

WHSPA High Notes



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From the Principal's desk

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new parents and students to the WHSPA community. I have been spending a great deal of time in the playground getting to know our Year 7 cohort. Overwhelmingly, these students tell me how wonderful the school is and how much they are enjoying the learning environment.

I have to extend a huge congratulations to our 2022 Year 12 students who produced some incredible HSC results. The school achieved 95 Band 6 results as well as 208 Band 5 results. This is an incredible achievement, and I know that you will join me in congratulating them and thanking the amazing WHSPA staff who worked so closely with these students preparing them for the HSC Exams.

Plans are underway to build a cover over the new basketball courts on the southern oval. It has been a long time in the planning stages, but I am happy to say that this work should be completed by the end of Term 2. When completed, this will give the students at the school an all-weather sporting space as well as an all-weather evacuation area.

Finally, I would like to welcome the new staff to the school. Kelly Duroy has joined us in the PDHPE faculty and Tahlia Brodie has joined the Mathematics faculty. I know that you will join me in welcoming them to WHSPA.

Paul Ryan
Principal





From the Deputy Principals' desk

What's Happening In The Classroom.....

Last week on our 'Snr Exec' learning walks we popped into Year 12 Chemistry. Such a delight to see our senior students immersing themselves in the content. We were fascinated to hear them explain their findings as they conducted a volumetric analysis titration experiment.



Senior Executive

PDHPE Faculty

WHSPA Swimming Carnival Report 2023



As the 2023 WHSPA swimming carnival finally experienced some beautiful weather, we had over 360 students attending the highly successful day.

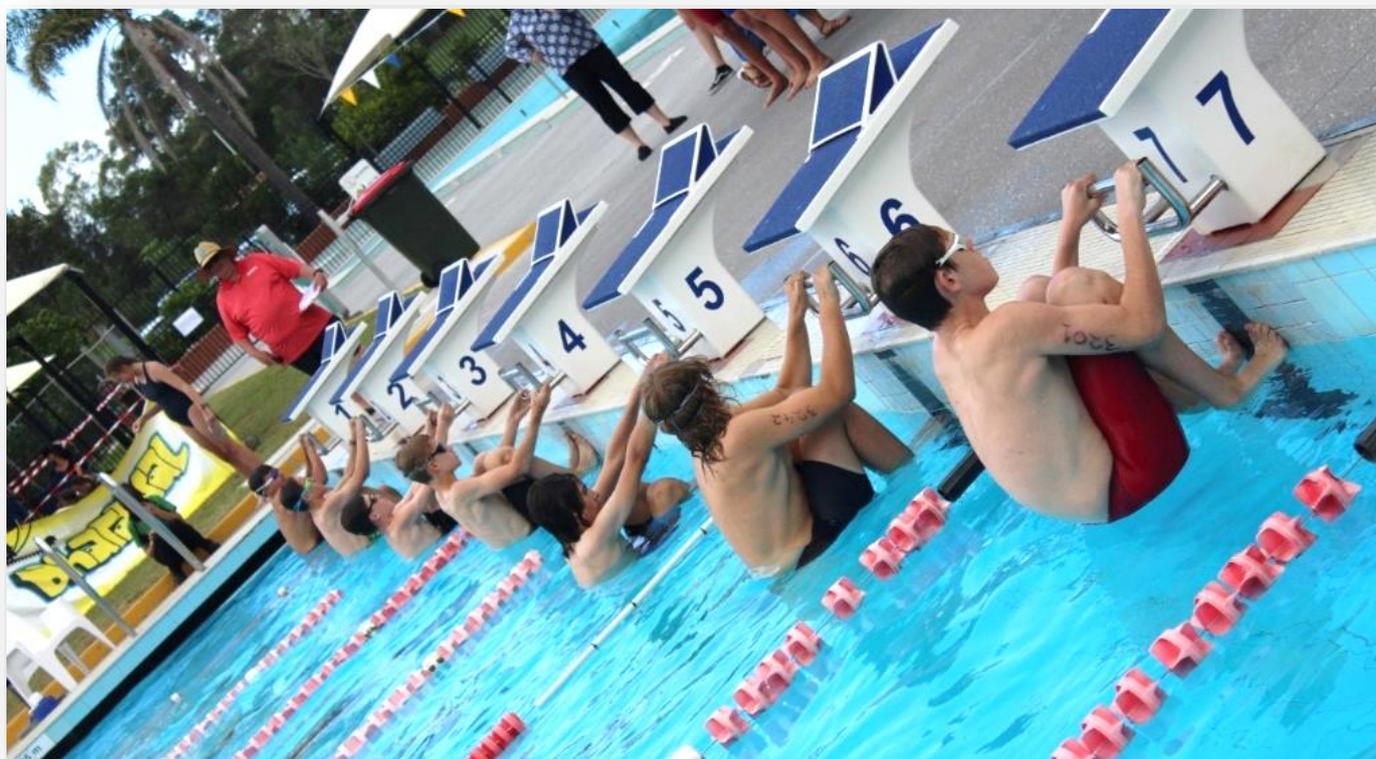
2023 WHSPA Swimming Age Champions

Boys		
Name	Age	Team
Luca Attore	12	Belmore
Alexander Smyth	13	Flame
Ethan Lappan	14	Dharawal
Flynn Lawrence	15	Dharawal
Zane Giaron	16	Bombora
Darcy Lawrence	18	Dharawal

Girls		
Name	Age	Team
Abigail Hoy	12	Bombora
Joceylene Merritt	13	Dharawal
Maddison Wood	14	Flame
Ruby Phillips	15	Dharawal
Isabella Merritt	16	Dharawal
Hayley Crisp	17	Belmore

Over the course of the day we had 21 individual school swimming records broken by the following students – Maddison Wood (5 records), Flynn Lawrence (4), Darcy Lawrence (4), Jake McCreddie (3), Ruby Mulquin (1), Rojan Fernandez (1), Joceylene Merritt (1), Alexander Smyth (1) and Ethan Lappan(1).

Congratulations to all students who swam on the day and as a result we had a very strong WHSPA swimming team competing at the Northern Illawarra Zone Swimming carnival at Corrimal Pool on Thursday 23 February.



PDHPE Faculty

At the Northern Illawarra Zone swimming championships we had 48 students represent WHSPA on the day at Corrimal Pool. The outstanding achievements of our WHSPA students included;

Maddison Wood won 3 individual events as well as placing in 2 other events. Maddison was also **14 years girls Illawarra Zone Age Champion**.

Jake McCreddie won 3 individual events.

Other students going to South Coast for individual events were Joceylene Merritt, Edem Dowling, Andrew Bouwens, Ruby Phillips, Flynn Lawrence and Ruby Mulquin.

There were also 4 successful relay teams progressing to the South Coast Regional Swimming championships being held at Dapto Pool on Thursday 9th March. The 4 relay teams are the 13 years boys 4X50m, 14 years boys 4X50m, 14 years girls 4X50m and 15 years girls 4 x 50m.

The school also finished a creditable 4th in the zone point score.

Final School Swim Team Scores

1.	WOONONA HS	1116.50
2.	SMITHS HILL HS	1067
3.	BULLI HS	837.50
4.	WHSPA	668
5.	FIGTREE HS	537
6.	KEIRA HS	298
7.	CORRIMAL HS	290

Good luck to all our competitors next week at the South Coast Swimming Championships.

David Arthur

Head Teacher PDHPE



PDHPE Faculty

Congratulations to Jayden Simpson who is now the South Coast CHS Open Boys Tennis Champion.

Jayden won seven straight matches to win the tournament beating his opponent in a tie-break in the final. He has now progressed to the NSW CHS State Individual Championships in Parramatta later this month.

Well done Jayden!

David Arthur
Head Teacher PDHPE

2023 Sports Committee Planning Day

What an amazing day our Sports Committee had at their planning meeting. So many ideas and initiatives were discussed and explored with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing at WHSPA. 2023 lunchtimes looks very exciting with what these students have planned!



Trevor Burnett
PDHPE Teacher

PDHPE Faculty

Last week a group of our Sports Committee students went out to assist with the Central Wollongong Zone Primary School Swimming Carnival. They worked tirelessly all day in very hot conditions and helped ensure the carnival ran smoothly.

Congratulations to all involved.



Trevor Burnett
PDHPE Teacher

TAS Faculty



Major Projects Exhibition – Powerhouse Museum

Congratulations to Leisel Price from the class of 2022! We are so super proud of this amazing student and her fabulous design.

Leisel's Textiles Major Work has been selected for the 'Shape' Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum Sydney. *Shape* is an annual exhibition of exemplary Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students.

The three-piece costume was designed for the character Orgon in a contemporary adaption of the 17th century play *Tartuffe by Moliere*. The patchwork coat is made from old jeans collected from family and friends. The front is embellished with recycled belt loops, to mimic the button and buttonhole detailing of the traditional French justaucorps. Leisel included a range of techniques including a welt pocket, reverse applique, and machine embroidery.

Leisel is currently studying Design at Enmore TAFE



Rachel Jospe
Head Teacher TAS

HSIE Faculty



Take a look at what's happening in Year 8 Elective History!

On Monday, Year 8 Elective History recreated the myth of Isis and Osiris. They gathered the parts of Osiris scattered around the main quad and then deciphered hieroglyphic clues to open the locked box.

The teamwork from all students was outstanding and allowed for an experiential way to engage with the unit on Ancient Societies and their mythology. It also gave Mrs Pantaleo an amazing excuse to dress up!!!!



Vicki Strudwick
Head Teacher HSIE

MUSIC Faculty



What a start to the year our WHSPA students are having. More wonderful news with 'Overnight' releasing their single last week. What an amazing achievement for some very hardworking humans. All five members of this band are past and / or present WHSPA students and are an example of the platform public education can provide to students wanting to pursue a career in the Arts.

OUT NOW! "All That I Like" is out now on all streaming platforms, including Apple Music and Spotify! Make sure you add the song to your playlists now.



MUSIC Faculty

Nathan Davey in Year 12 has been selected to join the NSW Public School Symphony Orchestra.

The NSW Public schools symphony is an advanced ensemble. The ensemble is an avenue for talented and dedicated instrumentalists to represent their individual schools in a large instrumental ensemble setting. This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Nathan!



Piper Farrell, also in Year 12 has been successful in moving through to Phase 3 of the Talent Development Project (TDP). It is a program that selects and develops the state's top vocalist's and is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Piper!



MUSIC Faculty

Make sure you tune in to Australian Idol to see our beautiful 16-year-old Amali Dimond perform on Channel 7. She is such an amazing role model and we are just so proud of her. You are deserving of every success Amali!!!



Parent Information



WHSPA SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF



Paul Ryan **Principal**



Bryce O'Connor **Deputy Principal – 7, 9 & 11**



Kylie Wood **Deputy Principal – Years 8, 10 & 12**

WHSPA EXECUTIVE STAFF



Apple Phasavath **Head Teacher
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*Wellbeing – Girls***



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WELL-BEING & LEARNING SUPPORT - 2023



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Provide learning and support for students who are having difficulty with their general learning or have diagnosed learning conditions.



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Provide learning and support for students who are having difficulty with their general learning or have diagnosed learning conditions.



Emma Davidson
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Provide support to students within a safe and quiet environment in order to be able to re-engage with classroom learning as quickly as possible.



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Girls mentor. Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for multicultural students.



Braiden Gilbert
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Boys mentor. Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for medical conditions of students.

Parent Information

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2023

MARCH	10	Shakespeare Production Macbeth
	13	P&C Meeting
	15 – 27	NAPLAN
	21	School Cross Country
	21	Harmony Day

APRIL	3	Years 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
	4 – 5	NSW CHS Swimming
	6	Year 12 & Staff Recognition Morning Tea
	7	GOOD FRIDAY
	8 – 23	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	24	Staff Development Day
	24 – 28	Year 12 O Week
	24 – 28	Year 6 into 7 PA Auditions

MAY	1 – 8	Year 6 into 7 PA Auditions
	3	Open Classrooms Evening Year 7 – 10 Families
	8	School Athletics Carnival
	9	Careers EXPO
	19	Zone Cross Country