Wellington High School



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2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



House Captains 2017

<u>Norman</u> Heidi Parkes, Arlie Clout, Matthew Jones-Porter, Thomas Keirle <u>Taylor</u> Maddi Hannelly, Lucy Darney, Jackson Giffin <u>McLeod</u> Kelsey Gibson, Jade Vernon-Lang, Jye Meizer– Riley, Matthew Powyer <u>Barton</u> Khristian Tailby, Scott Tailby, Aaron Grasnick, Ashleigh Horan



From the Principal's Desk

<u>Principal:</u> Mr Rod Cosier

RelievingDeputy Principal: Mrs Kirsten Parkes (Years 7,9 &11) Mrs Jodie Gorrie (Year 8,10 &12)

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The P & C Association meets at 6.00pm in the School Library every 3rd Tuesday in the month.

<u>President</u>: Kaylene Brien

<u>Secretary</u>: Judy Grasnick Welcome back to the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your children here at Wellington High School.

We have welcomed 6 new staff members this term. Mr Offner and Miss Hardie are in PDHPE, Miss Norval and Mr Sheedy in TAS, Mr Kinscher is in the Maths department and Mr Ross in Learning Support. All are excited about the prospect of working in our school and they are already feeling comfortable here at Wellington High.

It has been a pleasing start to the year with all students settling into the work pattern very quickly after the Christmas break. Year 7 have had an excellent start to their secondary education and are clearly enjoying their new environment.

The focus of our school is very student-centred and we are making every effort to ensure all students receive the attention they need to continually move forward in their learning. I would also like to emphasise the importance of the partnership we are able to build with the whole school community in achieving success for all students.

I am looking forward to meeting as many parents and care-givers as possible and I encourage you to visit us if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

This year we have altered the structure of our school day to enhance the learning conditions for all. The length of lessons has been increased, resulting in the number of lessons in the day being reduced from 6 to 5. This has limited the amount of necessary movement during the school day and is certainly making for a much calmer work day.

We have, however, had to make one slight adjustment to this, in that the day will now end at 3:08 pm to enable a better fit with school bus times.

Rod Cosier Principal



Introducing our new staff members for 2017

PDHPE FACULTY



Monique Hardie

I have recently moved to Wellington from Merimbula on the South Coast. I grew up in Leeton NSW, then moved to Wollongong for University. There I studied a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education. After I graduated from University I taught PDHPE at Leeton High School for 2015. I stayed teaching as a casual teacher at Leeton High School and Griffith High School for term 1 in 2016 then went travelling around Europe for the next few months. When I returned to Australia, I was living in Merimbula and working at Eden Marine High School for the rest of the school year. I have an interest in a number of sports, and grew up playing netball, touch football and dancing.



Tom Offner

My name is Tom Offner. I was born in Dubbo and lived in Wellington until we moved to Orange when I was 4.

I went to Wollongong University to study PE teaching. I enjoy having a chat about sport, food and travel.

Wellington High School is my first teaching job and I'm excited to be back here where my family is from and get to know everyone.

TAS FACULTY



Stacey Norval

I have joined the TAS team at Wellington High School this year. I am teaching Food Technology and Hospitality and my classes include Stage 4 Technology Mandatory covering Year 7 Food Technology. In Stage 5 I have both Year 9 and 10 Food Technology. I also have Stage 6 Hospitality, where Year 12 are finishing off their course in Kitchen Operations and Year 11 are embarking on their new course in Food and Beverage, where they will be learning many new skills including making coffee, which combined with our brand new coffee cart, we will have many excellent baristas in no time, so watch this space.

I originally come from the Central Coast, where I have previously taught at Erina High School. Last year I taught in the Hunter Valley at Maitland Grossmann High School, a school with 1,500 students. I am looking forward to working at Wellington High School and encouraging everyone to achieve their goals.



Craig Sheedy

I have joined the TAS team at Wellington High School for this term. I am teaching Industrial Arts and my classes include stage 4 Technology Mandatory covering Year 7 mixed materials and year 8 metal. In Stage 6 I have year 11 for Industrial Technology Timber where we are focusing on Timber products and Furniture Technologies in preparation for the HSC course and major project. I am also working with the students in the support unit where they are learning about bridges, incorporating the technological developments over time and the engineering process of bridge building. My background comes from trade qualifications in Mechanical Engineering and many years service in the metals and maintenance industry before retraining and becoming a teacher. With my previous teaching and industry experience I am looking forward to delivering quality learning experiences and achievements for the students of Wellington High School.

MATHS FACULTY



Josiah Kinscher

I am the new Mathematics teacher at Wellington High School. When I'm not teaching students about the wonders of Mathematics I spend time with my wonderful wife and one year old son, Maximus. Before going to university in Lismore, I spent 2 years working as an accountant.

LEARNING SUPPORT



David Ross

I come from a town called Edgeworth which is a suburb of Lake Macquarie near Newcastle. I have 3 children, twin 20 year old daughters and a 12year old son.

I like swimming laps and diving to the bottom of the pool to see how long I can sit there for. I play soccer in winter in an over 35's team in Newcastle and in summer I like to go to the beach and catch the perfect wave. I play guitar, bass and drums. I used to play in a blues/rock band in Newcastle called Melting Pot.

Since arriving in Wellington I have been welcomed by everyone and find that people are very friendly and willing to help. I am glad to be working at Wellington High School in 2017 and I look forward to meeting and working with staff and students.



YEAR 7 2017

It has been a great start to the year for our new Year 7 students at Wellington High School. The students have been both hard at work in the classroom and enjoying their time at recess and lunch times.

Regards Jenna Pixton



SCHOOL FEES 2017

FEES: Payment of your General School Contribution would be appreciated upon enrolment. A discount of 10% applies to the GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION ONLY if payment is received in Term 1. General Contributions are voluntary, but assist the school in purchasing resources for student use.

Consumable fees are compulsory fees to pay for the use of materials in courses. If you are unable to pay by the due date you should negotiate with the Principal BEFORE the due date. FINAL payment of compulsory fees is 17th March 2017 (Week 7 Term 1).

REFUNDS: Where a student leaves Wellington High School or withdraws from a course they will receive a pro-rata refund based on what portion of the year (to the nearest term block) they have been enrolled at the school and/or enrolled in the consumable fee course. The refund will occur after any loaned equipment has been returned to the school. Any materials purchased and used within a course will be taken into consideration. Non-returned and damaged equipment costs will be deducted from the refund.

<u>Year 7</u>		Year	<u>9</u>			<u>Year 10</u>			
General School	\$70.00	General School		\$70.00	General School Contribu	ition \$	80.00		
Contribution (Year 7)		Contribution (Year 9)			(Year 10)				
Technology Mandatory	\$70.00	Food Technology		\$130.00	Food Technology	\$	130.0 0		
Fee (Annually)	, ,	Music Elective			\$25.00	Music Elective	Ś	25.00	
Music fee Levy Year 7 J	\$10.00	Industrial Technology – Metal		/	\$65.00	Industrial Technology —		65.00	
<u>Year 8</u>		Industrial Technology-		\$65.00	Metal Industrial Technology-	· \$	65.00		
General School \$70.00		Timber			Timber				
Contribution (Year 8)	Contribution (Year 8) -Texti		Textile Technology -		\$60.00	Textile Technology \$60		60.00	
Technology Mandatory	\$80.00	Visual Art			\$50.00 Visual Art		\$	50.00	
Fee (Annually)		Agricultural Technology		\$30.00	Agricultural Technology		30.00		
<u>Year 11</u>		<u></u>			Year 12		I		
General School Contribu	tion		\$80.00					1	
Agriculture			\$30.00		General School Contribution			\$80.00	
Business Services			\$20.00		Agriculture			\$30.00	
Construction			\$70.00	E	Business Services			0.00	
Design and Technology			\$60.00	C	Construction			0.00	
				D	Design and Technology \$6			0.00	
Exploring Early Childhood			\$20.00	E	Exploring Early Childhood			0.00	
Food Technology			\$120.00		Food Technology			0.00	
Hospitality			\$130.00						
Hire or Purchase uniform (Glob Chef)			\$75.00		Hospitality Uniform Hire		\$110.00		
Hire of knife kit			\$15.00		Uniform Purchase		\$30.00 \$75.00		
Industrial Technology—Timber			\$70.00		Tool kit hire		\$15.00 \$15.00		
Metal and Engineering			\$70.00					+ major	
Primary Industries			\$60.00				project		
Textiles and Design (includes basic			\$60.00	Me	Metal and Engineering		\$70	0.00	
requirements + 1 project)			\$55.00	Pri	Primary Industries			0.00	
Visual Art			\$55.00		Textiles and Design (includes basic			.00 +	
Visual Design			\$55.00		requirements + 1 project)			project	
Industrial Technology—Metal and			\$50.00	Visual Art		•	0.00		
Engineering Technologies Engineering Studies			\$40.00	Visual Design		\$50	0.00		
Subject consumable fees	s –To be	paid or	negotiated	_	lustrial Tech gineering Te	nology—Metal and echnologies	\$50	0.00	
with the Principal by					gineering St	udies	\$40	0.00	

TERM 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 1 B	23/01 Holidays	24/01 Holidays	25/01 Holidays	26/01 AUSTRALIA DAY Holidays	27/01 STAFF RETURN	
WEEK 2 A	30/01 YEAR 7,11 and 12 RETURN	31/1 YEAR 8,9 and 10 RETURN	1/2	2/2	3/2	
WEEK 3 B	6/2	7/2	8/2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL	9/2	10/2 TAS Assembly	
WEEK 4 A	13/2	14/2 Year 12 Parent Teacher Night	15/2 Year 11 Study Day	16/2	17/2	
WEEK 5 B	20/2	21/2 P & C Meeting	22/2 Year 12 Study Day	23/2	24/2 Assembly	
WEEK 6 A	27/2	28/2 RYDA Excursion	1/3	2/3	3/3	
WEEK 7 B	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	
WEEK 8 A	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	
WEEK 9 B	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3 Immunisation Clinic	24/3	
WEEK 10 A	27/3	28/3	29/3 Science & Engineering Excursion	30/3	31/3	
WEEK 11 B	3/4	4/4	5/5	6/4	7/4 LAST DAY OF TERM	

Bell Times– 2017

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday				
Period 1– Inc VRG	8.55	10.00		
Period 2	10.00	11.02		
RECESS	11.02	11.32		
Period 3	11.32	12.34		
Period 4	12.34	1.36		
LUNCH	1.36	2.06		
Period 5	2.06	3.08		

WESTERN SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Coming up this term there are a few Western Area trial days that are on:

March 14th—Boys Soccer March 23rd—Rugby League (divisional) March 24th—Girls Soccer April 5th—Rugby Union April 7th—Boys and Girls Touch

Families are able to access all trial information via the Schools Sports Unit. http:app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport, alternatively notices will be placed in roll call for the students to then come and get the information from Mrs Lyons.