



Wee Waa High School Newsletter

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Celebrating NAIDOC Week



Photo above: L-R: Arron Stevens, Helen Weaner, Cheryl Gordon (holding Aaliyah Simpson), Glenda Mason, Lorraine Leonard Clifford Toomey.

Photo below: Clifford Toomey, Glenda Mason & Trekia Cochrane.

Under the theme – 'Because of Her, We Can!', NAIDOC Week 2018 was celebrated by students in the first week of Term 3. As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played, and continue to play, active and significant roles in the community, at local, state and national levels.

Throughout the day students participated in traditional dances, basket weaving, cooking with traditional Indigenous foods, campfire Johnny Cakes, and sporting games. The day concluded with a whole school assembly taking part in traditional dance showcase.



Strive for Excellence...

This year's NAIDOC theme '**Because of her, we can!**' is a tribute to all Aboriginal women that play an important role in our Community, at local, state and national levels.

Wee Waa High School held their NAIDOC week celebrations the first week back in Term 3 with the opening ceremony starting on Tuesday the 24th July. We started with our school leaders opening our normal assembly and then Clifford Toomey performed the Welcome to Country and then we sang the National Anthem. Two Aboriginal students, Clifford Toomey and Trekia Cochrane, opened our NAIDOC week celebrations with a special message relating to the theme 'Because of her, we can.'

The principal, Aaron Stevens, asked Cheryl Gordon and I what were the important roles our women played in our culture and who inspired us to be strong and dedicated women in our families and our community when we were growing up. We also had a local Elder, Aunty Glenda Mason cut the NAIDOC cake.

On the Wednesday and Thursday during Literacy, students were asked to think of someone that inspired them in their life and write a letter to them based on the NAIDOC theme 'Because of her, we can'.

Then on Friday the 27th July, we had our finale day of celebration with activities held all day. We started our activities with Cultural Language coordinated by principal, Aaron Stevens, Traditional dance with Brad Flanders and Bareki Knox from the Gomeroi Dance Academy in Tamworth. Also attending on the day were Lorrelle Munro and Bronwyn Spearim from Yinarr Maramali Cultural Centre, Tamworth.

They were showing the students and staff how to weave using raffia paper to make traditional skirts. I was cooking the johnny cakes for all to enjoy while Mr O'Shea was cooking traditional food (Kangaroo rissoles) and there were also traditional games hosted by staff.

At end of the day the whole school had an opportunity to perform a traditional dance which was coordinated by Brad and Bareki. After the performance, the students played a game of Kahoot related to important Aboriginal women in our country.

I would like to thank all the students which were involved helping with all the activities and the tributes for this year's NAIDOC, I am very proud of you.

I also want to thank our special guests for contributing to our NAIDOC celebrations and all the visitors that turned up on the day.





NAIDOC Activities Day 2018



Ag Roundup

Its certainly been a busy few weeks in Agriculture at Wee Waa High School.

Year 11 and 12 Agriculture have commenced the Farm Case Study/ Farm Product Study units of work in their respective programs. These units are consolidated with some great hands on field trips which the students have thoroughly enjoyed. Last week we visited Auscott Narrabri for a farm tour and then went through the gin to see how the product is processed. Students got to see the cotton from still growing in the paddock right through to the bale produced by the gin. We then went on to Namoi Classing Services (ACS) for a tour of how the cotton is then classed and an explanation of criteria to which farmers are then paid- or discounted as the case may be. Thank you so very much to Ben Palmer



and Auscott and also to Andrew Baxter of ACS for having us and showing the students the operations not only to cover their assessments but explaining possible career pathways in great local agricultural businesses.



This week saw us venture a little further to Tamworth for the Farm Product Study side of things. Year 12 are studying Beef Production so a tour of Teys Meats processing facility was the order of the day. It was a great day with students being able again to follow the product right through from the beast in the paddock to the slaughterhouse floor, including a tour of all the processing sections- the hide removal, the offal room and finishing in the boning room

seeing the end of the line with one hip bone left. The visit was completed with a very informative talk on the industry and the value adding/processing of the product as well as market specifications for their client- Woolworths. We then set off for Gunnedah to a feedlot where we saw the beginning of the process with a feed lotting company explaining the rations they mix, the way they select their cattle for both the domestic (Coles) market and export. We even saw some Wagyu!



Thank you so very much to Nicole Dwyer and Gunnedah High School for allowing our class to join in on such an informative day. And thank you to Mrs Anne Shearin for driving us over!



Year 7 /8 technology were tasked with a design project to overcome a problem on the farm this week. Ducks have been eating our oats crop faster than it is emerging, so 7/8 tech set to work and produced a family of scare crows that are now on display- and scaring the ducks!- in our front oat paddock. I am sure they are working and am thinking we may need a family for each of our oat blocks!



The Show team are practising every Tuesday afternoon during sport and honing their skills for the upcoming Charolais Nationals Competition in the July school holidays. Students have been preparing the steers each week in their teams- including haltering, washing and blow drying and then finishing the sessions with a junior parading competition where they take turns in judging each other. The students are



learning a lot from this activity and learning from each other. The steers are also benefiting from the experience, parading around and around the ring in preparation for Scone Beef Bonanza. We have also been doing some junior judging workshops on public speaking at show team practice with students judging the cattle and gum boots and pots and all sorts of things- learning the art of comparison and public speaking at the same time!



Duel Down Under

The Bush Bots – Team 6050 headed to Sydney on Thursday 26th July to compete in the Duel Down Under at Macquarie University. On Thursday afternoon, they visited Google, one of our great 2018 sponsors. Students were impressed with their innovation and commitment.

On Friday, morning the team reassembled the robot and thankfully, it went back together easily, passed inspection and was operable. Practice matches were on Friday and then the Duel started on Saturday. The Duel Down Under is a more relaxed and friendly competition and so it is a time to initiate new ideas and team members. We have four new members in our team.

Our robot again performed consistently well and at the end of qualifying, we were placed 7th overall. When the time came for alliance selections, we ended up being the team captain of the 5th alliance. This involves carefully selecting three other robot teams to compete in the finals. We were disappointed to lose our quarter final after such strong performances throughout the competition.

The great thing about our robotics program is the lessons learnt along the way to producing a competitive robot. Each student was asked what they had learnt this tournament. Examples of their responses include these amazing insights:

“I learnt that even the best teams can be beaten by good strategy and teamwork, especially when they are put under pressure.”

“I learnt that it is easy to make friends that only know you for you”

“We learnt that leadership within the team as an alliance captain meant we had to seek information and opinion from the other teams, however, we are responsible to make the sometimes difficult decisions”

“I learnt how to drive the robot” “I learnt how to control the robot and what happens in the pits”

“I learnt that to gain a high rank on the leaderboard, we need to focus on components that earn extra ranking points – e.g. The double climb.”

“If we have a better autonomous program, we have a massive chance of winning”

We are so proud of our team and very blessed to have a strong support base of parents, the community and friends. We call ourselves the robotics family and as such, students showed their sympathy and support for our programming mentor Jim, by wearing black arm bands over their uniform and on the claw. We are so proud of the growth and development of our team and we have set some hefty goals to be obtained in the 2019 season, should we be allowed to participate.



Visible Learning: Motivated

Motivation refers to the driving force within individuals that leads them to action. Most times when we want to accomplish a goal we need a willingness to help us **improve our habits and get results**. This is where motivation counts.

What does a motivated student look like at Wee Waa High School?



A motivated student is;

- Enthusiastic
- Willing to accept the challenge of learning
- Engaged
- Disciplined
- Attentive
- Self-directed
- Self-controlled
- Independent
- Bold

Parent Teacher Interviews were held in the School Library on Thursday 2nd August. Research shows that parents have a significant impact on their children's educational achievements.

In fact, parental engagement overrides all other factors that have been shown to influence a child's achievement. It is critical that teachers and parents develop and maintain an effective relationship to bridge student learning between home and school.

B screened
BreastScreen NSW

The mobile unit
is coming

We will be screening in Wee Waa from
Monday 6th August 2018, in the grounds of
Wee Waa Hospital, Alma Street.

NSW Health

Call 13 20 50 to book
your free screening
mammogram

breastscreen.nsw.gov.au
13 20 50

HOSTED BY THE WEE WAA AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TOGETHER WITH NAMOI COTTON AND WEE WAA LIONS CLUB

COMMUNITY
CUPPA

SATURDAY
AUGUST 11TH
IGA CARPARK
AT 12PM

COME DOWN
LET'S
CATCH UP

LOCAL AGENCIES WILL BE PRESENT WITH
DROUGHT ASSISTANCE INFORMATION!

Mathematics and PE Report



The start of term three has been busy in the Mathematics/PDHPE faculty. Year 7 to 10 are currently working on their third assessment task for the year. They are planning a dream holiday, with Stage 4 having the choice of a domestic or International holiday and Stage 5 planning an International holiday. The destinations chosen by students is varied and from all areas of the world. Emily Wong and Mackenzie Jones in Year 7 are planning a holiday to New York

USA. They have sourced flights, accommodation and are currently working on activities to do on their dream holiday.

Ally Stanfield and Bella Cruickshank of Year 9 have powered through their task enjoying the real world experience of planning a holiday. They have chosen to holiday in Phuket and have their flights, accommodation and activities such as scuba diving, snorkelling, visiting beaches and bungee jumping organised. Ally and Bella are collaborating on a google docs word form, where they can both work on the task together. The task is due via email to Marjory.drummond1@det.nsw.edu.au be 3:20pm on the 31st August 2018.



Year 11 Mathematics Standard students are currently analysing their results of an experiment they performed last term to answer the following question. 'Is it true that writing something down is the mental equivalent of reading the same thing 7 times?' Year 12 students are busy preparing themselves for the upcoming Trial HSC examinations. We wish them good luck in all their exams.

Subject Selection Night

All Students going into Year 9 & 11 (stage 5 & 6) in 2019 will have receive a 'Subject Selection Information Booklet' last week. Parents and students are encouraged to read and discuss the information before the Subject Selection Information Night on Tuesday 7th August, held in the School Library. Stage 5 information session starts at 5:00pm. Stage 6 starts at 6:30pm.

Merit Assembly

This year's Merit Assembly will be held on Wednesday August 8th in the School Hall. Parents and friends are asked to arrive at 10:45am for an 11:00am start to acknowledge students achievements throughout 2018.

WEE WAA SHOWCASE 2018

5th • September

WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN 6PM

TICKETS ON SALE 9AM MON 6 AUG

MUSIC • ART • DANCE • DRAMA • RETAIL • HOSPITALITY • PDHPE
AGRICULTURE • WOOD & METALS • SCIENCE • BUSH BOTS

GEORGIA DICKINSON • HARRY PATTISON • SAM GALAGHER • TJ WRIGHT • ALICE HAIRE
PHOEBE SCHWAGER • CLAIRE YOUNG • RHYS ORGAN • SHIKIRA ANDERSON • TENESHA CULLEN
MICHAEL HORNE • LESLIE TOOMEY • JORDAN SAITZEFF • TREKIAH COCHRANE • TYANNA GAYDON
TIHANNA WILLIAMS • PHOEBE PAULSTON • LUANA MANSON-SMITH • KIRA MOORE • TORI STEWART
PAIGE MORRISON • MACKENZIE JONES • JOSIE GALAGHER • BELLA CRUICKSHANK • ZOE ZAWADA
CAITLYN COUTTS-SMITH • ANDREW MURRAY • LATAYA GORDON • MEREDITH WAUGH • ASHILY WILLIAMS
CHLOE WRIGHT • N'KAYLA GAYDON • SAM HEYWOOD • LIBBEE ANDERSON • MADISON DORING
JASON ELDRIDGE • THOMAS ELDRIDGE • LAUREN WALL • HAYDEN SHEARIN • EMILY SHEARIN
TANIKA SLEE • JORDYN HAYNE • BRYONY ALLEN • LUCY CRUTCHER • DAVID ALLEN • DOM CRUICKSHANK
ZOE CONOMOS • BILLY BRODIGAN • ALLY STANFIELD • NERIDA-LEE HAYNE • ALANA BENNETT CLANCY

TIX FROM WWHS 1 PURCELL AVENUE, WEE WAA, NSW #WWHS #SHOWCASE
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WEEWAAHIGHSCHOOL

Marinda Nursery Cafe



UNI OPEN DAYS 2018

Australian Catholic University		La Trobe University		Torrens University Australia	
acu.edu.au		latrobe.edu.au		torrens.edu.au	
Brisbane	28 July	Shepparton	3 August	Torrens University	4 August
Melbourne	12 August	Melbourne	5 August	William Blue College of Hospitality	4 August
Canberra	25 August	Albury-Wodonga	12 August	Billy Blue College of Design	4 August
Ballarat	26 August	Mildura	15 August	Blue Mountains International	
North Sydney	1 September	Bendigo	26 August	Hotel Management School	8 September
Strathfield	8 September	Sydney	email sydney@latrobe.edu.au for an individual appointment		
Australian College of Applied Psychology		Macleay College		University of Canberra	
acap.edu.au		macleay.edu.au		canberra.edu.au	
Sydney	18 April, 1 August, 21 November	Surry Hills	11 August	Bruce	25 August
Australian Maritime College		Melbourne	18 August	University of New England	
amc.edu.au		Macquarie University		une.edu.au	
Launceston	11 August	mq.edu.au		To book a campus tour, visit une.edu.au/campustours	
Australian National University		North Ryde	18 August	University of Newcastle	
anu.edu.au		MIT Sydney		newcastle.edu.au	
Canberra	25 August	mit.edu.au		Port Macquarie	16 August
Charles Sturt University		For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.		Central Coast (Ourimbah)	4 August
csu.edu.au/myday		National Art School		Newcastle (Callaghan) and Newcastle City	25 August
Orange	19 April	nas.edu.au		University of Sydney	
Bathurst	15 June	Darlinghurst	1 September	sydney.edu.au	
Port Macquarie	19 June	SAE Creative Media Institute		All campuses	25 August
Albury-Wodonga	27 June	sae.edu.au		University of Technology Sydney	
Dubbo	5 July	Sydney and Byron Bay	5 August	uts.edu.au	
Wagga Wagga	6 July	SIBT		City	25 August
Book a campus tour for any day of the working week at csu.edu.au/contacts/campus-tour or call 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia)		sibt.nsw.edu.au		University of Wollongong	
CQUniversity		Sydney City	30 August	uow.edu.au	
cqu.edu.au/openday		Southern Cross University		Wollongong	11 August
Sydney	23 August	scu.edu.au/opendays		UNSW Sydney	
Online Chat available 3-6pm	15 & 29 August, 20 September, 11 October, 27 November	Coffs Harbour	27 July	unsw.edu.au	
Griffith University		National Maritime Science Centre	27 July	UNSW Sydney	1 September
griffith.edu.au		Lismore	28 July	UNSW Canberra	25 August
Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank	12 August	Gold Coast	29 July	Western Sydney University	
International College of Management, Sydney		TOP Education Institute		westernsydney.edu.au	
icms.edu.au		top.edu.au		Parramatta	19 August
Manly	12 August	Sydney	3 August		





Principal's Message



Yamma,

It's been a great start to another school term. Welcome back to everyone. I know that this will be a busy and dynamic term with much happening to support learning and provide opportunities for our students.

Staff undertook a Staff Development Day on Monday 23rd July. Teachers took part in the second Visible Learning professional learning day in Gunnedah. We have had a few staffing changes over the holidays. Mrs Nadja Cregan has joined us for the rest of 2018 and will teach across a number of subject areas. Mrs Cregan comes to us from the Central Coast. Mrs Baxter has left us and is off to Junee, while Mr Jason Riley will join us as the replacement to teach English. Mr Riley arrives on the Monday of week six.

The Show Cattle Team competed at the Charolais Nationals in Dubbo over the holidays. It is a huge amount of work, in terms of organisation, thanks to Mrs Gett for everything she does in relation to the Show Team. It is also a huge opportunity for students to step outside of Wee Waa and experience industry and competition. The connections made by students can be long lasting and the experiences they have build their levels of confidence and resilience.

The Bush Bots have returned from Sydney competing in the Duel Down Under Robotics Competition on 27-29th July. Ranking 7th overall – their highest ranking yet. Well done!

This is of course Year 12's last term at School. After this term, they will be sitting their HSC examinations. This will bring to an end thirteen years of schooling. I encourage all HSC students to make significant use of their study periods in the library and the experienced staff who are always willing to assist during this crucial time.

The debating teams have been very successful to date in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Within this challenge, students are only given their topic on the day and are allowed 1 hour of preparation time before the debate. All preparation is done without any teacher guidance. These teams have had some great achievements.

All Students going into Year 9 & 11 (Stage 5 & 6) in 2019 will receive a 'Subject Selection Information Booklet' for both parents and students to read and discuss before the annual Subject Selection Information Night on Tuesday 7th August, held in the School Library. This booklet outlines the subjects that WWHS can offer.

Merit Assembly will be held on Wednesday 8th August and is a fantastic way to celebrate all of the successful things happening at Wee Waa High School. Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend and recognise the achievements of students. Community is asked to arrive at 10:45am for a 11am start.

Thank

Arron Stevens, Relieving Principal



What's on...

27 July

NAIDOC Activity Day

27-29 July

Dual Down Under, Sydney

2 August

Parent Teacher Interviews

6 August

Debating, Wee Waa HS vs Narrabri HS

7 August

Stage 5 & 6 subject selection night

8 August

Merit Assembly

9 August

Goodooga Games

Netball School Cup

13-22 August

HSC Trials

20 August

Year 6 Transition Evening

28-31 August

Da Vinci Decathlon

5 September

Showcase Night

7 September

Agricultural Open Day & Paraders Day

17-27 September

Preliminary Yearly Exams



Term 3, 6th August 2018



Dual Down Under



Term 3, 2018

Wk 1 A	24-27 July
Wk 2 B	30 July - 3 Aug
Wk 3 A	6-10 Aug
Wk 4 B	13-17 Aug
Wk 5 A	20-24 Aug
Wk 6 B	27- 31 Aug
Wk 7 A	3-7 Sep
Wk 8 B	10-14 Sep
Wk 9 A	17-21 Sep
Wk 10 B	24-28 Sep
Spring Holidays	29 Sep- 14 Oct