

## Week 11 Term 1 2024

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This week is the last week of a very busy term! The recent floodings and road closures have significantly impacted our school community for the last week, impacting both students and staff attendance and anxiety levels. We hope by next term we are back to our normal day to day operations. Parents are reminded that the uniform shop is open every Thursday during the school term, and at the Kingswood shop daily. It is very likely to be cold by the time we return to Term 2, so parents and carers may wish to purchase warm items of school uniform this week. Cold weather is not an excuse to be out of uniform. Under some circumstances families can access student assistance to purchase uniform items- please contact the school if you need assistance.

Please ensure your child is at school this Friday, the last day of term. Some students think because it is the last day of term, they do not have to attend. This not only impacts attendance data, it does not prepare students for their

future where, as an employed adult, you don't take a day off work before your official holidays start.

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On Tuesday's assembly, the staff member who was acknowledged was our SLSO (Student Learning Support Officer) Sharon Scott.

> **OPPORTUNITY INNOVATION**

**SUCCESS** 

We also congratulated our High Flyers Courtney Y. and Lucas S. for being the most rewarded students in the last week.





Each week a faculty is designated to distribute faculty awards. Congratulations to Ozaya, Rose and Yelaina.

We have some amazing creative artists at our school, who we provide lots of opportunities to showcase their work. We recently submitted two artworks by Nina and Solymar in Year 11 to the Art Gallery of NSW for entry into The Young Archie Competition, along with the artworks from the finalists of the in-school competition. We are hopeful their talents will be recognised when the competition will be judged.





Not only are our creative students provided with great opportunities, but so are our students who have passion and skill in the sporting arena.

Our Girls Open Soccer team played this week in the rain for Round 3 of the Sydney West Knockout against Glenwood High School.

Despite only having 11 players to start and only 10 players in the second half due to an injury, the girls did incredibly well to dig deep and fight all the way to the end.

A great effort in goalkeepers by Abby in the first half and Zoe in the second half (even saving a penalty) to keep the score down, but Glenwood took advantage of the tired legs and ran away with the win. Unlucky girls, but you should all be commended on representing the school with such pride and working hard for the entire tournament.





A busy week of knockouts continued with the U15s Girls Soccer team competing in the Bill Turner Trophy for the first time in over 20 years. Round 1 was against Santa Sophia Catholic College. Despite being short on players, the girls showed great resilience and displayed a 'never give up' attitude right down to the final whistle. A great effort girls, you represented our school with pride.

As a part of our beautification of the school grounds, we have had the gardens at the back door of the administration block landscaped with plants that are tolerant of low light. Thank you to Gills Services Pty. Ltd. for doing a great job!







A huge Thank you and Congratulations to Viv, our amazing SLSO who has now worked for the Department of Education for 40 years- all in Special Ed! So many young people have benefited from your help over this time! It was great to celebrate with a morning tea!

We wish all our families and community a great holiday and we look forward to another exciting term beginning for students in Term 2 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

Kind regards Jennifer Hawken



#### <u>Support Unit Newsletter – Week 11, Term 1</u>

It has been a busy first term in the Support Unit. There have been lots of interesting and engaging learning experiences for students, some of which we have included below.

Warami! MC4 have been learning Dharug Language this term and have greatly enjoyed this new learning experience. Dharug is the local First Nations language of our beautiful community and is being taught in our local schools. Learning a language local to the area can help students develop connections to country, their sense of identity and pride.

In Tech, students have been learning about different types of materials. They have practised a variety of skills including sewing buttons and pockets, weaving, creating their own logos and tie dying their own t-shirts.





In English, MC2 students have been discovering different ways that stories are created and shared as part of their unit 'The Story and the Storyteller.' Students have had the opportunity to become the storyteller themselves as they worked with the 'Storybird' website which allowed them to create their own artful tales using original illustrations designed by people from all around the world. Students were able to choose illustrations that they found interesting to create a foundation for their own imaginative pieces.

Students in MC2, MC3 and MC5 participated in the Freshwater Turtle project in collaboration with Longneck Lagoon EEC this term. Students learned about wetlands, turtle ecology and morphology and did some water testing and dip netting in the frog pond. This program will continue in Term 2 wherein students will further explore nest predation and will get the opportunity to visit Long Neck Lagoon centre and observe turtles and dip net for turtle food source.





During the term in Mathematics, students in MC1, MC3 & MC4 have learnt ten problem solving strategies. These strategies have used to help solve everyday problems. We have also been learning about money, types of income and the benefits of saving.

MC1, MC3, MC4 and MC5 have all been engaged in hands on activities in Lab 7 this term for Science. Students have been getting familiar with laboratory equipment and performing experiments to collect information, discuss results and make conclusions.

Examples include making and pouring carbon dioxide, flower dissection, burning flour, using a raybox to mix colours and creating a levitating paper clip.





MC3 & MC4 have been creating a range of different artworks to their level of knowledge, all based on theme of the Elements of Art & Principals of Design, using graphite, coloured pencils, pens, acrylic paint, demonstrating their creative skills with small detailed artworks within their artbooks. They have also created an abstract, collage artwork, working with patterned and block coloured paper to create shapes and have drawn line art with POSCA markers on top to create a visually stimulating and energetic abstract artwork.



#### **SRC** News

As Term 1 has come to a close, the SRC has been busy participating in a number of school based events with the school and the wider community. Some of these activities have included participating and assisting in the RSL and Schools Remember Anzac Commemoration Service and an Ice Cream Spider sale where all money raised has gone towards the purchasing of outdoor picnic tables in the senior quad.

Thursday, 4th of April, marked the RSL and Schools Remember Anzac Commemoration Service. This important event which, began in 1953, is held annually at ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park. The service honours the men and women who died defending the values, principles and tradition cherished by Australians. It is a time to remember those who made great sacrifices so that we can enjoy the opportunities available in today's society. This year our School Captains (Ethan Knight, Laura Shaw, Kendra Shuttleworth and Makaelah Simmons) represented Windsor High School at this important service. Our School Captains were also given the opportunity to lay a floral tribute. This service provides and opportunity to remember those who made great sacrifices so that we can enjoy the opportunities available in today's society.

An upcoming event to look forward to in Term Two include Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes Day is a national day when people wear their jeans to raise much-needed funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders. There will also be further fund raising events for students to keep an eye out for.





#### Happening Friday April 12

We currently have 2 staff members and 8 students who will be shaving, cutting, colouring and even waxing their legs on the last day of term.

If you are interested in participating, please make sure you return the signed form to Chelsea in the SSO Office before the date and registered online.

We hope to raise \$7000 and would appreciate your donation using the QR code above. All money raised supports the Leukemia Foundation. Share this with family and friends, so they too can donate to the team.

Thank you for all your donations and support so far. We can't wait to show you our new Team Windsor 2024!

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### CALENDAR TERM 1 & 2 2024

Friday 12th April	World's Greatest Shave Last Day Term 1
Monday 29th April	Staff Development Day School Office closed
Tuesday 30th April	First Day Term 2 All students return to school
Thursday 9th May	School Athletics Carnival
Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May	Year 9 & 10 Exams
Tuesday 21st May	Macquarie Zone Cross Country
Thursday 6th June	Macquarie Zone Athletics Carnival
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday