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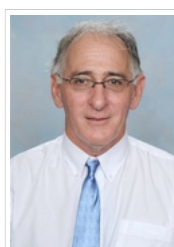
26 October 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday	Mathematics Tutorial Q Block 3:00 – 4:00pm
Every Wednesday	English Tutorial Resource Centre 3:00 – 4:00pm
	Business / IT Tutorial I07 3:00 – 4:00pm
Every Thursday	Japanese Tutorial (Yr 7, 8, 9, 11) Resource Centre 3:00 – 3:45pm
	Science Tutorial 3:00 – 4:00pm B4
31 October	Awards Night, Civic Theatre 7:00pm
1 November	Year 7 Vaccinations
2 November	Science Excellence Presentation Night
	Year 8 Vaccinations
7 – 11 November	Year 12 Block Exams
11 November	Film Night, P Block 6:30pm
14 November	Mount Stuart Cluster Instrumental Music Tour
14 – 18 November	Year 11 Block Exams
16 November	Senior Formal, RSL Stadium

18 November	Year 12 Final Day / Graduation Ceremony, P Block
21 – 25 November	Yr 10 Block Exams
22 - 25 November	Year 11 Leadership Camp
25 November	Year 10 & 11 Final Day
9 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Final Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



OPEN INVITATION

As our year comes to a close our most important event, the Annual Awards Night is acknowledged as the most prestigious. Here we recognise our highly successful and exceptional students across all year levels. Success accomplished through hard work and dedication to achieve the best possible result. These exceptional students are the focus and the purpose of our educational pursuits. They represent the ultimate in achievement in the Educational, Sporting and Cultural aspects of our school and on this night they take centre stage.

I would take this opportunity to invite all parents to attend and become part of this ceremony at the Civic Centre on Monday the 31st of October starting at 7.00pm. All parents, family and friends are most welcome.

Allan Evans
Principal
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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUNIOR SECONDARY



WELCOME BACK to Term Four! When I speak with students they generally state the holidays are over to soon, however, I'm sure from a parents perspective it's great to get back into routine. I hope you had a fantastic break however you spent it and enjoyed some time with your student.

ATTENDANCE

Research shows that many of the students who achieve their best and who are academically successful are those who attend school every day. Regular school attendance is not only a matter of law but also the best way you can support your student to succeed at school. Please support our school and your student by reinforcing the message that it's not ok to be away and phoning the school or providing a note to explain all absences. Our school target is 95% so let's keep working towards that. Even just one day away per fortnight equals four school weeks per year. Every Day Counts!

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Reporting closed recently for our Term Three academic semester and I've thoroughly enjoyed reading through the results of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. There are certainly some real positives and a great reflection of the hard work our staff and your student have put in together over the term. These reports have been sent home and I would encourage you to speak with your student about their results. Celebrate the successes and discuss ways they can improve in specific subject areas. For our Year 9 students, Term Four is the final term to secure their Junior Certificate of Education (JCE). We wish them all the best for their final term of Junior Secondary.

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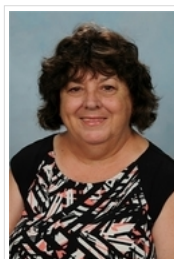
A reminder that William Ross State High School is a uniform school. Our uniform is endorsed by our P&C and students are expected to wear our uniform with pride. Our uniform includes black shoes with an impervious upper. If you are unsure about uniform requirements please visit our website or ask your student to speak with a Year Level Co-ordinator. In the near future I will be sending out letters for students who are identified as consistently breaching our uniform expectations. We value your assistance in working together on this matter.

Finally, while **you** choose how **you** spend **your** time at school every lesson of every day, **you** must remember that **your** time here at William Ross State High School **can be spent only once!**

Nathan Hustler
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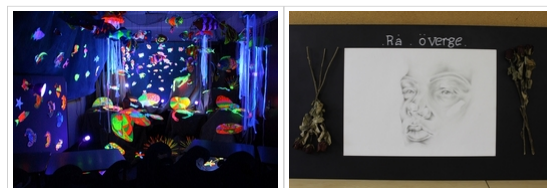
FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

ARTS EXPO



The honour for the 2016 People's Choice Award from our recent Arts Expo goes to Year 12 student, Annika Lindskog-Jones. Annika work, entitled *Rä Övergë*, is a very sensitively drawn pencil interpretation of a face. Excellent result Annika! While the crowd was small on Friday night, those who

attended made lots of positive remarks about the quality of student work. Many people were impressed by the work of the SEP students in the *Reef Room*. Ms Howlett and Mr Powell worked with these students over several months to create the vivid display using UV lighting. The auction saw healthy bidding on the framed prints made at the indigenous print makers workshops held earlier in the year. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who attended.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Arts Department is hosting two more events this term. A film night will be held on the 11th of November to showcase the work from our budding film makers in Years 10, 11 and 12. Who will be awarded "Best Short Film for 2016?" Stay tuned.

On the 14th of November the Stuart Cluster Band will celebrate the end of the year with its annual cluster tour to some of our outlying primary schools. Students present a short concert at each venue.

Film, Television and New Media students are excitedly waiting for the opening of the New Media Lab in M Block. This is a dedicated film and sound studio. With most of the equipment now on site, it will only be a few weeks before it is finally completed. A huge thanks to Ms Gardner, Mr Evans, Mr Ramsbotham and his team of Senior Construction students who have made this asset possible.

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FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



PIE DRIVE

The pie-drive was an event where all members of the Student Council were asked to sell as many pies as possible, supplied by Mel's pies. The event began at the end of Term Two and ended on Friday the 15th of July. Overall, a total of just under \$500 profit was made. Out of this money,

support was given to Taylor Clare and Kayley Prendergast to go towards their airfares for the state finals for their wearable arts fashion trip. Thank you to all Student Council members that supported this event, as well as all the people who supported our Council and purchased pies.

CULTURE FEST

The Culture Fest for 2016 was an extremely successful event. It was held on Friday the 5th of August in the Courtyard. Most of the food was made by the Hospitality class of 2016. In total the Student Council was able to raise a total of \$354. The money raised went back to the Student Council to go towards the 2016 Bursary winners. Thank you to the Hospitality class who created the food. Your support was greatly appreciated.

RSPCA CUPCAKES

On Friday the 26th of August, the Student Council held an RSPCA Cupcake Day. The RSPCA Cupcake Day was a tremendously popular occasion. All proceeds went to the RSPCA foundation. A total of \$290 was raised and given to support this fund.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

As the tuckshop was closed on the last day of Term Three the Student Council held a sausage sizzle. The funds raised were donated to the 2016 Formal Committee.

Maddy Brunker
Junior Student Council School Ambassador

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



ALL BLACKS INDIGENOUS RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM VISIT

We were fortunate to host the Army All Blacks Indigenous Rugby League Team this week. Students heard first hand many life stories from a range of personnel about the benefits of joining the defence force. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women "yarned" with our students

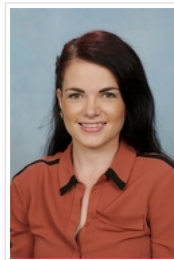
about the significance of Indigenous Culture seen in the Army, Navy and Airforce. Students participated in the Q & A feedback sessions and some were even fortunate enough to receive prizes in the form of hats, footballs and back packs! The visit concluded with a friendly Reconciliation game of touch football which all enjoyed.

We would like to thank Chris Clarke, Juliet Payne, Jennilee Mills, WO2 Ross Randall and our Community Education Councillor, Mrs Natalie Howard for her organisation of this visit.



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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT



TERM ONE, 2017 HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE

William Ross is very excited to announce that we are expanding on our International Exchange Program and will be once again hosting an enthusiastic group of International students from the 21st of January to the 8th of February 2017. The

tour involves a short three night camp and staff supervised excursions on the weekends to local tourist attractions.

In the past homestay has proven to be a very rewarding experience for our school community. We are currently seeking students and families who can assist the school with hosting an International student for the homestay experience in **Term One next year**.

To help subsidise the cost of hosting a student, there will be a one off payment made to families before students arrive. Please contact Miss McMinn on 4726 7666 for more details.

A massive thank you to all families and staff who have been involved in the program in past tours. It is with your support and commitment that these programs have proven successful and most beneficial to our students.



Lani McMinn
International Schools Co-ordinator
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FROM THE SENIOR SECONDARY DEPARTMENT



YEAR 10

All Year 10s should now have completed their SET Plan interview and submitted their first round of subject choices. Based on these choices the school has set up the line structure, and students will be given a second opportunity to select their final preferences. We encourage parents to have

conversations with your child about pathway options and discuss the pre-requisites outlined in the student handbook.

YEAR 11

Year 11 OP Eligible and Ranking students will be participating in the QCS Preparation program once a week in Term Four. Students will have the opportunity to sit a practice QCS Exam and receive feedback on their performance. It is important that Year 11 OP Eligible and Ranking students maximise their time in this class and ensure that this is the most effective pathway option. Any students wishing to make subject changes must speak with A/Deputy Principal, Ms Subke.

YEAR 10 AND 11 TAFE APPLICATIONS

Any students who are wishing to attend TAFE in 2017 please see Ms Anderson for a course outline and application form.

Natalie Anderson

HOD Senior Secondary / VET Co-Ordinator
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FROM THE DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR



DEFENCE FAMILIES

It is that time of year again where some of our William Ross families will be preparing to post to a new location. This is a time full of excitement and some degree of stress. I have started a posting program with some students already but if you would like me to work with your child please get in contact.

The posting program includes:

- A research session on the new location and school system
- A student portfolio to take to the next school
- A party, certificate and photos
- Please contact by email at cbria9@eq.edu.au or phone 4726 7666.

Ceri Briant

Defence Transition Mentor
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P & C ASSOCIATION

MEETING

Our next P & C meeting will be held on the 8th of November, starting at 7:00pm in the Administration building. All parents are welcome to attend.

Madonna Wilkes
President
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