

RUNWAY DESIGNS FROM THE FASHION DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, 21st October, Woree State High School held its annual Arts, Foods and Cultural Festival. From 2 pm to 7 pm a variety of show-cases, cultural activities, art, food and fun were on display at the Woree High School shelter.

To kick off this cultural extravaganza was the 2009 'Made to Scream' fashion parade. Some of the fashions on show this year included cocktail dresses, fascinators, sleep wear, fantasy wear and accessories. The students all contributed and worked hard to show off their designs and talent. A big thank you to Carmella and Alice Frazer who have worked tirelessly this year helping the girls get their designs from paper to runway.

Nikki Stewart

FASHION DESIGN TEACHER



AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

115 year 10 students, 19 TAFE leaders, 10 teachers, 2 teacher aides and one deputy principal trundled their way on buses and in cars to the shores of Camp Barabadeen on Lake Tinaroo to attend the annual 3-day year 10 camp. When I visited them on Wednesday, all were happy and content and having a great time, even though Mr Findlay had growled his fiercest at the few who dared to stray from tents when it had been lights out. A few fluoro lights on tents put the lights out finally.

Students enjoyed the rigorous activities of raft-building, canoeing, abseiling and low ropes course. Some students were taken out of their comfort zones and learned a number of new skills and made new friendships.

In the words of one student: "It was funsies".

Cathy Brauns YEAR 10 COORDINATOR



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

What is it all about? National Child Protection Week is the time of the year when people around the country unite to raise awareness and funds to stop child abuse.

There are more than 50,000 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Australia each year. Fortunately there is an increasing awareness that child abuse is both treatable and preventable. Do your bit- go online at www.preventingchildabuse.com.au before the 1st of November and complete a confidential survey. This survey has been designed by a team of Australia's leading researchers and the outcomes of this survey will be used to inform future strategies for change.

Woree State High School students will have the opportunity to enter a competition to be judged in October to win two return domestic flights with Jetstar to the value of \$1 000. Students have been asked to develop a poster, song, poem or logo around the theme of "what do young people need to be happy and resilient?"

Karin Klein SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE



IMPORTANT DATES

22 OCTOBER

- Marine Safety Training Day Year 10/11

23 OCTOBER

- Year 11/12 Tourism Excursion

27 OCTOBER

- Year 10 KFC Excursion

28-29 OCTOBER

- Year 11 Biology Field Trip

30 OCTOBER

- Year 11 Hospitality Excursion

3 NOVEMBER

- Year 10 KFC Excursion

4 NOVEMBER

- 2009 PRESENTATION EVENING Cairns Civic Theatre

6 NOVEMBER

- Indigenous Leadership Showcase Day

13 NOVEMBER

- Year 10 Catering Function

16-20 NOVEMBER

- Year 12 - Last Week Activities

18 November

- Year 12 Formal/Graduation

19 November

- Year 12 SchoolTech Formal/ Graduation
- Year 11 Hospitality Function

20 NOVEMBER

- Year 12 Last Day - Breakfast & Formal Assembly

23-26 NOVEMBER

- Year 11 Block Exams

26 NOVEMBER

- Year 10 & 11 Last Day for Assessment

27 NOVEMBER

- Year 10 & 11's Final Day

2 DECEMBER

- Year 8 & 9 Final Day for Assessment

7 DECEMBER

- Year 10 & 11 Reports Posted

7-11 DECEMBER

- Year 8 & 9 Alternative Program

9 DECEMBER

- Year 7 Transition Day

11 DECEMBER

- Final Day for Term 4 - School Resumes Wed 27 January 2010

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WOREE HIGHLIGHTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

YEAR 10 STUDENTS "STEPPING TOWARDS OUR FUTURE"

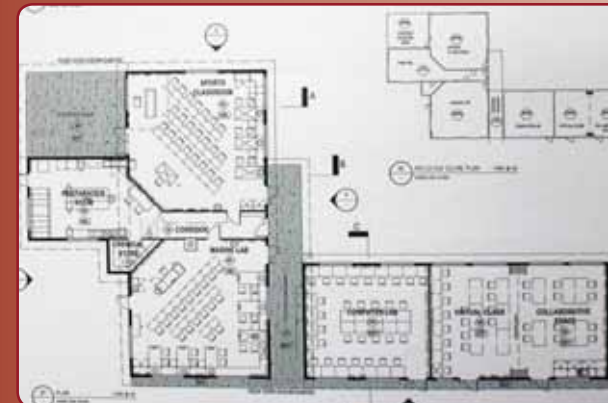
Congratulations to the Year 10 cohort for coordinating and participating in our first BEACON charter signing. The focus was on students, family, school and business committing to doing everything in our power to ensure all students successfully transition into employment, training or higher education. Thanks to Desley Ferrando, Gail Beggs and the SOSE team for all their efforts in supporting the students throughout the year in exploring options, up skilling students and planning a pathway into their future.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Just before the holidays the Year 9 National Testing results were released and sent out to individual families. The curriculum team will spend time analysing the school data in detail as part of the annual school review process. Generally we are pleased with the progress of the cohort with gains in most aspects of literacy and numeracy compared with their Year 7 results. The numeracy results have proven to be the highlight with 86% of students above the national benchmark, this is a significant improvement from 45% in Year 7. A pleasing improvement was also evident in the area of spelling with 79.7 % of students achieving satisfactory results. In comparison with like schools across the nation, we still have areas requiring improvement and this will form the basis for key strategies in the 2010 Strategic Plan.

IT IS CERTAINLY A YEAR FOR DEVELOPING OUR FACILITIES

Language and Science Centre designs have been finalised and will go to tender this term. We are really excited with this facility as it will provide the latest scientific technology to complement our innovative science programs.



Stage 1 of the Visual Arts block has been signed off with Max Bryant Constructions being awarded the main contract. We will need to vacate the centre this week so construction can commence on developing 3 contemporary art classrooms and a gallery for displaying student work. Stage 2, the addition of an outdoor covered courtyard, has been approved at the state level requiring more detailed planning to be completed and submitted for further assessment.

Progress on the Marine College is as follows:

Design Phase completed:	30 November 2009
Christmas New Year break:	17 December 2009 - 3 January 2010
Tender issue:	4 - 19 January 2010
Tender Evaluation:	1 - 19 February 2010
Appoint contractor:	19 February 2010
Construction phase:	22 February - 26 November 2010

Tony Fuller

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Mr Tony Fuller
Deputy Principal:
Ms Susan McQuillan
Deputy Principal:
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Mr Peter Stone

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Science: Mr Ray Grundy
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YEAR 10 STUDENTS COMMIT TO A FUTURE IN TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT OR HIGHER EDUCATION

On Wednesday 14th October 2009 a crowd of approximately 400 gathered as 160 Year 10 students made a commitment toward their future goals by stating the following pledge: "I willingly commit to participate in the 'Stepping towards Our Future' project, which aims to engage all Year 10 Woree State High School students in a future that involves further education, training and employment." The Charter signing and pledge culminated a year of events and education which included: various career markets and industry visits, Beacon personal development opportunities, a community project, Certificate I Work Education studies and Year 10 camp.

The function was hosted by the Year 10 Beacon student ambassadors. Names suppressed for the web, were very proud and capable representatives of Woree State High School, name suppressed spoke of behalf of the cohort, name suppressed delivered the "vote of thanks", names suppressed cut the celebratory cake, and names suppressed welcomed invited guests and parents. Beacon Representatives, travelling from Brisbane for the event, could not speak highly enough of the ambassadors, and students in attendance and the entertainment provided.

GUEST SPEAKERS:



FORMER STUDENT:
Mr Mitchim Elder



BUSINESS ADDRESS:
Mrs Christine Vincent



It was pleasing to have the support of parents, community and business alike at such an important event. "Stepping towards Our Future" is a fantastic and achievable goal for all Year 10 Students at Woree State High School.

Desley Ferrando VET COORDINATOR



THE WOREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL BEACON FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS WITH PRINCIPAL TONY FULLER AND BEACON FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE MS JADE LEISHMAN.

50 APPRENTICES IN 15 DAYS

Congratulations must go to Shelley Hundley, Employment Coordinator for SchoolTech (Skill360 Australia) who has been working tirelessly, coordinating her team and visiting businesses to promote SchoolTech and school-based apprentices in the joint campaign funded by TAFE and Skill360 to work towards 50 jobs in 15 days. There have been numerous "signups" and great coverage by Cairns Post, Channel 7 News and Channel 7 Sunrise Program. Students who have been signed up as school based apprentices will be showcased in the next Woree Highlights.



**Shelley Hundley
Employment Coordinator**



Carmel Iivonen HOD SCHOOLTECH

SPEEDY NAME SUPPRESSED FOR THE WEB

In most classes at SchoolTech most of *name suppressed* teachers would not even notice him in class due to his quiet nature. However, little do many know that this year 11 Auto Mechanic student, with very few words to say, has just won the Far North Queensland title for racing cars at Speedway in Cairns (where he placed second and third in the last two years.) Steven won \$100 cash and a trophy to add to his collection at home.



He was first introduced to the Speedway competitions at the age of 12 by his father who has been a keen competitor for over 20 years. After *name suppressed* finishes his Automotive course, one of his main goals is to build race car motors. *Name suppressed* states that he loves racing cars because it is fun and you can learn to drive in wet conditions. People travel from many places throughout Queensland, from as far as Mackay and Townsville to participate in the Speedway competitions in Edmonton. This year there will be classes to train children from 10-17 year olds in the junior division. Suberia Bowie ACTING HOD SCHOOLTECH



OUTRIGGERING ADVENTURE



MarineTech students spent a day at Yorkey's Knob beach learning how to handle Polynesian Canoes. Students were divided into teams of 6 and were taught by club trainers how to paddle, turn, catch waves, come in to shore and most importantly capsizing techniques. The group had an exciting day with challenging weather conditions and a beach BBQ lunch. The day finished with a race resulting in a superb win for the Mud Crab Eaters. Unfortunately, according to the students, no boats tipped over.

Sabrina Paterson



IMPRESSIVE RESULTS IN THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all students who entered the Australian Mathematics Competition on 6th August. The results arrived recently and were commendable for all students who participated. This year approximately 453,000 students entered the competition worldwide, including 337,000 from Australia. Students receive certificates based on performance according to the following criteria:

- In each year group for each Australian state, certificates of Merit have been awarded to approximately the top 45% of students sitting the competition.
- Special prizes are awarded to the top 0.3% of students. The remainder of the top 2% of students receive High Distinction certificates, the next 13% receive Distinction certificates and the remaining 30% receive Credit certificates.

At Woree State High School this year, 112 students entered the competition – a substantial increase on last year! This is due to the fact that *all students* doing "extension Maths" or Senior Maths B were strongly encouraged to enter the competition. Overall, we received 4 Distinctions, 22 Credits and 86 Participation certificates.

Well done students for giving it a go!

Vince Musumeci
ACTING HOD MATHS



TEST CONDITIONS DURING THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

RESULTS ARE IN FOR THE ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION!

108 students from Woree entered the 2009 ICAS English competition which is conducted across Australia and 12 other countries. Entrants are tested on their vocabulary, their understanding of syntax and textual devices, their ability to comprehend literary and factual texts. All participants receive detailed feedback on how they fared, question by question, in comparison to all other students in Queensland who sat for the test.



Eighteen students received awards of Credit which put them in the top 35% of the entrants. Five students *NAME SUPPRESSED IN THE TOP 7% FOR YEAR 8* received Awards of Distinction, being placed in the top 11% of all students. *Name suppressed* was the school's top competitor. *Name suppressed* was in the top 7% of all readers in Yr 8. This is a marvellous achievement and it is no surprise to hear *name suppressed* say that she loves to read.

Congratulations to all participants and special congratulations to our award winners. Keep reading and good luck in next year's competition.

Helen Tenison-Woods HOD ENGLISH

WOREE STUDENTS ATTEND OPTI-MINDS

On Sunday 23 August, 6 students had a fun day at James Cook University attending this years Opti-MINDS challenge. Congratulations to *name suppressed* (all year 9) and *name suppressed* (year 10). Thanks to Ms McCoy who helped us at lunchtimes and supported us on the day.

Opti-MINDS is a creative problem-solving event for teams of participants from preschool to adult within 4 divisions. Woree State High School participated in Division 3 which is open to students in years 7 through to 10.

We learned about working together to achieve success. We had fun using our brains to come up with interesting answers to the challenges. The judges were nice and gave us valuable feedback to use next year. Hopefully lots more students will join us next year for this fun event!

Name suppressed
YEAR 9
STUDENT



WINNING EFFORT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Recently the Year 12 Early Childcare class entered a competition where they had to choose an activity suitable for children four to five years old. They had to justify how their activity helped the development of the children.



Name suppressed was selected as a finalist. She had to conduct the activity (paper dyeing) with a group of children at Waratah Drive Daycare Centre.

The children had a great time and *name suppressed* was kept busy as many extra children joined in the activity. *name suppressed* enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal from it. The judging has been completed and first place was awarded to *name suppressed*. Congratulations. Lea Biddle TEACHER



LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Congratulations to Mr Herbert who received recognition in a national short story competition. Mr Herbert decided to experience first-hand what he puts his students through when asking them to be creative.

15 000 words later, Mr Herbert entered his story and nervously waited for others to judge his writing. It was no surprise to find that Mr Herbert's story impressed and he was acknowledged as a talented writer. Congratulations Mr Herbert!

Helen Tenison-Woods
HOD ENGLISH

A NEW TEST

Ms Collis introduced us to a new test for Woree State High School. Glen Alsop PhD, has been training some Cairns' teachers to use the Raven's Matrices test.

We were presented with a book containing questions and a sheet for the answers. The test consisted of non-verbal questions. Each question was a series of complicated patterns. Like all tests it started off easy but as it went on the patterns became more twisted and harder to decipher. *Names suppressed* realised that some questions were based purely on simple addition and subtraction. Other questions just moved the shape up or down, but all patterns were based on what fit correctly into the empty space. Overall this test was not that difficult for those who 'close their eyes and open their minds', as was quoted in 'Bridge To Terabithia'.

To me the test was an enjoyable experience and I look forward to similar challenges in the future because I have not been tested like this before.

Name suppressed for the web GRADE 9 STUDENT



RESPECTING OUR ELDERS AND NURTURING OUR YOUTH THROUGH NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC celebrations are recognised around Australia as a great way of Indigenous people demonstrating and sharing the unique culture of their traditional and contemporary lifestyles within the community. This annual event is a highly anticipated cultural highlight of the school year.

The week of events involved staff, students, parents, carers, elders and Indigenous community members. The involvement of Woree State High School also included curriculum based units, tasks and assessment matters.



The week started with guest speaker, Indigenous actor Aaron Faasoe, speaking at school parade about his life experiences in high school and at the workplace. He also explained how he had been able to achieve his goals.

Other activities of the week included: cartoon drawing workshops, art workshops, beading/jewellery making, all day HRE (Human Relationship Education) with Year 8, music workshops and Year 9 sports afternoon activities. The week finished with a special live performance of cultural dance and music from the Culture Beat band.

Name suppressed YEAR 11 INDIGENOUS LEADER
Name suppressed YEAR 8 STUDENT