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**Readers:** This newsletter is supplied free with the help of the advertisers. Please support them.
At Woodenbong we believe that our students deserve to live empowered lives with passion and purpose. This is central to what we do and how we do it. We believe in our students and the roles they will play in the future. To help students find their passion we provide them with a range of experiences and learning opportunities. We also need to assist students develop their talents through persistence, hard work and the development of a growth mindset. In 2015 our strategic directions are:

- Engagement on Learning
- High Quality Learning Environments
- Community Engagement

Collaboration is an important skill for our students to learn. Collaboration is considered to be one of the 21st Century skills. Most workplace expect members of their staff to be able to work and learn new skills collaboratively. We learn from others and we often demonstrate our learning to others. Collaborative skills need to be learnt. Younger students need to learn to take turns and share. We also need to learn to actively listen, respect others and to be able to disagree in a respectful manner. Often we need to assist our students develop their emotional intelligences. Good collaborators are also good communicators (another important 21st Century learning skill). With good collaboration all members of the collaboration learn and benefit.

Parents often ask about upcoming assessments for their child. To assist parents with this we have placed Year 7-10 assessment tasks dates and where appropriate a copy of the task on the calendar of the school website http://www.woodenbong-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/. By hovering over a date you can see upcoming tasks. By click on a date you get more details. You can also download any attached tasks.

We held our ANZAC Day assembly last Friday. It was great to see so many community members attend and support the school as well as our students. Our Primary and Secondary Captains did a great job. My thanks to those teachers who organised the assembly and the morning tea. I would also like to thank David Hannant for his address at our assembly and Chris Reid for loaning her amazing seed pictures of locals who served in the War. Our students also participated in their local town marches. The Woodenbong march was one the best attended I have seen in the last 8 years. From all reports the Dawn Service was also very well attended.

Our new school sign has finally arrived and is in use. It will provide us with another way of being able to communicate with the community. We are still learning to “drive” the sign and working out the best times to turn the sign on in the morning and off at night. The brightness of the sign is significantly turned down from about 6pm each night.

Our 2014 Annual School Report is now available on School website http://www.woodenbong-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report. The great thing about being involved in the writing of the Annual School Report is that it reminds you of all the great opportunities our students had in 2014. They participated at the highest levels in sport, agriculture, and vocational education. They participated in learning, leadership, artistic and Cultural activities. For a small school our students have fantastic opportunities. They deserve no less.

The Woodenbong P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 12th May in the Community Room at 3:45pm. All welcome! This meeting will be preceded by the AGM.

Greg Wilson
Principal
Things in the local area are starting to return to “normal”, after major local social events such as the 2015 Debutant Ball and the 2015 Woodenbong Show. Both of these lovely events involved quite a few students from our school, in a variety of capacities. Just as important locally were the ANZAC commemorations, in Old Bonalbo, Urbenville and Woodenbong. The school had three wreaths laid by students last Saturday: one at each of the abovementioned villages’ services. Many thanks to all students who were able to attend, and represent the school. Some photos of our students at the Old Bonalbo and Woodenbong services are included in this report. Does anyone have some from the Urbenville service??

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We had many complimentary comments from the general public, about your childrens’ dress and demeanour on the day. Speaking of how people act, what do you think about this:

How powerful is THAT!!!

Next Monday, we have Snr Constable Kim Mewing (Police Liaison from Lismore) coming to talk to all secondary students on a range of topics (eg social media dangers; what constitutes an “assault”; things that happen at school which can end up as Police matters; illegal drugs and legal consequences around them). Then, on Tuesday, we will have the bi-annual anti domestic violence/anti sexual assault workshop for Years 10 and 11, entitled “LoveBites”. It will be run by a team from NSW Police, NSW Health, and the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and will happen from 9am right through until 3.30pm. And, an “early warning” for Monday 25th May: we have a team from the University of Southern Queensland, coming to talk to students from Year 9-12. The interested Yr 12 students are able to have one-on-one meetings with the visitors, between 12pm and 12.45pm. Parents/carers are welcome to come along, too.

Please make contact if you have any questions about any of the above initiatives we have happening.

Please try and keep the evening of the 20th May free: the Watoto Children’s Choir, from Africa, will be performing in the Woodenbong Public Hall, courtesy of Pastor Glenda Compton's organising. If you have access to the internet, have a look at this site: www.watoto.com/the-choir An excerpt from the website says: “Accompanied by a team of adults, the choir presents Watoto’s vision and mission through their stories, music and dance. Watoto choirs act as ambassadors to raise awareness about the plight of the orphaned and vulnerable children of Africa”.

Ken Skinner's recent passing has saddened many local people. Ken was a popular local man, who raised his family here, and was a vital part of community life. Sincere condolences to all of Ken's immediate and extended family, and friends.

Thanks
Ian Geyer
Upcoming events

**Thurs April 30th** – Cross Country
**Fri May 1st** – Robocup Jnr excursion
**Fri May 8th** – District Cross Country
**12th – 14th May** – NAPLAN
**Tues May 19th** – Asthma PJ Day
**Fri May 22nd** – Zone Cross Country
**May 26-27** – Dental Van

**District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country will be in Bonalbo on
Friday 8th of May for the students who have
qualified. Students will need to be there before
10am for the mandatory track walk.

**Asthma PJ Day**

Tuesday May 19th. Students and staff are to
come dressed in their PJs with
a gold coin donation to raise
funds and awareness of asthma.

**Primary Profiles**

**Name:** Katelyn Fletcher

**Age:** 8

**What is the best part of being a student at WCS?** Skipping with my friends.

**What is your favourite subject?** Art. Because I get to be creative and have fun.

**What is your best memory at school?** Playing with Hannah when she was at school here.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Jahdon Worth

5 years
Science News—Week 2 Term 2

More Properties of Light
As part of their “wave force” topic last term
Year 9 utilized lenses and prisms to concentrate
and focus light, even making a rainbow!

University of NSW ICAS Science Competition
A fun Science quiz? A chance to challenge yourself against other young science students around the world and receive a certificate recognising your efforts and willingness to “have a go”? These are great reasons to participate in the respected International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), which are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element, run by the Uni of NSW. Cost is $8.80, closing to date to enter is May 6th! Let your Science teacher know if you wish to lock in your participation.

You are invited to help us celebrate
Ray Reid’s
90th Birthday
Please come along for a cold beer and a good old yam.

P&C - AGM
Tuesday 12th May - Community Room
3:45pm - All Welcome
An open invitation for all.
A Solarharness representative will be attending the
Woodenbong Progress Association meeting to discuss the benefits of
installing solar. This may offer incite for community groups with
infrastructure.
Golf Club, Tuesday 5th May 2015. 7.30pm.
All Welcome

Reflection for the week
"Old" Doesn't Have To = "Grumpy"

Age is just a date on a calendar; attitude is what counts. You can be
old at 29 and young at 92. Larry King once interviewed Ty Cobb, one
of the all–time great baseball players. He asked Cobb, then 70 years
old, ‘What do you think you’d hit if you were playing these days?’
Cobb, a lifetime .366 hitter (still the record) replied, ‘About .290,
maybe .300.’ King asked, ‘Is that because of travel, the night games,
the artificial turf and all the new pitches like the slider?’ Cobb
responded, ‘No. It’s because I’m 70!’ Here are three great benefits
to having lived longer: (1) You should be more tolerant. Having
fallen into many of life’s potholes yourself, you should be quicker to
extend a helping hand when others fall into them. Having survived
defeats and lived to fight another day, you’re qualified to offer
strength and hope to those who struggle. (2) You should be more
humble. A man who’d just celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary
said, ‘A man is always as young as he feels, but seldom as
important.’ Realising that the world doesn’t stop at your command
or cater to your whims, you become more realistic. And in the
process you find peace. (3) You should value time more. Margaret
Deland said, ‘As soon as you feel too old to do a thing, do it.’ Start
by asking yourself, ‘If not me, who? If not now, when?’ Here’s a
promise from Scripture you can stand on: ‘They shall still bear fruit
in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.’ (Psalm 92:14 NKJV)
Now get up off the couch and get going.

"Provided for you by the local Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist,
Presbyterian, Uniting, Anglican, Crossroads Ministries & Muli Muli
Full Gospel Outreach Churches".

Urbenville-Thursday 21st May at Bowling
Club time to be advised

Woodenbong-Saturday 23rd May at Supper
Room of Woodenbong Public Hall
commencing
9.00am

FLU IMMUNISATION CLINIC
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2015
FREE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE IS NOW AVAILABLE
TO PATIENTS 65 AND OVER
Fact: Health care workers, pregnant women, people
with chronic diseases and the elderly are most at risk of
getting and spreading influenza. Protect yourself and
those in your care
RING HIGH COUNTRY MEDICAL
PRACTICE FOR AN
APPOINTMENT 66341275
Fireworks

\textbf{WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE}  
LIVE MUSIC & PANSTIC BAND

\textbf{FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES-Come by}

* BAR (Friday/Saturday night) BBQ- Friday & Saturday.

A fantastic weekend of family entertainment is planned!

\textbf{WOODENBONG SHOW GROUNDS}

\textbf{Yamama Woodenbong Trail Ride}

For the 3rd year in a row...

'This is your chance to experience all the action at the Showground

\textbf{PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR OR IN YOUR PHONE!}
A reminder to all Year 10 and 11 students, if you are intending on going to Jindabyne, you need to bring in your deposit or make payments towards the excursion.

Thank You

Do You Want To Reduce The Cost of Your Jindabyne Excursion??

Help is needed by parents and students at the following fundraisers

**DISCO**

Saturday 9th May

6pm—9pm

Woodenbong Golf Club

$2 entry

Hot Dogs & Hot Chips available for purchase

**Woodenbong Bike Weekend BBQ**

We will be having a BBQ at the Woodenbong Bike Ride on Saturday 16th May. Please complete the following form and return it to the front office:

Name _________________ Number of Helpers __________

I would prefer to be on the BBQ at the following times (please circle)

3pm - 4pm  4pm - 5pm  5pm - 6pm

6pm - 7pm  7pm - 8pm

Canteen will be operating

See you there