AWESOME ARTWORKS

Our talented students were exhibited at the annual Central Vision Art Exhibition at Gosford Regional Gallery. Congratulations to Bonny-Jo Year 10 Digital Photography, Chris Year 10 Self Portrait Drawing and Kim 2012 Year 12 Drawing.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Swimming Champions

A record number of students attended our annual school carnival this year.
The warm weather enticed most of the students at the carnival to participate in the events held on the day.

Huge congratulations to our Champions:

- **12yrs** Lochlan, Chantelle
- **13yrs** Liam, Jennifer
- **14yrs** Blake, Tamika
- **15yrs** Mitchell, Lindsay
- **16yrs** Hayden, Samantha
- **17yrs** Mitchell, Anni

Allen House took out the title of Swimming Carnival Champions with high participation levels and some outstanding swimmers.

Fantastic Fundraising

The Student Representative Council has started 2013 with a bang. We have had our Leadership Induction Ceremony where all students received their SRC badges and signed the pledge to display respectful and responsible behaviour at all times. So far we have organised a Valentines Day fundraiser selling red heart lollipops to raise money for the Heart Foundation and National Boardshorts Day to raise funds for Surf Lifesaving Australia. Wyong High staff and students raised approximately $100 for each of these vital organisations. The SRC also worked with the Maths Faculty to raise funds for International Pi Day where funds will be given to PLAN Australia to purchase Numeracy kits for students in underprivileged countries.

Term Success Stories

The highlight of this term for me was the visit of Year 6 students from our primary schools for Hands on Day. The students all had a fantastic time yabby farming, cooking, creating Aboriginal art, digital art and experimenting in science. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces.

What a wonderful start to the school year! Most of our students are wearing the Wyong High School uniform with pride, and as I wander around the school visiting classrooms, I see students engaged in interesting and challenging learning activities. It is a pleasure to see students and staff collaborating to achieve excellent outcomes. I am very pleased with the behaviour and application of my Year 8 students. Twenty students will be receiving Deputy Principal awards for consistently being respectful and responsible learners. Good luck to Year 12 students who are about to sit for their half-yearly exams.

It has been rewarding seeing how well Year 7 have transitioned into Wyong HS this term. I am also very pleased to see our new Year 11 cohort working hard at their senior studies. My highlight of the term was seeing the engaging practical work on Pi day led by our wonderful mathematics faculty! Shame about the singing!
Innovative Achievers

Year 12 students participated in a highly successful study skills day. This day comprised of keynote speakers and workshop activities on a range of topics including exam preparation, memory skills, job interview techniques and tips on maintaining a healthy body and mind in this all important senior year.

Feedback from the students was very positive with sessions hosted by Ian West from the Board of Studies and Oliver from Wyong Youth Health proving most popular. 3 guest former students also spoke, offering their strategies and personal experiences in support of the 2013 candidates.

The entire day was a great opportunity for the staff and community to show their support of the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of our promising senior students.

Meet our Amazing Staff Member – Mr Mathew

When did you start teaching at Wyong High School?
January 2010

What is your favourite thing about Wyong High School?
The opportunities! It does not matter whether you are staff or student, if you are prepared to have a go at something new, there are lots of people who quickly offer their help and support.

What is your favourite food?
Meat! If ever I opened a restaurant it would be called “Carnivores Are Us”.

Who is your idol and why?
Omar Khayyam, born approximately 1050AD. He was a Persian mathematician, philosopher, astronomer and poet. Try reading “The Rubaiyat.”

What is the best advice you have ever been given?
Try to think with your neurones, not your hormones.

Please finish this sentence: Education provides................
A basis for just about everything. The really great thing is that it keeps on giving back for the rest of your life.
Sporting Excellence
We are off to a flying start this year in the sporting arena.

Our successes include:
- Defeating BWSC Woy Woy Campus in Boys Hockey
- Defeating Erina High School in Girls Basketball
- Defeating Gorokan High School in Lawn Bowls
- 25 students attending the Tuggerah Lakes Zone swimming carnival
- Under 13 Girls relay team and 2 students attained Regional Level Swimming
- 2 students attained State Level Swimming
- Competing in the Grand Final for Boy’s Water Polo
- Defeating Henry Kendall High School in Volleyball

Tradies Camp Out
To begin each year the Trade School kids head off to camp. This year we decided on a 3 day stay at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. Of course the adrenaline activities such as the giant swing and the power fan were popular, but the students also engaged in team building activities such as raft building and survival skill challenges. These activities highlighted the students ability to cooperate and problem solve, not to mention various humorous moments.

Museum of Human Disease
Yr. 10 Science 1 had a blast of a day visiting the Museum of Human Disease. The museum is Australia’s only publicly accessible Medical Pathology Collection.

The students viewed a wide range of interesting and confronting real human tissue samples which produced a couple of queasy stomachs but will assist in the students further development in topic areas such as Infectious Vs Non-Infectious diseases and medical terminology.

2013 DER-NSW PARENT SURVEY
We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years. Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won’t take you too long.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8166

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.