VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT

The Visual Art Department has been busy with students participating in an excursion around Wellington and Stuart Town and preparing art works for the recent MADD night.
From the Principal’s Desk

It is with great sadness that I begin this report. As no doubt the whole community is aware, we lost Year 9 student Mitchell Whale in a tragic accident on Monday evening. The whole school community have been devastated by this and our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time.

The school continues to be a hive of activity as we end week 6 with Year 12 in the midst of their Trial HSC examinations and the daily excursions offering opportunities to all. The success of MADD Night has made a very positive impact on the whole school and many of the students are already talking about “the next one”! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did with contributions from so many students making it a whole school effort.

Particular thanks to staff members Ms Hardie, Ms Magee and Ms Brine who were the driving force behind it. We also appreciate the canteen run by the P and C and the Yr 12 students on the coffee cart.

The new School Captains were elected last week and our leadership team for 2019 will be Heidi Parkes and Harry Powyer as Captains and Sarah-May Bruce and Elliott McMahon as Vice-Captains. The induction ceremony will take place during the last week of this term. Congratulations to these four students. Our assembly last Friday was a celebration of the efforts of our students throughout the year with the presentation of Silver Awards. A large parent group attended the assembly and I encourage all parents to attend these occasions to share in the achievements of their children.

The attendance at school is still disappointing and I must remind all parents and caregivers that daily attendance is compulsory. We must work hard together to ensure that all students attain the best possible education and every day of school missed reduces the chances of students attaining that great start to their working lives. Please let the school know if students are absent for any reason.

Next Tuesday 4th of September is the information evening for Year 8 into 9 subject selection. It will be held in the Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is an important event and should not be missed as students will be making decisions on elective subjects for next year over the next 2 weeks.

Mr Rod Cosier
Principal
Sevens Superstars

Wellington High School entered 3 teams into the Central West School Rugby Sevens Tournament held in Dubbo. We entered a 13’s boys, 15’s boys and an opens girls. 32 students represented our school on the day and all were a credit to themselves and the school.

We played a variety of teams including:
- St John’s Dubbo,
- Macquarie Anglican Grammar,
- Dubbo Christian School and
- Gilgandra High School.

Our teams have been training with Luke Mack from Rugby NSW in the lead up to the competition. Most of our players had never played rugby before let alone the seven a side version of it. It was pleasing to see that our performances were getting better and better all day.

Our girl’s side won one of their three games and were competitive in the other two. Some of the many highlights were Arki’s 50 metre runaway try and Hannah’s dominant running through the middle of the ground. We’d like to thank Penny Clout who helped us out on the day. Best on ground went to Sarah-May.

The 13’s boys played the day with only 7 players. Amali and Kate showed the way in first game with fierce tackling and running. Jesse and Jerome both scored runaway tries and Dylan, Noah and Nate steered the team around the field really well. Best on ground went to Jerome Barker. Kate was also selected for the Central West under 13’s girls sevens side. She will compete in this side later in the term.

The 15’s boys were well coached all day by stand in coach Eli Cox. The boys saved their best performance for the last game against Gilgandra. They racked up 5 tries in the 14 minute game which pleased the coach. Some of the highlights of the day were Tyrese’s 50 metre run, snapping ankles of all defenders in his way and the somersault try from Justin in the corner. Best on ground went to Mitchell Whale.
MADD NIGHT

Wellington High School held a MADD (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) concert on August 10th. A matinee show was held for Wellington Public School and the residents of Maranatha and Bellhaven, and a night show for the staff, parents and community members. Doors opened at 6:30pm for viewing of student artwork hung on the walls, with the show commencing at 7pm. Highlights included the Indigenous Dance groups, performing the Welcome Dance, They took the Children Away and Zorba the Greek, the debut of the Wellington High School Choir, the show-stopping Evolution of Dance montage and several spectacular HSC performance pieces. There was also an excellent drama performance that went on to win first place in the Wellington Eisteddfod.

Nearly 400 parents, students and community members attended the event, and over 80 students participated on and off the stage.

Food was provided by the Wellington High School P&C and the Wellington High School HSC Hospitality Coffee Cart. This event was held to showcase the wonderful talented students of Wellington High School, but also to raise money for our Indigenous Dance and Choir ensembles to attend the School Spectacular Concert later this year.
MADD NIGHT
Footy Fever

This term we have offered students the opportunity to participate in a variety of contact sports during their Wednesday sport lessons. This opportunity aims to give those students with a passion for Rugby League a chance to showcase their skills and to also learn more about Rugby Union and AFL. Our school successfully applied for a Federal Government Grant to pay for specialised coaching from two development officers. Each week the students warm up with a game of Rugby League before learning about the skills and rules in AFL and Rugby Union.

The students have learnt about rucks, mauls, line outs and scrums as part of the Rugby Union sessions. We have practiced several elite contact drills that the Wallabies use in their training sessions. Luke Mack, Rugby NSW Development Officer, has been pleased with the rapid rise in skill level. This was on display for all other schools to see at the recent sevens gala day in Dubbo.

AFL is a sport foreign to most of our students but that hasn’t stopped them from learning about the game. Casey Walker, GWS Giants Talent Development Officer, has run a session on the basics of the game, including handballing and kicking. The aim is to continue to develop these skills and to enter the central west AFL school competition next year. Who knows the next number one draft pick could come from Wellington.

We would like to thank the two development officers and the Federal Government for their Sporting Schools Grant. Without these we wouldn’t be able to offer these opportunities to our students.
Wellington High School students recently participated in the annual Wellington Eisteddfod in the Drama, Vocal and Instrumental Sections. The students worked hard to rehearse their items and performed well.

The Drama Group, which performed “Hansel and Gretel” won 1st place in their section and a trophy for Best Schools Performance. They were invited to perform at the Grand Concert on the 18th August.

In the Vocal Section, the School Choir (led by Miss Magee) and the Year 12 Rock Band received 2nd place, and the Year 12 Vocal Group (accompanied by Miss Brine) won 1st place.

Individual students also performed in the Eisteddfod with Jessica Parkes-Less receiving 1st place, Felicity Langlands a 2nd place and Elizabeth Morley a 2nd and 3rd place for her two instrumental performances.

These are wonderful results for the music and drama students this year. Congratulations to all the Wellington High School performers.
VET Construction

Over the past term the Year 11 and 12 Construction classes have been working on upgrading the train area with a pathway for easy and clean access to the AEO’s. The boys from both classes along with other helpers from Year 9 and 10 put in a big effort excavating over 7 cubic metres of dirt for the preparation of the path last term. This culminated in pouring the slab of concrete on Friday 10th August. Shane Burn of Burnsys Concreting assisted the boys and Mr Beattie on the day with an early start of 6:30am on a fresh winter’s morning. A shout out to Jake Davis, Eli Cox and Reuben Ridley for turning up first to prep for the pour. With the truck arriving at 7am we had a few other students turn up ready to go in Ryan Chatfield, Jason Simmons and Kieran Baker. The pour went really well with just enough concrete ordered to finish the job at around 9am. We had help from a couple of other students throughout the day as we finished and edged the concrete including Noah Cox, Kyle Forgione, Jye Meizer-Riley, Mitchell Whale, Michael Gallop and Jai Glover. A massive thank you to all students and Burnsys Concreting for all their help. Kaylier, Jacob and Mandi are very grateful as well as the rest of Wellington High School on a job well done. 

Mr Beattie
VET Construction
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