



Wadja Wadja High School Newsletter

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Penned from the Acting Principal **Mr Hector Costello**

Term 3, has been an eventful term at Wadja Wadja High School. The beginning weeks of the term had students going on multiple camps visiting Foxleigh Mines, watching the award-winning acclaimed film "The Last Daughter", experiencing a day devoted to science hosted by Starlab Education. Highlights were the JUTE Theatre Company coming for a week to engage our students in their drama program. We also had a rewarding day for our students to be a part of the DORRIE Day First Nations Careers Day in Gladstone.

The year 7 and 8 classes are now enjoying their new refurbished classroom and the students are excited and enjoying it. The ongoing beautification of the property grounds is coming along. The gardens are growing, there is new seating, identifying displays and painting of the building is progressing.

We are proud of the many students who are stepping up with their attendance not only this term but throughout the year. As a result, there were many students receiving award for both attendance and effort in the recent Gold Awards presented by Community Spirit Foundation. We thank you for your continued support to our school and hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

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AND TO BE WORN WITH PRIDE**

Student Birthdays



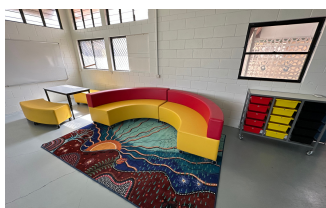
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BUILDING'S AND GROUND'S

- Miscellaneous painting across the school grounds
- Routine building and maintenance
- Gardening
- New school outdoor signs.
- 2 x New concrete slabbing for outdoor shade seating's.

NEW FURNISHING FOR GRADE 7,8 Classroom



NEW FURNISHING FOR ART CLASSROOM



NEW SCHOOL ENTRY SIGNAGE

New exciting things in the works!



QRL Country Week Community Visits

Best way to start the term off with the National Rugby League (NRL) in partnership with the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) visiting the students as they had announced Biloela area to host the 2023 Hostplus Country Week game - Central Queensland Capras vs Ipswich Jets. Their Country Week school workshop was focused on delivering key Health and Wellbeing messages, as well as an opportunity to meet and greet selected current QRL Hostplus players alongside physical activity games.



Foxleigh Mine NAIDOC Celebration

As part of celebrating NAIDOC week, Foxleigh Mine invited our students for a 2nd year to experience the mining industry. The morning started with a lesson on the process of collecting coal deposits from explosions, testing of soils and extractions of coal deposits. Students were able to get on the different types of mine trucks.

They viewed aboriginal artifacts native to the land that have been found and collected during surveying the land before they make it a mine site.



The Last Daughter movie screening

The film *The Last Daughter* was watched on Thursday 20th July, 11:00am.

The film tells the story of Brenda's first memories of growing up in a loving white foster family, before she was suddenly taken away and returned to her Aboriginal family. Decades later, she feels disconnected from both halves of her life, and the traumas of her past do not lie quietly buried. She goes searching for the foster family with whom she had lost all contact and along the way she uncovers long-buried secrets, government lies, and the possibility for deeper connections to family and culture.

The Last Daughter is a powerful and inspiring documentary about Brenda's journey to unearth the truth in her past and reconcile the two sides of her family.



JUTE Theatre Company

Dare to Dream Regional Tour

Back on Track play and residency tour, JUTE Theatre Company fearlessly tackles the pressing issue of road safety with an innovative and thought-provoking approach. Through a compelling blend of powerful storytelling, dynamic performances, and immersive theatrical techniques, our Dare to Dream Team bring the importance of responsible behaviour in traffic.



Back on Track Play

Students gained confidence to do a little perform for the staff members a skit of what they had learnt. Thank you, JUTE for investing your time to teach our students safety lessons through the art of acting.

Youth Opportunity Day

'Youth Opportunity Day' was about held at the Kangaroo Stadium on 26/07/2023. Youth opportunity day had a variety of local businesses in Woorabinda such as;

- QLD Health
- Office of Fair Trading
- Woorabinda Police
- Yoonthalla services
- Community Spirit Foundation
- Many more

The product stands showcased different career paths for students, and what services they could offer. The baby animal stand was a highlight for our students.



Rockhampton / Yeppoon excursion + Dorrie Day First Nations Careers Expo

Eager students boarded the bus designated to take them on a 3 day adventure to Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Gladstone to attend "Dorrie Day First Nations Careers Expo".

Day 1, students went to Virtual World a gaming video arcade similar to Funzone. Rockhampton cinema to watch the new Transformers: Rise of the Beasts movie.

Day 2, a day spent at Coolwaters in Yeppoon for some fun with park facilities they have to provide.

Day 3, Student's and teacher's travelled to Gladstone to attend the Dorrie Day First Nations Careers Day. The First Nations careers day 'Dorrie Day' was a day for our students to engage with businesses and organisations from Bundaberg, Gladstone, Calliope and surrounding areas to develop an understanding and passion for the many First Nations identified roles. Students had the opportunity to engage with different businesses, and organisations and understand the positions and careers available to them.



Indigenous Literacy Day 2023

Indigenous Literacy Day is a special day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, stories and languages are promoted and celebrated. In Year 9, as a part of this we explored Dreaming stories around creation. It was interesting to research and talk about stories that have been told over generations. We also watched a video to further explore Indigenous culture and what it means – family, a sense of belonging, the land, dance, songs, language, music, stories, history, knowing who you are and where you come from. We also talked about the importance of sitting and listening to our elders, so that we learn from them – their stories, then become part of our story.

Go for GOLD Fund



What is it about?

Go for Gold Fund is implemented from the Queensland Government Department of Education to improve sports in schools in readiness for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This Funding is spread across primary, middle, high, special education, outdoor and distance education schools.

The Government has committed \$100 million to build or upgrade schools sport buildings and to provide sport equipment aimed to increase student activity and participation in sport across all Queensland schools.

Application timeline:

We will be in the sector Round 2 - Sports infrastructure funding; Category 2. The second round of funding is for new or upgraded school sports infrastructure. Category 2 will cater over \$500,000 up to and including \$2.5 million (location adjusted)

Search link for further information:

<https://alt-qed.qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/department/building-education/major-projects/school-upgrades/go-for-gold#timeline>

