Provide information about additional support services
- Highlight the importance of self-care

Where:

Online webinars.

When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: bit.ly/3UVKYQM, or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

Need more information?

Email us: programsupport@headspace.org.au.



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HP Chromebook 11MK G9 11.6"

MediaTek, ChromeOS + 3yr Support
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HP 240 G9 N4500 14"

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8GB RAM / 256 GB Storage



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HP ProBook 445 G9 14"

AMD R5 + 3yr Onsite Support
8GB RAM / 256 GB Storage



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SAVE \$550

HP ProBook 440 G9 14"

Intel i5 + 3yr Onsite Support
16GB RAM / 256 GB Storage



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Intel i7 + 3yr Onsite Support
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BYOD Program

Buying directly from HP ensures your child has the right device and support to work in the school environment. Importantly, it guarantees the latest learning devices at affordable pricing. All devices have been selected to meet the schools minimum device requirements.

How Do I Purchase?

The easiest way is to purchase online at www.hp.com.au/byod and use your school code. You can also purchase via the HP Call Centre 1300 725 017 (Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm AEST)

Payment Options?

- Pay with Visa, Mastercard, American Express, PayPal, G Pay, Apple Pay
- Latitude Pay Finance Interest Free for 24 or 36 months contact for more information

What is Accidental Damage Protection (ADP)?

ADP covers the device against accidental drops, spills or damage. Windows devices 3 major claims over 3 years. E.g if a student were to drop their device and crack a screen we will come to site to repair at \$0 excess including parts and labour. This is for Windows devices only. All Chromebooks have a \$60.50 inc GST Excess fee per claim (up to 9 claims over 3 Years).

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE SALE OF ADD-ON INSURANCES !!!

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission has introduced new regulations regarding the sale of add-on insurance products. These regulations now require a 4 day 'pause' between the purchase of a device and any add-on insurance associated with that device. We are still more than happy to assist you to purchase once that time has lapsed.

[BE SURE TO CLICK YOUR INTEREST and we will contact you.](#)



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