



WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 10

Congratulations to all our students who attended and participated at our Athletics Carnival last Tuesday, 16th September. Your energy and sportsmanship made the day a wonderful success! The weather was kind, and everyone seemed to have a fun filled day, even our racing dinosaurs.

We would also like to congratulate the students who received awards and those who performed at the Proud and Deadly Presentation hosted at WWHS on Thursday, 18th September. Your achievements and talents are a source of great pride for our school community. A huge thank you to all the organisers, particularly Steph Heydon, who continues to do a power of work for our First Nations' students.

As we celebrate these wonderful accomplishments, it is important to remember the vital role that regular school attendance plays in student success. The NSW Department of Education highlights that students who attend school 90% or more of the time consistently achieve better academic results and enjoy improved wellbeing. Even occasional absences can lead to missed learning opportunities and make it harder for students to keep up.

Please also be reminded that the Department of Education does not permit harvest leave as a valid reason for non-attendance. We understand that family circumstances can be complex, so if you need to discuss any leave, please contact the Principal or the Deputy Principal directly. We are here to support you and your child's educational journey.

Mr Sheens

STUDENT ORGANISATION

CALENDAR – TERM 3 & 4, 2025

WEEK 10	
Fri 26 Sept	Last day for Term 3
WEEK 1 TERM 4	
Mon 13 Oct	School Development Day
Tues 14 Oct	All students return for Term 4
Thurs 16 Oct – Fri 7 Nov	HSC examinations
WEEK 2	
Mon 20 Oct – Fri 7 Nov	HSC examinations
WEEK 3	
Mon 27 Oct – Fri 7 Nov	HSC examinations Shearing school
WEEK 4	
Mon 3 Nov – Fri 7 Nov	HSC examinations
WEEK 5	
Fri 14 Nov	Year 12 Farewell Assembly & Presentation Day

YEARS 9/10 DEBATING

2025 was a great year for our Year 9 and 10 debaters. Students participated in regular practice and tutoring sessions during lunch times and competed in three strong debates against high schools in our area. These competitions saw four students use their general knowledge, skills in persuasion and public speaking to present their arguments. They debated topics concerning society and education, including "That single use plastics should not be banned in schools". These debaters showed their strength in quick thinking and organisation. Congratulations for a great year in debating.

Our debating team included: Isaac Charpentier (1st Speaker), Bakr Al-Bajalan (2nd Speaker), Kaylah-Ann Moles (3rd Speaker) and Charlotte Wyse (4th Speaker).



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MARCH

On 14 August, a group of senior students proudly supported a local community event to raise awareness towards ending domestic violence led by the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Lands Council. These students marched from the Local Lands Council to McCann Park with the community. At the park, they heard from several local speakers and services that are working to support people in our area. Kelly Lamb, the CEO of charity Liberty Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Services and a Finalist for NSW Community Hero of the Year 2025, spoke to students about her experiences and how she supports her community. This was a very informative and important event for our students.



LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

On Thursday 18 September, two teams of girls represented WWHS at the League Tag Gala Day in Wagga. It was a great day filled with teamwork, encouragement, and plenty of skill on display. The girls gave their very best in every match, showing determination in defence and creativity in attack, while supporting and encouraging one another.

There were many highlights across the day, including some fantastic runs, excellent tagging, and well-earned tries. Each team improved with every game, and it was great to see the players having fun, trying new positions, and working so well together.

Team 1 Results

Team 1 consisted of: Marlee Wendt, Marley Loudon, Bella Alchin, Ivy Meacham, Nell Ramsay, Millie Robinson, Ruby Glasgow, Emma Gillespie, Jemma Gillespie, Ava Walsh, Sophie Seaman, Missy Worner and Tilly Wilmot.

- Game 1 vs Kildare Catholic College 16-6 loss; one try and one conversion to Charli Heaslip.
- Game 2 vs Mater Dei – 16-0 loss
- Game 3 vs MRHS – 6-6 draw; one try to Ruby Glasgow and one conversion to Charli Heaslip.

Team 2 Results

Team 2 consisted of: Paige Leonard, Abbey Steele, Emily Jordan-Downes, Georgia Collins, Phoebe Larden, Pippa Cooper, Katie Reid, Alexis Fealy, April Brooks, Amelia Walsh, Summer Pettit, Aylah Lange, Maci Coburn, Elsie Bell and Edie Dean.

- Game 1 vs TRAC2 16-0 win; Paige Leonard one try, Abbey Steele one try and one conversion, Summer Pettit one try and one conversion.
- Game 2 vs Sacred Heart 30-0 loss.
- Game 3 vs Junee High School 20-4 loss; Maci Coburn one try.

Congratulations to all the girls on a great effort and thank you to Mrs Maslin and Anne-Maree Davies who came along to support the girls. Thank you to Mrs

Frame and Mrs McDonnell for giving up your lunches to hold trainings. Another big thank you to Sophie Blackstock, Bella Cox, and Lily Worner for running the water and cheering the girls on. Thank you to the school for this opportunity.



MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to our school community that mobile phones are banned.



Students are not to bring their phone/airpods to school. If a student has their phone sent to the office, the student will be given one warning. Any subsequent warnings, a parent/guardian will need to collect the student's phone.

If you or your child need to make contact, please do so via the front office. Students can come to the office or parents can phone 6972 2700.

WHITE CARD TERM 3

On 17 September, 14 students completed the SafeWork NSW General Construction Induction Training (GIT) also known as the white card. WWHHS can provide this course to students at a reduced cost as Mr Frame is qualified to deliver, assess and provide students with the certification. The white card does not expire and is generally used to allow access for workers or visitors to construction sites, however, there are many more uses including registering to do owner builder renovations/extension through local council.

The day consisted of a 6-hour general induction to construction site safety including signage, use of fire equipment, safety documentation, applying Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and much more. WWHHS usually runs a course during Term 1 and Term 3 so there will be a further opportunity for students to undertake the course in 2026 and beyond. To complete the course students must be above the age of 14 on the day of training and have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

WWHS would like to congratulate the 14 students who completed the course and they will receive their card in the mail soon.



YEAR 7 2026

We are currently taking enrolments for Year 7 2026. Parents who have submitted an expression of interest through their current Primary school will have received an offer by email.

If you have not previously submitted an expression of interest, parents are asked to complete the online enrolment if you wish for your child to attend West Wyalong High School in 2026. [https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/...](https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/)

Please contact the school office on 6972 2700 if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming all of our new students!

PUBLIC NOTICES



Raising funds and awareness of prostate cancer
West Wyalong | 13 October 2025



Donate now
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia

Riders come from all over Australia to raise funds and awareness of prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, with 26,368 men likely to be diagnosed this year.

Five-year survival rates have increased to 95.8% which is great news. But tragically we still lose over 3,901 men to prostate cancer every year.

Join us for breakfast at McCann Park, West Wyalong
Monday 13 October
7.30-8.30am
Cost: \$5 (cash only)
All proceeds being donated directly to Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia

Help make a difference to those impacted by making a donation today!



West Wyalong Golf Club

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

FREE

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER
9AM-2PM

Age Groups and Free BBQ Bookings essential

Gary Begg (PGA)
Another Club Service from



Details Stephen Howarth 0427 723 713

 

NEW SEASON NEW COMP

Juniors- Thursdays 5.15pm
Seniors- Thursdays 6pm & 6.40pm

WW 2025/26 Competition Fees-
Seniors- \$100
Juniors- \$80

Juniors age from Year 2- Year 7
Individual registrations, with children placed into teams
Year 7+ can register own Senior teams

For more information please see WW Touch Football Facebook page or contact Morgan Anderson 0411414188

Please note- Year 7 must play Juniors to play in Senior Comp

WW TOUCH 2025/26 SEASON

COMPETITION COMMENCES 23/10/25



 **NRMA DRIVING LESSONS**

FOR L PLATE DRIVERS AGED 16-24 YEARS
\$50 PER LESSON



1 on 1 NRMA Driving Lessons
Tuesday 30 September
Wednesday 1 October
Thursday 2 October

Lessons have been heavily discounted by Bland Shire Council
Phone Council today on 02 6972 2266 to book your place!
ALL Licence details and payment MUST be provided at time of booking.

West Wyalong Country CLUB



Friday 10th October

FREE GOLF CLINICS

Adults 5.30pm-7pm

with Gary Begg (PGA)

 

More Details Stephen Howarth 0427 723 713

WYALONG COMMUNITY PRESENTATION



Discover how to build positive mental health at our free presentation.

At The Resilience Project, we're all about helping people feel happier and build resilience, and we do this through sharing simple, positive wellbeing tools with anyone and everyone.

When building positive mental health in communities, we know the biggest impact happens when we **work together** – which is where this presentation comes in.



Join The Resilience Project Partner and former AFL Player, **Martin Heppell**, for his flagship '**Discovering Resilience**' presentation. Through his high-energy humour and captivating storytelling, Martin will share the evidence-based tips we can use everyday to improve our wellbeing.



Equip yourself with **simple, practical tools** to look after your wellbeing.



Learn about the confronting mental health statistics in our country, and understand why **prevention is the key to changing this narrative**.



Discover **Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness**; the evidence-based principles proven to help us feel happier.



Wednesday 22nd October 2025
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Wyalong School of Arts Hall (Topsy Hall)
4 Neeld Street, Wyalong NSW 2671

To attend this presentation, you must register for a free ticket.

Parent & Carer Hub

When supporting your children's mental health,
we know the best outcomes happen when we
work together and **practise**.

Head over to our **Parent & Carer Hub** to learn
more about the **evidence-based strategies** being
taught in the classroom, so you can enhance
their impact at home. You'll find activities you can
practice to support your family's wellbeing.



Click here or scan this QR code to learn
more about our **Parent & Carer Hub**.



To learn more about The Resilience project, head to:



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Local Land
Services

Hollows as Homes and Exploring Lake Cowal

When	Friday 10 October 2025
Where	Lake Cowal Conservation Centre and Lake Cowal
Who	Children aged 7 – 15 years old, (limited numbers apply) 7–11 year olds must have parent/adult accompany them 12–15 year olds will be supervised by Bland Shire Youth Staff
What	9:30am – 12:30pm Local Land Services Hollows as Homes Workshop 12:30pm – 1:00pm Sausage sizzle lunch supplied 1:00pm – 3:30pm Exploring Lake Cowal activities with LCCC Sally Russell Scats Tracks and Habitats, Birds and Binoculars, Water bugs and craft activities.
Transport	Own transport to the LCCC Bus leaving Bland Youth Centre 8:45am Bus returning to Bland Youth Centre at approx. 4pm Contact Bland Shire to book a seat on the bus
Cost	Free, funded by Local Land Services
Wear	Long pants/jeans, long sleeves, closed in shoes/boots/runners, hat
Bring	Morning & afternoon snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen
RSVP	Tuesday 7 October 2025 Bland Shire Council 69722266 Sally Russell LCCC Education Officer 0407754287 Cherie White Local Land Services (LLS) 0427407126

Hollows as Homes presented by Local Lands Services

Children will learn about the importance of tree hollows and how to protect them. Each participant will make their very own hollow home, a possum drey, to take home. This supports a program that is creating habitats for native wildlife.



Exploring Lake Cowal presented by Sally Russell, Education Officer LCCC

Exploring the wonderful plants, animals, birds and habitats at Lake Cowal through a number of different activities on the edge of Lake Cowal. Explore animal habitats, identify birds, catch water bugs and make a creation to take home.

Contact Sally Russell, Lake Cowal Conservation Centre 0407754287



Hollows as homes



Join us on a mission to explore, educate and protect the world of tree hollows.

Tree hollows play a crucial role in our waterways and bushlands, providing shelter for many native species including fish, possums, birds, and reptiles.

Hollow-bearing trees are declining at an alarming rate. Their loss has been classed as a Key Threatening Process to biodiversity in New South Wales.

In this hands-on 2-hour workshop, our next generation of citizen scientists will learn about the importance of hollows and how they can help protect them. Each participant will make their very own hollow home - a possum drey - to take home. By doing so, they'll contribute to a program that supports habitat creation for native wildlife.

This is an outside event so please bring a hat and water bottle. Please note: This workshop is suited to children 7 to 15 years old. Parental supervision/assistance is essential.

Contact

Cherie White, on 0427 407 126 or email
cherie.white@lls.nsw.gov.au

When and where

Wednesday 1 October

Adelong, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Batlow, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 8 October

Narrandera, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Thursday 9 October

Ladysmith, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Friday 10 October

Lake Cowal, 9:30 am -12:30 pm

RSVP

please scan the QR code or visit
www.nsw.gov.au-lls-events

