A fitting farewell!

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who completed thirteen years of schooling and celebrated this achievement with an impressive formal dinner. All of the students dressed formally and were a credit to their families. Over one hundred people attended the dinner at the golf club and they were treated to a presentation that highlighted the transformation from Year 7 to Year 12. The Year 12 Adviser, Mr Duncan, provided solid guidance throughout their later years at WWHS and successfully carried out the role of Master of Ceremonies on the night. Amongst the laughter and the heart felt speeches, it was obvious that this group of students would leave their legacy on our school.

West Wyalong High School is extremely proud of these impressive young adults and all thirty four contributed greatly to the positive culture within our school. These students had a fantastic rapport with our staff and were noted for their involvement in a wide range of activities including voluntary service, sporting teams, extracurricular activities and their dedication to study. They were also noted for their compassion, politeness and good family/community values.

They have now completed all of their HSC examinations and can be very proud of their efforts. Some of these students have already gained early entrance into universities; some have already begun employment whereas some are eagerly awaiting their HSC results to determine their further courses of study. Overall the students in Year 12 2015 have been great role models and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Mr Greg Sheens
Relieving Principal

CREATIVE MINDS EXHIBITION
THIS Wednesday 11th November, 1pm-8pm in the MPU.
- Year 12 Visual Arts major works
- Exhibition of student’s artworks from Years 7-11
- Displays and presentations of Year 10 English and History student’s work
- Great Science and Food Technology displays
- Year 7 Technology “marble runs” to play with
- Plus a few surprises!!!

Light refreshments and sausage sizzle available in the evening. Join us to celebrate our talented students!

BYOD INFORMATION NIGHT
West Wyalong High School has always designed and implemented technology rich learning to ensure students are well prepared for a rapidly changing world and workplace. The 1:1 laptop program provided by the federal government, that the school has been using, ended in 2013. We are now looking for alternatives to ensure the provision of technology to students. Based on student, parent and staff feedback from our trial with year 9 students in 2014, and current research we are now implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for all students. The BYOD program enables students to bring a personally owned device (eg. laptop or tablet like an iPad) to school to connect to the school WiFi network to further enhance students’ learning opportunities. To further explain the BYOD program and the implications for students currently in Year 7 we will be holding a parent and student information session on:
TOMORROW NIGHT, TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 7pm in the school library. This information session will outline the BYOD program; provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the BYOD program and provide examples of how the devices will be used within classes. We encourage all parents to attend and find out about the BYOD program.

THE CALAMITYVILLE TERROR
WHEN: NEXT Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th November, 7pm in the High School MPU. Gold Coin Donation.
West Wyalong High School is excited to present "The Calamityville Terror" to the West Wyalong community. This full-length dramatic play involves a cast of eleven year 10 students who have stepped out of their comfort zone and taken on a new experience. These students have been working hard both in their own time and during class time to present this play. Audiences will be constantly laughing at the comic content of the play, and will be kept on the edge of their seats with suspense.
(By Arrangement with Origin™ Theatrical, exclusive representative of the Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois)
CWA COOKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Paige Cooper (1st), Piper Thacker (2nd) and Maddison Collins (3rd) on entering the CWA Cooking competition held last week. The high school students had to cook a lemon cake from a set recipe. West Wyalong High School students had 15 entries. The judges were very pleased with the overall standard and commented that they were even better than last year. Paige is to recook her cake for the district competition early in December. Good luck Paige.

RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Term 3 saw a range of students achieve various levels in our Recognition Award system. Each term teachers are given the opportunity to recognise the effort and attitude of students in each of their classes, using Recognition Awards. The awards are based on the following criteria:

- Excellent effort
- Excellent conduct
- Excellent classroom participation

The nominations by teachers are tallied in order for students to progress to the next award level. The levels are Green (5 awards), Bronze (10 Awards), Silver (20 Awards) and Gold (30 Awards).

Year 7-Green—Myles Harland, Jasper Loudon, Kasey Mullins, Ranan Sannga.
Year 8-Green—Harry Judd, Heath Redman, Kaitlin Widdows. Bronze—Hannah Hammond, Sam Kitto, Mitchell Lord, Kobe Pursehouse, Emily Steele.

TEMORA CDAT and the AUSTRALIAN DRUG FOUNDATION wish to invite all parents, teachers and professionals who work with young people to “The Other Talk Workshop” which has all the information you need to talk to your children about alcohol and other drugs. By taking the time to have ‘the other talk’, you can help prevent the harms caused by alcohol and drug misuse in young people.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

- Learn how to talk to your child about alcohol and other drugs.
- Help prevent alcohol and drug misuse in young people.
- Learn how to manage real-life situations involving your child and alcohol.
- Find out the best age to have ‘the other talk’ with your children.
- Get the facts. Learn what drugs young people are taking.

WHEN: THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 6.30PM IN THE MPU. Registration is free, but please call the Temora Community Centre on 6978 0500 to book your place by 13th November 2015.

It's never too early to start talking about alcohol and other drugs with your child.

MECHATRONICS at WAGGA

On Wednesday 28th of October 2015 a group of students from years 8 to 11 attended a Mechatronics workshop at Wagga Wagga TAFE. Mechatronics is a combination of mechanical, electrical and computer engineering and is used in such fields as robotics, automation, mobile apps and transportation systems. The students attended numerous sessions including seeing a 3D printer in action and building a hydraulic arm that automatically turned on a light. The students also witnessed the importance of mathematics in this field and its uses in fabrication and design. The day has also inspired students from West Wyalong High School to enrol in the Mechatronics course at Wagga Wagga TAFE which can be completed in an online environment. West Wyalong High School understands the importance of exposing our students to these future career options and technologies and has recently purchased a 3D printer to allow students to learn how to program and print 3D objects.
SECONDARY BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Ben Cattle and Oscar Mason who represented Western at the Secondary Boys Tennis carnival at Broadmeadow in week 4. The team’s best result of the tournament was against Sydney East where they were narrowly defeated by 7 sets to 5. The boys represented both Western and West Wyalong High School in the best possible way through their high level of sportsmanship.

ROTY WORK EXPERIENCE

Once again Year 10 students from West Wyalong High School were given the opportunity to spend a week in Penrith to participate in the Nepean Work Experience program. This year fifteen students seized this opportunity and returned very satisfied with their time away.

The Nepean Rotary Club were very generous with their time and organisation of this event. They organised billets for the students, the work places and social activities during the week. Among the social activities was a day at Manly Beach, ten-pin bowling, shopping and a movie.

The Nepean Rotary Club were very accommodating for the students involved, participants were asked to nominate career options which were then used to find suitable placements. The workplaces students attended included: a Juvenile Justice Agency, Be Strong Training, New Dimensions Health Club (Personal Trainers), a Physiotherapist, GSJ Fabrications, The Western Weekender (Newspaper), At Print (Design Studio/graphics), The Creative Fringe (Interior Design), Platform Youth Services (Psychology/Social Work), Hair and Beauty Academy (Magazine Publishing), Fernhill Equine Centre, Carita Childcare Centre, Northcott Services (Disability aid worker), Flower Power (Landscape Design) and the Nepean Community and Neighbourhood centre.

This was a very rewarding and enriching experience for the students involved as they were able to escape their comfort zones and experience new things for the first time. For some they had never been to Sydney so to be able to experience a workplace in a city was a great opportunity.

We would also like to thank the West Wyalong Rotary Club for driving the participants to Forbes and back.

TEMORA AVIATION MUSEUM VISIT

Ebenezer Sannga pictured below at the Temora Museum

Last Monday 40 year 8 students went on an excursion to Temora Aviation Museum. We undertook their stage 4 science experience to complement our work on Earth and Space. We watched a video and completed activities on how aeroplanes actually fly. After this we were able to view the planes that are to be involved in the war birds exhibition later this month. One of these planes the Hudson is the only operational plane of its kind in the world. We were able to learn how aviation technology has improved over the years and made the planes safer and faster. We enjoyed a late lunch at Maccas before returning to school. Thanks to George for driving the bus and Miss Burns, Mrs Boneham and Mrs Kirkby for taking us.

APPRENTICESHIPS !!!

GTES and ATEL – Employment Agencies have a number of Apprenticeships available in the Wagga Wagga Region.

Currently –
ATEL - 1st Year – Plumber; 1st Year Electrical; 1st Year Heavy Mechanic; 1st Year Light Mechanic.

GTES – 1st Year Heavy Vehicle Mechanic; Spare Parts Trainee; 1st Year Apprentice Locksmith

For further information and application:-

WEST WYALONG & DISTRICT COUNTRY EDUCATION FUND

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open for the WWDCEF Scholarships. For information on these scholarships and an application form please visit the following website: https://cef.org.au/cef/cef-foundations/nsw-foundations/west-wyalong/

Applications close 27th November 2013

For information contact Michele Carnegie 0427 753 418