



WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WEEK 5 TERM 1

As we approach the middle of Term 1, I would like to acknowledge the positive support we have received from our school community. Our staff and students have been following the health advice and we are utilising twice weekly COVID tests to keep our school safe. A number of positive cases have arisen, however, we are responding accordingly and we are minimising the disruption to student learning. Please contact the school if your child is sick (or isolated) and we will organise appropriate schoolwork if it is needed. The learning from home hub is a very useful resource for parents and carers to access - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>.

During 2022 we will continue to focus on key aspects of our school planning including improved student attendance. Parents are reminded that there is a direct correlation between excellent attendance and improved learning outcomes. We are striving to have all of our students at school for at least 95% of the school days available.

We will also continue our focus on improved literacy and numeracy results. Our teachers will be continually analysing the assessment results of our students to identify weaknesses and areas to improve. NAPLAN, Check-in and Best Start assessments are great tools that help us identify individual students learning needs. Teachers utilise these results to determine the best support for your children. It was pleasing to see the significant improvement in 2021 HSC results, resulting in over twenty Band 5 results. We want to maintain this momentum and it obviously starts with students

developing the foundation skills in early years. By the end of Term 1, I hope that each has a clear literacy and numeracy focus area.

To support our literacy focus, please limit the time spent on electronic devices and encourage your child to either purchase or borrow an appropriate book to read. And remember -

- Discuss the meaning of stories and words.
- Encourage your child to read anywhere and at any time.
- Let your child see you enjoy reading.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.
- Talk to your child's classroom teacher or the Principal for further help and advice.
- Enjoy reading – it should be fun.

Mr Sheens

CALENDAR – TERM 1, 2022

WEEK 5	
Friday 25 February	Swimming Carnival
WEEK 6	
Monday 28 February	WR Open Boys/Girls Basketball trials
Friday 4 March	WR Boys/Girls Hockey trials
WEEK 7	
Thursday 10 March	WR Swimming trials
Friday 11 March	WR Rugby Union trials
WEEK 8	
Monday 14 March	WR Opens Netball trials

STUDENT ORGANISATION



CALL BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to parents, caregivers and community members that West Wyalong High School still has COVID safe measures in place. Please call the school on 6972 2700 with any queries or concerns and our front office team will happily direct you to the right staff member. The safety of our staff and students is of paramount concern during these unprecedented times. As such, we politely request that no parents, caregivers or community members enter our school grounds unannounced.

ANZAC DAY SCHOOL WRITING COMPETITION

Our Federal Member for Parliament, Mr Michael McCormack, is holding his annual ANZAC Day school writing competition. We encourage our students to participate in this event and to continue our proud tradition of doing well in the competition. This year the topic is "Keeping the ANZAC spirit alive in the Riverina and Central West". The word limit is 250 words and entries must be emailed to students' English teachers by February 22. We look forward to seeing some impressive entries.

Mr D. Meredith
Head Teacher English/History

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 bellies.



CANTEEN – LIMITED MENU

17 February – 11 March 2022

Pizza - \$3.00

Sausage roll - \$4.00

Pie - \$4.00

Lasagne - \$4.00

Mac & cheese - \$4.00

Noodle cup - \$3.00

Chicken burger (plain) - \$4.50

Fresh Salad roll - \$4.50

Fresh Ham Salad roll - \$5.00

Toasted sandwich (ham, cheese, tomato)

1 filling - \$3.00. 2 fillings - \$3.50. 3 fillings - \$4.00

Special Hot Dog Days – 21 February, 4 March & 11 March - \$3.00 per hot dog. Please place hot dog orders the morning of to ensure that you don't miss out.



WWHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 25th February. Students will be expected to be at the pool by 9am for a roll call before the events begin.

As always, students are encouraged to dress up in their House colours, however, please remember that they will need to be able to swim without making a mess or causing a safety hazard which may involve removing “dress up” costumes before swimming and putting them back on later.

Students are reminded to bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch if required. The pool canteen will be open throughout the day for students to purchase food and drinks. The school will pay entry for any student who does not hold a current season pass.

Due to COVID restrictions, only staff and students will be allowed to attend the carnival. Please ensure your child has a mask to enter and exit the pool. Students will also have designated seating areas to minimise the mixing of Year groups in line with the Department of Education’s COVID policy. Events are usually completed in the following order - Individual medley, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and relays. There will be a 40-minute lunch break around midday.

It is always a fun, enjoyable day for all involved and it is a great opportunity for our more competitive swimmers to perform at a high level and maybe even set a new school record! A copy of the current school swimming records will soon be on our school website.

For those competitive swimmers who would like to attend the Western Region Swimming Trials to be held at Dubbo on Thursday, 10th March, information is available from the Western Region SSA website and PDHPE staff will distribute information this week.

Feel free to contact Mrs. Milsom if you have any enquiries.

AUGMENTED REALITY WELDERS

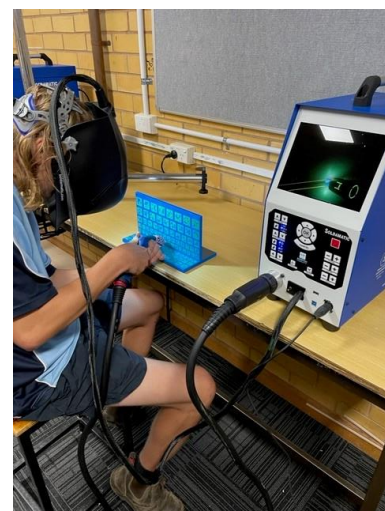
West Wyalong High School has been selected to receive two Soldamatic augmented reality welders as part of a VET in Schools pilot program.

Mr Heydon and Mr Frame were involved in professional

learning at Temora High School with a group of selected schools from around the region.

The machines are an extremely useful tool in building the GMAW, MMAW and TIG welding skills of our students. The aim will be to develop programs for students to improve and develop their skills before taking on the task in the workshop, particularly in our Year 11 and 12 VET Engineering course.

Breakdowns of the weld as it happens in real time and overall analysis at the end of the weld are available to students. With teacher guidance, this should help our students gain industry level skill development through repetition of tasks and application of the safety aspects involved along with setup and maintenance of welding machines. We are excited to have the tools on site and are ready to see the students take advantage of this technology.



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 of 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.

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>

28 Feb – Open Boys/Girls Basketball

4 Mar – Hockey – Boys/Girls

10 Mar – Swimming

11 Mar – Opens Rugby Union

14 Mar – Opens Netball

14 Mar – Open Boys Soccer

18 Mar – Open Girls Soccer

25 Mar – Bowls

31 Mar, 6 Apr & 3-4 May – Rugby League (15's/Opens)

7 April – Opens Golf



2 May – Open Boys/Girls Touch Football

5 May – Girls 16 Rugby League

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

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IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDS 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. As per the process below we are still more than happy to assist you to purchase once that time has lapsed.

BE SURE TO REGISTER and we will contact you.

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