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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to you!

The end of the school year and Christmas is just around the corner. I trust you will have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year! We look forward to seeing you all back well and rested next year.

Achievements in 2013

It has been a very busy year for Windsor High School but a very productive one! We have made significant improvements to the grounds and the buildings to improve the environment for your child to help them learn. We will keep working on this over the years to come to upgrade the school's facilities.

Orientation Day 4 December 2013.

Thank you very much to Ms Khalid HT Welfare, Mr Carter, Year 7 2014 Adviser and the STAR team for a wonderful day! We received many, many great comments from parents and students alike about how very much the day was enjoyed. We are really looking forward to working with the Year 6 students and families in 2014.

Our STAR superheroes helped the students find their way around the school and helped the teachers with workshops also.

. WALKING TOGETHER . LEARNING TOGETHER .

G'Day USA

Our G'Day USA students are off in early January supervised very capably by Mr Shannon Mudiman DP. I know that they will have a fabulous time and that they will return with great stories to tell about their trip (as well as goods purchased!) We are hoping that these types of overseas exchanges can become a regular feature here at Windsor High School in the future.

Presentation Assemblies

We have a large number of students who will be rewarded as always on our Presentation Night and on the Semester 2 awards. Photos will go up onto the website and be published in next year's newsletter. I will take this opportunity to congratulate all the students for their efforts this year and a special congratulations to those students who are award recipients.

Staff changes for 2014

Mr Paul Brown has accepted a transfer to Randwick Boys High School. We have not been advised of his replacement yet.

Ms Amanda Credaro has been appointed to the library to replace Ms Sharon Williamson, who retired in July this year.

All the best to our families and friends for the festive season!!

Mrs A Cam - Principal

DEPUTY'S REPORT

It is always nice at this time of the year to reflect on the events, successes and achievements of the school year just gone. It is a time that we recognise student and staff achievement and the upcoming presentation evening and Semester 2 award ceremonies will certainly reflect the diligence and determination of our students to be successful across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas.

I would like to take this opportunity in advance to congratulate all of the award recipients for their outstanding achievement in many different areas across the school. There are far too many examples to mention here but would like to acknowledge a sample of the programs and extra-curricular activities that have been provided for

students in 2013.

The Fast Forward program has enabled our students to experience life at university through campus visits among other activities, further broadening their experiences and knowledge of possibilities for the future. I am always inspired by the level of musical and creative talent at the annual '**Inspire**' concert which showcases the enormous depth of talent of students from our school. There has also been success on the sporting field with many of our students progressing to state and national levels in their events. The Schools Harvest program saw students and teachers from Windsor High engaging students from local Primary Schools in growing and harvesting produce to then prepare and cook a three course meal. I was lucky enough to attend one of the luncheons prepared by the students and was very impressed with the range of produce and the presentation of the dishes prepared..

Recently on our weekly assemblies I have had the pleasure of awarding several of our students the level of the Deputy Principal's award. Congratulations to Rhiannon Dark, Chantelle Sheehan, Claudia Beecham, Jimmy Fenton, Daniel Freeman, Mitchel McCauley and Brent Silvers-Remilton. I believe that Rhiannon Dark and Chantelle Sheehan are up to the level of the Principal's Award which will also put them both in the running to win an iPad that will be drawn at the Semester 2 award ceremony next week. Good Luck and congratulations again to all of these students.

Thank you to dedicated staff of Windsor High. I very much appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm you bring to the school on a daily basis. It is through this that our students are able to not only strive for success in academic, sporting and creative pursuits but also socially and emotionally as human beings. I have never met a more caring group of teachers and staff across the school that certainly put the student's needs at the forefront of their daily duties.

Finally I would like to wish the Staff, Students and their families a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday. Looking forward to the working with you all in 2014.

Mr S Mudiman
Deputy Principal

Windsor High School students head for USA!

Ten students from Windsor High School will be embarking on a journey to the United States as part of the G'Day USA tour in January 2014. The students, who are from years 9 to 12, will arrive in Los Angeles then visit San Francisco before travelling to Seattle where they will be hosted by an American family. During this time the students will go to an American school and participate in activities generally undertaken by their host family.

Students involved include Brittany, Jada, Laney, Ashley, Mariah, Sheyanne, Samantha, Jorja, Rhiannon, Jearnah and Mr Mudiman as Group Leader. The students have spent a lot of time fundraising this year to provide the extra funds required to participate in a range activities including theme parks, tours and skiing. The group also meet each Friday for lunch enabling them to talk about the impending trip and to build relationships required to support each other on such a trip. For many of the students this will be their first trip out of the country. The students are all very excited and nervous at the same time and for many of them can't wait to meet their American families and experience the cold and snow of Seattle.



LAST FROM THE CANTEEN

After 15 years it is time to say goodbye to Windsor High School. We have had a wonderful time running your canteen since 1999 and have enjoyed the relationships we have had with staff and students all these years. It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to everyone, but life constantly travels forward for all of us.

We have seen many changes at the school since we started. We have had three different principals, we have seen hundreds and hundreds of students starting the school in year 7 as children and leaving the school in year 12 as young adults. It has been an absolute pleasure to have known these students, some of whom are still in contact with me even after having left the school 10 or more years ago. (Thank goodness for Facebook!!)

I personally have made some lifelong friends with some of the staff and had such fond memories of my time at Windsor High.

We have taken part in many fundraising events over the years. Our big one for several years, was CanTeen whereby we sold bandanas at our canteen in support of teenagers with cancer. Fantastic photos of our school students made the paper several times during these fundraising events organised by the canteen. Windsor High students had some great local publicity. We raised thousands of dollars for these teenagers who had been dealt such a blow in their young lives.

For 10 years we sponsored two separate teenagers from Zambia in Africa via World Vision and I know that the students at Windsor High made a great difference to these disadvantaged children's lives. The reason we were

able to do this is that the students at Windsor High often said "keep the change Jill" after purchasing their lunch or recess. So the idea was born to send that spare change somewhere. We provided farming tools and seeds for our students' villages and books and education for the students. About 18 months ago, I was contacted by The Smith family to see if I would be interested in sponsoring an Australian teenager so I decided to swap over to support one of our own. It has been a great thing that has been done for these disadvantaged young people. We have helped buy uniforms and school books and pay for excursions. Such generosity from our wonderful students. Thank you.

During my time at Windsor High I was sponsored by the school to do a TAFE course for mentoring and had the delightful experience of mentoring a year 10 student. I was absolutely honoured to have been asked to do this. This made me feel a very special part of Windsor High School.

I would just like to say thank you for having my family and myself in your canteen for all these years, it has been an absolute pleasure and even though it was a business for me, it was always much, much more than that. Great memories that will stay with us forever. So on behalf of **Bonnie, young Baz, Barry senior** (this year) and myself, we wish you farewell and good luck in your lives. Reach for the stars, hold your heads high and never settle for second best. Everything is out there. Go and get it. You can be anything you want to be. Its up to you.

Jill Shackleton

HOME DOCTOR SERVICE

Our service provides doctors for home visits when GP clinics are closed. Every night, weekend and public holidays anyone within your school and local community can call to arrange for a doctor to visit at home and bulk billing is generally available!

With school holidays and Christmas fast approaching, it's comforting to know our doctors are there when GP clinics are closed.

How do families access Home Doctor Service?

Our call centre is open:

- ◆ Weekdays from 4 pm
- ◆ Saturdays from 10am Sundays and public holidays all day and night

It's easy to contact HOME DOCTOR SERVICE. Just call 13 SICK., that's 13 7425. One number, easy to remember and dial.

WEEKNIGHTS * WEEKENDS * PUBLIC HOLIDAYS





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27 November 2013

Windsor High School
 Ms Annette Cam
 Principal
 Mulgrave Road
 McGraths Hill NSW 2756

Dear Annette

We are writing to your SRC, staff and P&C to express our heartfelt thanks for your kind donation to help rebuild the lives of our students who have had their homes destroyed and their property lost and damaged.

Your donation has given hope and encouragement to all of our families and reflects that we, as Australians, stand together in times of adversity.

Our school remains a strong and united community despite the recent bushfires and the related devastation. In fact, the bushfires have been more unifying. We appreciate the difference your support will make to our community in terms of relieving financial pressures on our families over the next twelve months to two years.

Any funds or gifts in kind are being used directly to support the cost of the education for our students to ensure that they can participate fully in their learning and broader school experiences and opportunities. In some cases, funds will be used to create programs to support the specific needs of these students.

On behalf of our school community thank you once again for kindness, your expression of giving and your desire to ensure the needs of our students are met.

Yours sincerely

K. A. Middlebrook
 Ms Katrina Middlebrook
 Principal

 SRC/Captain

G. M. M. M.
 SRC/Captain

"True giving is giving with gratitude while asking for nothing in return" - Jing Si Aphorisms

CONGRATULATIONS

DEAN FREW

Received Sydney West Sport Association

BLUE Award

For Baseball



Sporting Blue, is the highest individual sporting award bestowed by the Region.

MATHS COUNTS

How quickly the end of term has come around. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost here. Staff have been busy writing reports and teaching final topics. Year 12 are eagerly awaiting the results of their external examinations while the remainder of our students have been busy finishing off end-of-year assessments and topics. While all of this has been going on, our classrooms have been having a make-over. Painters have been in and painted all the corridors and classrooms in the mathematics area. We have also been lucky enough to have received new carpet in all our mathematics classrooms. What a difference it has made!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we would like to announce the results of two prestigious competitions undertaken by some of our students. Thirteen students competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition is an international competition and has become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. I am very pleased to announce the following high achievers:

Liam, Aydan, Ben and Serina who achieved the Certificate of Credit. Ryan, Courtney, Danny, Jordan, Mitchel, Jay and Kurtis who achieved the Certificate of Proficiency.

Students also entered into the University of Sydney's National Computing Science School's Programming Challenge. Our top computing students from years 9, 10 and 11 competed for five weeks in the challenge. Our students performed well with many achieving in the top bands of the competition.

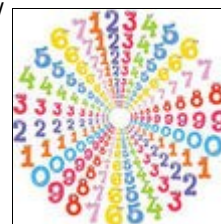
On the 29th November several of our computer students from years 9 and 10 are attending a special day at the University of Technology Sydney which focuses on Information Technology and Engineering. During this day our students will participate in a series of practical workshops showcasing the tertiary application of Information Technology and Engineering.

I am sure that these students will find this day very rewarding. Soon our year 10 students will receive their login to the Board of Studies site where they will be able to view their Record of School Achievement Certificate (RoSA). You may note that the Mathematics grades are different to all the other subjects. Mathematic grades are reported using A10, B8, B7, C6, C5, D4, D3 or E2 instead of grades A to E. Due to the many pathways through Stage 5 Mathematics, each grade (except for grade E) has a further level of discrimination. That is, a grade A in mathematics is either A10 or A9, a grade B is either B8 or B7, and so on. Please be aware that a student who has studied the 5.1 pathway has achieved highly if they receive a C grade and likewise a student who has studied the 5.2 pathway has achieved highly if they receive a B grade. It is highly unlikely for any student other than those studying the 5.3 pathway to achieve an A grade.

To succeed in mathematics it is important for students to practise their skills. All students would benefit from extra practice through the holidays. Please encourage your children to continue working on the mymathsonline.com.au website where they can revise by completing lessons and tasks from the booster packs. The school password to this site is "wind" and "windsor"

The staff of the mathematics faculty would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Court
Head Teacher Mathematics and
Computing



Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre Presents

LEGO EV3 Robotics Teacher Holiday Workshop

Thursday 10th January 2014 9am-3pm NSWIT Registered Course

Robotics provides a highly engaging medium for creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication - four essential skills for learning and ICT within a curriculum context. This workshop promotes independent learning through an inquiry-based approach where participants are encouraged to collaborate and be creative in solving open ended challenges. Participants will:

- Learn the basic features of the NEW LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robot and programming software
- Build a basic robot and participate in guided and open ended robotics challenges
- Document solutions to challenges using SMART Notebook and flip cameras and upload to an online community
- View and respond to digital resources identifying the benefits of robotics in education and record response on a collaborative Google Doc
- Identify links from activities covered in workshop to outcomes in the NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum and discuss ways robotics resources can be managed and integrated into the classroom

THERE'S A NEW ROBOT IN THE CLASSROOM

INTRODUCING THE NEW EV3

The third evolution of LEGO Mindstorms Education is here!

REGISTER NOW AT MyPL@edu

Non-DEC teachers: Sign in to MyPL at the link above with your DEC credentials. Search for "Robotics" to find the correct workshop date.

Non-DEC teachers: You will need to sign up for a username and password to enrol via MyPL. Just click "Don't have a username?"

We are also running a kids holiday workshop on the same day. Find out more at: <http://maie1.edu.au/holiday>

WHO: Teachers Stages 3-6
WHEN: Thursday 10th January
TIME: 9am-3pm
LOCATION: Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre
551 CSD, Macquarie University
North Ryde, NSW
COST: \$220 (incl GST)
PAYMENT: Credit Card, Invoice or Gov't School Direct Debit
CONTACT: maiecsupport@det.nsw.edu.au
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UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OPENING TIMES

The Windsor High School Uniform Shop will be opened on the following days during the school holidays:

23rd January 2014 — 1.30—3.30pm,

28th January 2014 — 8.00—10.00am
at the school.

The Back2Basics Uniform shop will be opened on the following days at 52 Cox Ave., Kingswood.

8th January - 31st January 2014

Monday to Friday 8am—4pm

Saturday 9am—3pm

Sunday (12th & 19th January ONLY) 10am—1pm

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Brittnee being congratulated by Mrs Cam

Brittnee in year 8 has been selected as a finalist in the Miss Teen Galaxy Australia Pageant. Brittnee is representing Windsor in the Pageant and she has chosen The Make a Wish Foundation for her designated charity. Windsor High School has decided to assist Brittnee and the Make a Wish Foundation with a \$500 donation which was raised during the SRC's latest fund-raising BBQ.

Brittnee has been selected as one of the NSW

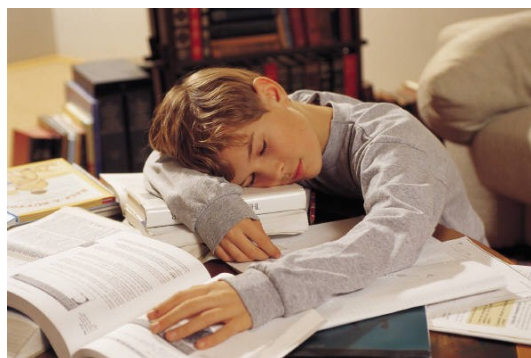
State Finalists in the Pageant and will be representing NSW in the National competition in Sydney on the 20th February 2014. The finalist will then represent Australia in Florida USA in August 2014.

Anyone wishing to assist Brittnee and the Make a Wish Foundation can do so by contacting Brittnee at Make-A-Wish-With-Brittnee@hotmail.com.au

THANK YOU

The Principal and staff would like to thank Mr Andrew West for his kind donation of scholarships.

The scholarships are for one student in each year to assist with their education to the value of \$200 per student.



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WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

As a result of a uniform review in 2013 and through consultation with the P&C, Windsor High School has decided to change some items of the current school uniform and supplier. To view the new school uniform please visit the school website – <http://www.windsor-h.schools.nsw.edu/our-school/uniform>.


Back2Basics will run the uniform shop from 2014 and you can purchase the uniform in the following ways:

School shop operating on Thursday 8:15-9:00am

Visit the Back to Basics Shop in Kingswood

Order over the phone by contacting Back2Basics and items will be delivered to the school.


Back2 Basics aim to have online ordering and payment in the near future.


WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL
UNIFORMS

SENIOR BOYS SHIRT.....	\$30.00
JUNIOR BOYS POLO.....	\$35.00
BOYS TROUSERS.....	\$40.00
BOYS SHORTS (B2B036).....	\$25.00
SENIOR GIRLS BLOUSE.....	\$30.00
JUNIOR GIRLS POLO.....	\$35.00
GIRLS JUNIOR SKIRT.....	\$50.00
GIRLS SENIOR SKIRT.....	\$50.00
GIRLS SLACKS.....	\$35.00
BLACK TIGHTS.....	\$ 8.00
SPORTS SHORTS.....	\$25.00
SPORTS POLO.....	\$35.00
SPORTS JACKET.....	TBA
TRACKPANTS.....	\$42.00
WOOL JUMPER.....	\$68.00
SLOPPY JOE.....	\$30.00
APRONS.....	\$10.00
4 PAIRS WHITE SOCKS.....	\$15.00
SCARVES.....	\$10.00
GLOVES.....	\$ 5.00

HOURS: Monday to Friday 8am-4.30pm & first Saturday of the month 9am-12noon

Prices effective 4/10/13 ~ Subject to change without notice ~ Includes 10% GST


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