Term 4 Week 11

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

One of the many highlights of this year was the visit by Dame Marie Bashir in one of her final duties as Governor of NSW to help us celebrate our first kindergarten cohort of students reaching Year 12.

Season of giving

As we move into the holiday season I would like to wish all families in our school community peace and best wishes on behalf of the staff and their families.

It is also a great time to acknowledge the many acts of generosity and kindness from our students, staff and community over the year, including those day to day acts that occur without the notice of anyone other than the recipient. Some of the more public acts include:

- our team of students who volunteered at Coast Shelter and are now leading a food can drive to collect 1400 cans that can be donated [http://coastshelter.org.au/](http://coastshelter.org.au/)
- we received our copies this week of the CAPA GATS CD which contains original songs, recorded in our studio, by our students. Profits from the sales of this learning activity will be donated to the Wyong Hospital Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit (a specialist children’s unit)
- families and community who donated their time and provided a range of in kind support from assisting listening to students read, driving students to a range of events and donation of various prizes
- students, particularly our leaders, who have represented the school at community events such as ANZAC day
- the students, led by Mr Tunks, who have applied their skills on school improvement programs, including restoring Tacoma Primary School’s playground boat
- the many teachers, led by Ms Hancock, who voluntarily staff the Homework Centre
- fundraising for organisations such as Wadalba Rural Fire Service, Red Kite and Cancer Council.

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Farewells
We farewell a number of staff and wish them well for their future endeavours:
Ms Guise retires as our Business Manager. Gail has been at the school since 2000.
Ms Dorfling retires from our Middle School/English faculty. Bernie has been at the school since 2001.
We would also like to thank our casual and long term temporary staff who contribute greatly to our school. Some of our long term temporary staff include Ms Barron, Mr Mitchell and Mr McKinlay.

End of year
We look forward to presenting each student with their end of year reports and hope there will be an opportunity for families to read them together with their child. As the holidays get closer it is an important time for children to be choosing some books that they might like to read over their well deserved vacation. This is one way that students can keep their brains active and prepare for their next year of learning. I am looking forward to reading *Storm* by comedian Tim Minchin as one of the books for my holiday reading. I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday.

Best Wishes

**Mr J McGrath**

Principal

**Deputy Principal**

What a wonderful and productive year we have had a Wadalba Community School.

Over the last few weeks we have had the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the outstanding achievements of many of our students.

Last Friday we had our annual Presentation Assembly where we celebrated the high achievements of our students. The Academic awards for each subject area are handed out as well as a new award, the Personal Best award, for each of the year groups, these students received a Kobo e Reader. These following students have consistently displayed their personal best throughout 2014 and received the award for their year groups, Year 7 Anna Jones, Yr 8 Chloe Waddell, Year 9 Tallulah Cobban, Year 10 Chloe Laksa, Year 11 Kyle Norton and Year 12 Melissa Jackson. I would like to thank Mrs Melinda Brown for her outstanding organisation of the presentation assembly and Maree Loomes for her effort with producing the high quality awards that the students received. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers there to support the school and their students achievements.

The sports presentation night was an outstanding success in celebrating the sporting achievements at Wadalba, including students who are participating and working towards their personal best. Thank You to Mr Matthew Sawyer and the PDHPE faculty for the organisation of the night and their continued support of students and sport at WCS. It is excellent to see so many students achieving at regional, state and now national level, a special congratulations must go to Jacob Liddle who is currently representing Australia in Rugby League.

Year 12 have completed their first assessment task in most subject areas, we have spoken to students about the importance of completing all assessment tasks to the best of their ability and also submitting the task by the due, to ensure they are ranked as high as possible in each of their courses. Students who complete an illness and misadventure form need to provide supporting evidence and to submit the task on the first day they return to school. Week 3 2015 students will have the opportunity to attend the second Elevate session, which will cover exam techniques, this session is highly recommended for all students as the half Yearly exams for Year 12 are in Week 9 and 10 of Term 1.

Students with Major works should
be well under way with the design process and research and have a firm idea on what the end product will look like. These projects are worth up to 60% of the HSC assessment mark. The Christmas break is an ideal time to work on and consolidate these areas.

All students received their 2014 reports last Thursday and this would be a great opportunity for parents and carers to go through the report with their child to discuss their individual strengths and areas of improvement for 2015.

Mr Dusting and I, welcome Mrs Burge to the Deputy Principal team, and wish her well in working with her Year 7 and Year 10 in 2015.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in working in partnership with the school to ensure positive outcomes for their child during 2014. We hope you have a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Ms Jane Harris
Deputy Principal

PDHPE
Thank you to all students that have engaged in PDHPE, CAFS, SLR, PASS and TSP programs this year. There have been some good results and some very rewarding opportunities and experiences offered to students. Well done to the PDHPE staff for all of their efforts. I would like to remind all students in Years 7-10 about our school policy of bringing and wearing correct PDHPE uniform for all practical lessons. This uniform can be purchased from the uniform shop, which is open Monday to Thursday 8:15-9:30am during school days. The uniform shop will also be open during the school holidays in January on Wednesday 21 9am-1pm, Thursday 22 2:30pm-5:30pm and Friday 23 10am-12noon.

The PE uniform is made up of a dark blue polo shirt with the school emblem, light blue on the sides and blue piping around the collar and navy blue shorts with the school emblem. In winter, students may be able to wear navy blue tracksuit pants. TSP shirts can be worn on Tuesdays (for sport) or for PE lessons. Students are unable to wear the light blue school shirt for practical lessons.

Sport
We celebrated many sporting achievements at our annual Sports Presentation evening on Thursday 27 November. In addition to our all-rounder and school sporting blue award recipients, student representatives at Zone and Regional level, our most significant student achievements include:

**Sydney Red Representative:** Sam McKenna (Rugby League)

**CHS Representatives:** Akaylah Leef (Shot Put), Jarrod Hughes (Tennis), Jeremy Slee (Tennis), Alex Gledden(Tennis), Drew Chivas (Tennis), Matt Gray (Tennis), Jacob Liddle (Rugby League), Luke Cain (Touch), John Dahan (Triple Jump)

**CHS Medalists:** Akaylah Leef (Silver 16 Year Girls Shot Put), John Dahan (Bronze 15 Year Boys Triple Jump), Mason Leef (Gold 14 year Boys Shot Put & Discus), (Silver Boys Tennis), Jeremy Slee (Silver Boys Tennis), Alex Gledden (Silver Boys Tennis), Drew Chivas (Silver Boys Tennis), Matt Gray (Silver Boys Tennis) Jarrod Hughes

**All Schools Medalists:**
- Akaylah Leef (Athletics), Mason Leef (Athletics), Jeremy Slee (Gold Open Boys Tennis), Alexander Gledden (Gold Open Boys Tennis), Luke Cain (Touch)

**All Schools Representatives:**
- Akaylah Leef (Silver 16 year Girls Shot Put & Silver 16 year Girls Discus), Mason Leef (Gold 14 year Boys Shot Put)

**Australian Representative:** Jacob Liddle (Rugby League)

**WCS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Sam McKenna

**WCS MOST OUTSTANDING TEAM OF THE YEAR:** Open Boys Tennis

**WCS CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD:** Junior Female – Tyla Binnie, Junior Male – Kieran Peters, Senior Female – Renee Maher, Senior Male – Joel Mula

**SPORT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS:**
- Chloe Barnes and Jordan Godina

**WCS JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR:**
- Chloie Corbett, Male – Luke Cain

**WCS SENIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR:**
- Female – Chloe Laksa, Male – Jacob Liddle

**TSP** Students that are involved in the TSP program are reminded that the first few weeks of 2015 will be a trial period and they will need to ensure that they are meeting requirements in relation to participation and behaviour. Students that have missed the trials or who are new to WCS may see the TSP coordinator of the particular sport they are interested in, if they wish to be involved in the program.

Mr Matt Sawyer
Head Teacher PDHPE
HSIE report

You will hear the same whispered across the entire teaching body of Wadalba Community School, “Where did the year go?”, “What did we achieve?” and “What’s next?”. Here in HSIE we know the answer to all these questions. The year went on planning assessments, programs and lessons for our students. It went on faculty and whole school meetings aimed at discussing ways in which to improve student engagement and outcomes. Also, time was spent on professional learning days, such as AVID, Project Based Learning and an literacy initiative known as Focus on Reading so as to ensure each of our faculty members is highly trained and is able to implement new ideas into their teaching. Additionally, assessments were marked, reports written and students were provided with effective feedback. However, these are the everyday requirements in the life of a teacher; the following is what we achieved in terms of the above and beyond. Outside of school, HSIE Head Teacher Mrs Bennett, along with three other teachers, accompanied fourteen students to Vietnam. Mrs Bennett, Mrs Turrise and Year 12 Geography students to Vietnam in 2016. Finally, here at HSIE, we wish you all a safe and happy holidays and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Janet Trumm
Classroom Teacher

Year 10

2014 has been a busy year for year 10 students. As the year comes to a close, I hope that all students are starting to think about what their HSC years will hold and where they want to go when they finish at Wadalba. Having a purpose and an end goal when starting their HSC courses will help students to be motivated and to measure their personal successes along the journey of what can be a challenging two years. I encourage all students to think about how they will organise their time between work, school and their family and social commitments and how they can improve their study techniques when they begin to prepare for the start of the school year, after what I hope is a restful and relaxing break. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing all of our students back at Wadalba in 2015.

Mrs Hesse
Year 10 Year Advisor

Library news!

Book Week Competition

An early bird announcement to get those creative juices flowing! Book Week 2015 is from Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August. The theme for Book Week 2015 is Books light up our world. The library invites all students to enter our Book Week Poster Competition 2015. Posters can be A4 up to A3 size and should relate to the theme for 2015. Prizes will be awarded at each Stage (K, 1, 2 & 3 and 4, 5 & 6). The winning posters will be displayed in the library during Book Week. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the winning entries. Entries should be submitted to Mrs Taylor by hand or digital entries may be emailed to tanya.taylor11@det.nsw.edu.au Entries close Wednesday August 20th. Watch this space for Book Week 2015 lunch time in the library entertainment and activities.

Calling all student reviewers

The library would like to encourage students to write reviews of their favourite books to contribute to this section of the newsletter. Not sure where to start? Don’t worry, we can provide support to assist you in developing your skills. We encourage you to come in to the library and ask for assistance. You can read reviews by other students on the YARR-A website.
The YARR-A website is devoted to teenage / young adult books and features reviews written by students and teachers of novels by Australian and overseas authors. The URL is http://www.yarr-a.com/

Also readers...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are currently expanding our fiction collections. If you have any favourite books or authors we would love to hear from you.

Please email or call in to the library with the name of the book, author and the reason you think this book would be a good addition to our library.

**Handy Websites for HSC students**
The State Library of NSW has a number of databases for HSC students which can be accessed 24/7 online. Go to the State Library home page, click on eResources and log-in to the database you want to use, entering your library card number. Students can apply for a free State Library card at http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/using/access/register_card.html.

You may also access HSC research guides at http://guides.sl.nsw.gov.au/.

Please call in to the WCS library and pick up a ‘How can the WCS library help you?’ leaflet with links to English Area of Study: Discovery http://www.insidebreak.org.au/english-area-of-study/discovery/ for example.

Enjoy a relaxing summer holiday and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

*Mrs Taylor.  
Teacher Librarian*

**Mathematics Faculty News**
The Mathematics Faculty have been busy this year!! 2014 saw the introduction of new syllabi for years 8 and 9 in Mathematics. This will be followed by the introduction of year 10 in 2015. This year was the first year of the new General Maths 1 and 2 HSC. These courses included the introduction of focus units looking at maths in the real world including mobile phones and energy usage.

**Aboriginal Numeracy Competition**
The Mathematics Faculty hosted an Aboriginal students’ numeracy competition against other local schools. While Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumbi Umbi Campus were the overall winners, our students performed incredibly well. All students were actively engaged in problem solving activities throughout the day.

During Term 4, the students travelled to Berkeley Vale Campus to compete in round 2 of the competition. Students were once again challenged both in Numeracy and sporting activities. One activity was human monopoly which asked students to solve problems as they moved around the board game. Wadalba students performed particularly well on the day and walked away the winners.

Congratulations!!!!!!

**Year 7 Numeracy Day**
Year 7 students participated in a Numeracy Fun day on the 8th August for periods 3-5. Students were asked to form groups of four and work together to solve numeracy problems. 7G were the overall winners on the day, while Callum Dunkerley, Ty Bagnal, Deacon Steward and Bailey Vickers were the winning team.

On the day our year 10 students demonstrated great leadership skills while running the activities and encouraging students to succeed.

**Luna Park**
On the 31 October, the ‘scariest’ day of the year, maths students from year 10 and 12 travelled down to Luna Park to find the answer to the equation of FUN!! Students were given opportunities to see where maths is applied in the real world. Rhiannon Hines, Emma Hamlyn and Sam Eather summed up the day with ‘All in all the day was a blast and we ended up finding the answer to the equation of fun it was easy as ∏.'
Adam Spencer Excursion

On Friday 7 November 6 students from year 8 and 9 were given the opportunity to work with Mathematician/Comedian Adam Spencer during a workshop at Gosford High School. Students were challenged during a one hour session that pushed their limits. Adam was very keen to share the enthusiasm he has for Mathematics with talented students from the Central Coast (he lives at MacMasters Beach). Students were given the opportunity to purchase an autographed copy of his latest book.

Mrs Hancock
Mathematics Head Teacher

ENGLISH FACULTY

Term 4 is very important to our Year 12 students of 2015 with HSC courses now underway. Our students have demonstrated their understanding that a higher level of commitment and responsibility will now be required in the run-up to next October! They have commenced their first assessment tasks and all teachers have reported a satisfactory level of completion. Congratulations to all students on this excellent beginning!

It is important that students remember to abide by the BOSTES rules and regulations of Assessment Tasks and ensure they are submitted on the due date or, if the student is absent, on the next date of attendance. Misadventure forms must be submitted with medical certificates or other evidence as soon as possible.

Term 4 has also been one of change in the English Faculty, commencing with my own appointment in Week 3. In Week 6, we farewelled Ms Kirwan who has taken up a position at Gosford High School. In Week 7, Ms Welsh left us to take up the position of Head Teacher English at Morisset High School. Finally, next week, we will say goodbye to Ms Dorfling who is retiring after 23 years of service to Public Education. All three are a great loss to our faculty both personally and professionally, and we will miss their wonderful personalities and years of experience.

In their places, we are welcoming new faces in 2015. First, we would like to congratulate Mrs Louie who has now been permanently appointed to Wadalba Community School after working in the English Faculty for two years as a casual teacher. We also welcome two new graduates, Miss Kokinovic and Mr Williams. Finally, Miss Butler will join us in place of Miss Redman.

I would like to thank the English staff for their hard work throughout the year and especially since my arrival. I would also like to congratulate our year 12 students in advance, for the results they will receive next Wednesday. The English Faculty wishes you all a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in 2015, ready for a great year in English!

Mrs Holmes
HT English

Year 7 Year Advisor Report

2014 has been a tremendous year for this vibrant and energetic year group. From the early few weeks transitioning into a new environment, to the School Camp in Term 2, the first semester was exciting and challenging. This group of students have grown immensely since the start of the year. They have upheld the values of Excellence, Respect and Responsibility and shown leadership and drive at every opportunity. None of this could have been possible however, without the support of the Middle School teaching staff. These dedicated teachers have given their time to mentor and teach the students from Technology to Geography.

I would like to wish students and parents a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Mr Jade McLachlan
Year 7 Year Advisor

Year 9 Report

Year 9 have had a successful year where they completed the first year of their chosen electives. Earlier this term, year 9 had the opportunity to participate in school camp at Adventureland Forster where students; covered
themselves in mud in mud world, challenged their fear of heights on the duel flying fox, giant swing and rope courses, they also survived the Zorb ball challenge, of which I was not so successful.

This year we have had a positive reward assembly to acknowledge the amazing things year 9 students have achieved. The community awards this year went to; Kaitlyn Sloan & Brad Falzon. These students receive a community certificate and $50 voucher for displaying the school values of respect, responsibility and excellence.

Many students have displayed Respect, Responsibility and Excellence in various areas of our school this year. The following students have achieved an academic excellence award for a specific area of the curriculum; Monica Begeni, Ellen Davis, Bradley Falzon, Emma Fletcher, Carla Grant, Mikayla Hall, Zachary Johnson, Chrissy Miller, Jamie Milne, Luke Miskell, Paige Ridings, Oscar Simpson, Kaitlyn Sloan, Samantha Stewart, Nathanial Stokes, Hao-Nam Tran, Ashlee Vickers, Jesse Walker, Justin Walker, Thomas White & Tallulah Cobban.

Congratulations on a wonderful year and have a safe and happy holiday.

*Jennifer White*
*(Year 9 Advisor)*