YEAR 12 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HSC RESULTS INDICATE BRIGHT FUTURE

2013 was the second year that the Faculty of Information Technology has run the HSC subject Industrial Technology (Multimedia). Multimedia, at present, is one of the fastest growing intakes of HSC students. Students are required to not only sit the HSC exam but also create a Major Practical Multimedia Project and an accompanying Portfolio. Our HSC students should be commended for the results they achieved:

Belinda O’Hara – Band 6 with 96. Belinda was also one of the sixteen students in NSW whose Major Project was chosen for the InTech exhibitions that will be viewed around the state.

Adam Blanco – Band 6 with 93. Adam was one of the runner’s up nearly chosen for the InTech exhibition.

David Kent, Joshua Bettison and Laura Clarke also achieved Band 5 results.

Mrs Ebrill Head Teacher IT.

CAPA NEWS

Congratulations to Brittany & Aimee, winners of the Rotary Club Banner Competition.

Wyong Tuggerah Inc Rotary Club invited our students to design an exchange banner for their club. Sisters, Aimee, who captured the photographs, and Brittany, the designer, produced a great work, referencing the theme of lakes and valleys.

The girls were presented with a prize by club representative, Mr Wayne Ballard at an assembly recently. It was pleasing to see our students working in partnership with our community. Well done!

Ms O’Kane CAPA.
COMMUNITY ‘FLIPS OUT’ OVER OUR SPORTING STUDENTS

This year we have added a number of new sports to our options for students to participate in on a Wednesday afternoon.

Charmy Indoor – This sport provides students with the opportunity to participate in a range of indoor sports.
Sailing – Students learn to sail with qualified instructors.
Dance Eisteddfod – Students had to audition to be a part of this group and will be working towards a range of performances including auditioning for Star Struck and the Central Coast Dance Festival.
Flip Out - One of the most popular additions to our sporting options allows students to safely practice flips and jumps on a range of trampolines.

We have already received positive feedback regarding our students’ participation in a number of the sports we attend, with Budgewoi Sailing Club commenting that our students were the most well-behaved, polite and motivated students they have worked with.

Ms Yates PDHPE

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL EARLY

The school year started early for a select group of year 12 students who gave up their last days of summer holidays to welcome back staff and host a unique workshop experience.

The year 12 students are a part of the WHS Student Voice project. This project encourages student opinions and viewpoints on their needs to thrive socially, emotionally and academically in our setting.

Working with staff the students demonstrated through workshops, the classroom teaching strategies and techniques that help them to fully engage in lessons and improve their learning outcomes.

The workshops were highly valued by staff that saw the benefits in learning from the student’s...
TRADE SCHOOL GETS SWINGING

Wyong High Trade School gets active outdoors at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre

Our Year 11 and 12 Trade School students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and numerous activities last month when they visited Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.

The group of 30 students attended as part of their Trade School orientation and team building program. The 3-day active outdoor learning program included Rogaining, Raft Building, High Ropes, Kayaking and the Giant Swing.

The adventurous activities were certainly a lot of fun, but they also provided a significant educational advantage. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication. The staff at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre did a great job of looking after us and the students can’t wait to return there next year.

Mr Hearn Trade School.
WETLAND WHISPERERS
WADE FOR WATER BUGS

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 of 2013, students from Wyong High School’s environment group visited ‘Central Coast Wetlands-Pioneer Dairy’ to participate in conservation and land management works.

As the group became more familiar with the bushland and wetlands at the dairy their skills and knowledge in bush regeneration and native plant and fauna identification increased. Activities included bush regeneration, plant propagation, planting out native plants and water quality testing.

Funding from NRMA Insurance via a grant “Wetland Whisperers” provided an opportunity for the students to carry out water testing using new dip netting equipment and resources.

By catching a range of aquatic insects (water bugs) that live in the creeks the water quality was determined. Many insects rated as “sensitive” were detected which told us that the water quality was quite good. This reinforces the idea that sediment and nutrients can be trapped before they enter our local waterways by re-vegetating creek lines with native plants.

Central Coast Wetlands-Pioneer Dairy has been extremely pleased with the contribution that the Wyong High School students have made to our reserve and hope we can work together again in 2014.

Kate Consterdine
Bush Regeneration Project Manager
Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy
Term Success Stories

Welcome back for 2014. Apart from meeting our prospective Year 7 students for 2015 on the 11th of March, the most exciting project we are undertaking continues to be that of student voice. The meeting this term of our student leaders across the school on the 20th of March, with the focus on developing student action teams in the key areas of teaching and learning, school governance, student leadership, community involvement, student well-being and learning environments means that giving students a real say in their education is moving ahead at Wyong High!

It's been very pleasing to see how successfully Year 7 has adapted to the challenges of transitioning from primary to high school. When visiting classrooms, I have seen the students participating enthusiastically in a range of interesting and challenging activities. It's also great to see new friendships being made. The Year 7 camp in Week 9 promises to be a highlight of the term. Thanks to Ms Dashwood for her ongoing and excellent support of our new Year 7s.

Cyber Bullying

Year 7 will be given the opportunity to take part in a Cyber Bullying presentation with our Police Liaison Officer on Thursday 3rd April. Students will learn about how to use social media safely, their digital reputation, how to use technology appropriately as well as laws associated with technology.

BE HERE AND BE COUNTED

With the dedication of the attendance team here at Wyong High School and the family participation, attendance percentages have improved significantly.

When your student is absent, we ask you to promptly work with us by providing the school with a short message of explanation at any time of the day or night on 4353 5036. You may also send a text message to 0487 211 423, write a note to be handed in to the roll call teacher or front office, or send an email to: wyong-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Individual Student rolls marked “Unjustified” reflect on a student’s future employment and may impact on government benefits. Good habits carry through to build a stronger and more confident character. Parents are responsible for taking measures to resolve attendance issues with the school as soon as possible.

Wyong High School has many programs, counselling and staff to assist with individual problems which are affecting a child’s attendance.

Mrs Moore - Attendance
Meet our Amazing Staff Member – Venessa Matatia

When did you start at Wyong High School? I joined Wyong High School in 2010 as the school chaplain. It is the greatest honour to serve the school and the local community.

What is your favourite thing about Wyong High School? The teachers provide opportunity to learn and grow. They encourage students to be participants in life, not observers.

What is your favourite food? Lamb Chops!

Who is your idol and why? Mother Teresa. She epitomised humanity in action. Standing up for those who were forgotten or had no voice. Standing tall in the face of adversity and fighting for justice for the sake of others. A true legend!

What is the best advice you have ever been given? You are responsible for your own thoughts, actions and behaviour - Own it!

Please finish this sentence: Education provides... options.

GIVE UP YOUR BED

After the success of last year’s event, Year 12 students and some brave teachers will once again ‘give up their beds’ in Week 9 to raise money for Coast Shelter, a local organisation working to reduce homelessness on the Central Coast. Students and teachers will sleep on the floor in the school hall for the night, and then experience what it’s like to try and focus at school after giving up their bed for the night. Year 12 students will be donating money to sleep out, and are also seeking sponsors.

You can donate online at: http://giveupyourbed2014.everydayhero.com/au/wyong-high-school

The whole school will be participating in Thrift Shop Thursday on 20th March, which is a mufti day where students are asked to wear clothes or accessories they have purchased from a Thrift Shop such as St Vincent De Paul, The Salvation Army or Lifeline. Students who take part in Thrift Shop Thursday will be asked to make a gold coin donation to put toward Wyong High School’s fundraising for Coast Shelter. Last year we raised over $1500 for Coast Shelter. So get involved in this exciting and worthwhile community event!

WET START FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Swimming Carnival was held on the 5th of February. Numbers were lower than expected this year with rain falling in the morning, but that didn’t dampen the competition, which proved to be exciting and fierce. Congratulations to Baker House for winning the carnival for the first time in recent memory! Unfortunately for the losing house, McKimm, their house captains had to suffer the consequences of wet sponges thrown at them by the other house captains on assembly.
Age Champions:
12 yrs: Anastasia Dunn and Brady Holmes
13yrs: Chantel Johnson and Jack Hocking
14Yrs: Jennifer Kwon and Liam Shannon
15Yrs: Tamika Schrader-Rhodes and Blake Holmes
16Yrs: Mitchell Wallis
17+Yrs: Kasinda Croser and Hayden Stinson

Boys Touch Football were narrowly defeated by Wadalba CS 6-4.

Rod Carter PDHPE

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Term 1 Mrs Brown, Information Technology teacher offered a Robotics Workshop that was held at the school on Monday 3rd March for the Year 9 Information and Software Technology class and Year 7 and 8 Information Technology classes.

The workshop was organised into two sessions. In the first session they used Tami Mechanical Kits to build their robot and then program the robot using software and computers that are provided to each team. During the challenges the teams competed against the clock in the attempt to finish in the fastest time.

The second session teams were provided with a robotic ball. It’s the first “robotic ball” device that you control with a tilt, touch, or swing from your smartphone or tablet. Teams of four participated in several challenges, controlling and programming the Sphero Ball. These activities help to develop teamwork, communication skills, control and motor skills, creativity, design and construction skills.

Mrs Ebrill Head Teacher IT

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

On Wednesday, 26th February the Aboriginal Education Committee invited all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families to a Welcome BBQ. We had a wonderful afternoon meeting parents, chatting with students, building connections and sharing information about how parents can get more involved in their child’s education. We look forward to making this an annual WHS tradition.
**SRC EVENTS**

The SRC had two successful fundraisers for Term 1: These are the first in support of the National Day Against Bullying and Bateau Bay PCYC.

On Friday 21st March students attended Year group seminar’s that were run by local Police Officers. The Police Officers talked to students about bullying, its effects and the outcomes of bullying. Students raised money on the day by donating a gold coin to wear their craziest socks to school.

One of our teachers, Mrs McEvoi was also locked up on the day to support this cause. All funds raised went to support Bateau Bay PCYC and their great work offering our youth support with the many programs they run. Donations and more information can be found on the following website:


Our second event was held on Friday the 28th March to support Surf Lifesaving Australia and their magnificent work. This day is known as National Boardshorts Day. Students were allowed to wear their favourite boardshorts for a gold coin donation. Donations can also be made on the following website:

http://my.slsfundraising.com/WyongHighSRC

**ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS**

Term 2 Mrs Brown will also be offering students the opportunity to sit the ICAS Computer Skills Test. Testing is on Tuesday the 20th May. Students need to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding across the skills areas of operating systems and computer hardware; networks and other communications systems; word processing; graphics and multimedia; spreadsheets and databases: internet use and email programs.

Every student entering receives a certificate acknowledging participation. Student achievement is recognised with High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit and Participation. Cost to sit the test is $8.00. Permission notes will be issued early in Term 2.

**3D PRINTER**

Wyong High School is awaiting the delivery of a 3D Printer. The 3D printer will be used by the Information Technology and the Technical and Applied Studies faculties to facilitate the learning of students in all years.

This is a very exciting purchase as 3D printing fuels limitless creativity learning experiences where students get to see, hold and test their ideas in real space. Stay tuned for photos and student creations.

**YEAR 7 CAMP**

Year 7 will build their confidence and healthy relationships at the Year 7 Outdoor Education camp at Mangrove Mountain 24th-26th March.

Final payment due Fri 14th March

Don’t miss it!

See Miss Dashwood for more information.

**ROSES FOR VALENTINE’S**

Year 12’s first fundraiser activity for the year, a rainbow of Valentine’s Day roses, was very successful.

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what’s happening at Wyong High School!