



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

NEWSLETTER

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23 July is a Staff Development Day – no students to attend school on this day

Winter Holidays
Monday 9 July – Friday 20 July 2018

JULY 2018 CALENDAR

Week 1A 23 July – 27 July

Monday 23 Staff Development Day
Junior State Music Camp

Tuesday 24 Year 8 and 10 Information Night
Junior State Music Camp

Wednesday 25 Year 10 Taster Day
Junior State Music Camp

Thursday 26 Year 10 Taster Day
Junior State Music Camp

Friday 27 Year 10 Taster Day
District CHS Cross Country
Year 9 and 10 Premiers Challenge
Debate

Week 2B 30 July – 3 August

Monday 30 Secondary Athletics

Tuesday 31 Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher night
Secondary Athletics

Wed 1 Aug Year 8 Futsal Championships

Thursday 2 Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Year 7 Music incursion

Friday 3 SRC Mufti Day

(Red typeface denotes the event is open to the public)

Principal's Report

As Term 2 draws to a close and I reflect on the past ten weeks, I note that there have been many changes and innovations at Willoughby Girls.

Firstly, in preparation for the new building, due to commence late Term 3, all or demountable classrooms have been relocated to the oval, with two additional classrooms to carry us over the construction period. Many PE classes are now held off site and PDHPE teachers have become very creative in their use of the small amount of outdoor space in the school grounds. The Mathematics staff will relocate to the House during the holidays and will be sharing this space with the PE staff.

The P&C managed school uniform shop has ceased operation and all future uniform sales will be through the Noone Imagewear shop. More information about this will be emailed to you and is also contained later in this newsletter. My thanks to Karen Whitehead for her efficient management of the uniform shop, and to Inia Bokina, the P&C representative on the uniform committee and overseer of the uniform shop operations.

For the first time, Student Semester Reports were accessible online through the parent portal, rather than students being provided with a hard copy. This initiative has streamlined our processes and saved significant amounts of paper. Feedback from parents is very positive and students will spend time today writing reflections on their Reports. This opportunity for reflection is to ensure students engage with the Learning Habits and teacher comments, as well as their overall grade in each subject. We are encouraging students to make considered judgements about their efforts and set goals for improvement for Semester 2.

The school's new website went live this week. Please take some time to look at the site as it is quite different from the previous one. Thank you to Janet Atchison, Deputy principal, and Rowena Kacilala, Senior Executive Assistant, for their tireless work throughout the term. They have designed and populated the site in conjunction with the Department of Education website team.

I wish all staff, students and parents / carers a safe and happy holiday break, and look forward to productive Term 3.



WGHS P&C



[facebook.com/wghspandc](https://www.facebook.com/wghspandc)

Next P & C Meeting
Tuesday



wghspandc@gmail.com

21 August 2018

- ✓ Please **follow our Facebook page** to stay informed of interesting things happening in the parent community. You don't have to be a Facebook member to access the page.
- ✓ All **parents are welcome at P&C meetings**, held twice per term at 7.00pm in the staff common room. (Access via front door).
- ✓ Any queries or matters to be raised can be raised via the Secretary at the above email address at any time.

Willoughby Girls High School has an exciting new website.

<https://willoughbg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Hope you all enjoy!!

Deputy Principal's Report

All 2018 Semester 1 reports (Years 7 to 12) have now been uploaded onto Sentral, ie Student Portals and Parent Portals. If you do not have access to the portal, please contact the school.

Years 8 and 10 Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 24 July. The evening will provide information to students and parents on 2019 Years 9 and 11 subjects and courses. Year 11 parents will also have an opportunity to ask Head Teachers questions about the courses.

Please check your email for more information

Janet Atchison
Deputy Principal

Senior Vocal Ensemble – performance at the Opera House

On Sunday 17th June, the Senior Vocal Ensemble performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Arts Unit's Festival Of Instrumental Music.

It was an honour to perform in the Opera House, the space we sang in sounded amazing, and everyone had a great time. Particular congratulations to Siobhan L for her beautiful solo.

Big thanks to Ms Jarvis for conducting us and organising everything for the day.

By Cherise A and Taylor Y
Year 11



WGHS Uniform Shop

We are very pleased to announce that from Term 3 2018, the retail component of WGHS Uniform Shop will be outsourced to Noone Imagewear.

Noone is Australia's leading designer and manufacturer of school uniforms, supplying over 1350 schools nationally. This includes many north shore schools including Chatswood High, Cammeraygal, Anzac Park, Monte St Angelo, Wenona and North Sydney Boys High. They currently supply two thirds of Willoughby Girls' uniforms. Having taken on many school retail stores, Noone has extensive experience in achieving a seamless transition. Noone is 70 years old this year and is one of the last remaining textile companies that still manufactures in Australia.

This move reflects the transition to a streamlined, significantly improved service for parents that better meets the needs of school and students well into the future, including:

- A full retail shop operated by experienced staff trained in correct fitting technique and personalized customer service, available at 73 Dickson Avenue, Artarmon:
 - Tuesdays 3.00 – 6.00pm
 - Thursdays 7.30am – 10.30am
 - Fridays 9.00am – 12.00pm
 - Or by appointment – 9936 1700
- Extended trading hours during peak periods, including holidays and weekends
- 7 day online WGHS shop, orders delivered to home/office
- Individual fitting appointments for all new students
- Specific pop up shop time allocated for new WGHS year 7 students
- Continuity of colour, quality, sizing and style across all uniform products
- Bespoke orders if required for e.g. allergies
- Moving the Uniform Shop offsite will also free up essential space for the school during the new build.

Timing

The current uniform shop will be closed and stock transferred during the school holidays. Noone's retail environment for WGHS items will be ready in the first week of Term 3.

Pricing

Current retail pricing of all items will be held for a minimum of 12 months. Any future price rises will only be with the approval of the school's Uniform Shop Committee, which will have continual oversight.

Online Ordering

This will be available as soon as the uniform stock has been photographed and itemized by Noone – timing tbc.

Online ordering via the School's new website will be available in due course.

Stage 6 Music 1 Vocal Workshop

Year 11 and 12 Music 1 vocalists participated in a vocal technique and stagecraft workshop.

The vocal workshop was a fun and beneficial experience which taught me many warm up exercises.

Natasha C, who led the workshop, provided constructive criticism on a performance piece we chose to sing which has helped us improve in our performance, stage presence and technique in our voice.

by Chanelle N
Year 11



Year 9 Jazz Workshop

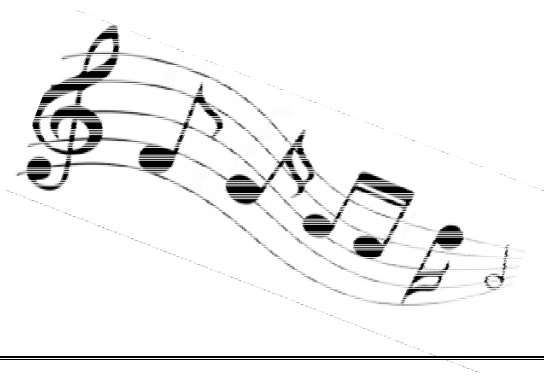


On Wednesday 20th June, Year 9 elective music participated in a jazz performance workshop led by our Jazz Ensemble conductor, Gerald Steinmann.

Students played and put into practice their knowledge of the 12 bar blues and blues scale by creating a group performance of 'Watermelon Man' as well as being given the opportunity to improvise - a daunting task for some!

Thanks Gerald for such a fun and informative morning.

Mrs Jarvis
Music Teacher



Library Update

It has been a busy term in the library with displays, competitions, the PRC challenge and of course lots of reading and borrowing of books.

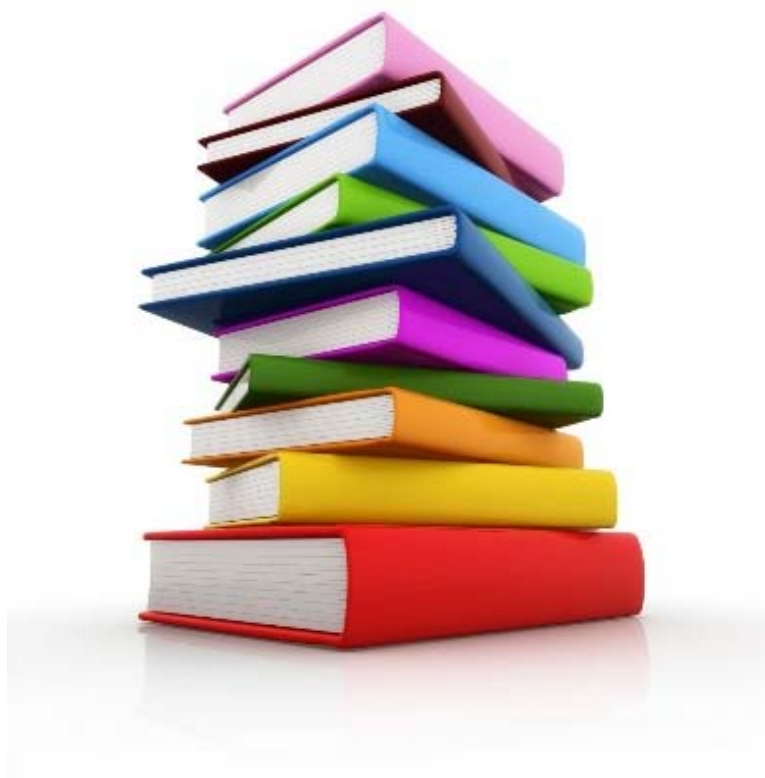
NAIDOC Week has been celebrated with a display of books and posters of 20 trailblazing indigenous women to highlight this year's theme "*Because of her we can!*"

40 students have signed up for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. 8 students have already completed the challenge well before the 31st August deadline. There is still time for other students to sign up and complete the PRC challenge over the holidays.

Over thirty entries were submitted to the *Reading Australia 10 word story* competition. We now wait to see if WGHS students are announced as winners of the \$100 book vouchers.

A large number of new books have hit the shelves in time for winter holiday borrowing, all students are encouraged to visit the library.

Ms A Parker
Teacher Librarian



Being Eddie Wooed !

On Thursday 14th June, a group of Year 10, 11 and 12 Mathematics students went to Roseville College alongside some students from St Ives High School to see Eddie Woo.

Eddie Woo is a passionate Mathematics Teacher who started uploading maths lessons on YouTube. He is notable for his style of teaching, and passion for Mathematics, hence receiving the 2018 Australia's Local Hero Award.

At Roseville College, Woo first gave an inspirational speech about how Maths is useful and is in everything we see and do. He also spoke about how Maths isn't only about problems and solving them, but also about identifying and analysing patterns. Some examples he gave were the patterns in rivers, trees, and even our DNA.

He then Wooed us all by showing us three Maths card tricks which we all tried with the pack of cards provided to us. I even had the privilege of representing WGHS by assisting in one of the card tricks he presented to us. Through these three card tricks, Woo has allowed us to understand that Mathematics is in everything that we do.

Through this, he's also taught us that we should extend the knowledge we already have, to situations outside the classroom to realise the full beauty of Mathematics in the real world.

I really can't wait to show these card tricks to my family and friends; especially their 'Wooed' reactions.

It was an amazing afternoon and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

A big thank you to Roseville College for inviting us and to Ms Coffey, Mr Louttit, Mr McLeod and Ms Watts for organising the event and driving us to the venue.

Areebah Khan

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Willoughby's Got Talent !!

Next term on Friday 03 August, the SRC will be hosting the Willoughby's Got Talent show!

The event will feature our talented singers, dancers, pianists and magicians! The theme for the day is "Future You" and we encourage all students to dress up.

Students will purchase a \$5 ticket to the event which will cover a sausage sizzle, raffle ticket and entry to the show as well as a donation to Bear Cottage. Bear Cottage is the only children hospice in NSW who are dedicated to supporting children with life-limiting conditions.

We hope to see you in your costumes to support Bear Cottage and enjoy the show!

ATTENTION PARENTS.....We need your support to run this activity!!!!

Please contact the SRC Coordinator – Eleanor Macintyre on eleanor.macintyre1@det.nsw.edu.au if you have the availability to help from 11-1.45pm with the popular BBQ.

***Please N.B: we require you to have a current working with children check*



Year 8 Geography Excursion to Flat Rock



Student 1: "My favourite activity was when we did the nature appreciation paragraph because it gave us time to sit down and write about what we felt about the nature using our five senses."

Student 2: "I used to think that bush regenerators were pointless and that they had no contribution to the environment but after walking for hours through areas which have been regenerated, I realised that they play a crucial role in maintaining natural habitats and the surrounding environments."

Student 3: "Over time the use of Flat Rock has changed. Around 100 years ago in the late 1800s and the early 1900s it was used as a rubbish tip. The land of flat rock was not very carefully taken care of and was unimportant to those who used it as a rubbish tip. In the 1960s the Cameraygal people used it for their food source - hunting, fishing, ceremonies and shelter. Now as in 2018, people use it for exercise, dog walking, hikes and sports."

Student 4: "Flat rock used to be used as a market garden, the dump/tip, and a lot of rubbish was washed down to the creek. This affected the creek with pollution and developed diseases. But as time went by, people realised the significance and the problems they were causing. They decided to take better care of the land and respect its values for the aboriginal people. They started to plant more plants and trees and pick up their rubbish."

Year 7 Reptile Incursion

On Friday 29 June the Australian Reptile Park keepers came to visit the Year 7's and brought along some friends!!!



Willoughby Girls High School Upgrade project



Artist render (indicative only) of upgrade to Willoughby Girls High School

The NSW Government is spending \$8 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million spend in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

A project is underway at Willoughby Girls High School. The project will provide:

- 14 new permanent teaching spaces
- a refurbishment to Building C
- new student and staff amenities
- multi-purpose sports court
- increased, functional open outdoor play space.

The project will allow the school to accommodate 1,000 students in permanent, future-focused teaching spaces.

Progress summary

- The development application has been approved.
- The detailed design is complete.
- Installation of temporary school facilities has been completed in preparation for construction.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

TUNING IN TO TEENS

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING



5 SESSION PARENTING COURSE FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Would you like to learn how to:

- Communicate effectively with your teenager?
- Understand your teenager?
- Help your teenager with emotional intelligence and managing emotions?
- Prevent some teenager behaviour problems?
- Teach your teenager to deal with conflict?

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Mondays 13th August - 10th September 2018 (5 sessions)
TIME: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
COST: \$150 - subsidised rates available re: financial difficulty
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

PH: 8877 5376

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from
Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District



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