**Term 4 Week 10**

**Important dates to put in your calendar.**

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**Principal Report**

**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.

Thank you to the many students K-12, their families and staff who contributed to the festive food drive led by one of our student leadership action teams. The team presented food hampers to Vinnies Wyong Representatives at one of our morning assemblies. Our House Captains also presented donations to the four charities that have been supported this year through the Wadalba Cup. These are Oxfam Australia, Cancer Council, Beyond Blue and Red Kite. Thank you to all of the students and staff who contributed through involvement in the many activities across the year.

**End of year**

As each child or young person receives their end of year reports, we hope there will be an opportunity for families to read them together as part of celebrating successes in learning over the year. I hope that all of our students get the chance to read some awesome books over their well deserved vacation. Reading builds skills in reading and thinking, helps with relaxation and imagination, as well as supporting the retention of knowledge over the vacation period. I would like to wish everybody and safe and happy holiday.

**Best Wishes**

J. McGrath

**Deputy Principal Report**

In my first newsletter as part of the Wadalba Community, I would like to take the opportunity thank students, staff and parents/carers for the warm welcome I have received. I have spent the majority of my life as a Central Coast resident. My teaching experiences have included time at Stepney Green Boys High in London, Deniliquin and Albury in the Riverina, Waratah Technology High School in the Hunter and more recently back here on the Central Coast at Northlakes High School and now Wadalba Community School. During my short time at Wadalba I have seen many examples of student excellence, outstanding staff teaching practise and well developed staff/student relations. The support staff all work tirelessly to ensure Wadalba’s day to day operations proceed seamlessly – this is a great credit to each and every one of them.

The transition of students from Year Six to Year Seven under the guidance of the ‘Transition Team’ (led by Mrs Brown, Mr Huff and Mr
McLachlan) will ensure that each and every student has the opportunity to have a pleasant and stress free cross over into High School. Visits to the Primary ‘feeder’ schools, Aboriginal, Sports and Orientation Days have all featured in the ongoing process. My sincere congratulations to all students involved in the ‘Sports Presentation Night’ held in the School Hall. The night showcased not only the high levels of achievement by students of Wadalba but also the diversity of sports they are involved in. The comprehensive list of sports is indicative of the opportunities available in our school. As late as week ten of term four, three students will have represented at the Central Coast Golf Championships! During week we will also had the Science Camp, Christmas Carols and the end of year Presentation Day. Staff will be at school on Thursday involved in Professional Learning which will assist with preparation for a very busy start to the 2016 school year.

A reminder that starting dates for next year are as follows:

- **Wednesday 27/01/16** – Staff return
- **Thursday 28/01/16** - Primary and Years 7, 11 & 12
- **Friday 29/01/16** - Years 8, 9 & 10
- **Monday 01/02/16** – Kindergarten.

Also the uniform shop will be open during the holidays -

- **Wednesday 20/01/16** (9am-1pm)
- **Thursday 21/01/16** (9.30am-12.30pm)

- **Friday 22/01/16** (10am-12pm)

Parents may need to mark these dates on their calendars!

As the end of the year approaches I would like to wish all families a very safe and enjoyable holiday season and I am looking forward to working with you next year.

**Mr Glachan**  
**Deputy Principal.**

**LOTE**

The LOTE Faculty would like to wish all WCS familias and amigos a feliz Navidad! Have a relaxing break and we’ll see you all in the new year.

**Ms Jones, Mr Hodges and Ms Swanson**

**2015 Year in Review**

**PDHPE**

On behalf of the PDHPE faculty, we would like to thank all students that have engaged in PDHPE, CAFS, SLR, PASS, TSP and our sport programs this year. Some students have achieved some very pleasing results through the wide range of experiences that have been offered. We would like to thank all staff and parents that have assisted in making the opportunities possible. 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 Mon to Thur 8:15-9:30am during school days. The uniform shop will also be open during the school holidays, please check our school website for opening times.

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. Please note that students should not be wearing the light blue school shirt for practical lessons or the TSP Rugby League training uniform as their everyday school uniform.**

**Sport**

We celebrated many sporting achievements at our annual Sports Presentation evening on Thursday 26th 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 this year included:

**SCHOOL SPORTING BLUES**

In recognition of students who represented Sydney North at CHS Level or All Schools level:

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ZONE ACHIEVEMENT
Representatives of the Zone at a Regional carnival for three consecutive years or in three sports over one year:

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ZONE BLUE
CHS medalist or representative or Australian team representatives (through zone representation process)

Georgia Corbett (Touch Football),
Akaylah Leef (Athletics)
John Dahan (Athletics)

SYDNEY RED REPRESENTATIVE
Joel Mula (Rugby League),
Blake Andrews (Rugby League)
Jaron Purcell (Rugby League)

CHS REPRESENTATIVES
Georgia Corbett (Touch Football),
Akaylah Leef (Athletics)
John Dahan (Athletics)

CHS MEDALISTS
Georgia Corbett (Touch Football),
Akaylah Leef (Athletics)
John Dahan (Athletics)

ALL SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES
Akaylah Leef (Athletics)
John Dahan (Athletics)

WCS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Gemma Corbett

OF THE YEAR
Open Girls Cricket

WCS CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD
Junior Female – Molly Couch
Junior Male – Kieran Peters
Senior Female – Jaylee Lawrence
Senior Male – Ryan Wells

WCS JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Female – Georgia Corbett
Male – Jaron Purcell

WCS SENIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Female – Akayla Leef
Male – John Dahan

TSP
Students that are involved in the TSP program are reminded that the first few weeks of 2016 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.

Eden Middleton won the 2015 Junior Championships and also he won 2015 Outstanding junior of the year. Eden’s presentation night on Saturday at Wyong Golf Club. Attached is a photo of his trophies and also he won $300

On behalf of the PDHPE faculty, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and a very Merry Christmas.

Focus Group
Focus groups were undertaken throughout 2015 with several outside agencies coming in and facilitating programs which have proved to impact positively upon the resiliency of young people. Wadalba Community School demonstrates concern for and commitment to student’s self-esteem, wellbeing, independence, self-efficacy, and emotional health.

The number of quality programs that have been delivered in the school this year has been remarkable and could not have been possible without the community networks involved. A big thank you to Bateau Bay PCYC, Connect, Youth and Family Counselling, The Samaritans, Oasis Youth Centre Wyong and Links to Learning San Remo Neighbourhood Centre; WCS is looking forward to working with thses external agencies in 2016.
Nicole Miller
Student Support Officer
Wadalba Community School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:
10/02/2016 (7-12 Years)
11/02/2016 (K-6 Years)

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by Advanced life Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digits Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Year 7
Genius Hour has given Year 7 the opportunity to learn about a topic of their choice. After deciding areas they would like to investigate they chose the one that most interested them, then devised a driving question to guide them in their investigations.

An hour each week was devoted to investigate and learn about their driving question. In Weeks 8 and 9, Year 7 classes presented their Genius Hour work in a series of expos in the school library. Students chose to display their work in multiple ways including PowerPoints, pamphlets, video presentations, posters, flip books, dioramas, models as well had items they had created themselves.

Mrs B Partridge
HT Middle School
Leadership Team

The Leadership Team were very happy to present hampers from our festive food drive to representatives from the St Vinnies Wyong branch this week. A very special thank you to students and families, this gesture of goodwill has given hope to many, especially those individuals and families who struggle at this time of year.

Melissa Norris
CAPA Faculty Visual Arts/Photography Teacher

Today some lovely year 4 students went to Opal Glenmere Nursing Home to visit the residents. The students sang Christmas carols and distributed handmade Christmas cards. Both the students and residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Middle School Newsletter Item

To end their geographical and historical study of Ancient China in Humanities, students of 7D created tourism posters promoting various World Heritage sites in Asia. Students engaged in substantive research and collaborated to produce informative and creative posters.

Mrs B Partridge
HT Middle School
CHRISTMAS BOOKS TO READ
In the cold depths of winter, a little bear - a snow bear- meanders through the freshly laid white powder.

The wind howls around him, his fur swishing, and he is looking for a home. In that search for a place to call his own, he finds that all other warm and cosy places have been taken, and there is no room for a little snow bear. Will he find a place? Will he be welcomed? Is the place, with the flickering light, and inviting warmth a place he can call home? A gorgeous picture book, a beautifully told story about longing and belonging.

Recommended for ages 4 – 8 years
In this follow up book to *The Naughtiest Reindeer*, we meet Ruby again. This Christmas her family is visiting Granny and Pa’s place, which is full of fragile and precious items. Deciding this is not the place for her, Ruby is sent to the zoo instead. Having to bunk with snobby antelopes, and pernickety zebras, this was not the Christmas she dreamt of at all! But being the naughtiest reindeer that she is, calamity ensues when she opens up all the animal enclosures for “fabulous festivities and feasting”. This is always followed by chaos!! Lots of good fun.

*Recommended for ages 3 – 9 years*

*A Wyong Shire Library book*
Once upon a northern night, while you lay sleeping, wrapped in a downy blanket, I painted you a picture.

So this lyrical and almost magical story begins. Beautifully illustrated by award winning Isabelle Arsenault, this tale of the fantastical starts with the wonderment of snowflakes. The whispers on the wind and the building up of pictures takes the reader through a lovely tale of what happens while asleep – the stars twinkle, the snow lays a blanket, and the animals emerge to greet the night air. Beautifully written, superbly illustrated.

For ages 5+ years.

*A Wyong Shire Library book*
WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.

Mrs T Taylor From the Library.
Project Based Learning Team 2015

Over the past school year the Project Based Learning Team have accepted many challenges from the different faculties within our school. These have ranged from very small projects to major building exercises. Two projects that need mentioning are the Primary playground sand pit and the purpose built pig stalls.

The sand pit was a huge challenge for our team, ensuring DEC safety requirements were met. Many materials had to be specially purchased to ensure our students enjoy a safe and happy environment. Just a few facts, the sand pit measure 6 metres by 6 metres. This took a whopping 12.5 tonnes of sand, which was hand loaded into the frame. The team never once complained at the magnitude of the task.

Next is the purpose built pig stalls for Pancake and Pikelet. This has taken approximately 3 terms to construct. During this time many students and teachers gave up their time to make this project a reality. Special thanks to Mr Wayne Bernasoni and Mr Darren Christopher for their guidance and their senior VET and Trade training students for the mammoth concreting part, again approx 20 cubic metres of concrete was laid. The girls will be moving in, in the last week of the school year. If you get the chance please come and see the fantastic work these students have done.

A big teacher thank you, to the PBLT 2015. Without you we would not have been able to achieve such demanding tasks. These students have given their all for this team and and their school, also gaining valuable industry experience.

Last of all, a giant Wadalba thank you to our suppliers. Over this period our local business community have assisted our school with goods and services that made our projects possible. Many donated goods to our projects and others supplied us at cost price, some suppliers giving generously to our school in goods.

As a community school we are exactly that, a Community and without the wonderful assistance of our local community suppliers, many projects would not become a reality.
We have supplied a list of these community minded suppliers, so, if you have that special project please support the businesses that support our great school.

On behalf of the PBLT 2015 I would like to wish our suppliers, students and of course our local Community a very Merry Wadalba Christmas.
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