I hope all of our families and friends enjoyed their Easter long weekend, I know our staff appreciated the break. Term 1 has certainly been a great start to the year with lots of learning opportunities available for our students. Miss Statham and her show team have just returned from an exhaustive but very successful time at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Once again her team dominated the school awards and we achieved some outstanding results. The show team will include a full report in our newsletter.

Mr Lees and Mr Pokoney have also organised a shearing experience for some of our students and this has been recognised at TAFE level, allowing our students to receive TAFE certificates. The experience will take place this week and we greatly appreciate Mr Lees for transporting our students at 6.30am to the Staniforth’s farm (Tallimba), returning to school, and then picking the students up after school and returning them home. A huge thank you to the Staniforth family for providing the facilities and the Kitto family for providing the sheep to run this event. These courses would not happen without the terrific support from our staff and parents.

Our staff continue to improve their skills in delivering quality lessons to our students and this has resulted in another Teacher Professional Learning workshop that will involve all staff. The workshop will focus on implementing literacy and explicit teaching strategies and will take place tonight from 4-8pm in our school library.

In regards to school staffing, in particular the Principal position, I have recently successfully applied for this position after an application process and a follow up interview. Whilst relieving in this position for the past six months, it has given me a great opportunity to appreciate the wonderful support we get from our community. It has also given me further insight into the role of a Principal and the accountability we have for the education of our children. I thoroughly enjoy working with our dedicated, professional staff and our talented student body. I am also extremely fortunate and humbled by this appointment to our terrific school and look forward to the challenges ahead.

We have recently advertised for a new Deputy Principal and I will keep our community informed about the progress of this appointment. Hopefully we will have this position filled early next term however, I appreciate the professionalism of Mrs Kirkby, Mr Meredith and Mr Manchur for successfully relieving in this position throughout Term 1.

Mr G Sheens, Principal

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**OUR APOLOGIES**

Due to technical difficulties we have not been able to update our school website or online calendar for some time. Technical support in Sydney have been working on this problem and, as soon as it is fixed, we have a number of stories and photos to publish.

**DARCY BROOMBY PROUDLY REPRESENTS WEST WYALONG LIONS CLUB**

Last weekend Darcy represented the West Wyalong Lions Club and our school in the Lions Youth of the Year competition. She travelled to Griffith to compete in the second round of this State wide competition. Whilst she was not successful in progressing to the next round she performed creditably and we are proud of her efforts. Darcy was required to answer questions relating to local, State, National and International events as part of an interview process. She then had to speak in front of an audience by presenting a five minute prepared speech and responding to two impromptu questions.

Darcy, our other competitors and the staff of WWHS would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the West Wyalong Lions Club for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity to represent our Shire.

**SCHOOL RETURNS - TERM 2**

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1 we wish you all a happy and safe holiday. **Reminder that ANZAC Day is Monday 25th April and all West Wyalong High students are invited to march. Tuesday 26th April is a Staff Development Day and school resumes for students on Wednesday 27th April.**
YEAR 7 WOLLONGONG EXCURSION
We had a great time on our excursion to Wollongong.
It was a long bus trip but it was worth it. It has been a tradition to go to Wollongong so most students would be able to imagine where we were and what we did. The bonus of course is now we get to stay in cabins!
We had a few people feel a bit sick on the bus trip. We think our vaccinations did not help. Mr Grintell was a big help and Ms Dwyer was able to put her First Aid skills to use.
The trip away really helped us get to know the other students in our year through activities such as ten pin bowling, basketball games and the indoor pool at the site, as well as the planned activities.
We went to FUTURE WORLD where the volunteers showed us some of the ways technology is changing how we use energy and how our lives are affected. One example, was the use of solar panels to power ocean freighters.
We visited the Buddhist Temple and though we were not allowed to take any photos as it is a place of worship we learned a lot about Buddhism. We also did some tai chi – which is a martial art but focuses on control.
We had a great time with the Towradgi Surf Club learning about staying safe at the beach. We also got to have some fun in the surf and sand.
Everyone’s favourite was Jamberoo with all the water rides and NO lining up. There were some gentle ones and some scarier rides. We had plenty of adventures.
We would like to thank Mrs Hetherington for organising the excursion, as well as Mr Grintell, Miss Maslin and Ms Dwyer for all being prepared to take us on the trip.

EXTENSION ENGLISH STUDY DAY
What do Frankenstein, a madwoman in an attic and a mariner who kills an albatross and sees the dead wake have in common?
To answer some of these questions was our mission on our trip to Sydney for our Extension English Study Day.
Why would TWO intelligent students and their teacher give up a weekend to do more study?
For the opportunities of course!

To visit Sydney University to walk the hallowed halls – some of its buildings would fit into a Harry Potter movie.
To experience university style lectures with an eccentric English professor and his less entertaining but equally knowledgeable offsiders.
To see what the competition in HSC extension English looks like – the other 120 students look just like us on a Saturday!
To gain information for our HSC that would give us a better understanding of our course and the texts.
To ask intelligent questions and receive equally intelligent answers.
To realise we are on this journey of our HSC and all sorts of information helps build our chances of doing well.
To eat a variety of foods in a variety of locations – including by the sea.
To imagine Sydney University could be an option for further study – because now we know our way around it!
To take a trip on Sydney Harbour and try to feel what it must have been like to be a sailor in the late 1700s coming into that harbour.
To know that Frankenstein, Jane Eyre and the ‘Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner’ allow us to understand some of the ideas and attitudes of that time and how these still have relevance to the way we live and learn in the 21st Century.
To say that Extension English offers lots of opportunities to see the world in a different way. Thank you to Ms Dwyer for her organisation.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TAG REPORT
On Tuesday 15th March, West Wyalong High School’s junior girls League Tag team consisting of Makayla Cooper, Summer Rees, Laura Ridley, Kady Amarant, Chelsea Collins, Lucy Payne, Sarah Mccaskie, Marney Jameison, Ranan Sannga, Emily Ridley, Kaitlin Widdows, Emily Steele, Paige Hanrahan, Laura Thaw, Lara Jameison and Olivia Nicholson travelled to Griffith to take part in the Year 7-9 League Tag championships.

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There were 12 schools who attended these championships. Our first game was against Wade High School. We occupied the majority of the possession and spent most of the game in Wade High School’s half. Lucy Payne ran away to score a try in the first half, which was the only try of the game, giving West Wyalong a 4-0 win. We then came up against Leeton High School. Kady Amarant and Olivia Nicholson each scored tries and with excellent defence, especially try saving tagging from Makayla Cooper and Summer Rees, Leeton were kept scoreless, the end result being an 8-0 win for West Wyalong.

This left us as the winners of our pool and put us into the grand final for the day. Unfortunately we lost 22-0 to a very strong Griffith High School team in the final. Congratulations to Kady Amarant who received an NRL bag and drink bottle for West Wyalong player of the day and Ranan Sannga who received the game ball from the referee for displaying a high level of sportsmanship. A big thank you goes out to Mr Taylor for driving the bus and Miss Bergan for coaching the girls.

West Wyalong High League Tag Team

OPENS GIRLS NETBALL RESULTS
The Opens Girls Netball Team travelled to Orange on Thursday 17th March to compete in the first three rounds of the CHS knockout. Despite a slow start to the day, West Wyalong came away with two wins from four games. In the first game, Cowra played a controlled game to take the win 13 goals to 6. The West Wyalong Girls played a better game against Blayney but were still unable to produce their best netball and were defeated 13 to 10. West Wyalong drove to the ball and forced a number of turnovers in the third game against Portland. These opportunities were converted and West Wyalong defeated Portland 31 to 2. Great skill and sportsmanship were again on display in the last game against Oberon. This was the only fully timed game of the day and West Wyalong won 56 to 20.

Congratulations to the players Sophie Noack, Lara Randall, Katie Clemson, Shea Broomby, T’ea Turner, Brianna Mills, Tahlia Spackman and Raine Turner. The girls and the School would also like to thank Raylene Spackman for umpiring and Kim Broomby for scoring. Lara Randall and Shea Broomby were selected to return to Orange last Thursday to trial for the Western Region team. Congratulations to Shea who was successful and will compete week 5, next term.

CAREERS NEWS
• The popular Year 11 & Year 12 My Day events hosted by Charles Sturt University continue through the next few weeks and upcoming holidays. Students have been emailed information.
• Twelve students interested in Technology participated in a series of workshops and talks in Wagga. The focus of the day was the impact of Technology on our lives, our work and our futures.
• Shearing Course- Students from Ungarie, Molong and our school are participating in a four day course that introduces them to shearing, rousabout work and wool classing. A big thank you to the Staniforth and Kitto families for helping out so much with this course.
• Apprentice Chef wanted locally. Please contact GTES – 1300881279.

OPEN CHS BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT
On Tuesday 15th March the open boys and girls basketball teams travelled to Cowra to participate in the state knockout. Other schools involved in the day included Cowra, Parkes and Forbes. Both teams were successful winning all games and then advancing to the next round played at Bathurst on the 18th March. Both teams were a little tired from the long bus trip and started the day a little slow. Unfortunately both teams were unable to win on the day, playing some exciting basketball with a high level of sportsmanship. Other schools involved included Bathurst, Dubbo, Lithgow and Canobolas. Thank you to Christian Schneeberger and Kerry Keatley for driving the buses, Mrs Hood and teachers Mrs Milsom and Mr Grintell for organising, coaching and refereeing on both occasions. Congratulations to Catherine Hood, Mackenzie Parkes, Will McMartin and Sam Duncan who have been selected in the Western region team and compete sometime term 2.

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WESTERN AREA RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Last Wednesday five students from West Wyalong High School travelled to Narromine for the Western Area Rugby League Trials – Opens-Jordon Ungaro; 15’s-Jack Parkes, Harry Judd, Lachlan Miller and Myles Harland. The five boys played very well on the day and showed outstanding sportsmanship. From the trials Harry Judd was selected at lock forward for the under 15's Western Area side and will represent Western Area against an Eastern area side today. From this trial a Western Region side will be selected. Congratulations Harry and good luck today at Peak Hills.

SYDNEY ROYAL REPORT 2016

West Wyalong High students Sarah Morris, Reegan Johnston, Gracelyn Norton, Molly Cattle, Kaysey MacKellar, Rebecca Morris, Chloe Worner, Lily Spackman and Kayses Elliott travelled with Willow Glen Angoras to the Sydney Royal Show in the week leading up to Easter. Our Show Team was indeed fortunate to be supported by former students Andrew Kelleher, Michael Mrowka, Danielle and Tayla Steele, Sarah Hanlon, together with Emma Rowatt and Heather Rowatt – all gave up their time to fulfill the roles of mentors, Bus Drivers, First Aid Officers and Chef. WWHS is truly appreciative of their efforts – Thank You to All!

WWHS students competed in Open and Schools classes in both the Mohair Fleeces and Angora goats. Students also competed in Angora Paraders competitions and the RAS State Final of the Angora Goat and Mohair Young Judges Competition.

Results were as follows:

Mohair Fleeces:
1. First shearing Kid Mohair – Willow Glen 1st and 3rd
2. Skirted Fine Kid Mohair – Willow Glen 1st and 2nd
3. Skirted Young Goat Mohair – Willow Glen 4th
4. Skirted Strong Kid Mohair – Willow Glen 3rd
5. Skirted Young Goat Mohair – Willow Glen 3rd
6. 5kg Commercial Kid Mohair – Willow Glen 1st and 3rd