



Wadja Wadja High School Newsletter

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Penned from the Acting Principal Mr Hector Costello

During term 2, I have had the privilege of being the Acting Principal of Wadja Wadja High School. I have previously been involved at the school as a consultant with my main role being the redesigning of the senior curriculum. I have been involved in education both public and private schools in Queensland with 11 years as a principal in independent schools. I will continue to act in this role as the Board seeks a permanent principal for the position.

This term I had the privilege to attend the ISQ Indigenous Education Principals' Biennial Forum, an event designed to bring together school leaders from ISQ member schools with a high number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to discuss their shared challenges and opportunities. Nationally in 2022, Indigenous student enrolments in the independent sector experienced the highest growth across any school sector in the past 13 years. This growth is due in no small part to the incredible work being carried out by school leaders and staff at Queensland's independent schools, which cater for more than 6,000 Indigenous students.

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Social Media Outlets

 [Wadja Wadja High school](#)

 <https://www.wadja.com.au/>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

New Staff Members

A warm welcome to new staff:
Teacher Aides

- Leo Dynevor

UNIFORMS ARE COMPULSORY AND TO BE WORN WITH PRIDE

Student Birthdays



APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaquana • Clarice • Arianah • Lesley • Mathew • Ivan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceiana • Christopher • Laverne • Grace • Joseph • Anntwenett • Oron • Heather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William • Justin • Tammy • Rahkeem • Chantell • Leonard

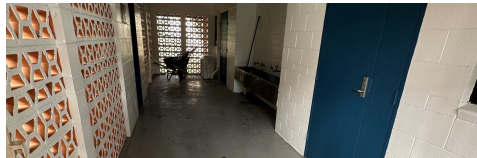


CLASSROOM RENOVATION'S



MANUAL ARTS BUILDING TO CLASSROOM AND ART ROOM

During Term 2, the old manual art building has been undergoing refurbishments to turn into the Grade 7,8s classroom and Art room.



NEW SCHOOL SIGNAGE

Wadja will have new school signage located around admin office gardens.



Thank you Willie Hutchinson for your ongoing help in making our school gardens to look marvellous!!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Miscellaneous painting across the high school
- Routine building and maintenance
- Gardening
- 2 x New outdoor shaded seating for students
- New furniture for Art class and Grade 7,8s classroom

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

Monday 24th of April, Wadja Wadja High School held a service to honour the ANZAC tradition. Students commemorated this event by writing thank you letters and poems. Our school invited some special guests. Among them, Wadja Chair Vince Ghilotti, Nan Dianne Hill, Reggie Cressbrook, Leo Dynevor, PCYC and Community Spirit Foundaton. Nan Dianne did Welcome to Country whilst Reggie and Leo shared some stories with the students. Everyone stood silent to the playing of the Last Post and a minute of silence in respect for the diggers. We finished with an amazing morning tea for all to share. Well done Wadja Wadja Students for representing yourselves with pride.



Art Class

This term in Art classes, students are honouring the NAIDOC theme of "For Our Elders" with artwork that reflects their understanding. The finished pieces will be entered into 2 competitions, the 2023 Creative Arts Competition and the 2023 IEU Awards for Excellence in Art Design.



Graham Leeson – QLD Reds

We would like to say a big thank you to Graham Leeson for all his hardwork, dedication and partnership with us. Graham has been a big support for us and our students.



Reconciliation Lunch

The entire school including staff shared in a reconciliation lunch to recognise the importance and meaning of why we celebrate this day. Thank you Baralaba Cafe for catering on this day.

WADJA WADJA HIGH SCHOOL RETIRES

We have had to say farewell to two staff members this term. No words can explain the appreciation and gratitude for these well dedicated staff members for their years of service.

Daniel Hoepner

Mr Daniel Hoepner was a Teacher and Acting Principal for us. We are sad to see Daniel leave after 6 years of service. He was a hardworking man who was dedicated to the education system and wanted the best outcome for his classes. A big thank you from staff and students, and we wish Mr Hoepner all the best for the future.

Dion McNeil

After 3 1/2 years of service we have said goodbye to Mr Dion McNeil who was a teacher aide. His presence will be missed and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT FOUNDATION HORIZON INTERSTATE PROGRAM



Monday 29th of April, saw four students embrace the opportunity to join Community Spirit Foundation for the Horizon Camp to Darwin, Northern Territory, accompanied by CSF staff Khanita Sukaserm and Greg Major. Students who attended:

- Justin
- Shakiah
- Damien
- Kahzia



Horizons interstate program provides First Nations young people with the opportunity to join their peers from partner communities for a life changing educational experience. The program engages with a specific cohort of students from grades 5-12 from each of the partner schools, culminating in an Australian state and territory capital city camp.



PCYC Community Partnership

This term, PCYC have been dedicating their time here at school every day. Including lunch time sports to play Handball, Basketball and Edor, a rejuvenation project getting students involved to revamp and clean up old seating area which was the yarning circle and to support our students during lessons. No words can describe how thankful we are of their support especially to Gerry Doyle, Lesley Bligh, Sefija Huskic and Tyrell Conway.



NAIDOC 'For Our Elders' CELEBRATION

21st of June, Students and staff celebrated NAIDOC 'For Our Elders'. A showcase of artwork was presented to reflect the students understanding of this years theme. Representatives from all community organisations were invited to join us in this event. Morning tea was held and a lovely Kup Murri. A visit from Kulgoodah dancers joined the students to perform a traditional dance for our community elders. Thank you Gary, Llona, Nicole and Kruga. We wouldn't have been able to host such a successful event without the support, partnerships of community groups and individuals, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank;

PCYC Staff	Kup Murri cooks	Kulgoodah Dancers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gerry Doyle - Shania Huskic - Lesley Bligh - Sefija Huskic - Tyrell Conway - George Jarrett 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary and Llona Huskic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicole Cameron - Kruga Adams and fellow dancers
QLD Reds	Community Spirit Foundation	Woorabinda Hospital / Queensland Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graham Leeson - Douglas Tilberoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geoffrey Major - Khanita Sukaserm - Samana Sukaserm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff member representatives

Youth Justice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff member representatives

As well as our dedicated teaching team.



Term 3, 2023 Date Claimers	
Sunday 2 nd – 9 th of July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 10 th of July	Term 3 Commences
Monday 10 th of July	Queensland Rugby League workshop visit
Thursday 13 th of July	Foxleigh mine – NAIDOC Celebration
Thursday 20 th of July	The Last Daughter movie screening
Monday 24 th – 27 th of July	JUTE drama performance group visit
Tuesday 26 th of July	Youth opportunity day and community performance by JUTE
Friday 28 th of July	STARLAB dome education
Tuesday 1 st – 2 nd of August	Coolwaters student camp
Thursday 3 rd of August	Gladstone careers market / Expo
Friday 1 st of September	Student free day
Monday 4 th of September	Parent – Teacher visit Yr 7/8
Tuesday 5 th of September	Parent – Teacher visit Yr 9
Wednesday 6 th of September	Parent – Teacher visit Yr 10/12
Friday 15 th of September	Last of day of Term 3

QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE WORKSHOP



National Rugby League Ltd

Monday 10th of July 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Shared lunch meals with students
- Fun sporting activities on school oval
- Classroom learning session

TIME:

Start - 12:30PM

Ends - 2:30PM

WHERE:

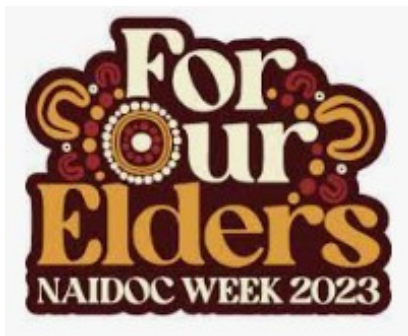
Wadja Wadja High School
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FOXLEIGH MINE

Naidoc **Celebration Day**

Thursday 13th of July 2023



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- NAIDOC Celebration Ceremony
- Tour of mine site

WHERE:

Foxleigh Coal Mine



ROCKHAMPTON / YEPPOON EXCURSION

Tuesday 1st - 2nd of August 2023



WHERE:

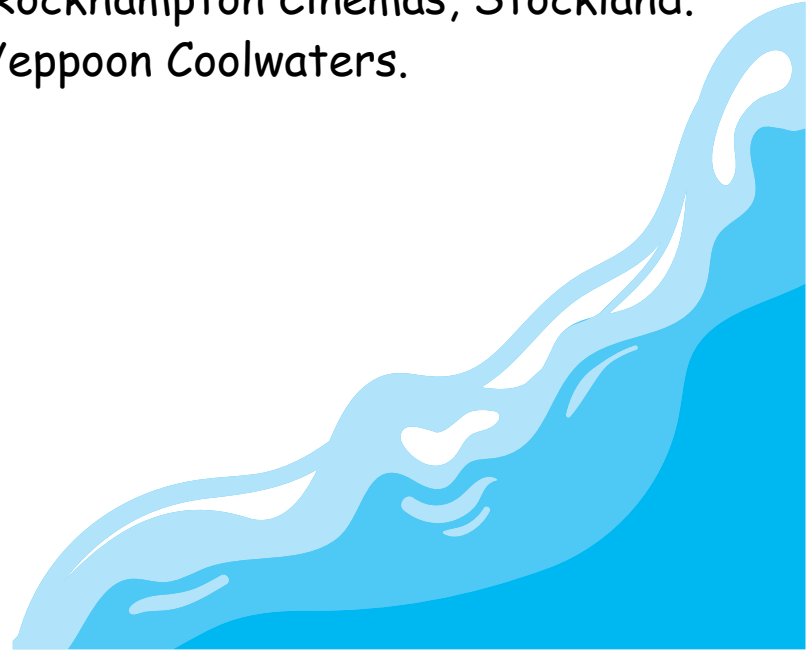
1st stop - Rockhampton Virtual World.

2nd stop - Rockhampton Cinemas, Stockland.

3rd stop - Yeppoon Coolwaters.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Visit Virtual World
- Go to see the new Transformers: Rise of the Beasts movie
- Spend your afternoon at fun Coolwaters



GLADSTONE CAREERS EXPO

Thursday 3rd of August 2023



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Being exposed to career opportunities from big organisations offering career pathways, apprenticeships and traineeships specifically for Indigenous students.

WHERE:

Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, Gladstone.

Youth Opportunity Day

Featuring various FREE fun youth activities relating to health and wellbeing, education, employment, training, youth support services.

- Sports
- Lunch
- Healthy food demonstration
- Meet the special Baby Animals

Date: Wed 26th July 2023
Time: 11.00am to 3.00pm
Venue: Kangaroo Stadium, Woorabinda

**JUTE Theatre Performance from Cairns, will be performing
11:30 and 12:00**

Focus age group: 14 to 25

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