



WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have certainly had an exciting start to the year, and I would like to share some of the highlights from our recent events that showcase opportunities at our wonderful school.

Last Friday, we had the honour of hosting Her Excellency Mrs. Beazley, the Governor of NSW, and her husband, Mr. Wilson. They toured our school and were particularly impressed by our innovative STEM activities and the student design challenge aimed at reducing school waste. It was great to see our students actively engaged and showcasing their talents in these important areas. The Governor and Mr. Wilson also met some of our agriculture students and our therapy donkeys Brian and Brea. Both her excellency and Mr Wilson were very interested in the range of opportunities our students experienced in some of our extra-curricular programs such as the merino sheep challenge.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 8 students who volunteered to engage in clean up Australia day activities despite the hot weather. Her excellency commented on the importance of volunteering and noticed the commitment of these students.

In addition to this remarkable visit, our swimming carnival held last Tuesday, was a fantastic day filled with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and school spirit. A big thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to making the event such a success!

Last Thursday and Friday we also hosted special workshops presented by the Consent Lab, focusing on the importance of respectful relationships. These sessions provided valuable insights and fostered

important conversations among our students, reinforcing our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at our school, and I encourage all students to talk to their year adviser about additional options that can meet their individual needs. Also, keep in mind that regular attendance has the greatest influence on student learning. Aim for perfect attendance, and you will likely see improvements in your results!

Mr Sheens

NOTES DUE BACK ASAP

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE PACKS

REMINDERS

We ask that parents/carers return the following to the front office as soon as possible –

- Family Information Update - only one form per family required
- General permission notes.

Students are reminded that fully enclosed leather shoes must be worn for practical subjects.

STUDENT ORGANISATION

CALENDAR – TERM 1, 2025

WEEK 7	
Monday 10 March	Canteen closed
Wednesday 12 March	NAPLAN commences
WEEK 8	
Monday 10 March	Canteen closed
WEEK 9	
Monday 24 March – Tuesday 25 March	Halogen Senior Leadership excursion
Wednesday 26 March – Friday 28 March	Year 9 excursion, Penrith
WEEK 10	
Friday 4 April	Canteen closed

Parent SENTRAL Portal instructions

This Quick reference guide can be used for both parents and students.

First time use and new user registration

The steps to access the Parent and student Portal are:

1. All parents and caregivers, are emailed their Parent and student Portal letters with their unique access key. If you do not have one, please contact the school.
2. Use Google Chrome to access the portal as some other browsers may not work as well.
3. Register for an account on the registration page
 - a. Enter in your username. This must be your current email address.
 - b. Create a secure password. Note - This is not where you put in the access key

You will now be taken to another screen.

1. Enter in the Access key from your letter.
2. SUCCESS! You now have access to the WWHS Parent and Student Portal.

Please contact the school if you require further assistance with access to the portal.

NSW MINING CAREERS DINNER

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12, along with a parent/carer, are invited to come to NSW Mining annual dinners. Parkes will host a dinner on Wednesday 19 March from 5:15pm-7:45pm. Attendees will hear directly from people working in our industry, as well as from a range of education and training providers. The free careers dinner is a great way to get a taste of the NSW minerals and resources industry.



West Wyalong High School uses Sentral Parent Portal as our main communication tool with parents. Parents are able to access their child's timetable, academic reports, submit absence notes (either future or past), submit notes for excursions/extra curricular activities. At present, payments are unable to be taken on the Portal. Payments for excursions and other items can be made by cash to the front office and on the school's website (under 'Make a Payment').

WESTERN REGION TRIAL DATES - 2025

WWHS students have been successful over many years in being selected in a variety of Western Region teams with several of them going on to higher levels. These students have been self-motivated, organised and spent many hours training to compete against other highly skilled athletes from our Region, State and even Australia.

Western Region Trial dates for various sport have been released and details can be viewed on the Western Region School Sport page (<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Western>) and accessing specific sports trials and events through the 'find events' tab. Explore the sports/events that you are interested in.

Any students who intend to trial for Western Region teams, please keep in mind that the school must approve your attendance at the trial. In addition, you will need to organise transport to and from the trial venue.

To ensure that you don't miss events that you are interested in, listen carefully to the daily notices or assembly reports for nomination dates and information and collect and return all relevant forms to Mrs Milsom in a timely manner.

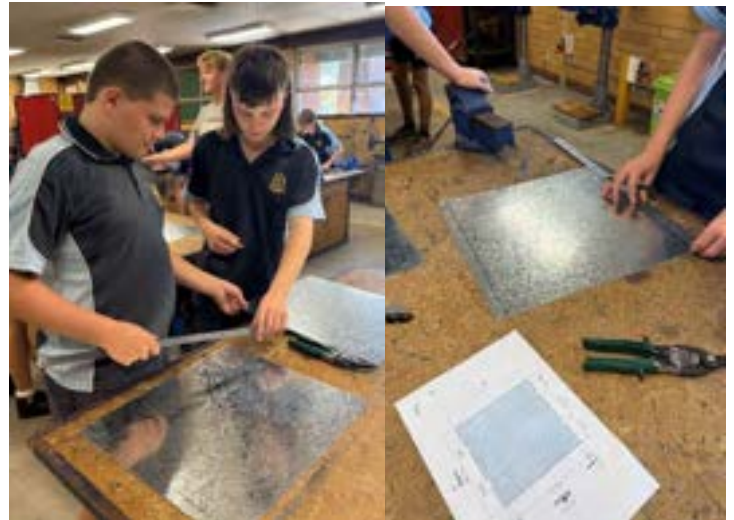
As with all absences from school, students are expected to talk with their teachers about class work and assessment tasks that may be impacted by their absences and find workable/appropriate solutions.

Everyone is welcome to view current (and the most up to date) information on the Western Region website. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Milsom.

9/10 METAL: PRECISION IN PRACTICE

Our Year 9/10 Metal students have been hard at work developing their precision marking and measuring skills! A huge thank you to Ben, one of our SLSOs, for sharing his expertise and giving students valuable industry insights. Students are focusing on building fundamental skills in accuracy and precision before progressing to tools and fabrication techniques,

ensuring a strong foundation for real world applications.



WSSA OPENS NETBALL

On Thursday 27 February, our Opens Netball team travelled to Orange to compete in the WSSA Opens Netball Knockout. The team consisted of Year 11 & 12 students. The girls played 6 games during the round robin portion of the day. They were successful with four wins against Oberon, Kelso, Parkes and Canowindra. In the quarter finals, the girls played off against Bathurst for a spot to advance to the finals. The girls managed to hold their own in the first quarter but Bathurst managed to advance ahead in the second quarter. Due to the heat, the game was called early and the girls finished equal third overall. Thank you to Anne-Maree Davies for umpiring all the games on the day and driving one of the school vehicles.



KEEPING THE BEAT WITH YEAR 7!

Year 7 had a blast exploring beat and rhythm today! They put their skills to the test in a fun game of musical chairs, taking turns on the bongo drum to set the beat. Well done, Year 7 – great energy and creativity!



MAIDEN EWE COMPETITION

On 14 February, a small group of Stage 5 Agriculture students attended the local Maiden Ewe Competition hosted by the West Wyalong & District Sheep Breeders Association. Guided by Ag teacher, Miss Maslin, students joined a large group of sheep producers and travelled around the local area from Arian Park, Tallimba and Girral visiting 6 farms. For each flock presented, students judged their body type, wool quality and management techniques. The results were tallied and four students presented their results in front of the congregation at the presentation dinner held at the Country Club. They were delighted to arrive at the same decision as the official judges naming Emma Northey as the overall winner of the day. Those who attended would like to thank the West Wyalong & District Sheep Breeders Association for their constant support and guidance

through the day, Ben Cattle for driving the bus and Miss Maslin for her organisation to make this day a great learning experience in agriculture!



PUBLIC NOTICES

