

## From the Principal's Desk

As we near the end of Term 2, I am once again astounded by the fantastic work of our staff, students, and wider community, who consistently come together in the common goal of providing our students with the opportunities to become everything they wish to be.

It is important to highlight that our school has been recognised for its care and commitment to students, staff, and the broader community during the recent floods. This acknowledgement has come from the highest levels of the NSW Department of Education, including The Secretary, Mr. Murat Dizdar, the Deputy Secretary, Ms. Deb Summerhayes, and Executive Director, Ms. Lisa Muir.

One of the great things I have witnessed is the strength of our wellbeing team, which has provided our students with individualised support. Our staff has shown exceptional commitment to maintaining high-quality teaching and learning. We have been responsive to the need to suspend and adjust our assessment periods for students, but we have quickly returned to delivering quality instruction in the classroom. While this has impacted our reporting timelines, it has allowed us to relieve undue stress for our students, helping them get back on track with their learning. Our Merit Award Assembly will now take place on Monday, July 28, in Term 3, Week 2.

Additionally, our school was selected to be filmed demonstrating Explicit Teaching strategies in the classroom. This resource is intended for use across the state to showcase quality practices. A big shout out to Ms. McMurtrie, Mr. Keen, Mr. Whitlam, and Mrs. Battiston for showcasing their teaching practices. The crew provided high praise for the quality of instruction observed and reported that the filmed practice would be beneficial for statewide professional learning. We look forward to viewing the final product.

It has been a significant term, filled with challenges, camaraderie, and positive learning outcomes for our students. I wish all students, staff, and parents/carers a wonderful break, where you can recharge, create new memories with family and friends, and return ready for a trailblazing Term 3. I hope you enjoy the read and have a wonderful break.

*Paul Ivers*  
Principal



### Dates to Remember

#### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 5 August 6pm

#### Final day of Term 2

Friday 4 July

#### Students return for Term 3

Tuesday 22 July

#### Immunisations Years 7 & 10

Thursday 24 July

#### Merit Awards Assembly

Monday 28 July 11.45-1.15pm

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day



=

**3** days

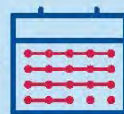


**30** mins  
per day



=

**18** days



**Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.**

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's educational success and overall development. In New South Wales, it's a legal requirement for children of compulsory school age to attend school every day unless they are unwell or have a valid reason for absence.

### ***What You Need to Do:***

**Inform the School Promptly:** If your child is absent, please provide an explanation within seven days of the absence.

**Provide Justifiable Reasons:** Acceptable reasons include illness, medical appointments, or family emergencies.

**Advance Notice:** Whenever possible, notify the school of upcoming absences in advance.

### ***How to Notify the School:***

**Written Communication:** Send a note or email to the school.

**Phone Call:** Call the school directly to explain the absence.

**Sentral:** Respond via the Sentral Parent Portal app

Everyday counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

Develop a sense of belonging

Develop and maintain friendships

Be more engaged at school

Progress with their learning

Be more aware of career and life options.





# Congratulations

to our first Rowley Award winners!

## Top 5 Point Scorers

### Year 7 - Mason Edmonds

Summer Bruggy

Ari Austin

Harley Burrows

Xander Cairns

### Year 8 - Nate Edwards

Mav M.

Marcel Cherrett

Jarzy Gallagher

Reuby Sheather

### Year 9 - Jack Tuck

Caitlin Watters

Rory Minett

Riley McConnell

Aaliyah Madden

### Year 10 - Dallas M.

Mitchell Scott

Trinity Dent

Emma Davies

Levi Gray

### Year 11 - Lauren Zanardi

Evan Davies

Aurora Dent

Joshua Masters

Jack McAuliffe

### Year 12 - Leah Dowling

Oliver M.

Kaylan O'Keefe

Matilda Hurst

Dale Nilson

## Canteen Voucher Winners

Ari Austin

Jarzy Gallagher

Riley McConnell

Ruby Beard

Lauren Zanardi

Unseen Sombatpattanapokin

## Learning Support Update

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

All government and non-government schools across Australia participate annually in the nationally consistent collection of data (NCCD) on students with additional needs. The data collected outlines the adjustments that teachers make so that all students are supported and receive quality teaching and learning experiences.

The data will be provided to the Australian Government from the NSW Department of Education to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the educational requirements of students with additional needs and is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.



## HSC MATHEMATICS EXAM PREP DAY

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm  
**Where:** MidCoast Christian College, Taree  
**Cost:** \$40 per person  
**Open to all HSC Maths students in the local area.**

### HSC COURSES AVAILABLE

- MATHS STANDARD 1
- MATHS STANDARD 2
- MATHS ADVANCED
- MATHS EXTENSION 2

### LUNCH PROVIDED

Pizza for lunch is included in the price of the day. Please indicate dietary requirements on the registration form.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Spend the day with qualified and experienced Mathematics teachers, dissecting past HSC questions and receive individualised feedback.

### REGISTER NOW!

Places are capped at 30 spots per course, so register your interest ASAP.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zctk3nPt>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 0466638869 OR EMAIL [RDUFFY1311@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RDUFFY1311@GMAIL.COM)

### Check-in assessment for Years 7, 8 and 9

Year 7, 8, and 9 students will soon participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students during Term 3 Week 4.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Optional advice:

Students will may bring their own headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.



# Wingham High School Newsletter



## Wingham High School supporting NSW Education

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in our Literacy PL filming. Teachers demonstrated explicit instruction of literacy, like Connecting Ideas in text, across multiple subject areas, while a film crew from Sydney recorded the lessons. Footage will be edited into clips for an online teacher professional learning suite. Well done to the team, leading by example and putting learning first, at Wingham High!





## Will Border attends the National Youth Science Forum

In January, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra, a prestigious program designed for students passionate about STEM. The selection process had been tough, only a small number of students from across Australia were chosen. When I received my acceptance letter, I knew I was about to embark on an experience that would shape my future.

Funding the trip was a challenge, but with the support of a \$500 scholarship, a generous \$500 contribution from the Rotary Club and assistance from my school P&C Committee of \$500, I was able to attend. I was also fortunate to receive support of \$600 from Wingham Beef Exports, where my father works on the slaughter floor. Their backing meant a lot to me, as it showed how local businesses value young people pursuing careers in science and engineering.

During my time at NYSF, I was immersed in a world of innovation. We toured world-class research facilities, met leading scientists, and engaged in hands-on experiments. At the Australian National University, I explored quantum physics and biomedical engineering research, while at CSIRO, I saw groundbreaking work in climate science and sustainable energy.

Beyond science, NYSF was about connections. I met students from across the country, each with unique ambitions. We collaborated on projects, debated scientific ethics, and even discussed the future of space exploration. The experience reinforced my passion for engineering and opened my eyes to the many career paths in STEM.

Returning home, I felt inspired to give back to my school and community, encouraging others to apply for NYSF and explore STEM opportunities.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone who supported me - my school, the Rotary Club, Wingham Beef Exports, and the P&C Association. Their belief in me made this life changing experience possible, and I look forward to using what I've learned to benefit my community.

***Will Border, Year 12 student and School Captain***





## Wingham High Students Attend Singleton Beef Education Day

On Friday, 21 enthusiastic Agriculture students from Wingham High School travelled to the Singleton Showground to participate in the annual Beef Education Day. This hands-on excursion offered students a unique opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the cattle industry and gain practical skills that link directly to their classroom learning.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a range of informative and engaging sessions led by industry experts. These included cattle judging techniques, artificial insemination (AI) processes, the importance of dung beetles in pasture health, seed identification for quality pasture management, and even cheese making. Each workshop provided valuable insights into real-world agricultural practices and highlighted career pathways within the sector.

Students particularly enjoyed the interactive nature of the day, asking insightful questions and engaging with professionals who shared their expertise and experiences. The cheese making session was a definite highlight, allowing students to see the transformation from raw milk to a delicious dairy product.

Wingham High School thanks the organisers and presenters of the Singleton Beef Education Day for providing such a well-structured and beneficial experience. Our students returned with a renewed enthusiasm for agriculture and a deeper appreciation for the work behind the beef and dairy industries.





## Tractor Safety Workshop

June 10 saw our Year 11/12 Primary Industries students invited to attend a tractor safety workshop hosted by Kentan Machinery Taree. Our students had the opportunity to review the tractor operation principles taught in the Primary Industries course. Discussion and review of issues in operation under various conditions was central to the workshop. Thankyou to Guy Denning for his presentation to our students.





## Marine Studies Excursion



Year 10 Marine Studies students recently took part in an unforgettable field trip to the Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters at Anna Bay. The excursion offered a unique opportunity to interact closely with a variety of marine species, including stingrays, epaulette sharks, and Port Jackson sharks. Guided by marine experts, students deepened their understanding of ocean ecosystems, animal adaptations, and the importance of ethical marine conservation. From wading in shallow lagoons and snorkelling to feeding and gently touching the animals, the experience was both educational and inspiring.





## ONLINE ORDERING

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- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

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- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



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## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All you need is a free Volunteers Working with Children's Check and one simple form for you to enjoy a free morning tea and lunch and a good laugh with our fabulous canteen team. However, most importantly you are helping our students receive nutritious, NSW Government approved meals. You won't have to serve or handle money.

So come in and lend a hand as much or as little time as you like - and you don't have to have a child at this school to help!

**Please call Judy on 6553 5488.**



## Wingham High School ~ Winter Canteen Menu

REMEMBER to ORDER before 9am  
**ORDER on-line with FLEXISCHOOLS**



For any special requirements please call in & have a chat with Judy.  
**Payment by cash or card only**

Check the blackboard for daily specials

### HOT FOOD

Low Fat Plain Pie	\$5.50
Low Fat Flavoured Pie	\$6.00
Low Fat Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Ham and Cheese Pocket	\$3.50
Chicken, Cheese and BBQ Sauce Pocket	\$4.50
Fish Piece	\$3.50
Chicken Fingers	\$4.00
Pizza (Home-made)	\$6.00
Toasted Sandwich	\$4.00
Homemade Soup	\$3.00
Garlic Bread	\$3.00
Chicken Burgers	\$5.50
Roast Chicken Dinner (Home-made)	\$6.50
Fish Burger	\$5.50
Gluten Free Sausage Rolls	\$5.50
Gluten Free Meat pies	\$6.50
Lasagne	\$5.00
Potato Bake (GF)	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$5.00
Spring Rolls (V)	\$3.00
Beef or Chicken Noodle Cups	\$3.00

**GLUTEN FREE** options available  
Wraps, Sandwiches  
Pizzas & Pies  
**Please Order**

### COLD FOOD

Salad Roll (white or wholemeal)	\$4.50
<b>All Sandwiches</b> (white or wholemeal)	
Salad	
Egg and Lettuce	
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.00
Ham and Cheese	
Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo	
Corned Beef and Pickles	
Salad Wrap	\$5.50
Salad Wrap with Chicken or Ham	\$6.00
Half Wrap with Ham and Salad	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Roll	\$4.50
Salad Box with Egg, Chicken or Ham	\$5.50

Salads consist of lettuce, tomato, beetroot, onion, cucumber, carrot and low fat cheese.

### VEGETARIAN

Spinach and Cheese Roll	\$3.50
Vege Mornay Pie	\$5.50
Vege Burger	\$5.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$5.00

**Please note:**  
NO Heating up of food not purchased through the canteen.  
NO hot water will be given out.  
NO Students in the canteen.  
See Judy at the front counter.

### ICE CONFECTIONS

Paddle Pops (2 flavours)	\$2.50
TNT's	\$1.00
Sour Snaps	\$2.00
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt (2 flavours)	\$2.50
Frozen Fruit	\$1.50
Frozen Fruit Poles	\$1.50
Low fat Ice Cream Cup	\$1.50
Frozen Juice Cups	\$1.50
Choc Malt Ice cream	\$1.50
Frozen Fruit Smoothies	\$1.00
Moosies	\$2.00
Mini Calippos	\$2.00
Berri Sticks	.50c
Juicies	\$1.50

**Vegetarian Meals**  
available every day  
**Please Order**

### MISCELLANEOUS

Aprons - Blue or White	\$10
W.H.S Packs (apron, goggles, ear plugs, dust mask)	\$20
Visual Arts Diaries	\$7

### SNACKS

Fruit Muffin	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit, whole or pieces	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Yoghurt Fruit Custard Cup	\$3.00
Fruit and Yoghurt Cups	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$2.00
Chips 28gm	\$2.00
Grain Waves	\$2.00
Noodle Snacks	\$1.50

### DRINKS

All Juices (4 flavours)	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk (large)	\$4.00
Flavoured Milk (small)	\$3.00
Just Natural Flavoured Milk	\$4.00
Plain Milk	\$3.50
Up & Go (small)	\$3.00
Hot Chocolate	\$4.00
600ml Water	\$2.50
No Sugar Gatorade	\$4.00
Active Water	\$4.00
Chill Teas	\$4.00
Juice Bombs	\$2.50
Sparkling Water	\$3.00

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