Term  Week

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

Staff Recognition

Congratulations to Mrs Clarke who has been nominated for NSW Teacher of the Year. Mrs Clarke was nominated by one of her former HSC Society and Culture students in recognition of her passion and skill for teaching. Mrs Clarke was also recently invited to present a unit of work she developed for our students to the NSW English Teachers Association Conference in Sydney.

Learning is First and Foremost

As always, it is the work in the classroom each lesson that drives us. It has been terrific to see a strong focus on learning during visits to classrooms at the start of the term. Term three is an important term as students build on their semester one efforts and reset their learning goals. It is important students adopt a “growth mindset” approach which means they should be positive that they can improve their learning by setting goals and developing positive work strategies to achieve them. Year 12 are focussed on their Trial HSC exams. Year 11 will complete the Preliminary exams later in the term. At the same time, Year 8 and Year 10 will shortly be involved in subject selection processes for next year.

As part of starting a major review and update of our school’s website to enhance its value as a communication tool we have added a new page of ideas and resources that support the development of positive habits of learning. See http://www.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/study-wcs for more details.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

Aesop’s fable, The Lion and the Mouse http://www.read.gov/aesop/007.html

Mr J McGrath
Principal

GEORGIA CORBETT will be representing NSW for Touch Football at the All Schools Carnival this weekend at Narrabeen. Georgia who is in year 9 this year was selected to play when she represented Sydney North Under 15’s at Mudgee in May. Her team won the state Championships undefeated. Georgia has been playing since she was 8 for the Doylson Dagonas in the Peter Wilson Club Competition and the State Cup since she was 10 years old. Georgia has been the TSP Captain since Year 7 and also the Co-captain of the Opens School team.

She has been selected to represent Sydney North since 2014 and is a very important team member of the CHS Under 15’s for 2014-2015. She has also represented Hunter Western Hornets Under 14’s team in 2014, Hunter Hornets Under 16’s squad 2015.

Georgia is hardworking, easy to coach, a good listener, approachable, competitive, cardiovascular fit, a fantastic team player and has strong leadership skills. Good luck this weekend Georgia.

WCS possum pride.

My Name is Adele Wright and I am currently studying year 11 at School. I am part of a program called the Max-potential program designed for youth (16-17 year olds) to learn leadership skills and to become a better leader within themselves. As a part of this program, the youth involved, are asked to complete a Community Service Project, to help the community that they live in. For my Community Service Project, I will be donating goods to Toukley Women’s Refuge- Elandra Women and Children’s Services, Coast.
Shelter in Wyong Shire and raising awareness about domestic violence. To be able to donate goods and raise awareness to this cause would be an honour as this is something my family and I have personally encountered. Therefore, to help others that have been affected and those that are going through it, I wish to extend an invitation for anyone in the community to support me in my plight and request any items that would help these people start new lives, anything would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact community.donations@yahoo.com.au

My name is Katelyn Puckeridge from Wadalba Community School. I am in year 11 and attend the Wyong Max Potential program.

Max potential is a leadership program that helps young adolescence with their overall wellbeing through coaching from adult volunteers in the community.

To be in the program is an honour as it has helped me immensely with my time management, allowed me to meet new people and it has helped me improve my confidence in speaking.

The wonderful coach I have had to accompany my journey is Kim Rowley. She has been the one to help me through the problems in my community service program which is a year 7 sports day.

My goal for this day is to break down barriers between year 7 students and their teachers. This would improve the overall work ethic and confidence of students within a classroom due to seeing teachers in a different environment.

The project would address the need of communication between students and teachers within a classroom and help encourage students that may have a low self-esteem to not be afraid of speaking up and asking a question. The project is taking place on Friday the 26th of June from 11am to 1pm at Wadalba Community School.

The outcomes I am hoping to achieve are the ability to work as a team within the confines of a classroom and the bond between teachers and students. I will know if I have achieved this if everyone is involved and it is considered fun by both teachers and students.

Whooping Cough

Please be aware that we have had a small number of confirmed cases of Whooping Cough within our school community. NSW Health advised that there have been a substantial number of confirmed cases within the Wyong area.

People are being encouraged to limit contact with others that are unwell. NSW Health requested that we remind families about the importance of being fully vaccinated and suggest that if children develop flu or cough like symptoms that families keep them home and see a GP.

Melinda Brown
HT Welfare