Welcome Year 7 2016

As we begin another exciting year at West Wyalong High School, I am pleased to welcome our new students including our Year 7 cohort. We also welcome new parents and families to our school and I hope to meet you in the near future. West Wyalong High School continues to maintain an “open door” policy whereby we encourage parents to visit the school and organise meetings with teachers to discuss any suggestions or concerns. I believe that a successful school requires a close relationship between parents and our teachers.

We will host an informal BBQ for our new Year 7 parents to meet the Year 7 teachers on Monday the 22nd of February. This will be followed by our once a term P&C meeting. The BBQ for our Year 7 parents will begin at 6.00pm on Monday 22nd February and this will be followed by our P&C meeting at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend our first P&C meeting for 2016.

Our Year 7 students are very fortunate to have Mrs Dwyer as their Year Adviser, so please contact her with any welfare issues that may affect your children at school. Meetings can be organised with any of our Teachers, Head Teachers, Deputy Principal and Principal by phoning our school office and organising a suitable time. It is also imperative that we maintain accurate records such as phone numbers, addresses and medical conditions. Our school operates a SMS attendance program that contacts parents through their mobile phone. Please keep the school updated with any changes.

It has been terrific to see all of our students in full school uniform and I hope this is maintained throughout the year however this relies on the support of our parents. Please contact the school if there are any problems regarding the purchase or supply of uniform. All students need to remember that fully enclosed leather shoes must be worn at all times within practical work spaces. This includes the hospitality kitchen, metal, wood, textiles, visual arts workshops and science laboratories. This is a Work Health and Safety law and is mandated nationwide.

All students are encouraged to make the most of the learning opportunities provided at our wonderful school. This includes a unique opportunity provided at West Wyalong High School whereby we have a number of Head Teachers and Teachers running after hours study workshops. These workshops are open to the whole community and will be hosted in our school library. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend and participate in the extra tutoring and support of class work, assessment and homework tasks. The library also has a number of computers that will enable those in attendance to utilise. This is a great opportunity for parents to work with our teachers in supporting your children’s learning. At this stage the workshops will be open after school hours on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon/evening.

In regards to our staffing for 2016, we welcome Ms Momot, Ms Astley and Mr Singleton. Ms Momot is replacing Mr Lloyd as our new Mathematics teacher and Ms Astley is our new Visual Arts teacher. Mr Singleton will be replacing Mr Watson who is on leave this term. Following the promotion of Ms McGrath, I will continue to be the Relieving Principal until the position is filled on a permanent basis. My understanding is that this will happen in the very near future. In the interim, Mrs Kirby will be the Relieving Deputy Principal for the next fortnight.

Mr G Sheens, Relieving Principal

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2016 HOMEWORK CENTRE

West Wyalong High School teachers are continuing to offer free tutoring and a homework centre in 2016. West Wyalong High School library will be open to the public on Wednesday and Tuesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. The Mathematics faculty will be conducting tutoring sessions after school on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5pm. West Wyalong High School would like to invite all students in the community (including Primary students) to attend the sessions. There will be Mathematics trained teachers at all the sessions and there is no cost involved. The services that will be provided include assisting with homework, explaining concepts and providing strategies to improve mathematical understanding.

Students attending the sessions will need to provide their own work unless previously arranged with the high school. The sessions will commence Wednesday 3rd February.

English, History and Visual Arts teachers will be conducting the homework centre and tutoring on Tuesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. The library will be open from 3.30 to 5pm and 7 to 8.30pm. All students from Year 7 through to Year 12 and their parents are invited to attend. The teachers present will offer tutoring in their specific subject area and provide assistance with all homework tasks. The Library may be used as a quiet space for students to complete their homework, assessment tasks and revision in any subject, or to do silent reading.

These sessions will begin tomorrow. Tuesday 2nd February.

For further enquiries please contact Mr Manchur or Mr Meredith at West Wyalong High School on 69 722 700.
YEAR 7 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE INFORMATION NIGHT
A “Bring Your Own Device” information night for Year 7 parents and students will be held on Wednesday February 10, 6.30pm in the school library.

2016 AEROBIC TRY OUTS
The 2016 aerobic try outs will be held this Wednesday February 3rd, 3.30pm in the MPU.

WWHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 12th February. Students will be expected to be at the pool by 9am for a roll call before the events begin.

As always, students are encouraged to dress up in their House colours however, please remember that they will need to be able to swim without making a mess or causing a safety hazard which may involve removing special costumes before swimming and putting them back on later. Year 7 and new students will be informed of their House group later this week and House meetings will also be held.

Students are reminded to bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch if required. There will be a sausage sizzle run by Year 12 and the pool canteen will be open throughout the day.

Parents are welcome to come along and watch or support the children at any stage throughout the day. Events are usually completed in the following order. Individual medley, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and relays. There will be a 40 minute lunch break around midday.

It is always a fun, enjoyable day for all involved and it is a great opportunity for our more competitive swimmers to perform at a high level and maybe even set a new school record! A copy of the current school swimming records will soon be on our school website.

For those competitive swimmers who would like to attend the Western Region Swimming Trials to be held at Dubbo on Thursday, 3rd March, information is available from the Western Region SSA website (a link is provided from our school’s website) and PDHPE staff will distribute information next week.

Feel free to contact Mr Duncan if you have any enquiries.

WESTERN REGION TRIALS
There are a range of sports that students may trial for with the aim of being selected in the Western Region team. While some have specific selection processes, some involve students travelling and competing as part of a school team, and others involve individuals travelling to the trials and being placed in a team and displaying their skills before a possible/probable team is selected and from there, a Western Region team.

Students who attend these trials will need to let the school know (as all sports need the entries to come from the school on behalf of the athletes) and most importantly, organise their own travel to the trials.

Some of the trials that are on this year include:
- Boys and girls volleyball trials – Friday, 12th Feb at Blayney
- Swimming – Thursday, 3rd March at Dubbo
- Boys basketball – Friday, 11th March at Orange
- Boys soccer – Tuesday, 15th March at Dubbo
- Girls basketball – Friday, 18th March at Bathurst
- Rugby league – 23rd & 29th March at Peak Hill
- Netball – Date to be set (usually around late March)
- Cross country – Wednesday, 15th June at Geurie

Please keep in mind that all of these sporting trials have cut off dates for names to be entered. If you are keen to attend, make sure all forms are returned to Mr Duncan or Mrs Milsom at least two weeks prior to the trial to ensure that everything can be organised for you to go.

At times the convenors may cancel or postpone events (for things such as poor weather) so please make yourself familiar with the website below as they place alerts/updates on there at times. A person who attends trials, is picked and withdraws without good reason will not be allowed to compete for Western Region for 12 months.


2015 - 15’S NETBALL TEAM
West Wyalong High School entered a team in the CHS 15’s Girls Netball knockout last year. Thirty girls from year 7 and 8 tried out for the team but unfortunately only 9 could be selected. It is great to see everyone willing to take part and be involved in the opportunities provided for them.

The girls who were selected in the team were Samantha Tough, Kaitlin Widdows, Delaney Turner, Paige Hanranah, Emily Ridley, Sarah McCaskie, Lily Burge, Lydia White and Mackenzie Parkes.

West Wyalong High School received a bye in round one and then had to play Condobolin High School in round 2. Unfortunately Condobolin had to forfeit this game so West Wyalong moved into round 3. Dubbo South travelled to West Wyalong and were too strong for West Wyalong winning 47 to 13. West Wyalong played some very good netball at times and continued to try right until the final whistle. Thank you to all supporters and well done girls on your wonderful sportsmanship.

SCHOOL INFORMATION
The school newsletter is published every fortnight on a Monday and is sent home with the students. We also email it to those parents who have given the school their email address. Please phone the school if you have changed your email address and we will update the school records during the next few weeks. We also update the school webpage www.westwyalong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au as often as we can with meetings and happenings at West Wyalong High School.

Reminder to return the 2016 Student Update forms to the front office as soon as possible.

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