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From the Principal's Desk

On behalf of the staff of Wynnum High, I wish all our families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday and a Merry Christmas and New Year. 2015 has been a great year and we look forward to 2016 being an even better one.

Below is some important information about the 2016 school year:

School Office and Uniform Shop

Monday 18th January - School office re-opens for the year (8 am - 4 pm)

Wednesday 20th January - School payments counter re-opens for the year (8.30 am – 1.30 pm)

Monday 18th January - Friday 22nd January - Uniform shop open from 7 am - 1 pm

Wednesday 27th January - Friday 29th January - Uniform shop open from 7 am – 12.30 pm

Students Return

Monday 25th January – PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 26th January – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 27th January - All year levels attend school (8.50 am – 2.50 pm) **N.B. Years 11 and 12 will be required to stay at school for the full day.**



We thank our Sponsors

Year 11 Camp

Wow! What an amazing end to a year with Year 11 camp! I recommend all Year 11s must attend. Not only did this camp show us new leadership skills but also brought us together as a cohort. From the day activities to the night activities ... the fun never stopped!

After a long wait of not seeing our accommodation, it was a thrill to see a comfy bed which made a sigh of relief for the girls as we had ceiling fans and the boys didn't! There were different pranks being held on each house somehow everyone was "got" back ... except for the best house which was House 1!

Throughout the three days there were various activities that the different groups were given. Kayaking, blind folded activities, giant swings, jumping off a tree and so many more. As some faced their fears of heights and/or fear of trusting others, they couldn't have done it without the teamwork and support of others.

My favourite activity was the Swing by Choice as I was the first student to have a go and was quite nervous about how it worked. There was a shock when Chappy went on as when we pulled him up the string was pulled instantly causing Chappy to whoosh past and the Green Group to just about have a panic attack! Luckily it was just a slip from the hand! This was the opposite for some of us who couldn't work out how to pull the string, aka myself, and we were waiting a long time to figure it out with some teamwork from others.

Nothing could ever beat the night activities! I never knew so many people had unseen talent! I am pretty sure I had the fastest time for naming three items... sorry Mr Bannerman! The fun didn't stop until bed time... although some never slept!

The second night was very innovative and creative for our Mock Formal. The boys got given a name out of a hat and we girls had to wait impatiently for our dates who took forever to collect us! Some arrived with a boom box, others with flowers and some just a leaf! As the night went on, many friendships were created by just this one 'date'. Even though the girls' dresses were quite interesting, the guys' suits were even better...but in my opinion, it would be best if the boys did not make fashion their future career!

The last day was full of surprises and some were upset about leaving the campsite. These were the best three days I have experienced with such a great group of students and teachers! We all have our own memories, stories and experiences to tell. I highly recommend all future Year 11s go on camp to experience the fun I had!

Lydia Garsden





Wynnum High Science News

As we approach the end of another busy term at Wynnum State High, our Science students participated in a number of exciting activities last week.

SPARQ-Ed Immersion Program

Three of our Year 11 students spent the first week of their holidays participating in the SPARQ-Ed Program, along with 17 other students from across Queensland, at the Diamantina Institute. Our students experienced the latest laboratory undertakings, *“Investigating the Effects of Aurora Kinase A and Aurora Kinase B Inhibition on HPV Positive Cancer Cells”*.

The work these students undertook was at third year university level and will be used by the Institute as part of their ongoing work on Cancer Research.

Mr Campbell attended the closing remarks session on Friday afternoon, the first Principal to attend a closing session in the seven years that the program has been operating, to support our students and listen to what they have been working on for the week.

We congratulate Tim Biddle, Zoe Nehring and Andrew Craig on their extraordinary work. We know they will have had a challenging and enjoyable week at the Institute.

We once again thank the Trustees of the WSHS Scholarship Fund for making this possible.



Dr Peter Darbin, Tim Biddle, Zoe Nehring, Andrew Craig, Mr Campbell and David Posnair

Griffith University Science Ambassadors

Four of our Griffith University Science Ambassadors attended the keynote STEM address on “Atmospheric Climate Damage” presented by Professor Tim Flannery at Griffith University, Nathan Campus, on Monday 30 November.

Our students not only had the opportunity to listen to this world renowned scientist before he had to fly to Paris for the United Nations Climate talks but had the opportunity to meet him and talk to him.

We congratulate Kalani and Finn, Year 8 and Elise and Gavith, Year 9, for stepping up and accepting the invitation to participate at this conference.



Term 4 Year 8 Interclass Science Challenge

This term, all Year 8 Science classes were invited to participate in the last Interclass Challenge for 2015. The task was to design and build an electric motor powered craft to cross the width of the school pool (10.8m) the fastest. The groups of students were supplied with the motor and a battery pack and they were required to follow a list of challenge rules concerning the size of the craft and what parts could be used.

A number of interesting craft were built by groups from different classes but the winning craft, belonging to Joseph Miller and Liam Prowse from 8A, not only crossed the pool the fastest but also completed the length of the pool quite easily.

Congratulations to all those who participated and we have already planned next year's challenges.



Creative Arts

2015 has been a great year for the Creative Arts students here at Wynnum and it is the perfect time to thank the many students who have represented the Creative Arts department throughout the year. We have seen some great performances and works of art presented this year and it has been wonderful to watch the students grow, not only artistically but also in their confidence.

We have had hundreds of students presenting their creative talents throughout the year from the students who participated in *Grease – The Musical*; the actors and singers, musicians, technical crew, costume and make-up artists, through to music, drama and visual arts students in Years 7 – 12 who have taken part in the Junior and Senior Showcases. There are also the students in the Symphonic, Concert and Stage Bands who performed at many school and local community events through to those musicians who performed at Awards Night, Year 12 Graduation and Year 9 Graduation.

Variety Night was also a celebration of the talent we have at Wynnum with students presenting music, drama and dance items they had developed, rehearsed and choreographed themselves.

Thanks also to the great Creative Arts teaching staff who have supported the students in their creative endeavours. It has been a great year, with more to come in 2016.

Anne Roylance
Head of Department - Creative Arts

Immunisations

Brisbane City Council are providing an opportunity for students in Years 8 and 9 who may have missed their vaccinations this year, to catch up at one of our after-hours clinic. Year 8 and Year 9 students are eligible to receive the following vaccines:

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
Chickenpox
Boostrix (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)

Details are as follows:

Where:

Carindale Library
Westfield Carindale Shopping Centre, 1151 Creek Road, Carindale QLD 4152

Date:

3 December 2015

Time:

5 pm -8 pm

Parents are advised to bring along any vaccination records their child may have to assist the nurses. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Brisbane City Council Immunisation Services on 07) 3403 8888.

Holiday Dental Appointments

The School Dental service is open during the school holidays and bookings can be made by calling 1300 300 850.

This service is free for all children from age 4 to Yr 10, and also for 0 – 17 year olds who hold a health care card or receive the Child Dental Benefit Scheme.

Wynnum Wipeout

Hi, I am Greg Deighton, Chaplain of Wynnum SHS. During the January holidays I run a holiday program called Wynnum Wipeout. This program has been running for 22 years with great success and is for any students who are in Years 6-12 next year. The program runs from Monday 11th January and finishes on Saturday 16th. Students are welcome for one or all days of the program. As you can see from the brochure the day is broken into two halves – a morning and afternoon session – with a variety of activities available, and the cost of each activity is listed. We also have a pre-registration day that will be held on Wednesday 6th January in the school Library. To register and for more information go to www.wynnumwipeout.com

11-16 JANUARY 2016

ACTIVITIES

Activities	Cost	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs
Swim/ Pool Games	\$5	AM & PM	AM & PM	AM & PM	AM & PM
X-Box / PS2 /Chill Zone	\$5	AM & PM	AM & PM	AM & PM	AM & PM
Art & Craft	\$10	AM only	AM only	AM only	AM only
Cooking	\$10	PM only	PM only	PM only	PM only
Ice Skating	\$15	ALL DAY	ALL DAY	ALL DAY	ALL DAY
Bushwalk & Creek Swim	\$10	-	ALL DAY	-	ALL DAY
Theater Games	\$10	AM only	-	AM only	-
10 Pin Bowling	\$15	PM only	PM only	PM only	PM only
Movie Plus	\$15	ALL DAY	ALL DAY	ALL DAY	ALL DAY
Lazerforce	\$18	AM & PM	AM & PM	-	-
Cable Ski	\$18	AM only	-	AM only	AM only
Kayaking/Sailing	\$15	-	-	-	ALL DAY
Laser Skirmish †	\$15	-	-	AM & PM	AM & PM
PaintBall (15+ ONLY) ±	\$35+	-	-	ALL DAY	-

Biggest Day Out

Runs on Friday Only from 8.30 am to 6pm.

Must have attended at least one day prior to be eligible to attend.

Prices - Standard \$35, if attending every day (mon-fri) \$30

See [Additional Info](#) page for details.

Pool Party & BBQ

Cost \$5 - includes BBQ lunch and can of drink.

Runs on Saturday only from 10am to 2pm.

†Check out Laser Skirmish at the [Battlefield Live](#) Website (will open in a new window). ± Proof of age is required for Paintball Skirmish. Remember your SLIP, SLOP, SLAP gear and a bottle of water. Some activities have a minimum numbers requirement and may not run if minimum numbers are not met. Wynnum Wipeout reserves the right to change the program and prices at any time without notice.