



# THE WADALBA news

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## GOLD AWARDS REMINDER THIS EDITION

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### DECEMBER 2018

- 13 Surf Fun Day - Years 5 and 6 all day
- 14 Assembly - Year 6 - 1.30pm - 2.15pm
- 17 Presentation Day - 9am - 11am
- 18 Year 6 Farewell - 6pm
- 19 Last day students

#### JANUARY 2019

- 30 All Primary school students commence



## Awards

### BRONZE

- Lily Atmore - Kindergarten
- Taj Carr - Year 1
- Rhys Jackson - Year 1
- Levi Lane - Year 1
- Sachin Carr - Year 1
- Riley Carroll - Year 2
- Sienna Oliver - Year 4
- Samuel Hensby - Year 6

### SILVER

- Rhys Jackson - Year 1
- Sachin Carr - Year 2

# Ngara Assembly of Excellence

The Ngara AECG, in partnership with its local schools, hold an annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly of Excellence to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal students within our learning community and local AECG. This includes students K-12 from Wyong High School, Wadalba Community School, Hopetown School, Mackillop Catholic College and its partner primary schools of Wyong Creek, Tuggerawong, Jilliby, Wyong, Tacoma, Warnervale, Woongarra, Kanwal and Tuggerah. Our Assembly of Excellence has been held for 7 consecutive years and it has developed into a valued, distinguished and significant community event.

This year, in addition to awarding recipients with a certificate, Scholastic Standing Orders have donated 60 quality children’s books and novels as a small gift to acknowledge each and every student’s dedication and commitment to learning. On behalf of the students and teachers at Wadalba Community School we would like to say a huge and sincere THANK YOU to Helene Charles and the generous staff at Scholastic for their ongoing support.

Congratulations to the following award recipients from the Primary Faculty at Wadalba! Your outstanding achievements and consistent efforts have been noted and celebrated. Well done boys and girls!

*Academic Excellence - Brandon Fragomeni*

*Outstanding Attendance - Kadence Neave*

*Cultural Leadership - Yooralla Samuel*

*Sporting Excellence - Tyler Dunn*

*Student Leadership - Sophie Larkins*

*Improved application to learning - Mia Harrison*



# Ngara Assembly of Excellence



# Genius Hour Showcase

Throughout the year students from Years 3 to 6 have worked on an individual Genius Hour project. Genius Hour is an opportunity for students to take control of their learning. They are guided to choose a topic that they are passionate about and then plan their own learning to produce a product that showcases their learning. This may take the form of a multimedia slideshow, a book, a computer game, a model, or any other mode of showcasing their learning. Students are only limited by their own imagination.

Last Thursday, 29th November, our students showcased their fantastic presentations. It was so great to see students excited to present work they were proud of to their peers. Congratulations to all the students on their wonderful presentations.

We will be running Genius Hour next year for students from Years 3 to 6 and it is never too early to start thinking about a topic.



# Primary Library Monitors Thank you Celebration

We have some wonderful students in the Primary section of Wadalba Community School, who give up their time in the lunch break to support the running of the library.

They do jobs like putting the books back in the right places on the shelves, packing up the games younger students play, helping younger students read and play board games, tidying up at the end of the lunch session and supervising students in the computer room to ensure appropriate and careful practices are used.

It has been a delight to watch these students grow in their leadership abilities and to see them enjoying learning new skills. Our group of monitors has helped make the library a place where students want to be.

As a result, a thank you luncheon and video-watching session was held yesterday as a reward for their hard work and sacrificial giving. The students enjoyed this immensely and every bite of food disappeared!

Those who are moving on to high school will probably continue to offer their support in the secondary section of our library and those in Year 5 have asked to be involved again next year with us in the primary. Several current Year 4 students have also offered their services for next year.

Our monitors for 2018 were Ellayah Cayley, Lily O'Keefe, Liam Lackenby, Nathan Peterson, Asma Kadarkhan, Chloe Greco, Hollie Greco, Angelica Vittorino, Lili Forrest, Hannah Brown, Tiarna Moore, Kiralee Hutchison and Nicholas Brady.

Here are a couple of photos of some of our monitors at work today, Friday 7th December.

*Kerry Crowther (Primary Teacher Librarian)*



## Leadership

Last week, students at Wadalba were given an opportunity to present a speech to show why they would like to be a leader at Wadalba. Years 3 – 6 met in the hall and listened to some very entertaining speeches for School Captain and Year Representative. Students were then able to vote for the students they would like to lead them next year. After this, we went into our house groups and those wanting to be a house captain tried to convince their house that they would be the best one to lead their house to Wadalba Cup victory next year. Those lucky enough to gain a position will be presented with badges at Presentation Day. Good luck to all participants.

## Year 6 - Highlights of 2018

Our two biggest highlights of 2018 had to be our school camp to Canberra and the fete we organised to fundraise for our year 6 farewell.

In term 2, stage 3 went on a wild school camp to Canberra. Everyone was really excited and ready to have heaps of fun. We had to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and get to the school at half past for the 6 hour bus trip. We were 15 minutes into our journey and the teachers were already falling asleep but the kids were up all the way. Then we stopped half way for some lunch. By time we got there everyone was getting restless and loud we just wanted to get out and stretch our legs. So we stopped at a park in Canberra. For the next three days we did really fun and exciting things like Questacon, War memorial, Dinosaur museum, Old parliament house, Cockeington green and a few other places. We stayed at the ibis styles hotel and we all got to choose who we wanted in our rooms. At the end, it was a really fun and exciting camp which will be a great memory for year 6 and year 5.

In term 4, stage 3 came up with the idea to run a school mini fete to raise money for our year 6 farewell. Luckily the idea was successful and we all had a great time and gained amazing experience planning our own stores and running them. The whole school had fun as well. Who wouldn't like having a free hour of learning to smash pies into people's faces and decorate cupcakes? There were a lot of amazing stores such as a snow cone stand, toilet paper toss, hairspray, nail painting, face painting, photo booth and many more. It was fun how the teachers were having fun getting involved with the pie face and sponge throwing and it was a wonderful help with the parents who helped out and donated items for our great day. In the end we raised over \$2000, which was all put towards our year 6 farewell. In the end we all made lots of memories, had an amazing day and were successful all at the same time. We hope that next year, the stage 3 students can share the same experience we did.

*By Charlotte Harris & Lilian Harmer*



# Year 6 - Highlights of 2018 continued

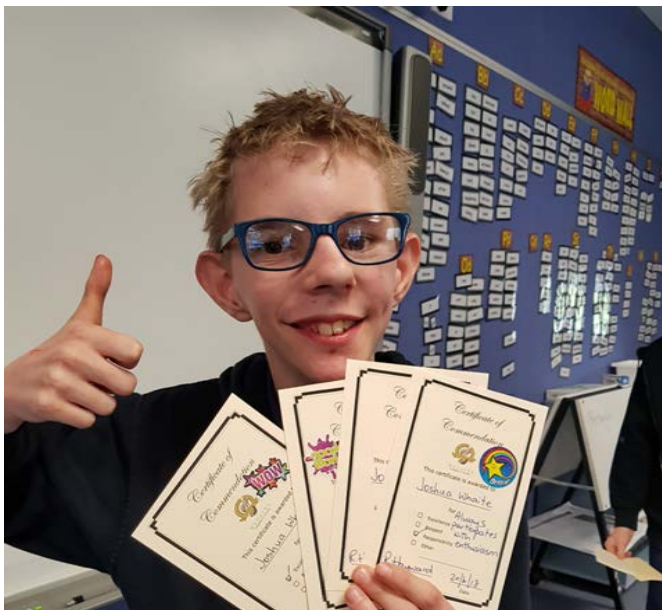
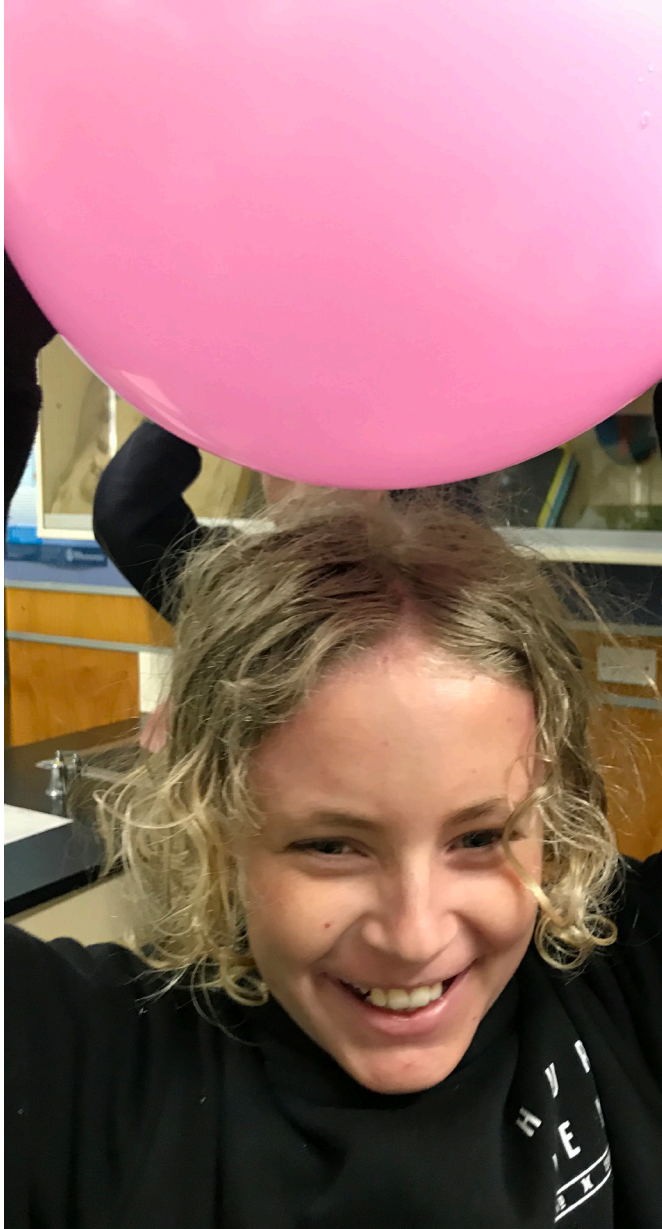


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## A Spectacular Experience!

After attending two whole day rehearsals in Sydney on 1st and 13th November, Mrs Crowther and Mrs Page travelled with 20 amazing students and some wonderful, supportive parents to complete final rehearsals on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November, followed by two matinee performances and two evening performances on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November, 2018.

The experience was very tiring, as we did not arrive back to school until well after midnight on Friday and Saturday. However, the benefits to students are immeasurable and the memory is a positive one that students will never forget.

The show, created by teachers and performed by students of our New South Wales public schools, was so exciting, professional and polished and it was enjoyed by thousands of people across the state, who came as audience.

Performers included soloist singers, backing vocalists, massed choir, featured and school group dancers, dramatists, aerial artists, gymnasts, signing choir and puppeteers. It was hard to know where to look, with so much happening at once. Luckily, as massed choir members, we got to see the show each time, so things you missed the first time, you could catch up on the next.

The whole performance entitled, "The Greatest," will be shown on Channel 7 at 7pm on Saturday 8th December, so make sure you take the opportunity of seeing what a marvellous show this is.

We would like to thank Mrs Denton, Mrs McClellan, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Carlson, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Denmeade and Mrs Oliver for helping with supervision on trains and between performances and a special thank you goes to Mrs Natalie Greco for taking care of any special needs students, supervising on trains and between performances and for singing with us in every rehearsal and performance.

It takes a team for something as big as this to work and we are most thankful for our team at Wadalba Community School and the team of wonderful teachers who make up our NSW Public School system.

*Kerry Crowther*

*Wadalba C.S. Schools Spectacular co-ordinator, 2018*



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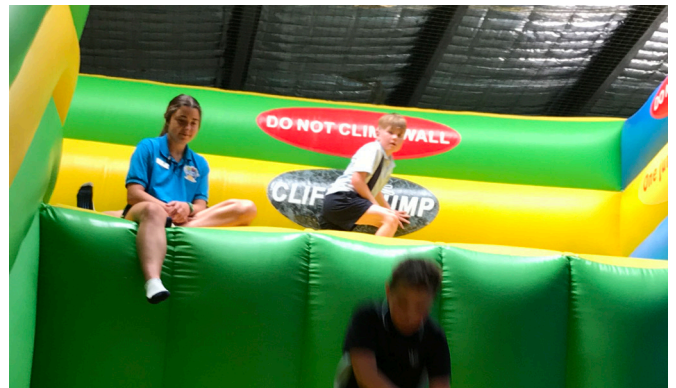


# Pictures from our Spectacular Performance



# Wadalba Cup Excursion

Our lovely students in Hall were lucky enough to be the winners of the Wadalba Cup Excursion prize. We travelled by bus to Inflatable world where the students got free reign of the facilities for 2 hours. Everyone had a safe and enjoyable time. Our very own daredevil, Miss Carole had a turn on the death drop inflatable and showed the students how it's done. After that, we had a delicious Maccas lunch and played in the park until it was time to head to the movies to watch, 'How the Grinch stole Christmas.' The movie followed the Grinch as he tried to steal Christmas from the residents of Whoville but then found a friend in Cindy Lou who invited him to her family Christmas dinner. The movie was both funny and heartwarming. All students who attended are to be congratulated on their fantastic behaviour, they represented our school well.



## Gold Awards Reminder

Gold Awards are a very prestigious award at the very top of our merit system. Gold Awards are only presented at our end of year Presentation Day which will be held on Monday 17th December.

Our system is as follows:

*5 Commendations = Bronze Award*

*3 Bronze Awards = Silver Award*

*3 Silver Awards + Participation in extra-curricular school activities + participation in a community event = Gold Award*

If you believe your child is eligible for a Gold Award at Presentation Day this year, please have your child bring their 3 silver awards to school to **Ms Sanday by Friday 16th December**. Ms Sanday will also chat to them around the other award criteria when they hand in their awards. There can be no extensions on this date as the medallions are sent away to be engraved with all of our other awards and trophies. If you have any questions around Gold Awards, please contact Ms Sanday.



## WYONG TOWN CENTRE

### January Free Family School Holiday Activities at Wyong

#### YOUTH OASIS CENTRE

Monday 14th January

10 – 11.30am

4 Hely Street, Wyong

- ‘The Fairy Helps the Pirate find the Treasure’  
Interactive show with dancing, games & prizes
- 10am & 11am Show + Photo opportunity
- Mixed Craft

#### VILLAGE CENTRAL, WYONG,

Wednesday 16th January

10 – 11.30 am

18-34 Alison Road, Wyong

- Face Painting - Balloons - Sand Art

#### CLUB WYONG

Friday 18th January

11 – 1.30 pm

15 Margaret Street, Wyong

- Disney Quiz Trivia - Trivia Bingo - Picture Bingo

#### BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU

GRACE BARRA

Monday 21st January

3 – 5pm

2/22-32 Pacific Highway, Wyong

- Nerf Wars
- Tattoos
- Catapult Making

#### CHAPMAN BUILDING

Tuesday 22nd January

9.30 – 12.30 pm

Cnr Alison Rd and Hely St, Wyong

(on grass near Glee)

- Water Games
- Target Shooting  
(welcome to bring your own water pistols)
- Waterslides

**TAKE PART IN ONE OR ALL FIVE SESSIONS**  
PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN CANNOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED  
DURING THE SESSIONS

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