OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT in MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics Department would like to congratulate Elle Phillips and Matthew Masnada for achieving a VHA10 at verification in their studies of Mathematics B. This achievement is the highest standard awarded by the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority, for studies in Year 12. They were taught by Ms Mariana Edmond.
William Ross State High School's very own Kane Giddy was recently a finalist in the Townsville Bulletin's Newspapers in Education competition for 2014. Year 8 student Kane made the William Ross community very proud at the awards ceremony on the 16th of October by walking away with a runner's up award in the competition which looked at works of students in Years 8 to 12. Kane has been experimenting with various art methods this year as a part of the William Ross State High School's Art Excellence program. We look forward to seeing more of Kane's excellent art works in the future.
From the Principal

AWARDS NIGHT
What a fantastic evening, I would take this time to congratulate all students receiving awards and publically acknowledge the fantastic students we have at William Ross. Our students demonstrated the quality and depth of academic rigor we have come to expect from a school that has as its primary purpose, students. The number of high to very high achieving students is growing year by year and this was encapsulated in the wonderful public display of students crossing the stage to receive their awards.

I would also applaud the outstanding display of musical talent within our student performance on the night, they clearly created the mood and supported the high expectations of William Ross.

“THE END IS NEAR”
In this the final weeks for our Year 12s, we are experiencing that “my gosh it’s nearly over” feeling from students who have undertaken twelve years of formal education, worked tirelessly to achieve the best possible outcomes, prepared and planned for their future. This realisation comes with some significant challenges, not only for the students but also the parents. Many parents now face the emotional roller-coaster of watching their young children grow and ‘leave the nest’, combined with the worry and pride of reaching that adult-entry milestone in life, parents are well known to suffer in silence, but with the many end of year events and celebrations ahead, you will also enjoy this time and still be an important part of their life.

But as one chapter closes and our Year 12s depart, another stage opens, the future of our school, the students who will lead William Ross in 2015. With the strong support of our current Year 12s we plan and recognise the future strengths of our student leaders through appointment of the new 2015 School Captains. It with pride that I congratulate and publish:

School Captains:
Cameron Bealing & Emily Davey

Senior School Vice Captains:
Oliver Dale & Shaneika Passi

JUNIOR SECONDARY MERIT AWARDS
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From the Deputy Principal
Junior Secondary

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TRANSITION DAY for Junior Secondary students starting in 2015

Transition from primary to secondary school requires students to adjust to the more complex nature of the secondary context, while moving through the most crucial stage in their physiological and psychological development. William Ross State High is dedicated to making this transition as seamless as possible and ensuring that our Junior Secondary students have the strongest platform to commence their secondary schooling journey. The Junior Secondary Transition program for term four includes:

Year 7-8 Transition Day (Feeder schools excluding Annandale SS): Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November 2014

Year 7-8 Transition Day (Annandale SS and Non-Feeder schools): Tuesday 2nd December and Thursday 4th December 2014

Year 6-7 Regional Transition Day (ALL 2015 Enrolled students): Tuesday 3rd December 2014

The scheduled transition days allows those students enrolling at William Ross State High school to experience learning in the Junior Secondary context, as well as negotiate and make decisions about how they will interact in the secondary school environment. Students will attend scheduled classes as part of a 'normal' timetabled school day and will need to bring writing materials and lunch.

COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVEMENT

It is vital that our Junior Secondary students stay committed to completing their in-class learning tasks and curriculum assessment requirements. Junior Secondary schooling provides the learning and academic pathway to senior schooling. Ongoing resilience and commitment to successful outcomes in Junior Secondary is imperative to ongoing academic success in both junior and future senior schooling. Junior Secondary students will continue to be engaged in a full curriculum and assessment program throughout the next four weeks leading to semester two reporting of student results. Please continue to encourage active engagement and attendance throughout the remainder of term four.

Pam PRICHARD
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From the Year 12 Co-ordinator

The end of year is fast approaching. The final block exams for Year 12s started on Wednesday and finish today. I’d like to wish all students the very best for their final assessment and completing all of their course requirements. What an amazing feat.

The following week is a big week! There will be an alternate program for students that will require attendance Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Session 1 only) and Friday (Session 1 only). Information will be distributed to students shortly. Tuesday 18th November is the G-Rad festival. This is sure to be a fantastic event with important transitional information for students from guest speakers, followed by a fun festival with rides and other enjoyable activities. Don’t forget your super hero costumes. Payment for this must be finalised by Monday the 18th November as no payments will be received on the day of the event.

Wednesday 19th November is the Formal and will be held at RSL Stadium (Murray). All Year 12 students are welcome at the event. Arrivals will start from 5pm and go until 6pm at which time we will move into our Formal ceremony. Parents, guardians and staff are welcome at the arrivals and ceremony. There will be professional photographers at this event, so please take up this opportunity. Those that have purchased a formal dinner ticket will be treated to a three-course meal and entertainment. This will no doubt be a major highlight for the Year 12s and their entire time at secondary school.

Finally, Friday 21st November is the Graduation. Students will attend their last full school parade ever and then move to the Graduation ceremony in P Block. Parents, guardians and staff are welcome at this ceremony. Students must wear their full school uniform while they are on campus and at Graduation.

What an absolute challenge and pleasure it has been to work with this cohort of Year 12s. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours. I hope as they reflect on leaving and move out into the big wide world that they have fond memories of William Ross State High School.

Jessica THOMAS
Year 12 Co-Ordinator
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LEXIA READING CORE 5

Congratulations to the many students who have received certificates for completing levels in the Lexia Reading Core 5 program over the past two months. Congratulations also to the Year 8 monthly Lexia User Champions. Well done especially to Uma Malabu who engaged with the program for 430 minutes during October, that’s averaging nearly one hour 20 minutes each week, super effort. All students in Years 8 and 9 should be working on the Lexia program for at least 3 x 20 minutes sessions a week. This could be done at home, at tutoring or at lunch breaks. It is expected that all Year 9 students will have completed the program by the end of the year and the Year 8’s close to it.

Congratulations to Taryn Lynch and Harmeet Singh who have fully completed all 18 levels in the Lexia Reading Core 5 program.

The link to Lexia Reading Core 5 program is on the William Ross State High School webpage. Any Year 8 or 9 student who has forgotten their logon should email the support teachers or come and see them in Q03.

PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TEST (PAT)

All year 8 and 9 students will sit PAT’s in the areas of Maths, Science and Reading Comprehension over the next two weeks. The tests aim to highlight a student’s growth in learning over the past year and identify areas still in need of improvement. Please encourage your child to do their best and a little more! Results will be provided back to the students within two weeks of the test.

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BLOCK SPORT TERM 4

Congratulations to all the term four block sport teams who have done a fantastic job in representing William Ross State High. Our Open AFL boys finished strong this term with a 72 – 27 win over Cathedral School. Our U15 AFL boys had a tremendous 49 -2 win against Ignatius Park College on Wednesday and will wrap up their season in week six against Kirwan High. Our Open AFL Girls have been consistent in their efforts and sportsmanship and had a great win this week against Saint Margaret Marys College 20 – 8. Well done Rhinos AFL!

Rhinos Open AFL and Water Polo Teams

This is the last week for our senior AFL and Water polo block sport players.
Friday 14 November 2014
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Making the Difference


A big THANK YOU to CERI our Defence Force Liaison Officer. Your support and dedication to our Rhinos squads is greatly appreciated!


2014 SCHOOLGIRL CHALLENGE
On Friday the 24th October 12 of our young sportswomen attended the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Girls Rugby League Challenge Day at the Townsville and District Junior Rugby League Grounds. This was a great opportunity for our students to show the rest of North Queensland what a wonderful school William Ross is. Teams from as far as Yarrabah and Moranbah participated in this challenge day. Our Under 16 team joined with St Patricks College and played five very tough games and were successful in their first game when Maya Kiernan scored their first try.

Our Under 14 team did an outstanding job to win all four matches they played. An incredible result considering many of the girls had never played rugby league before and many of the girls scored tries on the day. The girls thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the game and the opportunity to meet girls from all around North Queensland.

Coach – Mr Bob Ottaway L-R Libby Hastie, Jemma Levis, Alex Baker, Sherrie Soper, Chloe Holmes, Maya Kiernan (seated).


NEW PERPETUAL SHIELDS FOR SWIMMING, CROSS COUNTRY AND ATHLETICS
An opportunity still exists for families or businesses to sponsor one of our Inter-house Carnival trophies. Please see the ladies in the office for more information.

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From the P & C

P & C NEWS
Our Uniform Shop at school has a 10% discount offer from now until the school term ends on the 12th of December. Leave your order at the office or email to wrshspandc2014@gmail.com. Order forms are available from the school website or collect one from the school office.
Look out for our uniform stand at Annandale Central during the school holidays.

Madonna WILKES
President
P & C Association

SAINTS NETBALL CLUB INC
Play netball in 2015 - We will have vacancies in all our junior age groups 7–17yrs. Especially looking for players for our Moddies 7-9 years and experienced players aged 15-17 years. To register your interest or for more information contact Kristina Moore 0400 721118. For 2015 Sign on dates – keep updated at www.saintnetballtsv.wix.com/club OR www.facebook.com/Saints2012.

SCOUTS
Do your kids like:
Camping, sailing, hiking, caving, abseiling or rock climbing?
Orienteering, construction or knot tying?
Learning first aid skills or geocaching?
Open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about conservation?
Learning survival skills, astronony or learning bush skills?
Learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle courses?
Making new friends and experiencing new challenges?
Earning badges to wear on their uniform?
Parents, do you like participating in organised activities with your child?
Contact Qld Scouts for your nearest Scout Group!
1800 072 688 / www.scoutsqld.com.au

The Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal is now in its sixth week of fundraising... This means that the Appeal has now passed the half-way mark, with only five weeks left until the Official Gift-Giving Ceremony at Reid Park on Wednesday, the 10th of December.

Last year, Townsville Schools helped raise more than a tonne of food and almost 1500 gift donations towards the Appeal. This year has been tough, and with less than 400kg of food and less than 90 gifts having been donated towards the 2014 Appeal so far, your help is needed more than ever.

Make a Pledge and WIN an Apple iPhone 6!
What can you give up to help someone in need this Christmas? Can you go without that extra coffee every day? Are you willing to skip the odd fish and chip night? Could you pass on the regular trip to the cinema and donate instead?

To make your pledge, donate online, then share your pledge with a selfie on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #mctapledge, and you will go into the draw to win an Apple iPhone 6 thanks to our friends at Telstra Stores Townsville.

To find out more about the #mctapledge competition, pop into your School’s Office and for a copy of the competitions terms and conditions.

Alternatively, if your School’s staff, students, friends or families has any ideas on fundraising for the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal, please call us on 1300 878 001 or email us at christmasappeal@townsville.qld.gov.au. And remember, Christmas is just around the corner!
WILLIAM ROSS STATE HIGH SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR: Full-Time Package
We are seeking a highly motivated person to grow our tuckshop into a thriving food outlet of choice for the students and teachers. This also involves providing catering for school functions.

You must have demonstrated capacity in:
• High level of interpersonal and communication skills
• Managing a team of co-workers
• Preparing menus, budgeting, costing and cash handling
• Stock control, including ordering and delivery
• Safe food handling preparation of quality, nutritional, tasty food
• Strong organisational and time management skills
• Using a computer and basic software applications
• Knowledge of WH&S and Smart Choices Healthy Food and Drink Strategy an advantage

Duties will include: Managing all aspects of the tuckshop as well as overseeing our uniform shop and providing monthly reports to the P&C

CASUAL ASSISTANTS: 15-20 Hours (Weekly, School Terms)
We are seeking people to assist the tuckshop convenor in achieving our vision of a quality affordable food outlet for the school community.

You must have demonstrated capacity in:
• High level of interpersonal and communication skills
• Safe food handling preparation
• Cash handling and time management skills

Duties will include: Food preparation, customer service and register operations in both the tuckshop and uniform shop.

Successful applicants must hold, or be able to obtain a working with children suitability card, food handlers certificate (supervisor certificate for convenor). Applications should clearly state the position you are applying for, address the selection criteria and include a resume.

Please e-mail application to: wrshspandc2014@gmail.com
Applications Close: Monday 17th of November 2014
Pinnacles Gallery presents the
2014 Townsville Young Artist Awards
Call for Artists

Pinnacles Gallery is calling for young artists from prep through to the final year of secondary school to enter the 2014 Townsville Young Artist Awards.

Young artists can enter individually or as part of a school group. A cash prize is offered for each section and all artworks submitted will be exhibited at Pinnacles Gallery from 13 December 2014 - 8 February 2015.

Entries Close:
5pm Sunday 23 November 2014

Entry forms available from:
Pinnacles Gallery or Perc Tucker Regional Gallery.

Further Information, Contact:
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