



From the
Principal's desk!



Spring has finally arrived in our schools with some lifting of COVID restrictions. Whilst we are not quite back to the 'old normal', we are celebrating the return of the school band, our usual playground structure, Kindergarten transition, Year 7 transition and Presentation Day. We are very fortunate to have students attending the Northern Schools Steer Competition next week and have a number of guest presentations to strengthen curriculum delivery.

Our Year 11 and Year 12 students have finished their HSC exams with a positive mindset, demonstrating resilience and determination. Last night, Year 12 celebrated the end to their school learning at their formal, despite many uncertainties during planning. Congratulations to each of you. You have weathered 2020 and you are highly prepared to meet the next part of your life journey. Thank you to each family for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

A huge shout out to the School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS), you keep our school running, continuing to support students, teaching staff and our school community and to our teachers for your ongoing work in creating "a bright future". A big thankyou to the P&C for their ongoing support, in particular, hosting our off-site gathering so parents could come together to view the Year 12 Presentation assembly by ZOOM and for hosting the Drive-in Movie family event. We couldn't do this without you.

Monday 16 November will see secondary students commence the 2021 school year. There are great plans about to roll out.

Amanda Cooper, Principal

STAGE 4 VIKINGS



Throughout the past term, Stage 4 students have been learning of the history of Vikings in Quest. Students learnt about their traditions, where they explored, and how they built long ships.

Their main project tasked them with building their own Viking long ship which was sailed in the Apsley River. Students sailed their ships in the mill hole and down the river with some, sadly, taking on water and meeting their watery demise.

Michelle Bruton



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5/6 PDHPE



IN PDHPE, 5/6 have been learning about leadership skills and skills that help when in team situations.

On October 27, the students participated in a range of team-building activities that stimulated communication, patience and problem-solving skills.

Kristy Bird



Last term, Garden Club started at Walcha Central School. Students from Years 4 - 6 volunteer their lunchtimes to take care of the vegetable and flower garden in the K-6 playground with Mrs Grayling.

They worked hard last term to weed the garden beds and to tidy up the strawberry patch.



This term with the warmer weather, the strawberry plants are producing fruit and we now have tomato, pea, zucchini, mint and rosemary growing in the vegetable patch. We are looking forward to eating the produce!



Class 5/6 are participating in a UNE science study around 'soiling undies'. To clarify, it is a citizen-based research where cotton underwear is buried in soil for 2 months then removed. The amount of decomposition indicates how productive and active the soil is.



We chose the primary school garden as our testing location. The study requires soil testing at certain times and submission of underwear after a set period of time. Images must be sent to the UNE at regular intervals proving the students are following scientific procedure.

Brenda Watkins



SMART Farms



Discovery

SONICS

The SONICS class has been working on making links between their work on chemistry and the periodic table to

how atoms and molecules form cells which form tissues which form organs and systems and eventually whole organisms.

This term we also made model molecules and compounds, conducted a heart dissection, and finished off with modelling the passage of food— following its journey from the mouth all

the way through to its exit. This led to some interesting discussions on body functions and how food is digested.



Samantha Bayley



Good for Kids good for life

INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

What is a serve?



Source: www.eatforhealth.gov.au

How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.



- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.



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Super 9s Rugby League

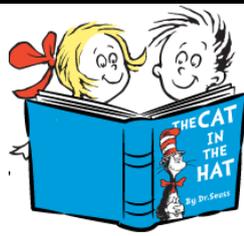


On Monday 9 November, we travelled to Tamworth with an U14 and an U15 team to participate in a Super 9s Rugby League day.

The boys were super keen and it was really great to be back playing some sport and representing the school again.

Bonnie Brown





On Thursday 12 November, K-6 students participated in Book Week with a twist.

K-6 students dressed up as their favourite book character and participated in some talking, listening and writing activities within their classrooms. It was great to see so many fantastic and colourful costumes around the school.

Kristy Bird





Celebrate with us!

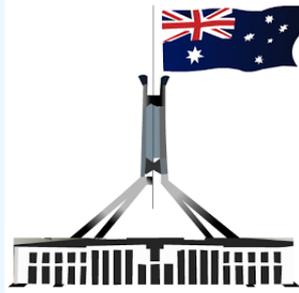
2020 What a year!

Join us by **ZOOM** to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students this year

**K-12
Presentation Day
Assembly**

**Friday
20 November 2020
at 1pm**

CANBERRA EXCURSION 2021



The 2021 Canberra Excursion is going ahead! It will take place from Monday 18 October to Friday 22 October 2021.

If you want your child (currently in Years 4, 5 or 6) to take part in this excursion please make sure you have returned Expression of interest to Mrs Watkins by the end of Week 6, Friday 20 November 2020.

Orientation Days for Year 7, 2021 Students and Parents



We are conducting our Year 6 into 7, 2021 transition program with two orientation days for current Year 6 students who will be attending Walcha Central School in 2021. These will be held on Thursday 26 November and Friday 27 November 2020. Both days commence at 9am in the library and conclude at 3:10pm.

Parents will be advised if an information session becomes available.

Students are encouraged to wear their sport uniform as they will be participating in activities throughout the day. Students are also advised to bring their own water bottle as well as their recess and lunch (or order online from the canteen).

AWS GIRLS' TECH DAY

Girls' Tech Day is a one-day event designed to inspire and empower young girls from grades 3 to 12, and young women 18 to 24 years of age, to pursue interests and careers in technology.

It is a series of learning workshops focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEAM), and the arts.

REGISTER NOW!

GIRLS' TECH DAY



AWS Girls' Tech Day 2020 is virtual this year!

Join us on a magical and adventurous journey to explore Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Coding, Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality, & Robotics.

WHEN: NOVEMBER 14-28

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN



stymie.

'Stymie' is an anonymous harm reporting tool that Walcha Central is using to proactively support students. We are continuing our membership of <http://www.stymie.com.au> into next year as it provides students in primary and high school with the

opportunity to send an anonymous notification to the school if they are concerned that they or someone they know may be experiencing bullying or harm.

Students can also use Stymie as a way to let the school know if they've noticed changes in their friend's wellbeing, or if they are worried about them.

Stymie is a safe way for students to be able to speak up, while still having the reassurance of being able to do so anonymously online.

We encourage you to visit the website <http://www.stymie.com.au> to take a look, and if you have a child in primary or high school, to talk to them about this.

You. Are. Never. Alone.

stymie.com.au





CALENDAR

See website for more details
<https://walcha-schools.nsw.gov.au>

16/11/2020	7-12 Rollover timetable for 2021
18/11/2020 - 19/11/2020	Northern Schools Steer Competition @ Glen Innes - Livestock Team
20/11/2020	Presentation Day Zoom Assembly - 1pm
26/11/2020	Girls Tackle (League) - Skills Day - (7-12)
26/11/2020 - 27/11/2020	Orientation Days for Year 7, 2021
27/11/2020	Kindergarten Transition program
30/11/2020 - 11/12/2020	K-6 swim school
14/12/2020	Year 6 Farewell
16/12/2020	Last day of school for students
18/12/2020	HSC results released



Students currently in Years K - 5 will soon be given a list of back-to-school stationery requirements for 2021 as well as an order form and price list for Walcha Newsagency for these items. These lists will also be available on our school website.

Current Year 6 students will receive their list of back to school stationery requirements for 2021 at the Year 7 orientation days and Kindergarten 2021 will receive their list at the end of the Kindergarten transition program.

It's time to DUST OFF THE SWIMMERS

SWIM & SURVIVE
SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

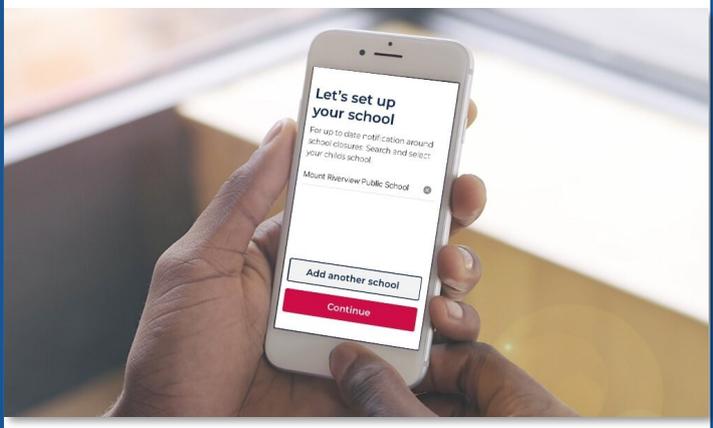
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 for enquiries call (02) 9634 3700

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NSW School Updates app

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools. NSW families can now get notified when their school becomes non-operational.

The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis. The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users.



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT FOR 2022

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the combined results of the Selective High School Placement Test and school assessments.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held for interested students on Thursday 11 March 2021.

To apply you will need to register and apply online through the High Performing Students website - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications open **Tuesday 13 October 2020** and close **16 November 2020**.

You must apply online before the closing date.