This week's edition contains photos and brief reports from students about the interviews conducted with various identities around Wynyard. The Humans of Wynyard project is part of students' careers program. Over the last two weeks, students have interviewed business owners, workers and staff to learn more about the world of work. In some cases, the adults had to undertake extra learning, on the job training, and after hours learning to prepare themselves for work, and to update their skills. In all cases, adults needed to continue to learn well beyond school.

The Athletics carnival is approaching. Parents are invited to watch, as this is the culminating performance for the latest HPE unit on Athletics.

Over the last two weeks, all students have been undertaking PAT tests. These tests will be used to triangulate classroom-based testing and NAPLAN test results. The tests will also inform the preparation for next year.

The end of year reporting process has started. Students will get final achievement ratings for each subject and a summary comment from the Core Teacher. Reports will be sent home on the last Friday of the year.

Grade 10 students will receive an important communication this week. The communication explains the activities the grade 10 students are involved with as the year closes. Exams, Picnic, Athletics Carnival are among a number of activities this group of students will participate in for the last time. Unless advised, students must be in full school uniform each day.

Celebration Dinner invitations are being sent out to those students who have met all the required commitments. If you are unsure, please contact the school.

Our last School Association meeting for the year will be on Tuesday November 17th at 7pm. Please come along and be part of a vibrant support group for your child whilst they are at Wynyard High School. On that note, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the work of Chris Mcguire, our most recent chairperson, who has recently resigned from the position at the last meeting. His valuable work assisted in gaining funding for science and MDT redevelopments. We thank Chris for his contribution. I hope to see you there.

Terrific start to the year!

It has been great to see our students back and certainly ready for another year of school. This year we have been able to add Mr Ned Taylor to teach music, Mr Ben Gaul returns, Mrs Dione Parker replaces Mrs Hay in the Raising the Bar role, and I’d like to especially welcome Miss Simone Jones, Mr Tony Swain and Mrs Melissa Neasey into the front office. We are really pleased to have them here with us.

This year, our Social Worker is Katrina Watts, and School Psychologist is Stephanie Dunbar. Both have been allocated a day a week at WHS. Anne Bingham, our school nurse, returns on Wednesdays and Fridays. Giovanna Simpson will be here Tuesdays and Thursdays this year to work with groups of students.

Given we are eight days into the year, students have made an excellent start to the year. Classes are very busy with students working hard. They look very smart in the uniform; however, a reminder that trousers must be the appropriate colour. Tan or brown trousers are not part of our uniform. Please call the front office for clarification.

Our Metalwork room is almost finished. We hope to begin taking students into this new space next week. So far Stubs have done a terrific job in renovating this area.

This year, WHS undergoes an external school review in term two, and there will be some opportunities for parents to meet with the review team and share experiences and thoughts. Before students arrive, there is a lot to prepare and organise. Mr Willcox and Miss Russell put in plenty of days making sure a timetable and classes were organised. I wanted to thank them for their work ensuring students get off to the best possible start. Many other staff were also in early organising their rooms and getting their first learning sequences ready for students.

The major focus for this year will be implementing the My Education program throughout the school. The Literacy work undertaken last year will continue and this year we hope to establish a sister-school relationship with a school in the Outback of Australia, enabling student exchanges to occur. While the work is in early stages, students and staff are busy planning for this to take place.
Principal's Message continued…..

Our first school Assembly is in week four. At this assembly our school leadership group will be presented with blazers and Peer Support shirts and House Captain shirts. More information will be sent home with invitations closer to the date.

Our School Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This year’s first meeting is on Tuesday 16 February at 7pm at the school. Parents are welcome to attend. Meetings run for an hour or so. Your support is highly valued. Finally to finish, a reminder about the expectations for the year.

Attendance at school is vital, so far students’ attendance has been excellent. Students arrive at school at 8.45am in full school uniform, then stay at school all day unless collected by parents, getting to all classes on time. All persons who are at school are expected to use their best manners at all times. School finishes at 3pm and students leave at that time.

I am really looking forward to working with all parents over the year.

Alex
Alex Downes, Principal

Reminder – Return of Documents

There were important forms mailed home at the end of last year and issued at book sales at the beginning of this year - e.g. excursions, medical, IT, validation.

These forms are important to the running of educational programs and the prompt return will enable us to provide the highest possible level of support to your child.

If you have not returned your child’s forms and have misplaced these, please contact the office to obtain replacement documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any concerns regarding this information.

School Photos

Leading Image will be at school on Thursday 25 February to photograph individual students as well as class groups. All students will be photographed regardless of whether they are purchasing photos or not.

Your child should have brought home a personalised photo envelope showing photo packs available as well as instructions about ordering. We encourage you to use online ordering when possible (there is no fee for this service). Online orders can be placed using the ‘shoot key’ printed on the envelope. Alternatively, you can also place an order using cash or cheque which is placed in the envelope and handed in to the school office. Credit Card payments can ONLY be accepted using online ordering. If you would like to have a family group photo taken, pick up a family envelope from the school office.
Meet & Greet BBQ

Wednesday 17 February
5:30 - 7:00pm
(or anytime part thereof)

Come along & meet the staff in a relaxed & informal setting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

An RSVP is required - Telephone: 6442 2385 or Email: wynyard.high@education.tas.gov.au
Over the holidays Toby Moore from grade 9 was lucky enough to be involved in an inventors’ workshop at Questacon in Canberra. Over the next two newsletters we are presenting Toby’s experiences for you to read and enjoy.

A Week That Could Change My Life – National Invention Convention 2016 (PART ONE)

Last year, I was lucky enough be selected to go to the National Invention Convention (IC for short) which is conducted by Questacon for 14 – 18 year old students. The IC involves learning; how to invent things eg. the process you have to take to be an inventor, communication skills, sketching skills and many many more. The IC was held at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology and Learning Centre in Canberra. Only twenty-four students from the whole of Australia were selected to participate from over 80 who applied.

On the 17th of January this year it was time to leave. I was getting a little bit nervous, even though I was saying I was fine. I had never travelled by myself before, and what made it worse was knowing that I was going to a place where I knew no one. I said my good byes and hopped on the plane, keen to start my new adventure.

My nerves quickly settled as soon as we were collected from the airport in Canberra. Everyone was really nice and got along really well. I was amazed at how easily my new mates got along with each other. It felt like we had been friends for years. This helped me to not miss home.

The first night was all about getting comfortable with our new home for the week and getting to know everyone. After tea, two of IC team, Dylan Barker and Joe Duggan, took us on a tour around Canberra, cracking a few puns along the way. They showed us all the tourist attractions giving us facts, true and not true. Not coming from Canberra, I found it hard to figure out which of them were true and which weren’t! We went to the top of a hill and watched the sunset over Canberra. It was a really nice way to top off the first night of the IC. Getting to sleep was a bit of a struggle with everyone buzzing from the excitement we had a few hours earlier but we managed to fall asleep at a reasonable hour. We were all really excited because the next morning we would be starting our inventions, well so we thought......

There was a sense of urgency around the building, everyone rushing to get first shower. Once everyone was ready and had had breakfast. We were off on the buses! Everyone buzzing with excitement. When we arrived and walked inside we were all amazed at how cool the place was. I reckon everyone said that they would love to work there when they were older. We sat down and were introduced to everyone. Then we had 2 guest speakers, Huy Nguyen and Angela Li from Enable Development. They taught us about how living with a disability is hard but people’s attitudes towards people with a disability and the environment make it even harder. They ran separate activities, Huy with using wheelchairs and Angela with the White Canes which people who are blind use. These two activities were really challenging in their own way! On the wheelchairs I found it hard to control and hard to open and close doors. With the White Canes, it was a bit disorientating not being able to see where you were going. We all found it really challenging on both activities.

Next we had a couple more guest speakers. The first was Matt Twin. Matt grew up in Tassie and loved to come up with new ways to make everyone’s life easier. He now works for Questacon and loves his job. He has invented simple things that are really cool and simple to use. My personal favourite was his home made railway. He got scrap pallets and made a little railway to go under his house so it was easier to store things down there. I really enjoyed his speech and it makes me want to build a railway now! Next up was Jasmine Proud. Jasmine is an engineer who designs assistive technology to make people’s lives easier. She brought an artificial hand along which she had been working on. It had pressure sensors in the tips of the fingers which registered when you were touching something! This was really cool!
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Then the moment we had all been waiting for... The Challenge! Our challenge was to invent and make a prototype of our invention. Our invention had to be something that made someone's life easier. It got everyone really excited for the next day. At the end of the day they announced that we were going to Questacon at night! Only us in the whole of Questacon! How cool is that!?

Tuesday came, the second day of working, and we had to do some research about our invention. Usually I wouldn't like researching but the IC team and my mates made it a lot more fun. We had a Techspert conference on this day. All it was, were experts from all different fields came down from their offices, which were only upstairs, to talk to us about a range of things. If you were including coding in your invention, you probably would have gone to a coding conference or if you were building you would have gone to a building conference and so on. The conferences went for only about twenty to twenty-five minutes and we got to pick three. The three that I selected all helped me out immensely. They then hung around and helped us with anything we needed help with, which was a lot for most of us. Then we were onto sketching. Rachel Ball and Dave Barbalet are designers for Questacon and amazing drawers. Nearly every exhibit you see at Questacon were designed by these two. They didn't talk about how to draw as such, they talked about the process you have to go through to be able to see the final outcome of what your invention will look like. We then had to have a go at drawing. I wasn't looking forward to this because, well to put it bluntly, I'm a crap drawer! It didn't help that most of the other people were some of the most amazing drawers that I had seen. But the IC team, as always, were there to help me out. They couldn't stress enough that it didn't matter if you couldn't draw. So I put my troubles behind me and had a go. It wasn't the best drawing ever, but I was happy with it. Then we were onto CAD, coding or manual skills. All we had to do was just pick one that we were interested in. I picked CAD (computer aided design) because that was something that I was interested in and something that I have always wanted to do. It was really interesting and something that I want to do more of in the future! We had a bit of a chill out night on this day which was good just to unwind and relax!

Build, Build, Build! That was the aim of Wednesday. We had to try and build as much as we could on this day, and it was great to see people's ideas just starting out. We started off a bit slower today but the energy soon picked up. Then the Techsperts came back again! All of them were really happy to help. The main Techspert that I worked with was Grahame Thompson. Grahame has worked at Questacon for 5 years as a digital designer and a coder. He really helped me in designing my app for my invention. The way he used my ideas, and came up with his own, to design the app the way I loved it, and was simple to use, was absolutely amazing. I can't thank him enough for helping me in a way that none of my teachers at school could have. We then had even more time to build our prototypes. And the advances in some of the people's inventions were incredible. We had another guest speaker, Matt Lee. Matt is from IP (Intellectual Property) Australia. He talked about the importance of holding your cards close to your chest and not giving too much away. Patents were a big thing that he talked about and the range of patents you can issue on your idea. Matt was also a really competent public speaker with a lot of understanding about his job. We then got told that we were going to a networking event. For those of you who don't know what Networking is, its where you walk into a room with other people and you just have to go up to them and start a conversation. Now as we are fairly young, not many, if any of us, would have done anything like this before. We were really nervous going into the event, but the IC team stepped up once again showing us the ropes of what to talk about, how to listen and how to leave the conversation. After learning about the ins and outs of networking we all became a lot more confident. The night was really successful and a great experience. After that night I am becoming more confident talking to people.
Now students are back at school it is important to remind students and parents about Cyber Safety. In the past there have been instances of inappropriate messages being sent between students, therefore this is a reminder to all students that the rules and regulations listed in the Acceptable User Agreements are there to protect students from inappropriate behaviour and to ensure students are safe, responsible and ethical when using digital technology within the school. Listed below is an article detailing tips in regards to Cyber Safety.

The internet and mobile phones provide great ways to express yourself and communicate with others. It’s important to make sure they’re used responsibly so that everyone has an enjoyable online experience.

It’s all about respecting yourself and others.

1. Use a strong password, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, eg P@$$w0rd!
2. Use secure web browsers, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your operating system regularly and make sure you have antivirus software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren’t expecting – They could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don’t give out private information over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. Think before you post! Once you’ve pressed ‘Send’ you can’t get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to private or friends only! Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your permission before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don’t post inappropriate or illegal content - it is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone. You can also contact:

- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying. No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit www.thinkukknow.org.au
**School Health Nurse**

Welcome to the new school year! I am here at Wynyard High on Wednesdays and most Fridays. I am available to see students who are needing help with any issues related to health and wellbeing. This can include relationships, self-esteem, hygiene, nutrition and mental health or resilience. Students can self-refer or can be referred by teachers or parents / carers. I am also on site to help provide health education sessions (along with teaching staff) to the students in line with the Australian curriculum. I am also a QUIT smoking facilitator and am available to run sessions with students, parents and teachers who would like information on how to quit smoking. Another aspect of my role is as a Youth Health Fund worker. The Youth Health Fund is available to assist anyone aged 12 – 25. It provides financial assistance in the purchasing of some medications, payment for allied health services such as physiotherapy or access to specialists. If you would like to contact me, please talk to the Administration staff who can put you in touch with me, alternatively you can email me directly at: ann.bingham@education.tas.gov.au

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**Student Absence Text Line:**

If your child is absent, please text with name & reason to:

**0400 516 328**

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**Wynyard Show**

Students are invited to enter a variety of sections in the Show on Saturday 12 March. Sections include -

*Visual Art - any media
*A Boxed Collection - stamps, cards, miniatures etc
*Wood Work - any items
*Sewing, knitting, quilting, craft
*Garden Produce
*Photography
*Decorated Gum Boot
*Cooking

Also this year is a Pet Parade - students are invited to enter their favourite pet. For more information and Show Schedules, please see Mrs Moore.

Entries - except for your pets, need to be to Mrs Moore by Wednesday 9th March.
Thankyou & Farewell

It was with very mixed emotions that I finished in the role of Literacy Coach, and my ten years of teaching, at Wynyard High School in December last year. As my transfer to Parklands High School was announced on the last day of school, I did not have the opportunity to communicate to the whole school community via the school Newsletter.

I feel truly privileged to have been a part of such a welcoming, friendly organisation that offers a high quality educational program; one that also caters so well for a wide range of individual needs. I value the many friendships I have made during my time at WHS and thank all those who have supported me both professionally and personally. I am very grateful.

Whilst the Literacy Coaching role at WHS has been reduced to 0.5 this year, I know Ms Dione Parker will very capably continue to support Mr Downes, in leading the school to build on our previous literacy successes. These were outlined in the last Newsletter and School Magazine for 2015.

I wish the whole school community all the best for the future, and will be sure to stay in touch.

Carolyn Hay
Parklands High School Literacy Coach

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Our expectations, which apply to all students and all staff in all settings, are that each of us will:

- Do our best
- Respect people and property
- Be Fair
- Act responsibly
- Think and act safely

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**Wynyard High School Skoolbag App**

Our school has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Carer community. We are asking parents/carers to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Wynyard High School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Links to the Skoolbag app content appears on all the school web sites also.

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RECESS:
SAVOURY TOAST OR SAVOURY SCROLLS $1.50
SAVOURY MUFFINS $2.00
SWEET MUFFINS $2.50
CARROT CAKE OR CHOCOLATE CAKE $2.00
CHOCOLATE AND LEMON SLICE $1.50
COOKIES AND BANANA CUPCAKES $1.50
GARLIC PIDES $2.50
OZ DOGS $2.50
SAUSAGE ROLLS $2.60
HOT CHEESE ROLLS $1.50
CUP NOODLES $2.00

LUNCH: PLACE ORDER BEFORE SCHOOL AT CANTEEN
PIES $4.00
SAVOURY ROLL $3.50
SAUSAGE ROLLS $2.60
OZ DOGS $2.50
TOASTED SANDWICHES FROM $2.50
SALAD WRAPS / SALAD ROLLS $4.00

DAILY SPECIALS:
CHICKEN CHILLI WRAPS $4.00
CHICKEN BURGERS $4.00
PASTA OR LASAGNE $4.00
FRIED RICE - OCCASIONALLY $3.00
HOMEMADE SOUP WITH BREAD (IN COOLER MONTHS) $2.00

EXTRAS: VARIETY OF CHOC BARS AND CONFECTIONERY, RED ROCK DELI CHIPS
WATER $1.50 AND $2.00, FRUIT BOX $1.30, NIPPYS MILK $2.50, BIG M MILK $2.00,
DARE OR CLASSIC MILK $3.50, POP TOP JUICE $1.80, DAILY JUICE $3.00 BERRI JUICE
$2.50, MIZONE $3.50, SLUSHIES $2.50, ZOOPER DOOPERS 50C, FRUIT SALAD $2.50,
YOUGURT AND IT CUPS $2.50

*LUNCH ITEMS NEED TO BE ORDERED BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT RECESS
AS LIMITED EXTRAS ARE WARMED. THIS PRACTICE SAVES WASTAGE
WHICH IN TURN SAVES $$$. 