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NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

Week 8B 10-14 September

Monday 10 Year 11 Yearly exams
Year 9 PDM3 Excursion

Tuesday 11 Year 11 Yearly exams
Year 8 Geography Excursion

Wednesday 12 Year 11 Yearly exams

Thursday 13 Year 11 Yearly exams

Friday 14 Year 11 Yearly exams

Week 9A 17-21 September

Monday 17 Year 11 Yearly exams
Years 7-10 Regional Music Tour

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Thursday 20 Peer Support final BBQ

Friday 21 Year 7 Medieval Day

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

The Tell Them From Me parent survey - Term 3, 2018

A gentle reminder to all parents/guardians, please complete the Parent Survey **by 16 Sept**, and this due date has now been extended. Your input is much appreciated and valued. If you have taken the survey, thank you for investing your time to provide us with your feedback.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

The **parent FAQs** for parents/carers about the survey is attached, and the link is :

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The survey and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

To access the survey for our school please go to:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ffc6>.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact me.

Thank you.

Ms Janet Atchison
Deputy Principal



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Next P & C

Meeting

Tuesday

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**.

Deputy Principal's Report

Term 3 is almost over and preparations for Year 12's final days at school are well underway. The following events will take place during the last week of Term 3.

The Leaders Investiture will take place **Monday 24 September**. Outgoing prefects pass on their badge of office to the incoming prefects for that year. A special morning tea will be held for the incoming school leaders, their parents and school executive. My congratulations go to all the girls who have been selected to represent the school in these important positions.

The Revue performed by Year 12, will take place on **Tuesday 25 September** during Period 1. It is intended to be clever and humorous, and should in no way offend others. The revue in rehearsal is vetted by the Deputy Principals. Year 12 students will go home after the Revue once everything is cleaned up. They will return dressed appropriately for the luncheon.

The Luncheon will also take place on **Tuesday 25 September** with Year 12 arriving at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. It is a formal but relaxed occasion, involving speeches and presentations. Students wear appropriate day dress and should note that it is a school function where normal school rules apply.

Both the revue and luncheon are in-school events, with no outside guests.

Parents are reminded of the special arrangements which will occur on **Tuesday 25 September**. As all staff will be attending the Year 12 Farewell Luncheon, students in **Years 7-11 will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm** instead of 2.28pm. Students will be given a note just before the day for you to indicate your approval for them to leave early. There will be no school buses at 1.00pm, so students will need to make their own transport arrangements. Any girls who do not return the note on the day will remain at school until the normal finishing time.

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place **Wednesday 26 September** during periods 3 and 4. Year 12 students are presented with academic and special awards. It is coordinated by Ms Allen. Parents and relatives of Year 12 are invited to attend with a **limit of two visitors per student**.

The canteen will be open on the last day of term, however with a limited range of food items.

Mrs J. Watts
Deputy Principal

2018 Fashion Parade

Strut your stuff, ladies! Congratulations to all models, seamstresses and of course the teachers who participated in this year's social event of the year, the WGHS Fashion Parade!

This was another great hit with illuminating fairy lights, fast costume changes and everyone looking stunning, as always.

We started off with a bang with Cherise Year 11 performing Sia's Cheap Thrills. A great way to set the exciting atmosphere.

First on the catwalk was Year 9 with their Designer Chesty's. As their first major textiles project, they certainly wowed the audience with their creativity.

Following this was Year 11 dancing on stage. If they seemed a bit stiff, no need to worry because they were modelling (suffocating in) their corsets.

Kimono and beach vibes filled the hall as Year 7 can-canned their way onto the catwalk. They showed off their impressive range of tie-dyed colours and pom pom embellishments.

By half way through the parade, Year 10 must have been feeling exhausted as they decided to hop into their personalised pyjamas and found themselves stumbling onto the stage to take a nap. Nevertheless, they did manage to wander on to the catwalks and their works were a spectacular blend of comfort and style.

Next were the Year 8 students showing their bags, giving Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Gucci a run for their money. After a speedy costume change, Year 11 were back with their character costumes, ranging from medieval dresses and capes to pirates and even the Joker!

Year 9 returned to the catwalk with their impressive pants and skirt designs. A useful yet aesthetic piece for everyday wear.

Year 10 finally woke up and modelled their garments of choice. This ranged from jumpsuits to jackets to dresses and pants - and all left the crowd in awe.

The audience was taken by surprise as Year 11 entered from the back door for the final act, displaying their bomber jackets, trench coats, dresses and pants. As their final garments before the HSC major work, they were crafted with extreme attention to detail regarding manufacturing and design.

With the Fashion Parade coming to a close, Ms Blomfield was left with a smile on her face and a tear in her eyes for it was a success and an end to a stressful two days and a culmination of a Semester's student work.

**By Jacinta C, Angie O and Phoebe S
Year 11 Textiles**





Year 8 Science – Surfing Scientist Incursion

The Surfing Scientist was one of the biggest highlights of Term 3 for Year 8, and a fun break from the routine of class work and assessments on the 22 August. Ruben Meerman, a scientist who has appeared on ABC 3, came to Willoughby Girls High to introduce his passion for biochemistry to us.

He began the incursion by introducing himself and what he does, then told us about Gaby Scanlon, a girl who had her stomach removed after a shot of a liquid nitrogen cocktail in 2013. Although this was met with mild “ewww”s and “ugh!”s from the grade, we were also drawn into the terrifying tale and were eager to learn more.

Ruben then explained that this was the result of the liquid nitrogen releasing gas, which damaged her stomach beyond repair. He also showed us the result of putting liquid nitrogen and water in a can. The students were tense as we waited for a reaction- at the peak of the suspense, the lid flew more than two metres into the air and the hall was filled with screams. A few seconds later, it dawned on us that we were scared of a scientific reaction and a can, and we started laughing.

This was the start of an entertaining two periods that were the perfect segue to our new topic, Systematics. From there on in, we learnt about biochemistry from the ratio of nitrogen to oxygen in the air to the number of calories used in a day just by breathing.

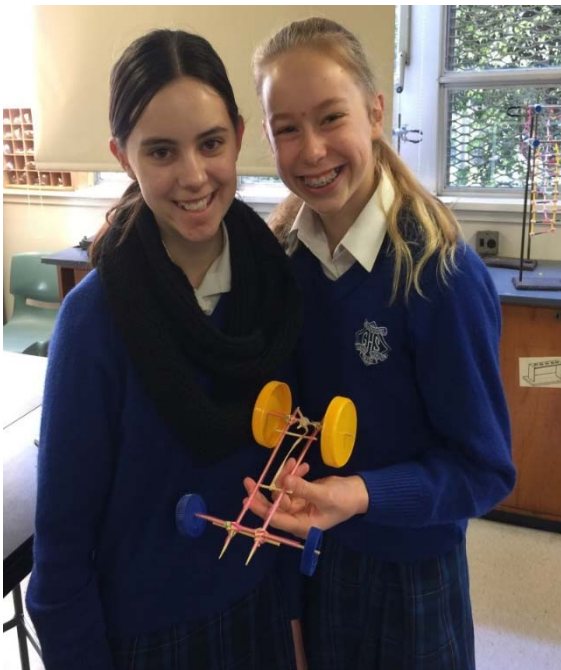
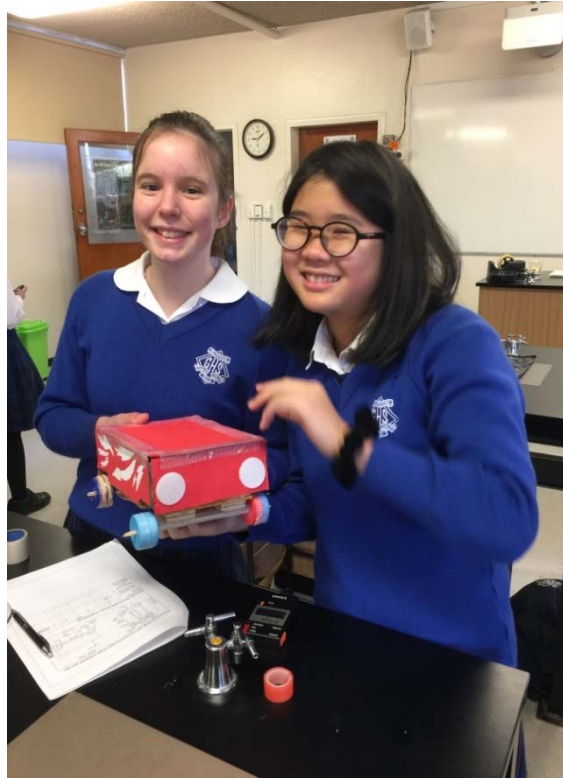
At the end of Ruben’s presentation, we had not only an enjoyable morning watching balloons re-inflate, seeing universal indicator turn pink because of acid and discovering the temperature of our bodies, but also laughing with our friends and listening to fascinating stories.

Every second was packed with interesting information and experiments, and we can’t wait for next year’s Year 8s to watch the Surfing Scientist in action!



Year 8 Science - Rubber band cars

Year 8 has also been busy designing, testing and making improvements to rubber band cars as part of their unit Getting Energised. Check out some of the designs.



Reaching out to the Bush

In July, three students from Willoughby Girls High School had the opportunity to participate in the Willoughby Council Exchange program with Bingara.

We travelled to Bingara for a total of 4 days where we saw the impact of the drought first hand, had the opportunity to participate in the Annual Orange Picking Festival and even go for a trail ride with Gwydir river trails guided by John Wade and his horses!

Last weekend we had the privilege to host the students from Bingara at the Lane Cove National Tourist Park and we enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with them and show them around the city. It was a great experience for all of us and we have made bonds and friendships that we know will last for the years to come!

Heba A – Year 11



Wellbeing RYPEN Leadership Camp

In the middle of June this year, I attended a camp called RYPEN which was sponsored by the Northbridge Rotary Club.

RYPEN stands for 'Rotary youth program of enrichment' and the aim of this camp was to prepare the future leaders by educating us about common issues, helping us to develop "life skills" and giving us motivation to cope with challenges for the future. This was an amazing opportunity and I've never had so much fun learning about leadership and our roles in our communities. I arrived at the camp not knowing anybody but I've come back with so many new friends and great skills.

During the camp I participated in multiple activities with my assigned group and attended inspiring speeches and workshops. There were so many games, challenges and activities like building water towers, going through scary mazes and competing in pool challenges, just to mention a few. There was also a mad-hatter themed dinner and time to relax with our new friends.

Our mentors were amazing and if I could do this all again I definitely would. It was a great opportunity and I learned so much along the way.

Anjali D – Year 9



*There are 4 places available for current Year 9 students for the upcoming summer camp in February 2019, at Sydney Academy of Sport Campus, Narrabeen.
Any students who may be interested in applying for this camp, please see Mrs Budd in the Wellbeing Office.*

Year 9 Geography Excursion to the Northern Beaches

The Year 9 Geography excursion to the Northern Beaches was held on Friday 31 August, although the weather was not nice it was a fun trip. The excursion helped students to understand what effect the waves and coastal processes have on our beaches.

The view from the lighthouse across to Palm Beach was really great and the beaches were well managed and protected. It was a good experience for students to go out on a trip to see what actually happens on our beaches.

Thank you for all the teachers and staff on that day!

April W – Year 9



[Book Week celebrated](#)

The value of reading was celebrated at WGHS during Book Week with some wonderfully creative book cover designs, great entries in the Guess the Book competition and a fantastic response to the Great Book Swap and Cake Stall raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

An interesting article on the value of reading was recently in the press. Although the article discusses the United States experiences, the key message is relevant here in Australia.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2018/08/20/for-american-teens-texting-and-social-media-are-replacing-books/?utm_term=.8ef1f2a2eba7



A visual image of why reading extended texts is even more important now, especially for young people



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