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, we expect all students to participate 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 the science and MDT redevelopments. We thank Chris for his contribution. I hope to see you there.

Alex Downes, Principal

Key Dates

Term 1
Thur 7 April
Students' last day
Fri 8 April
Moderation Day
Mon 25 April
Anzac Day
Tues 26 April
Term 2 Commences

Term 1
Tues 26 April
School Assoc Meeting
7.00pm
April
10 Tues-12 Thurs
NAPLAN

As Friday (tomorrow) is a student free day, staff are undertaking the Moderation process with student work samples being matched across schools against the Australian Curriculum standards. The day allows teachers to ensure there is an agreed understanding of the standards, and allows teachers to check their assessment procedures.

Next term promises to be another very busy one. Naplan testing is in week three of term 2, the Intercultural exchange is in week eight, and there are other activities planned.

This year’s Kinship walk was an outstanding success. The story of the Tommeginer was launched, for interested community people. The display is housed at Table Cape Primary School in their Terrapin. Students from the local schools attended a launch, followed by an assembly. WHS singing group performed two songs that brought the house down, our SEC led the assembly at TCPS very well and our students looked terrific in their uniform and behaved impeccably. Following the assembly all participants led by community leaders walked to Wynyard High School for a sausage sizzle, and a dancing exhibition by Craig Everett and his sons.

Anzac Day this year falls on the last day of the holidays. Please remember to support our community services. Students from the schools will be speaking and assisting.

Last Friday our girls’ cricketers had their gala day. From all reports they really enjoyed their day playing against the other schools. This year we finished second, continuing their strong performances in recent years.

This week we welcomed three new students to school. We are expecting more to start early next term. Next term we also welcome Mrs Anna Hartley – school psychologist to Wynyard High. Anna will be with us for three days each fortnight.

The School Association has its next meeting on Tuesday 26 April at 7pm in the main staff room. This meeting will explore fundraising options. If you are available please attend.

A reminder for students, sports clothing is not part of the uniform, especially skins (sports tights). All students are expected to wear the uniform as outlined in the handbook. Phone contact will be made home if necessary. In some cases students will be expected to go home to change.

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Holidays are great times for students to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. However I let them know before each holiday that it is important that they ensure their families also enjoy having them at home. They can do this by helping out, making sure they are on top of their chores and keeping safe.

I want to thank all staff for their very committed efforts this term, and thank students for the way they are working. Everyone has earned their well-deserved break.

Alex Downes
Principal

Intercultural Exchange

This year has seen the introduction of the Intercultural Exchange Project. 18 students in Grade 9 and 10 are participating in this exciting project.

Aims of the Project:
Students will recognise, and develop respect for, the local indigenous history and culture.
Students will make connections with various aboriginal communities in Central Australia, whilst participating in a wide range of activities.

Components of the Project:

Talking Tommeginer Times

- 3 workshops and an excursion will inform students of the Tommeginer Tribe as they lived on the North West Coast of Tasmania over 200 years ago.
- Students will produce multi-media presentation based on the Talking Tommeginer Times Exhibit based at Table Cape Primary School

Film Making

- Students are working with BigArt to produce a film which highlights the life of a young person, living in Wynyard to be shown to the students at the school in Ntaria.

Trip to Alice Springs

- Students will travel to Alice Springs, Hermannsburg and Uluru on June 15 – 22, 2016
Students will make connections with various aboriginal communities, whilst participating in a wide range of activities. In particular, the students will spend time at a school in Hermannsburg, interacting with young students, sharing experiences and gaining an insight into life in Central Australia.

The benefits of the project have already been seen with all members of the class speaking at the Official Opening of the Talking Tommeginer Times Exhibition housed at Table Cape Primary. Seven members of the group also shared their knowledge of the Tommeginer People at the Kinship Assembly on Friday.

Fundraising efforts have begun to help with the cost of travelling to Alice Springs.

Please support us with our Stall at Mess Fest on Friday, 15 April. We are selling drinks and sweet items between 11am – 2pm.

AND...The Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on ANZAC Day 12 noon – 5pm.

Helena Moore
Trip Co-ordinator
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Numeracy
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2016 are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html
The Intercultural Exchange Class visited Freestone Cove as part of the Talking Tommeginer Times Project.

Talking Tommeginer Times

Over the past 3 weeks our Intercultural Exchange group, which consists of 17 students in grades 9 and 10, have been studying about our local Aboriginal Tribe; the Tommeginer people. The “Talking Tommeginer Time” exhibition that we have been studying is located at the Table Cape Primary School, and is run by Mrs Jan Suter, a former teacher at TCPS.

In the first week we had our introduction to the exhibition, and we got to know the place and people better. In the second week we split off into smaller groups and picked a couple of subject banners. We were interested in these because we gained further knowledge of these topics. An example of the banners that were picked to study were:

- Middens
- Spears, Waddies and Digging Sticks
- Trek to Robin Island
- Kelp Bowls
- Medicines
- Spiritual
- Ochre
- Fish Traps

In the third week we walked over to TCPS and caught a bus to Table Cape Light House. From there we walked along a track that the Tommeginer Tribe would have used in their time. We also stopped at a place along the track where Miss Suter knew of a Midden. Unfortunately it was not visible. We then hopped back on the bus and made our way to Freestone Cove, also known as Fossil Bluff. At Fossil Bluff we looked at some fish traps that the Tommeginer Tribe would have used as a food source. From the fish traps we were able to see where the Tommeginer Tribe would have had their Bee Hive Huts during winter.

Next term we will be strongly focussing on fundraising for our trip to N’Taria, Hermannsburg and we are all very excited about what this project will lead to.

Abbey Morris and Jessica Wise
The grade 8 students have been working on iDevice photography and learning about basic composition. We have been exploring the app Enlight. The task was to find letters out of spaces in the world around us and create a word from that.

This project was to use a selfie, and manipulate it as best as possible with the Enlight App.
Wynyard High School Skoolbag App
Get it Now!!!

WHS has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App. It is full of up to date information about our school including the newsletters that you can read right on your phone. It is a free app, and it is easy to access with loads of information available to everyone that has the app. 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.
**Netball 2016**

A reminder that netball will not start until 02 May 2016 due to the upgrading of the courts in Burnie.

Teams have been arranged but are subject to change. Any queries please contact Jeannie Jones.

**WHS Blue**
- Kaylee Hanson
- Alison Reeves
- Milly Jackson
- Angel Clark
- Yazmin Butcher
- Sophie Bousfield
- Chelsey Marshall

**WHS White**
- Angela Woolnough
- Hayley Marshall
- Jessica Wise
- Grace Fagan
- Kelly Williams
- Kaylee Simpson
- Emily Stedman

**WHS Red**
- Emily Bousfield
- Katherine Stutterd
- Chey Denby Kaye
- Evelyn Williams
- Emily Shires
- Hayley Stedman
- Joanne Reeves

**COACHES/UMPIRES WANTED**

The junior and senior football rosters start next term and we are currently looking for anyone who could help out with coaching the teams or umpiring games. The season only runs for second term.

Junior games – Wednesday afternoons 3:30pm -5:00pm
Senior games – Tuesday afternoons 3:30pm -5:00pm

See Kirk Hampton for any further information. Wynyard High School (03) 64422385

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**Head Lice**

Head lice have been found amongst children in the school. It is possible that head lice or nits are present in your child’s hair. Would you please check your child’s hair as soon as possible and, if head lice or nits are detected, commence a recommended treatment. After use of a recommended treatment and an attempt to remove all of the eggs (nits), your child may return to school.

**Treat only if there is evidence of head lice.**

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**ART INSTALLATION**

(Chip Packets Wanted)

Next term a large number of our students will be working with local artist, Ritchie Dona, to help create a piece of art which will be installed in the atrium at the Burnie City Council Chambers as part of 10 Days on the Island 2017.

Students will be folding chip packets to create 1000’s of triangles, which will form part of a chandelier.

Ritchie has asked that everyone keep their empty 200g (the large ones) chip packets and place them in the box provided in the kitchen.

More information is available from Mrs Moore.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

This information can also be found on the WHS Internet Page — click on the Community Notice Board. Tab and attached you will find all the community notices we have received.

- Tastrofest
- Try-Skills 11-22 April
- Stuff it—Student Film Festival
- Girls Go Surfing Day
- Health and wellbeing newsletter
- Slip Stream Circus

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**DR BAT**

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
MESS FEST

Live Music  Free BBQ  Loud
Games  Art Comp
Eating Competition
Colouring In  Fun
Messy!  ART

When: FRIDAY 15TH APRIL
Time: 11AM – 2PM
Where: GUTTERIDGE GARDENS

For further details 0409 619 552 or email lixdalighting.
This event is coordinated by young people for young people, with adult input.

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