



# WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### WEEK 4 TERM 2

It is nice to be back in our wonderful school after a lengthy long service leave break of eight weeks. The school was left in the very capable hands of Mr Bishop and I would like to thank him for his work as Relieving Principal and Mr Heydon for relieving as Deputy Principal. During my absence, our school continued to face the challenges of being understaffed due to the impact of COVID. Thankfully, we have an adaptable team that managed the situation and maintained continuity of learning for our students. A reminder to our community that we still have students and staff contracting COVID and it is essential to maintain good hygiene practice and do not send your child to school if they are sick.

Our Year 7 and 9 students are currently completing NAPLAN and I would like to thank Mr Grintell for his skills in organising the assessment setting at our school. This year, we have attempted to improve the conditions for students undertaking these assessments by making sure they were well hydrated and fed before sitting the lengthy tests. A special thanks to Mrs Bishop, who has supplied sufficient food and drinks for all our students. As we know, NAPLAN is used as one measuring tool to help our teachers identify areas of strength and improvement in literacy and numeracy so we can target our teaching. It is important to note that NAPLAN is a very useful tool for our teachers, however, it does not measure many of the other talents displayed by our students including their artistic, cultural, sporting and creative skills.

Mr Sheens

### CALENDAR – TERM 2, 2022

#### WEEK 4

Wednesday 18 May – Thursday 19 May	CHS Girls Basketball Knockout, Pittwater
Thursday 19 May – Friday 20 May	CHS Tom Kemp Shield Under 16's Rugby League, Bourke

#### WEEK 5

Monday 23 May	P&C Meeting in library 6:30pm
Thursday 26 May	National Sorry Day

#### WEEK 6

Friday 3 June	Athletics Carnival, McAlister Oval
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### STUDENT ORGANISATION

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breaky Club at West Wyalong High School is now provided in partnership with Evolution Mines (sponsorship). Ricky Bishop, our Student Support Officer, is continuing to provide Breaky Club on Tuesday and Friday mornings (Week A) and Tuesday mornings (Week B). We serve toasted cheese sandwiches, Up & Go's, muesli bars and fruit. This is a great way to say good morning and Ricky gets to give our students a great start for the day with fuel in their bodies.



## WESTERN REGION UNDER 15'S RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

On Wednesday of Week 11 Term 1, West Wyalong High School was represented at the Under 15's Western Region Rugby League Trials held in Peak Hill. Both boys performed well on the day up against the best Under 15's Rugby League players in the Western Region. Unfortunately, they didn't gain selection in the Western Region side, however, enjoyed the experience and gained lots of confidence from playing at a higher level.



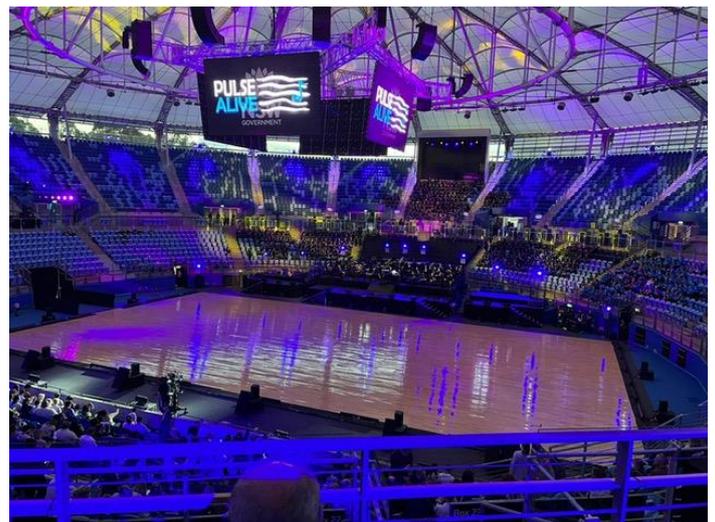
## ANZAC DAY WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Charlie Schneeberger who has won this year's ANZAC Day in the Riverina writing competition for his age group. The competition is sponsored by Mr McCormack MP and has been running for 12 years. Charlie's win continues West Wyalong High's impressive results in this Riverina wide competition. Charlie was presented with his prize by Mr McCormack MP at a special assembly last week. Every student who entered the competition also received a certificate to add to their portfolio.



## PULSE ALIVE

Earlier this year, Isabella Petrie represented West Wyalong High School at Pulse Alive. Isabella successfully got through two rounds of auditions to be one of six string players in the state to make the onstage ensemble that played the live backing for multiple acts. Pulse Alive, like School Spectacular, is hosted by The Arts Unit. About one thousand students from across NSW Department schools had the opportunity to take the spotlight and perform to a large audience. Isabella was one of three violinists to perform in the stage band who back various performances at the Ken Rosewall Arena which holds a capacity of just over ten thousand spectators. As part of the experience, Isabella attended several long days of rehearsals and two evening performances.



## UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG VISIT

Thank you to Josh from University of Wollongong who visited the school in Week 2. Josh gave an informative talk to students in Years 10-12 about the courses available at the university. The session also included information about services provided by the university and gave students some insight into campus life.



parents) more aware of where students are and improve student attendance. These factors will enhance learning opportunities for all students and contribute to their safety.

### How do I reply to an SMS message from the school?

When you receive an SMS about an absence, reply to the number with a short reason for the absence. Do not call the number, as it is an automated system using a virtual number.

### What if my mobile number changes?

Please notify the school immediately if your mobile number changes.

## WESTERN REGION TRIALS

There are a range of sports that students may trial for with the aim of being selected in the Western Region team. While some have specific selection processes, most involve students travelling and competing as part of a school team or being placed in a team and displaying their skills before possible/probable team is selected and from there a Western Region team.

In most cases, students who attend these trials will need to let the school know (as all sports need the entries to come from the school on behalf of the athletes) and most importantly, organise their own travel to the trials.

Please keep in mind that all of these sporting trials have cut off dates for names to be entered (usually at least one week prior). So if you are keen to attend, make sure all forms are returned to Mr Duncan or Mrs Milsom on time and you are all organised to go.

At times, the convenors may cancel or postpone events (for things such as poor weather) so please make yourself familiar with the website below as they place alerts/updates on there at times.



## SMS COMMUNICATIONS FOR STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

West Wyalong High School uses a Short Message Service (SMS) to send text messages to parents/guardians/caregivers to notify them of an unexplained absence or late arrival of their child. Parents will be informed by mobile phone SMS each time their child is absent when an explanation has not already been provided to the school. If your child is absent and a reason has been provided before the time the SMS is due to be sent, you will not receive a text message. SMS is also used to provide information to parents about school community events. This system has been shown to assist in making schools (and

A person who attends trials, is picked and withdraws without good reason will not be allowed to compete for Western Region for 12 months.

Western School Sport Association website –

<http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/welcome.htm>

20 May – Gymnastics

6 June – Tennis – Boys

15 June – Cross Country

26 Jul – Tennis – Girls

5 Aug – Athletics

10 Aug – Cricket – Boys/Girls

2 Nov – Softball – Girls

9 Nov – Softball – Boys



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

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.

### P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 23 May 2022 commencing at 6:30pm in the school library. New members are welcome to attend.





## Indigenous Talent Program

WRAS is excited to be currently developing the Indigenous Talent Identification program with support from Underwriting Agencies Australia (UAA).

**Trial information:**

**Date:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Time:** ~~Approx~~ 9.00am – 2.00pm – exact times TBA

**Location:** Orange PCYC (2-10 Seymour St, Orange NSW 2800)

**What to Wear:** School sports uniform with running shoes.]

**What to Bring:** Water bottle and some snacks for the day. **Lunch will be provided.**

**Cost:** FREE

**How to register:** please complete the **REGISTRATION FORM** by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The program is open to both male and females that turn 13, 14, 15 or 16 years of age in 2022

The registration form and more information can be found at the following link:  
<https://wras.org.au/programs/indigenous-talent-program/>

## PUBLIC NOTICES

The logo for Joss Facility Management features the word 'Joss' in a stylized font with a magnifying glass icon above the 'o', and 'Facility Management' below it.

**CLEANERS WANTED**

Applicants need to be available to work Monday to Friday between the hours 5:00am-7:00pm.

- Split shifts: 5:00am-9:00am and 2:00pm-7:00pm
- Day shift available from 11:00am-3:00pm

careers@jossgroup.com.au  
www.jossgroup.com.au

## West Wyalong High School Canteen Menu

Term 2 2022

### Meals & Hot Food

Pizza \$3  
Lasagne \$5  
Mac & Cheese \$5  
Lean Beef Burger \$5  
Chicken Burger \$4.50  
Chicken Burger w/ the lot \$5.00  
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap plain \$4.50  
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap w/ lot \$5.00  
Pies \$4.00  
Cup of Noddles – Chicken or Beef \$3.00  
6 Chicken Nuggets \$3.00  
Roast Chicken & Gravy Rolls \$4.00

**GARLIC BREAD CAN BE  
ORDERED WITH LUNCH  
FOR AN EXTRA \$1**

Plastic spoons & forks are available for 20 Cents each

**Please note menu is subject to change due to availability from suppliers.**

### Sandwiches Rolls & Wraps

Salad only \$5.00  
Salad & Meat \$5.50  
(Chicken or Ham)

### Sandwiches – Fresh or Toasted

#### White or 9 Grain (Gluten Free Available)

1 Filling \$3.50  
2 Fillings \$4.00  
3 Fillings \$4.50  
Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Tomato, Pineapple,  
Egg, Lettuce, Mayo, Vegemite

**PLEASE ORDER LUNCH  
BEFORE SCHOOL  
(8.30 am to 8.55 am)**

### Snacks

Watermelon container  
\$2.00  
Fresh seasonal fruit \$1.50  
Carrot & Celery sticks \$1.00  
Jatz & Cheese \$1  
Popcorn, Noodles &  
Grainwaves \$1.00  
Sea Salt Red Rock Deli Chips  
\$1.00  
Jelly Cup \$2.00

### Frozen Snacks

Moosies \$2.00  
Bulla Ice Cream Cup \$2.00  
Quelch 0. 50 cents  
T&T various flavours  
Frozen Yoghurts \$3.00



### Drinks

Slushies \$2.50  
Up & Go various flavours \$2.50  
Water \$1.50  
No Sugar Soft Drinks \$2.50  
300ml Milks (Choc/Straw) \$2.50  
500 ml Milks (Choc/Straw) \$4.00  
Juice Bomb various flavours \$2.50  
Fruit Box \$2.00