### Issue: Week 3, Term 2

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- **4th May**
  - **P&C AGM**
  - **3.45pm Community Room**

- **5th May**
  - **Tupperware Party All Proceeds Donated to WCS Carfeen 3pm Community Room**

- **6th May**
  - **U14's & U16's Futsal**

- **7th May**
  - **Prim. District X Country**
  - **Bendigo First Aid Course**

- **8th May**
  - **Mothers Day**
  - **Woodenbong Bike Weekend**
  - **Jindabyne BBQ Fundraiser**

- **9th May**
  - **Woodenbong Bike Weekend**
  - **Jindabyne Fundraiser**

- **10th May**
  - **Woodenbong Bike Weekend**
  - **Jindabyne Fundraiser**

- **11th May**
  - **Central Schools Regional U16s and Opens Touch Qualifiers Inverell**
  - **U16s and Opens Touch Qualifiers Inverell**

- **12th May**
  - **USQ visit WCS**
  - **USQ visit WCS**

- **13th May**
  - **Sec Athletics Carnival**
  - **Sec Athletics Carnival**

- **14th May**
  - **USQ visit WCS**
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- **15th May**
  - **Sec Athletics Carnival**
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- **16th May**
  - **USQ visit WCS**
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- **17th May**
  - **Sec Athletics Carnival**
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- **18th May**
  - **USQ visit WCS**
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- **19th May**
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- **20th May**
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- **21st May**
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- **22nd May**
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- **23rd May**
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- **30th May**
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- **31st May**
  - **Sec Athletics Carnival**
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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.

It is nice to see the school grounds looking good. Over the last couple of weeks our General Assistant and Farm Assistant have been tidying up our gardens and doing some pruning. We have quite a few gardens and this can take time. The job they have done so far has made a big difference.

It was great to see so many of our primary students trying their best when running our cross country. The postponed primary cross-country run was held on Tuesday. Unfortunately our students could not run on the cross-country course and had to run around the school. The recent rain made the cross country course too wet for our students to safely run on. We wish our students luck when the complete at District on Friday for Primary and 15th for Secondary.

Reflection is an important part of learning. It can help you understand how you think, how you learn, how you work with others and how you learn best. It is important for us as a school to teach our students how to reflect. A good independent learner is also a reflective learner. Question or prompts such as: What did you learn?, What did you find interesting?, What are you going to find out more about? What did you do well? How could you improve? What challenges did you face? How did you overcome those challenges? Can help a student reflect on their learning.

However, reflection can also occur whilst you are doing a task. It has been said that:

*Frustration is a sign it is time to pause and think.*

That is it is time to reflect. Prompt or question that assist reflection during a task include: What are you struggling with? What do you need to find out more about? What is your plan to do this? How will you know you are successful? What other strategies have your tried? How have you dealt with similar problems? Can you think of alternatives?

Over the next few week parents might be contacted regarding the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) for students with disabilities. Last year we were part of the trial program in 2015 it is a requirement of all school to participate in the program. The aim of the program is to provide State and Federal Governments with an overall picture of what school do and what they need to support students with disabilities. This will reflect how we have made adjustments to support your child’s learning. The collection of data is anonymous and no data can be released that either identifies a student or the school. The information is used to allow governments to plan and provide resources to where they are needed. Woodenbong Central School does an awful lot, with limited resources, to support our students learning. When contacted parents will have the option to allow or not allow the information for their child to be included in our data. There is information elsewhere in this newsletter regarding NCCD.

This week we have had work commenced on the instillation of 2 additional flag poles. This will enable the school to fly 3 flags: the Australian flag, the NSW State flag and the Aboriginal flag in accordance with flag flying protocols. The flag poles will be erected either later this week or early next week.

Next week our students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit their NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is a National numeracy and literacy examination which can provide the school with more information on how the programs we run a Woodenbong Central School are supporting our students’ learning. This data supplements the information we collect on a daily basis on the effectiveness on what we are doing. It provides a snapshot of where the students are at in May of each year. Unfortunately we will not receive the results of these tests until much later in the year. The tests also provide additional information on how much our year 5, 7 and 9 students have grown in literacy and numeracy over the last 2 years.

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.

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This has been a big week for the Secondary department, and some important things happened in Primary, too! In Secondary, we had the anti domestic violence/anti sexual assault workshop day, called "LoveBites", for our Yr 10 and 11 students. Invaluable information was shared during the day, and your kids did a great job of staying on task. We also had Snr Constable Kim Mewing visit the school, and deliver important information to all students, Yr 7-12, on issues around Policing. One of Kim's foci was the cyber-reputation that young people create, based on posts on things like Facebook. She made the point that what goes onto the internet, stays there. Forever. So, best not to post things when you are angry, confused, impaired in your thinking in some way, etc. Even if you delete stuff, someone may have already copied it, and shared it with others, thereby keeping it alive. Employers are increasingly doing cyber-searches on job applicants, and using that info in their selection processes.

The Primary Cross Country certainly generated a lot of excitement on Tuesday afternoon, with lots of cheering and red faces (from the running, not the cheering part.....).

How do you like the new digital WCS Information Board?? The rumours that Brisbane Airport has switched off the Laravale navigation beacon for passenger jets, and is now using our Noticeboard, are totally FALSE. Personally, I like it. It is not at all gaudy, and it can be updated so quickly and easily, by the Front Office staff, from the Front Office. But, let us not forget the people who have done the weekly, manual updating of the now-defunct Noticeboard, perched precariously on a step ladder to slide in the letters to create the message. The most recent folk responsible for that taxing task were Gail Watson, and Jacob Pascoe. I am not sure if they got a redundancy package or not, but many thanks for your efforts, Gail, Jacob, and all past Noticeboarders!

Next Thursday, we are scheduled to have an indigenous member of the Australian Army, come to talk with students about careers in the Defence Forces. Woodenbong Central has been targeted by the ADF for this visit, because of our high indigenous student population. Each and every interested student in Yr 7-12 will have a chance to participate, whether they are indigenous or not. This will happen based on the indigenous workers at the schools' philosophy of "sharing the love", whenever possible.

How well does your child recall what they have just studied? Here is an interesting article, which recommends some very simple strategies which can dramatically improve recall- and it's free!! The info comes from the website www.tsfx.com.au

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Upcoming events

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

Primary Cross Country

Well done to all the competitors in the Cross Country. You did yourselves proud. Thank you to Mrs Ross and Mrs Shaw for organizing the event and parents for attending.

Below are the age champions.

Primary Profiles

Name: Jacob Close
Age: 10

What is your biggest success at school?
Competing at sports because it is good for your body.

Why do you like being a kid?
You don’t have to pay bills or drive a car. Your parents take care of you.

If you could be any animal what would it be and why?
A cheetah because they are talented and fast.

What do you love most about your siblings?
They care for me.

Cross Country Age Champions

Primary Cross Country

On Tuesday we held the Primary Cross Country at school. Students were fantastic and ran their hearts out. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents cheering on our students.

Our age champions were:

5/6/7 girls – Cassidy Cockram
5/6/7 boys – Matthew Wernowski
8/9 girls – Isobel Wernowski
8/9 boys – Nicholas Edmed
10 girls – Chloe Newman
10 boys – Connor Smith
11 girls – Shiloh Williams
11 boys – Cody Close
12/13 girls – Jemima Lee
12/13 boys – William Hannant

Well done to everyone. Thanks for a great afternoon and good luck to all our students competing at Bonalbo on Friday.

Amy Ross and Stacey Shaw

NAPLAN Numeracy for Years 7 and 9

There is a non-calculator component and a calculator component. All students should have their own calculator, if not they are available from the front office for $22.

NO JUNIOR GOLF THIS SATURDAY DUE TO A SENIOR MEMBERS DAY
More Plants in action...

Ginger beer plant—not really a plant but a yeast—in action as well as propagation of rosemary, thyme and the “blood leaf plant”, peace lily and walking iris! Investigations into the *Lemon Scented Tea Tree, Manuka Myrtle and Lemon Myrtle* continue!

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**Tupperwear Party**

**WEDNESDAY 13th May**

3pm

**WCS Community Room**

Organised by Lorraine

All Proceeds Donated back to WCS Canteen

**EVERYONE WELCOME**
On Friday the 1st of May Katelyn Grimmett, Lauren Amos and Isabella Barrett travelled to Mudgee to play for the North Coast regional team in the NSW combined high schools 15 years touch football trials. We played 7 games on Saturday and 2 games on Sunday against regional teams from all over NSW. The North Coast team won 4 games and finished 6th out of 10 teams. Sydney North won the girls event and Hunter won the boys. Katelyn also competed in the relay, where 4 players from each team run the length of the field, putting the ball down on the try line for the next runner to scoop up. The girls relay was also won by Sydney North. Although not winning we all had a lot of fun on our trip, making friends with students from all over the region and playing touch with them.

By Lauren Amos
On Saturday the 21st of March, this year, a group of 5 Woodenbong school students and 1 teacher, flew down to Sydney to build our youth district display, at the Sydney royal Easter show.

This was not our first year, as we’ve participated over the last 6 or so years, in fact it was our school who originally went down to the show to “display” our exhibit, from there the competition started, with now 5 schools (at least one from each district) competing.

Each year all the schools competing are given the same theme and have to base their exhibit on it. The exhibit is to be created with agriculture produce (e.g. fruit and vegetables, seeds and grains).

We stay at Sydney for 2 weeks, and stay at Hurlstone Agriculture College, Glenfield, overnight (which is an hour train ride, from Glenfield to Olympic park, each day twice a day). We are spoilt by the Northern District exhibit (big exhibit), with their cooking, as we eat there and their support, helpfulness and kindness. Without their help our trip would not be possible. In return for their generosity, the school kids cut and sell tubs of fruit salad, for the public, which helps cover costs.

We have 5 days to set it up (before the show opens and the exhibit is judged). The majority of the exhibit is already created (seeded) we just have to set it up.

Our exhibit is judged Thursday morning, the same day the show opens and the presentation is the following day. This year results were as followed:

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Our display represented different scenes, the soldiers at war, but also the family left behind.
Overall it was and always is the opportunity of a life time, you meet amazing people and learn great life skills, it’s always a credit to the school and the school receives many lovely complements. Big thanks to the people involved in creating the exhibit at school and especially our farm hand Peter Mulcahy. A credit to all the students who went to Sydney, Michael Van de Sande, Caitlin Guagliardo, Katie Jones, Terry Farquhar and myself (Katie Grimmett). And our dedicated teacher who puts up with us (or maybe who we put up with haha love you dad), without him this experience wouldn’t be running.

While I was at Sydney I competed at the Sydney Olympic Track for state Little Athletics, Shot put and 800m. At the show I’d previously qualified for the state finals under 25’s junior judging for Meat sheep and cattle. With the sheep judging, 28 competitors from all over NSW competed, with the top 8 qualifying for the Oral (speaking), I qualified for the oral, and placed first overall, winning the event. After the state final I had two hours before the nationals, as nationals were held at The Sydney Royal this year. In those two hours I was given a mentor who gave me advice etc., for the nationals. Competing for NSW in the nationals, I placed 4th, with SA first place, New Zealand Second and Queensland third.

With the cattle judging same applied with number of competitors. I Qualified for the Oral (top 8) and placed sixth.

Such an awesome experience, and massive opportunity. Thankyou Dad and Warwick Shaw for teaching me/helping me with sheep judging and Graeme Hopf for cattle judging.

By Katie Grimmett
Swim Club News.

Congratulations to our swimmers for a great job at Evans Head today. Results as follows: Gus - 3 second places and 1 third place with the following PBs: 9.67 sec for 25m breast, 0.44 sec for 25m back, 5.70 sec for 25m fly and 3.99 for 25m free! Clay - 3rd place for 25m back with a massive 54.14 sec PB, 9.24 sec PB for 25m free! Isla - 0.73 sec PB for 25m free! Keely - 4 first places with the following PBs: 10.44 sec for 50m breast, 9.73 sec for 50m back, 18.97 sec for 100 IM, 2.04 sec for 50m free! Brigitte - 3 PBs as follows: 11.79 sec for 50 back, 5.48 for 100m free and 11.03 for 100 IM!

Woodenbong Golf Club News

Billy Cart Race
4th July - 10am start

Trivia Night
6th June - 7pm
$10/person (team of 6)
Food Available

Disco that was on this weekend postponed to 23rd May
Reported Incidents in the Woodenbong area for the period 01/04/15 – 30/04/15.

- 1 x Steal from Motor Vehicle
- 1 x Offensive Language
- 1 x Break and Enter
- Mail theft

NEWS:

About 5:20pm on Friday 3rd April 2015, an unknown offender entered a parked and unattended vehicle on Urben Street, Mulli Mulli and took a black/white LG brand mobile phone with distinctive diamontes on the back of the case. Enquiries continuing.

Also on Friday 3rd April 2015, at 6:30pm, offensive language was heard coming from a vehicle travelling northbound on Macpherson Street. An 18 year old female was identified and investigations are continuing.

Between 4:00pm on Wednesday 15th April 2015 and 5:00am on Thursday 16th April 2015, two young persons broke into the staff room at Woodenbong Central School and stole a number of drinks from inside. One young person has been identified and will be appropriately dealt with under the Young Offenders Act.

Reports of mail theft from letterboxes in town. Please report any incidents of missing mail to police for further follow up.

In response to the recent steal from motor vehicle report, please be mindful of a few important tips to minimize the risk of having property stolen from your vehicle.

Although steal from motor vehicle offences are scarce in our area, here are some timely tips for ensuring you don’t become a victim

TIPS:

1. Visible belongings are a risk. Always take personal belongings with you when you leave your vehicle.
2. Lock up everytime. Always lock doors, close windows and your sunroof every time you leave your car.
3. Park wisely. Park in well-lit areas at night. Try to avoid parking in quiet back-streets where there are few passers-by.
4. Don’t tempt thieves by leaving valuables unattended. Never leave your navigator device in your vehicle. Never leave valuables in your vehicle. Even jackets, mobile phones and loose change can be a target for offenders.

FACTS about theft from motor vehicles

1. 54% of car theft victims admit they could have done more to prevent the theft.
2. 41% of victims of steal from motor vehicle crime admitted item/s stolen from their vehicles were visible from the street.

Remember, if you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact myself or Senior Constable CORCORAN. I am in the process of re-establishing the Woodenbong Facebook page in the form of Eyewatch, a NSW Police initiative.

**In an Emergency Dial: 000**

If it’s not an emergency than please dial **131444** or your local Police Station. Save **000 for Emergencies Only**.

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