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This Friday is an important day for the whole community to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of the Year 12 cohort of 2017 at 11am in our school hall. Best wishes to Year 12 as they prepare for the HSC exams in October. Well done to year 11 on their positive start in their Preliminary exams this week. Consideration for adjustments to subjects studied in Year 12 in 2017/18 will occur in early term 4 after the reports are issued.

Congratulations to athletes Christopher Keeley and Hannah Tooley who competed at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships in Sydney last week. Christopher came 12th in the Under 15 javelin and Hannah came 16th in the Under 15 long jump, both of which are outstanding results.

Congratulations to our elected 2018 Student Leadership team of: Captains Holly Phillips and Nicholas Waller, plus vice captains Shanae Rose and Corey Clark. Thanks to the dedicated efforts in 2017 SRC Leadership team: Captains Stacey Morton and Jacob Hodge, plus vice captains Kaylah Fenton and James Williams.



Dates for your Diary

Students and staff return to school on Monday 9th October for the commencement of Term 4.

Upcoming Assessments

Week 10(18th September)

Year 11: Preliminary exams

Year 9/10: Science, History, Geography

Week 1 (9th October)

Year 11: Assessment schedules for HSC issued

Week 2 (16th October)

Year 12: HSC exams commence

Year 9/10: PDHPE, PASS, Design and Technology

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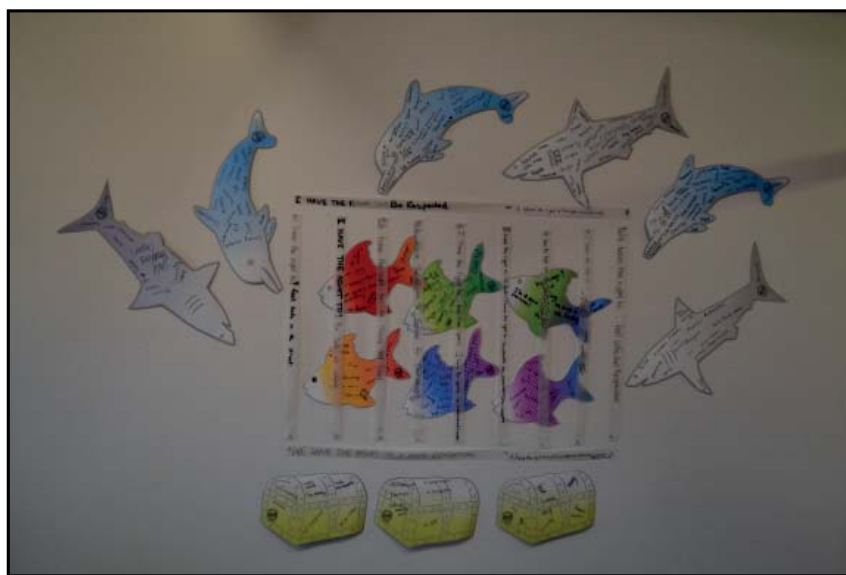


Last Friday, students in Year 7 and Year 8 constructed underwater scenes to represent positive relationships. Thank you to staff from Inverell's Rural Outreach and Support Service for delivering the "Shark Cage" course to our students. Work samples are currently on display in the Library and Administration block classroom.

There are a variety of public education scholarships that are available to all students. Please follow the link below if you are interested.

<https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/students/>

In this newsletter there is information regarding the bushfire classification of our school, which is the highest rating in NSW. Shortly, the school will be undertaking a drill on the important school process if this event was to happen, and it is imperative that all students follow the directions of staff. Our emergency evacuation point is Warialda Public School. Could all parents please ensure contact details are updated in the school system to ensure accurate information can be disseminated in emergency situations.



Principal's Assembly Certificates-Friday 15 September 2017 Congratulations to the following students who received awards-

Alexander Smith, Alisha Sleiman, Alliarna Brazel, Amica Cuell, Andrew Marle, Bedelia Johnson, Brayden Miller, Brock Byers, Calee Tranter, Charlie Dawson, Chloe Read, Courtney Barwick, Daemon Fohmsbee, Dakota Perrett, Emma Weatherall, Emma Hall, Gemma-Rose , Dodd, Grace Lockyer, Hayden Hancock, Heidi Mills ,Holly Phillips, Hope Kenzig, Hope Smithies, Isabel Biddle, Isaiah Monckton, Jack Williams, Jackson Booth, Jacob Hodge, Jai Hardy, James Williams, James Skinner, Jarrod Nolan, Jordan Johnston, Kaylah Fenton, Lacey Smith, Lance Allison, Lily Hamilton, Louisa Gilmour, Lucie Hawkins, Maverick Mitchell, Michael Nolan, Montenna Johnson, Phillip Forster, Phoebe Hardy, Rachel Coulton, Rebecca Boland, Rhiannon Byers, Ruby Mitchell, Sarah Miller, Skye Parker-Rose, Tegan Brown, Will O'Sullivan and Zack Crouch.

Silver Certificates

Paige Collings, Bailey Curtis, Brendan Cook, Brittany Ford, Charlotte Lockyer, Courtney Barwick, Emma Hall, Frank Bundock, Grace Lockyer, Isabel Biddle, Jade Baker, Kane Evens, Lacey Smith, Lachlan Wood, Madalyn Crouch, Michael Nolan, Mikalea Johnston, Nathan Tooley, Phillip Forster and Rachel Coulton.

On Tuesday the 29th of August the WHS SRC hosted the year 12 Farewell Social with the theme of NEON! It was a great night filled with fun activities and constant dancing from nearly 100 students that attended.

Mrs Gilmour and the SRC would like to thank all the following Teachers for supervising and assisting with activities;

Mrs Jane, Miss Churchland, Mrs Mack, Miss Wilkins, Mrs Phillips, Miss Gillespie, Miss Stephens, Mrs Smith, Mr Beattie, Mrs La Fontaine, Mrs Biddle and Mr Hampton.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Nicholas Waller who constantly kept the atmosphere alive with his great DJ skills. On behalf of Year 12, James Gilmour presented Karen Gobbert a certificate of appreciation for volunteering her time to run the canteen at the social.

The winners for the night's many activities were; Rachel Coulton (Freeze) , Chris Keeley (male worm), Molly Kennedy (female worm), Lachlan Wood (dance off), Holly Phillips and Brianna Williams (limbo) and Darcy wood (corners).

A special award, sponsored by Pauline Small (our cleaner), was given for a Year 12 dance off. The winners were Rhiannon Byers (1st place) and James Gilmour (2nd place).

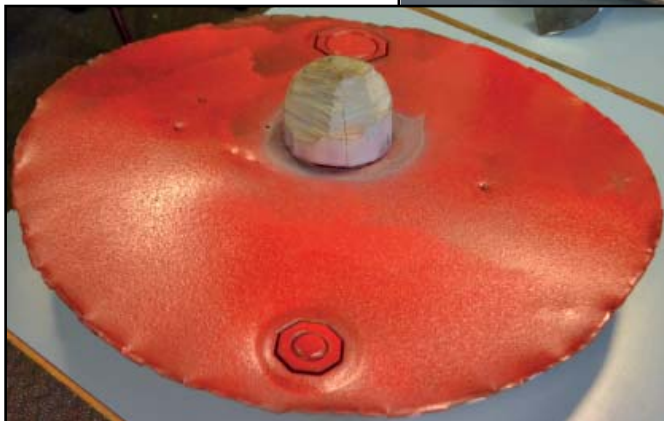
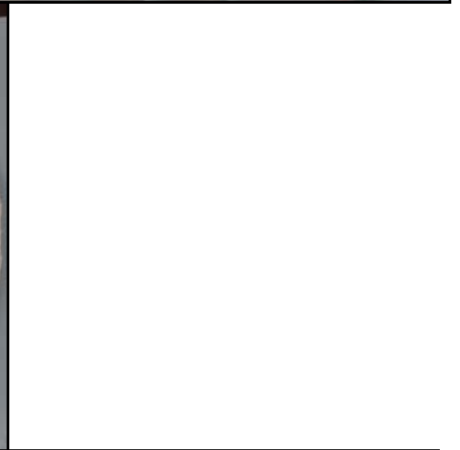
Along with the competitions many people went through a lot of trouble to dress up. The best dressed senior boy and girl were James Gilmour and Rhiannon Byers. Best dressed Junior boy and girl were Charlie Cush and Madeline Armstrong. The best dressed couple were Isaac Armstrong and Cooper Rose, best dressed group was Holly Phillips, Shanae Rose, Molly Kennedy and Stephanie Cleal as HIGHLIGHTERS.

Overall the social was a successful night and a great note for the year 12 students to go out on.

**P & C MEETING - The next
P & C Meeting will be held
tomorrow; Wednesday 20th
September at 4.30pm in the
staff common room. All welcome**

Stage 4 History

Stage 4 History have been studying the Vikings this term. For this unit, the assessment task required students to research and recreate an artefact from the Viking Era. These were then presented to their peers. These are some examples of the excellent work they have completed.



2017-18 Bush Fire Season Information for parents Health and Safety Directorate



This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the 2017-18 bush fire season. This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as being at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the local area. This includes the school your child attends.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

What is a Fire Danger Rating?

A Fire Danger Rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the department at approximately 4:30 pm each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact details to your school. Parents and carers should also watch or listen to local media as information may be provided through these outlets.

What education arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that if they do need to cease operations on some days, they will have alternative educational arrangements in place. This may include re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

2017-18 bush fire season: information for parents



Will my child's school be affected by Severe or Extreme Fire Danger Ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

Plan and Prepare

The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bush fire. Please find more information and resources on the RFS website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>.



Learn more

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the [NSW Rural Fire Service website](#).

The department's [School Safety website](#) has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.



Eyes forward, heart open.



W A R I A L D A R O T A R Y

needs men to take up

Free healthcheck offer

Warialda 26-27 September

“Getting tested can only be good news.

If all is well... there's peace of mind.

If there's a problem...it can be fixed”

Look for van in Warialda CBD

4 quick tests are done on the spot

Enquiries

Jim Moore 0428 790 005

Phil Ledingham 0429 398 945

Ken Brookes 0427 291 346

mherv men's health education rural van

A Rotary project which is also sponsored by The
Royal Freemason's Benevolent Institution & NSW
Government



The mobile unit is coming

We will be screening in Warialda from Wednesday 4th
October 2017,

In the public car park behind the Town Hall, Hope St.



Call 13 20 50 to book
your **free** screening
mammogram

13 20 50

20 minutes every 2 years
could save your life

For women aged 50 to 74 years
breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

Suggested content for School Newsletter

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2017

School vaccination clinics continue into terms 3 & 4

Wednesday 11th October 2017

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2017?

Any year 7 student with missed doses of HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2018.

ADDITIONALLY:

- **Any 2017 year 8 student** who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish the course of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school.
- **Any year 11 or 12 student** who returned a signed consent card for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine and did not receive this in Term 2 (and who has not received it from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school.

Please note:

- **As of July 2017 any student** who has missed school program vaccines or any childhood vaccines can now receive these vaccines from their local doctor. *For more information please refer to www.immunise.health.gov.au and click on "National immunisation program – expansion".*

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>