Term 4 Week 8

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

Welcome Mrs Burge

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to welcome Mrs Burge to the senior executive team as Deputy Principal (secondary). Mrs Burge will be looking after the current Year 9 as well as next year’s Year 7.

A Proud Community School

We are proud of being one of only a few schools who proudly have “Community” as part of their name. It is timely with the many events on currently to thank families for supporting them where they can by coming along.

Just some of the recent events include the annual sports presentation night, the Y8 AVID class planning night for 2015, our school assemblies, morning teas and lunches celebrating various student achievements.

Our first Australian Sporting Representative

We are proudly following Jacob Liddle’s tour of England and France as an Australian schoolboy and our first Wadalba Community School Australian representative. Newcastle Knights have provided an outstanding prize for a raffle to support Jacob.

Student Reports

“An intelligent and determined student who has worked consistently towards self improvement.”

“A mature, hardworking student with a great sense of humour and an excellent work ethic.

These two quotes highlight some of the outstanding descriptions of learning that teachers have written of their students.

We look forward to handing students their reports as part of celebrating Excellence and goal setting for next year.

Mr J McGrath
Principal

Learning Choices News

During Term 3 and 4, the Year 10 Crusaders program has worked with Mr Christopher to develop their woodworking skills. They have made a variety of projects including coffee tables, cutting boards and wooden boxes. They worked individually to come up with the design of their item and to create it themselves.

Of special note were the projects by Abby Lawrence whose chopping board project is innovative and was designed for her grandmother. Allan Stanton’s coffee table was unique and he worked really hard on getting a good finish. Jordon Sekova-Smith’s coffee table project was extremely good and he was so proud of his accomplishment.

Congratulations also to Ebony Kirby who put in a wonderful effort to produce a doll house for her little sister. Callum Ambrose and Kane Byrnes made beautiful timber boxes.

We are proud of their work and would like to acknowledge their hard work throughout the term.
Sport Stadium by air conditioned coach and were inspired by a number of influential speakers and leaders. Our leaders made the school proud by politely engaging with leaders from other schools and listening intently to what the speakers had to say about leadership. The team left Sydney, a tad hot and exhausted but inspired by the words spoken on the day. A number of the students are keen to put to work the tips and stories they heard within Wadalba Community School.

Wadalba Community School is grateful for the support from the community in running these programs and looks forward to working in partnership with them in 2015.

If you feel your child would benefit from being in a program in 2015 please contact Ms Miller on the school number.
Students who follow school rules collect commendations. Ten commendations equal a Bronze Award, three Bronze Awards equal a Silver Award and three silver awards equals a Gold Award. The following students received their Silver Awards this term.

Leadership speeches also took place during this term’s positive year meeting. Students wishing to be elected as year 8 leaders asked for peer support.

Finally, a representative from the Gideon Bible Group spoke with year 7 about life choices and the manual of life. Those students who wanted too, took a free gift of a small red Bible with them.

Jennifer White
MPS Teacher, Year 9 Advisor & TSP Coordinator

**PRIMARY LIBRARY REPORT.**

This year has been an exciting time for learning in the library, for primary students. We have focused on developing literacy skills in support of what the teachers are doing within each classroom. Lessons have been in response to needs as shown in NAPLAN results and through observation. With the crowded curriculum and teachers needing to integrate across the syllabus, it is helpful to utilise library time to add to the skills required for all students to have success in reading and writing.

For the first three terms focus was on the skills required for the successful writing of narratives, poetry and persuasive text and on exposing students to fiction books recommended for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards. We are encouraging students to know the authors they enjoy and to continue to borrow books by those authors for the pleasure of reading.

In term 4, concentration has been on the teaching of the organisation of libraries so that students can find resources and use them effectively either for pleasure or for learning. Of course, it is hoped that our children will always find their learning pleasurable.

In order to do this we have encouraged students to visit the library when it is open at lunch times on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our children are able to use the computers, read and borrow books and play the board games that have been bought to increase socialisation and enjoyment.

Some students have shown quite a deal of responsibility by being helpful in packing up games, sharpening pencils and returning books to the shelves. These older students were given the opportunity of attending a special excursion to hear indigenous author, Boori Monty Pryor storytelling and talk about his books. The students showed their excitement and enthusiasm for the day through active participation in every story he told. It was obvious that students had a wonderful time.
Our Book Fair in Term 3 was a fantastic success and it helped to add to our shelves through the credits earned with Scholastic. Students enjoyed participating in our book character parade, as did our staff members who all came dressed for the occasion.

Book Club has continued to operate again this year and many thanks go to Mrs Julie Woodyatt for the hours of time she puts in to keep this service running for our students.

We are very happy to welcome parents to the library and would like to let you know that students can access the library by logging in at the department website, thus enabling you to ascertain what books we have and which are available at any time for borrowing. It is a great way for you to encourage your children to read and to help them select appropriate books for their age and ability level.

Shortly we will be placing a survey on our website for parents to fill out. We would love you to participate so that we can make sure we are addressing the needs of your children in this school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Kerry Crowther*  
*Wadalba C.S. Primary*  
*Teacher/Librarian 2014.*
WADALBA HIGH SCHOOL
MORNING ROUTE 91 SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 1st December 2014 there will be a change to the departure time of the Morning Route 91 Service departing from Bunyarg Rd and Park St at 6:36am to Lake Haven Shops.

As shown below:

Route 91 Service will now depart from Bunyarg Rd and Park St at 6:40am (4 minutes later).

There is no change to the route direction.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS WYONG PTY LTD
(491) RTE 91 124W – 18/11/2014.
Dear Parent and Students

Commencing Monday 21st July 2014, Johns Rd will be closed between Pollock Ave and Orchid Way due to Council road works.

**Route Service 78** will now operate via the directions shown below:

*Route Service 78* departing from Wadalba High School (Orchid Way) at 2:35pm will operate via Orchid Way (R) Van Stappen Rd (R) Figtree Blvd (L) Pacific Hwy then continues as normal directions to Wyong Station.

If you require further information please contact our Wyong Depot on 4392 6666 or visit our Busways Website at www.busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely
BUSESWAYS WYONG PTY LTD
(62) RTE 78 325W - 14/07/2014.
Dear Parent and Students

Commencing Monday 8th September 2014, Johns Rd will be reopened between Pollock Ave and Orchid Way due to the completion of Council Road Works.

**Route Service 78** departing from Wadalba High School (Orchid Way) at 2:35pm travelling to Wyong Station will now operate back to normal directions.

If you require further information please contact our Wyong Depot on 4392 6666 or visit our Busways Website at www.busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely
BUSWAYS WYONG PTY LTD
(73) RTE 78 325W –1/09/2014.
Dear Parents / Students,

Commencing **Monday 1st December 2014** there will be a change to the departure time of School Bus 9 operating from Warnervale Rd and Louisiana Rd at 7:48am to Wadalba School. As detailed below:

**School Bus 9** will now depart from Warnervale Rd and Louisiana Rd at **7:43am** (5 minutes earlier).

There are no changes to the route direction.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**. Alternatively visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au).

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS WYONG PTY LTD
WADALBA HIGH SCHOOL
WYONG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
WYONG HIGH SCHOOL
MORNING SCHOOL BUS 2

Dear Parents / Students,

Commencing Monday 1st December 2014 there will be a change to the departure time of School Bus 2 operating from Lake Haven Shops at 7:52am to the above Schools.

As detailed below:

School Bus 2 will now depart from Lake Haven Shops at 7:48am (4 minutes earlier).

There are no changes to the route direction.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS WYONG PTY LTD
(105) SB Bus 2 129W – 26/09/2014