



WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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As we reach the final stretch of the academic year, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I congratulate our graduating HSC students on the successful completion of their schooling journey. This milestone is a testament to your resilience, dedication, and hard work through what has often been challenging times. We celebrate your achievements and the many personal growth moments that have shaped who you are today. As you step forward into the next exciting chapter of your lives whether it be further education, training, or employment, we extend our warmest wishes for success, fulfilment, and happiness in all your future endeavours.

For our students who are continuing their studies, now is a crucial time to focus on achieving your literacy, numeracy, and personal goals. These targets are important stepping stones that will not only support your academic progress but also prepare you for life beyond school. We encourage you to stay motivated, seek help when needed, and keep striving to do your best as you head into the final weeks of the year.

To our school community, we want to ensure everyone is well informed and prepared for upcoming changes and initiatives. In the coming weeks, we will be distributing important information to parents and staff regarding the responsible and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in schools. This guidance will explain how AI tools can support learning while upholding our values of academic integrity and fairness. We encourage open discussions with your child about their use of AI to ensure they are staying safe online and using this powerful tool ethically.

Our HSC 2025 cohort are experiencing some of the biggest changes they will encounter in their lives. Congratulations again to our HSC graduates you have made us proud, and we wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

Mr Heydon, Relieving Principal



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.

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



STUDENT ORGANISATION

CALENDAR – TERM 4, 2025

WEEK 5	
Mon 10 Nov – Fri 14 Nov	Year 10 Penrith Exchange Program
Fri 14 Nov	Year 12 Farewell Assembly & Presentation Day 9:30am
WEEK 6	
Mon 17 Nov – Fri 21 Nov	Year 11 Rotary Driver Simulator
Thurs 20 Nov	TAFE Yes Program – Basic Welding
WEEK 7	
Thurs 27 Nov	TAFE Yes Program – Basic Welding Year 7 excursion, Altina
Thurs 27 Nov & Fri 28 Nov	Year 9 Peer Support Leader Training, TAFE West Wyalong
WEEK 8	
Thurs 4 Dec	TAFE Yes Program – Basic Welding
Thurs 4 Dec – Fri 5 Dec	Year 7 2026 Week in High School
Fri 5 Dec	Year 9 excursion
WEEK 9	
Mon 8 Dec – Wed 10 Dec	Year 7 2026 Week in High School
Thurs 11 Dec	TAFE Yes Program – Basic Welding 90% attendance excursion, Lake Talbot
WEEK 10	
Wed 17 Dec	Years 7-11 Presentation Day 1:00pm
Thurs 18 Dec	Year 10 excursion

NSW CHS RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Ryder Pettit, who represented New South Wales in the CHS Under 15s rugby league earlier this year. The game results were –

- NSW CHS 18 v NSW CCC 18
- NSW CHS 18 v ACT 20
- NSW CHS 20 v NSW CIS 20
- NSW CHS 40 v Western Australia 0



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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year's athletics carnival was held on an overcast but warm day, with occasional gusts of wind that added an extra layer of challenge for all competitors. Despite the less-than-perfect weather conditions, the event was a great success, with enthusiasm and school spirit clearly shining through.

We were thrilled to see a higher student participation rate than last year, with more students than ever eager taking part in a wide variety of events. Throughout the day, there was a strong sense of support and camaraderie, as students consistently encouraged and motivated their peers. The cheers, applause, and positive energy helped lift everyone's performance and kept spirits high from start to finish.

The carnival featured several exceptional individual performances, with athletes pushing themselves to new heights and achieving personal bests. One of the most exciting aspects of the day was witnessing two longstanding school records being broken by Cody Jamieson in the Under 14's 100m sprint and Jett Milsom in the Open's High Jump.

Farrar was the top-performing house during the athletics carnival, earning the most points across all the events held that day. Their strong performances in a variety of track and field competitions helped them accumulate enough points to finish ahead of the other houses. This impressive achievement means that Farrar not only won the carnival on the day but also secured the title of overall house champions for the year.

In some age groups, there were dominant performances, but in most, the competition was very close, with Age Champions having to work hard to secure their top positions.

The point score for the carnival was as follows:

1st – Farrar – 788 points

2nd – Bridgen – 661 points

3rd – Hargreaves – 626 points

4th – Neeld – 592 points

New records -

Cody Jamieson – 14 years 100m – 11.56

Previous record – 11.58 held by Peter Harries (2012)

Jett Milsom – Opens High Jump – 1.77m

Previous record – 1.76m held by Darcy White (2019)

Age	Champion	Runner up
12 Boys	Mason Leane	Judd Pidgeon
12 Girls	Alexsa Burns	Olive Norton
13 Boys	Cody Marinkovic	Jarred Ackland
13 Girls	Rorie Nicholson	Millie Khadar
14 Boys	Nate Sams & Joel Johnston	Cody Jamieson
14 Girls	Izzy Caldow & Paige Leonard	Nell Ramsay
15 Boys	Ryder Pettit	Nash Crossman
15 Girls	Missy Worner	Charli Heaslip
16 Boys	Seth Marinkovic	Bradley Ackland
16 Girls	Amelia Alchin	Indi Milsom & Indianah McLaughlin
Opens Boys	Hamish McClintock	Charlie Sutton
Opens Girls	Emily Seaman	Janae Downey

The overall house champion points table is –

House	Swimming Carnival	Athletics Carnival	Total points
Farrar	372	788	1160
Bridgen	338	661	999
Hargreaves	324	626	950
Neeld	316	592	908

SHEARING SCHOOL

During Week 3 of this term, a group of students had an invaluable opportunity to attend the West Wyalong High School shearing school at Eveningside, Tallimba. Throughout the week, students immersed themselves in learning the complete process of shearing a sheep and the vital skill of classing wool.

Beyond technical skills, the program focused on important life lessons including hygiene, teamwork, equipment preparation, the importance of diet and sleep, and building resilience. These essential elements help prepare students not only for the shearing industry but also for challenges they may face in life.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Ryan and Leanne Staniforth for allowing us to use their shearing shed, and to Rebecca and Grant Kitto for supplying the lambs used in training. We also thank the Australian Wool Innovations (AWI) instructors, Mick, Brian and Janice. Their expert knowledge of the shearing industry and engaging teaching approach made the learning experience truly exceptional.

We are proud of all the students for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the program. This experience has equipped them with valuable skills and greater appreciation for the wool industry.

