



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

NEWSLETTER

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22 JUNE 2018

*Tuesday 3 July Year 10 and 11 Parent
Teacher Meetings 4.00pm-7.00pm*

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

June 2018 Calendar

Red typeface denotes the event is open to the public

Monday 2	Week 10B 2 July – 8 July Silver Merit Assembly Year 8 Ski trip meeting
Tuesday 3	Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher evening
Friday 6	Last day of Term 2

Winter Holidays
Monday 9 July – Friday 20 July 2018

	Week 1A 23 July – 27 July
	Junior State Music Camp 22 -27 July
Monday 23	Staff Development Day – no students Junior State Music Camp
Tuesday 24	Year 8 and 10 Information Night
Wednesday 25	Year 10 Taster Day
Thursday 26	Year 10 Taster Day
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
Saturday 4	Year 11 Drama assessments

Principal's Report

MOBILE PHONES

Many of you will have noticed that the impact of mobile phones on students and the society generally, has been making headlines recently. I have been contacted by several news networks about our Mobile Phone Policy and have been happy to share our experiences with them. It is reassuring to know that our policy, and students' general adherence to the rules about mobile phone use at school, is supported by recent research and aligns with what many 'experts' are advocating.

The main drivers for our policy are to encourage students to develop social skills by interacting interpersonally and to engage sensitively with the world around them. We also believe everyone needs 'down time' – away from the classroom and electronic devices – which is why we do not allow students to use any mobile devices in the playground. Managing inappropriate social media behaviour is another benefit of not allowing students to use their mobile phones during the school day, unless they have a teacher's permission, and then only for learning purposes.

Here is an extract from our Mobile Phone Policy:

Before school, recess, lunch and after school are times students should rest their brains and engage socially with friends. Texting or communicating via social media disconnects people from each other. Genuine interpersonal communication includes tone of voice, facial expression and voice expression. It is too easy to be unkind or inappropriate to others when not looking at them. It is also too easy to misunderstand the intention of some messages received via social media...

Students need to be able to hear what's going on around them and demonstrate awareness of other people. This can be a safety issue. Courtesy is another reason for this rule– having earphones in means students are not connecting with others in the room or playground.

Below is a link to a recent Sydney Morning Herald article, which outlines the review of mobile phone use in NSW schools initiated by NSW Minister for Education, Mr Rob Stokes, and to be conducted by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

['Massively overdue' smartphone review to tackle predators, cyberbullies](#)

I extend my sincere thanks to parents and students for supporting our policy and look forward to the findings of this review.

Ms E Diprose
PRINCIPAL



WGHS P&C



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.

Deputy Principal's Report

Year 8 and 10 Subject Information Evening

Year 8 and 10 parents/carers and students are cordially invited to a meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 July in the school's multipurpose hall. Times and details as follows.

Year 8

The meeting in the hall will commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 6.30pm.

At this meeting we will be discussing:

- Record of School Achievement (RoSA)
- Selection of subjects for Year 9 2019

The Curriculum Information Booklet containing descriptions of subjects to be offered in Year 9 2019, and the Indicative Elective Payment Sheet will be available on the Willoughby Girls High School Moodle from Tuesday 24 July 2018. The Survey of Subject Interests and Subject Selection Form will be available on the Moodle from Monday 30 July 2018. Students will be required to return their subject selection form to Mrs Watts, Deputy Principal, on Monday 13 August 2018.

Year 10

From 5.30pm in the school library, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of Head Teachers, or their representative, in each subject. The meeting in the hall will commence at 6.45pm and conclude at 7.45pm.

At this meeting we will be discussing:

- Guidelines for choosing courses in Years 11 and 12.
- The requirements for the award of a Higher School Certificate.
- Higher School Certificate Examination and Assessment Procedures.
- Externally Delivered and School Delivered VET Courses.
- Requirements for admission to Tertiary Institutions and the ATAR.

The Senior School Curriculum Booklet, containing descriptions of subjects to be offered in Year 11, 2019, and an Indicative Elective Payment Sheet will be available on the Willoughby Girls High School Moodle from Tuesday 24 July 2018. The Preliminary Survey of Subject Interests will be available on the Moodle from Monday 30 July 2018.

As this is an opportunity for you to learn about the Higher School Certificate requirements and important points to bear in mind as you guide your daughters in these vital choices for their future, we urge at least one parent to attend this evening, together with your daughter.

As part of the subject selection process for Year 11 2019, Year 10 students will participate in a Senior School Taster Week on Wednesday 25 July to Friday 27 July 2018 during school hours.

Students will be required to return their signed Preliminary Survey of Subject Interests to Ms Atchison, Deputy Principal, by Monday 13 August 2018.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Ms J Atchison
Deputy Principal

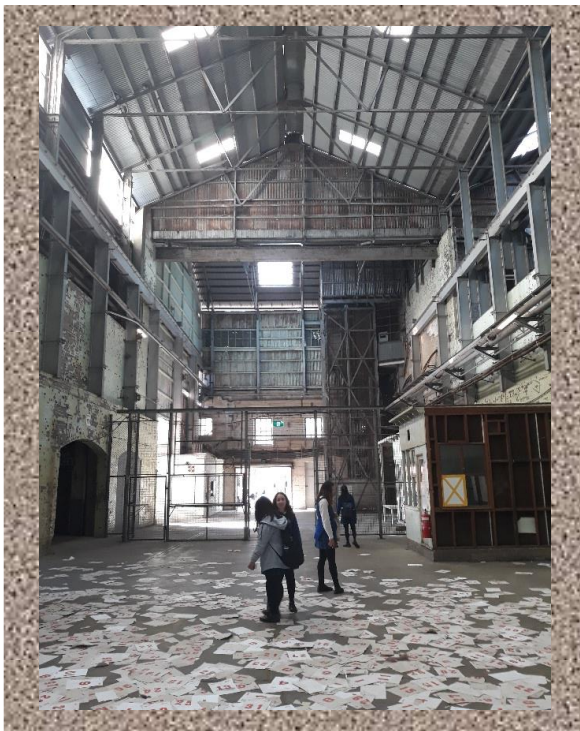
ArT RePOrT – 21st Biennale of Sydney

On the cold morning of 31 May, two Year 10 classes embarked on an excursion to Cockatoo Island, to view the incredible installations that are part of the 21st Biennale of Sydney. This year's theme is Superposition: Equilibrium and Engagement. The work of 70 artists from 35 countries are presented in different locations all around Sydney, such as the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Museum of Contemporary Art and Cockatoo Island.

We saw work such as Ai Weiwei's "*Law of Journey*", Yukinori Yanagi's "*Icarus container*" and Martin Walde's "*Timeline*". I'm sure that all of us would agree that watching one of our classmates beautifully sing into a haunted well was definitely a highlight of our trip.

A big thanks to Mr Maltese and Miss Dykgraaf for organising and escorting a group of aspiring artists on this excursion.

Joanna Richmond-Capone
Year 10 student



Contemporary Dance...Willoughby girls take to the stage

Congratulations to the Contemporary Dance Ensemble who competed at the Sydney Eisteddfod on Sunday 17 June at UNSW. The girls have worked hard throughout the year thus far and performed beautifully on the stage!

The competition was fierce and they were up against a large number of experienced schools in their section. Throughout the morning our students conducted themselves with maturity and grace and should be very proud of their performance! They did an absolutely fantastic job!

I am looking forward to watching this group continue to develop and build on their already outstanding dance skills. Well done girls!

Miss K Garnett
PDHPE Teacher



Year 11 Biology Fieldwork

On 25 May, Year 11 Biology students travelled to Gibberagong Field Studies Centre for a day of fieldwork, studying ecosystems and the effect of changing conditions on these ecosystems.

It was the first fieldwork where students were actually able to go outside and witness the processes that we had been studying in class to further develop our understanding of how ecosystems work. It was amazing to learn about the different fauna living in this environment, specifically crabs and their behavioural instincts in their natural habitat. We compared the different adaptations of crabs and explored possible reasons for these adaptations which was wonderful to witness first hand. We even caught some and assessed them, trying to figure out which type of species the crab was. We also studied the crab populations in particular areas by conducting an experiment where we counted the number of crab holes in a set area.

It was very interesting to learn about the environments crabs thrive in and the reasons they desire these particular conditions. We also studied two types of mangroves that grow in this region and how they support and provide for the ecosystem, and other relationships between flora and fauna in this environment.

Overall, it was a really enjoyable excursion and I'm looking forward to the next fieldwork we do in Biology.

Ms M Gulline
Head Teacher Science



Adventures in Citizenship....future politicians ?

My name is Helena Greenwell and I was one of 36 Year 11 students selected from across Australia to participate in the week-long Rotary 'Adventures in Citizenship' program on 14 May. This program provided an amazing opportunity for young adults, enabling us to immerse ourselves in the daily workings of parliament.

During this time we met with the Speaker and President of the Senate and representatives from a number of government departments. We also had the opportunity to meet with our local MPs to discuss issues in our community that we felt strongly about. We were also extremely fortunate to be able to watch both the Budget and Budget reply speech as well as see Question Time and receive a tour of the press gallery.

Whilst we spent most of our time in parliament we were also given the opportunity to visit a number of other significant locations in Canberra such as Duntroon, DFAT, the US Embassy and the Australian War Memorial where we participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

During our stay, we were hosted by local Rotarian families with other students from different states. I truly believe that this has been a life changing experience and has opened my eyes to many potential pathways in my life that I had not considered before.

Helena Greenwell

Year 11



WGHS Year 11 musicians - community service

On Tuesday, our Year 11 String Quartet performed for a very appreciative audience at Lourdes Retirement Village in Killara. Congratulations to Jacinta Chang, Stella Lu, Anna Thieben and Emily Bang for their outstanding performance and community service!

Mr C Burgmann

Music Teacher



Titration Competition – reagent and reaction!

The Titration competition was held on the 16 June at Knox Grammar School with 9 Year 12 students Phae Hopper, Sruti Desai, Nishmi Kapoor, Christine Wong, Rachel Josephine, Charlotte Chu, Naomi Suzuki, Jess Liang and Jenny Cheung. The three teams competed against teams from all over the state to find the concentration of an unknown solution using a titration.

Our school did exceptionally well thanks to Ms Mak who supported us from the beginning and donated her time outside of school to enable constant practice. Unfortunately, we did not make it to the national level. However, our groups were extremely close to getting in. A special congratulations to Rachael Josephine who scored only 1 point, being the most accurate titration participant in the whole competition!

Naomi says, “It was a wonderful experience! Loads of fun! Would recommend for all upcoming Chemistry students!”

Nonetheless, all participants’ efforts and dedication to this Titration competition should be highly commended for as they represented the school outstandingly.

A grand thanks to Ms Mak on encouraging and supporting us on this journey on behalf of the Titration squad!

Ms M Gulline
Head Teacher Science



Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher interviews

Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 3 July 2018 from 4.00pm until 8.00pm

We cordially invite you to join us to discuss your daughter’s progress at our school.

Appointments for interviews of five minutes in length can be made between 4.00pm and 7.00pm on a first booked basis.

Parents will need to make appointments with their daughter’s teachers using the online Parent Portal. This may be accessed from 6.00pm on Sunday 17 June 2018 to 6.00pm on Monday 2 July 2018 at:

<http://web1.willoughbg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

Mr M Palmer
Head Teacher HSIE

Camera Club...foliage and furry friends

Our Camera Club welcomes everybody. It matters not what type of camera you have, just suggestions on how to improve your images. We have monthly competitions where the judges, who consist of all the members as well as teachers, give feedback and helpful hints. Our aim is for all members to share their enthusiasm and love of photography via competition, social interactions and recognition.

Camera Club Winners for March – June:

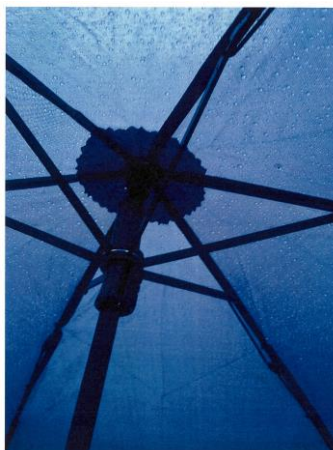
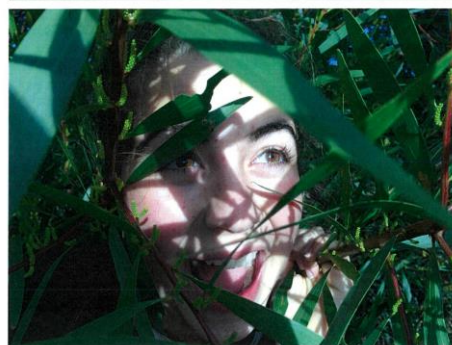
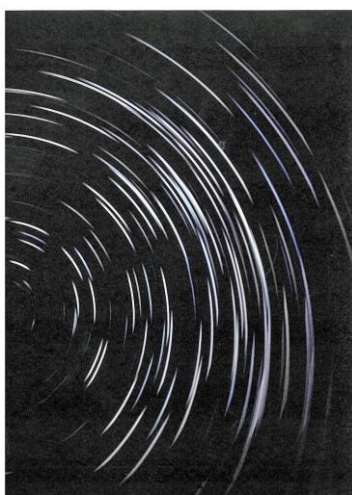
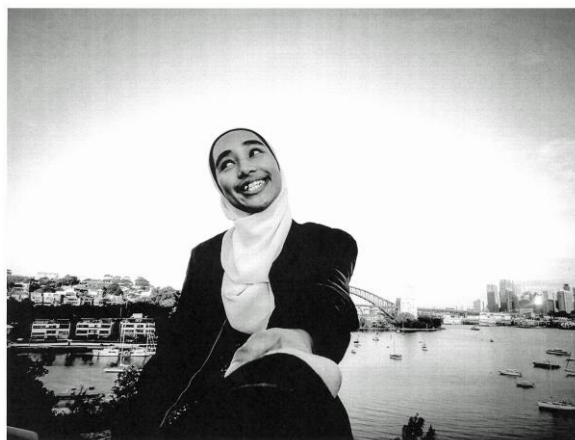
Year 11 winners: Anna Thieban won the “Portrait” competition with a photograph of her friend at Sydney Harbour. She also won the “Shutter Speed” competition.

Nausheen Mazari won the “Portraits” competition with a photograph of a friend hidden behind foliage. Taia Quan won a “Portraits” prize with a photograph of her best friend.

Year 8 winners: Chloe Clarke Year 9 won with a photograph of her dog called “Happiness”. Audrey Fan won the “Blue” competition with a photograph of a blue lake and Anenevay Florizal won the “Blue” competition with a photograph that focused on rain drops.

Congratulations to all the prize winners who have enthusiastically participated in all the competitions so far, as well as all the club members who have worked hard to perfect their images during the year. Hang in there everybody there’s more to come.

Ms M Drougas
Art Teacher



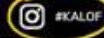


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ArtPrize2018

Calling Young Artists Entries Now Open

\$10,000 prize pool

- Youth Categories (10 to 14 years; 15 to 18 years)
- Waste-to-Art Category (10yrs and over)

Visit northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au to enter and for more information
Entries close Sunday 24 June



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