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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I sit typing my item for this edition of the Newsletter, I can hear the students rehearsing for the Musical evening which is on Wednesday evening 13 August. How amazing the performances sound, even in rehearsal! The teachers and students have been working strongly over the past few weeks, practising and perfecting every aspect of the presentation - the singing, the instrumental accompaniment, the lighting and special effects. The smoke machine is adding atmosphere, the laser lights are twirling – it will be amazing!

Our Year 11 and 12 Vocational Education and Training Entertainment students under the expert guidance of Mr

Bonaccorso, Head Teacher Music, are dedicated to ensuring this is an outstanding evening! Of course, all the Music students and Mrs West, Music teacher are working just as hard to make sure everything is just right.

Patrick Mount a Music student in Year 10 has been selected to participate in "Pulse" which showcases Western Sydney students demonstrating excellence in performance arts. Students are selected through a rigorous audition process and Patrick will be performing at Sydney Opera House playing his guitar. Well done Patrick - are very proud of you!

. WALKING TOGETHER . LEARNING TOGETHER .

Acting Deputy Principal for Term 3

As you are aware, our additional funding has been used this year to create an additional Deputy Principal position. This term Ms Karen Busby is the Acting Deputy Principal in this additional position. I thank Ms Busby for her hard work so far this term and the support she has given to both Mr Mudiman and myself. Ms Busby is responsible for Years 8, 11 and 12 students in particular, but is available to assist any parent or student from any year.

School Planning for 2015-2017

This term, we will begin the process of developing the school plan for the next three year cycle. This plan will be completed by the end of Term 4 and will then be displayed on the school website. Parents are encouraged to attend P&C meetings and have an input into the directions the school should take over the next three years. P&C meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month during school terms, in the Support Unit starting at 7pm.

By Term 4, the school will have set the three priority areas we will be focussing on and these will be shared in a newsletter early in Term 4.

Uniform

Our students are looking lovely in their new uniform and we thank all the students and their parents for their co-operation with this important aspect of school life. Just remember that we are here to help you if you need assistance in any way. We are busily surveying students and parents regarding the proposed new jacket style for 2015.

HSC students

Term 3 is a crucial term to the life of the school. This is the last term for Year 12 before their important HSC examinations in Term 4. Their

graduation assembly and formal will be later in the term and planning for these events is well underway. As I will be away on leave at the end of the term, I will take this opportunity to wish them the very best for their examinations and their future.

School Captains 2015.

This week also, a small panel of staff made up of myself, the Year Adviser Mrs Horan, and a member of the P&C will interview all the captain nominees as the next part of the process for electing captains. Once the nominees have passed this stage, they will give a speech on a whole school assembly and the students and staff of the school will vote for the captains for 2015. We have an outstanding group of students who are in the running this year, so competition will be tough! I wish them all good luck! Once decided, the names of the captains will be released on our Facebook page, so check this out!

NAPLAN results will be posted home very soon; I am confident that many of our students will have performed well. Our teachers are working hard to improve students' literacy and numeracy but we do this in the context of our teaching and learning programs and the whole child.

There is much debate in educational circles including DEC, about the role that NAPLAN testing should take in your child's education. Used wisely and well, these results give the school important information about each child and their learning, strengths and areas for improvement. The results are used by our teachers and executive to inform improvements also to the school curriculum and programming.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are just one measure of a child's progress. They give the results of just one test on just one day. NAPLAN was never intended to make judgements about the whole child or their potential. Sometimes, schools, parents and students can become overly concerned

about NAPLAN results, to the extent where students can become very anxious about their performance in the tests. You may have heard reports on the news or read in the paper about children who have become sick with worry about NAPLAN. This is unnecessary and not beneficial. There is also evidence world-wide that schools can fall into the trap of narrowing the curriculum and spending excessive time practicing tests, at the expense of all the exciting and innovative aspects of the broader curriculum.

At Windsor, we believe in developing the whole child, and in the importance of fostering creativity and excellence in many areas of endeavour, including academic pursuits as well as sporting, arts, performance and leadership. We are currently reviewing how we cater for academically gifted students to ensure we can enrich their lives.

Recent research also shows the importance of "grit" – that personal attribute of not giving up on something when the going gets tough. Windsor High staff believe firmly in the value of "grit" and we continually work to encourage and develop this quality in our students.

Academic Reviews

This term it is the turn of Year 10 and Year 9 to participate in their academic reviews. The students will meet with the review panel (comprised of a Senior Executive member, the Year Adviser and the Head Teacher of the year) and present their work for the year. If parents wish to participate in the review with their child, please contact the school to discuss. Parents will be notified of the outcome of the review in writing.

Relieving Principal for end of Term 3

I will be on Long Service Leave from early September until the beginning of Term 4 and will be travelling to Turkey. Mr Shannon Mudiman will be Relieving Principal in my place.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Year 10 Options Night

Recently Year 10 students and their parents were invited to attend the Year 10 Options Night to help with the important decisions that will be made in coming weeks about their future. This is a very important stage in a student's educational career. Students and their parents were provided with an overview of the HSC and the different pathways and course options that can be taken to meet the requirements. There was also the opportunity to discuss HSC courses offered at Windsor High with teaching staff and also the opportunity to talk to representatives from the University of Western Sydney and TAFE NSW. In coming weeks students will participate in a range of seminars and workshops designed to assist them with the decision making process. Interviews regarding subject options and pathways will begin on 25th August. Parents are invited to participate in this process. Please contact Mrs Calvert at the school for more details.

Uniform

Students are once again reminded of the importance of wearing school uniform each day. It is an opportunity to demonstrate pride in your school and to also display a positive image of the school in the community. Please note that track pants from the store 'Factorie' are not school uniform. I am very aware that it has been very cold in recent weeks and would therefore like to extend an offer of assistance to any student that is having trouble purchasing the correct uniform. Please contact myself or Mrs Khalid for further detail and support.

Safety around School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our students that between the hours of 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm that the posted speed limit along Mulgrave road is 40km per hour. I would also like to mention that any form of dangerous driving around the school is an offence and will be reported to the police immediately.

DON'T BRING......

Students are once again reminded of items we don't allow students to have at Windsor High. These include Energy Drinks and Aerosol Deodorant cans. We have several staff and students that can have an allergic reaction to aerosol spray and they can suffer severe asthma. If students are caught with these items they will be confiscated immediately and only returned to a parent. Students that choose to bring deodorant to school are able to bring roll on only. I would like to thank parents for their support with this matter.

SHED Program

A joint program between Windsor High School and Windsor Primary School known as SHED has started this Term. Students from Windsor High are working with the Primary students on the design and construction of a seating area in part of the playground. Our students have become mentors to the younger students demonstrating the skills in leadership they have developed in their time in the Boys Program at Windsor High. Participants include: Nathan Smith, Ben Moret, Rob French and Tyler Small. I have been very impressed by the level of dedication and enthusiasm our students have placed on the program.

G'Day USA Opportunity

Once again students from Windsor High have the opportunity to participate in the trip of a lifetime to the United States of America. Students participated earlier this year in the program and have all suggested that it was an amazing experience. Students have been invited to express interest in the next tour which will depart in January of 2016. If there are any questions at this stage you can contact me at the school.

Coming Events

By the time you read this newsletter Windsor High School will have held the HSC Drama Performance evening and also the annual School Concert. These are always fantastic events that showcase our student's ability in Music and the Performing Arts. Congratulations in advance to all the staff and students involved.

WELFARE

Luna Park Rewards Excursion

On Monday 21st July, the school attended the



annual Luna Park Rewards Excursion. Students were chosen by their Year Advisors based on their outstanding commitment to their studies. I would like to thank the students for their perfect behaviour. A CityRail worker wanted me to congratulate the students as they were a credit to their school. The next rewards excursion will be to the V8 supercars

and to Wet N Wild in Term 4. To be invited to rewards excursions, students must remember to consistently demonstrate the school's core values of safety, teamwork, achievement and respect.

Vaccinations

The next round of vaccinations will occur on Friday 29th August for all Year 7 students and Year 9 boys. The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination will occur on Monday 15th

September for all students in Years 8 to 12. MMR vaccination consent forms can still handed to the front office, if you require a new consent form; please collect from the Front Office.

School Jacket Survey

We are redesigning the school jacket and need your help! The survey is planned to be available from 5th August until 15th August 2014. You can complete the survey by visiting the school's website or Facebook page. Don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Road Safety Forum -20th August - 7pm-8pm - Year 10 and 11 students and their parents

bStreetSmart Driver Safety Forum – 21st August-Year 10 students

Parent Only Cyber-Safety Seminar – 26th August – 6pm-7pm -All students and their parents, local primary school parents

Year 7 and Year 9 Boys Vaccinations – 29th August Year 12 Formal – Friday 12th September

MMR Vaccinations – Year 8 to 12 – 15th September **Year 12 Graduation** – Wednesday 17th September – 9:30am

ENGLISH ESCAPADES

This is an exciting time of the year in English as Year 12 students move into their last few weeks of high school and English lessons. Hard working students are working towards perfection their HSC responses and answering questions from past papers during their study time at home. This means lots of marking and feedback for the English teachers And we LOVE it! There is nothing more rewarding as a teacher than to see your students learn, develop and reach their potential in your subject. We were also very pleased to give three of our outstanding English students a faculty award at Tuesday's assembly. These awards are given to students who work consistently during lessons and at home, always maintaining a high level of motivation and showing a drive to succeed in their English studies. Congratulations to:

- Emily Otten Year 12
- Natalie Kobier Year 11
- Kahlia Wilkey Year 8

We hope you enjoyed your Malteasers!!

DRAMATIC THESPIANS

Several of our wonderful Drama students have taken on an excellent leadership role in two of our feeder primary schools this term: Oakville and Windsor South.

Tyler-Shaye Miller, Careena Young, Erin Arthur, Izaya Souter, Gemma Healey, Tyson Hancox, Lea Clark-Goodison.

These students represented Windsor High School impeccably in their attitude and their presentation. They will lead the primary school students in Drama workshops over a period of six weeks this term.

The Year 12 Drama class is gearing up for the HSC practical exams at the end of Week 7 this term. Next Tuesday night the students will showcase their performance pieces for their families and friends in the Drama Room. Our best wishes go out to these students and all the Year 12 students who have HSC examinations this term.



SUPPORT NEWS

The students in the IO/IS class collect all recyclable paper and cardboard in staff rooms, the Library and the Office every week.



TAS NEWS

Changeover of TAS mandatory courses for Year 7 & 8 has now been done and classes are settled in and working well. It is important that students are properly prepared for lessons in Home Economics (Food & Textiles) and Industrial Art (Timber & Metal). Many have already seen to the purchase of uniform components and feesthank you to those parents who have assisted in this area. If your student has not yet paid their subject fees it will restrict their access to project materials and food for cooking, as the fees are used entirely to cover purchases of these consumable items. The faculty has worked hard to devise a programme which puts as small financial impost on families as is possible and still deliver a quality course.

SHOES

All TAS and Science areas are potentially dangerous and, in particular, students must have safe footwear in these areas. The DEC Workplace Health Safety rules specify fully enclosed (covering whole top of the foot) leather shoes. We ask for your support in this area to ensure our students are safe.

SCIENCE

Some minor changes were made to classes for Semester 2 and classes are now well into their 2nd Semester program.

| Year 7 | Year 8 |
|--|--|
| 1.Matter Models & the Particle Theory | 1.Spaced Out—the Solar System |
| 2. Australian Biota | The Human Body: Main Systems, Digestive, |
| 3.Energy Around Us | Respiratory, Excretory & Circulatory. |
| 4.Machines & Forces | · |

<u>SCHOOL HARVEST</u> is all planned and teachers are ready to begin the projects with primary students.





Community Services are looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below.

| Children aged 0-4 | Children 5-13 | Children 14-15 | Children 16-17 |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
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For more information please contact Recruitment Team based at Mt Druitt Community services. (02) 8887 7400 or james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au



ROAD SAFETY FORUM





HSIE HAPPENINGS.

It has been a busy start to term 3 after what I hope was a relaxing break for everyone.

All HSIE classes continue to be busy, engaged and vibrant, as they work through the remainder of the set programs and syllabi for this academic year.

Years 8 and 10 are continuing with topics in the New History Curriculum. Year 8 are studying a series of depth studies "From the Ancient to the Modern World ", and Year 10 are working on units involving "Australia and the Modern World ".

Year 7 and 9 are working through various Geography topics. Year 7 with a focus on "Global Geography " and Year 9 " Australian Geography ". To accompany work being competed in the Year 9 course, students will be participating in an excursion to Circular Quay, The Rocks and Darling Harbour on Thursday 21st August. This will support course and assessment work for the topic " Urban Growth and Decline ".

Thank you to all students and families who returned payment and permission to attend this excursion by the cut-off date. The field trip experience will be invaluable to support the student's depth of knowledge in this unit, and to provide excellent assistance and support when completing the assessment task.

It is also a crucial time for all students in Years 11 and 12 who are undertaking courses in the HSIE Faculty as part of their HSC studies. Year 11 are preparing to finalise work in for their Preliminary HSC courses, as well as needing to prepare for Yearly examinations during the final 2 weeks of this term.

Year 12, of course, and working very hard to ensure they are ready to sit their HSC examination early in term 4.

I would like to acknowledge the immense hard work, dedication and concern that all HSIE staff have provided and continue to provide to all their classes and students. This is particularly so for their Year 11 and HSC students. I believe that every student undertaking a HSIE course as part of their HSC studies has the best chance to succeed and maximise their results, due to their teachers' hard work and genuine concern for the best interest and outcome of students.

The following is a list of upcoming assessments in our junior courses in term 3. Exact dates are dependent on the timetabling of classes through the due week.

| YEAR | TASK | DUE |
|------|--|---------|
| 7 | In class skills test | Week 6 |
| 8 | Vikings Re- search task | Week 6 |
| 9 | Research Ac- tion Plan on Urban Growth and Decline | Week 10 |
| 10 | Civil Rights and Freedoms: re- search and comparison task | Week 7 |

Happy learning !! Kellie Boyd Relieving HT HSIE

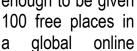




Maths Counts

EXCITING NEWS!!!

The **Mathematics** faculty were lucky enough to be given 100 free places in



Mathematics Competition. The Education Perfect World Series. 7S, 8S, 9MAT1 and 10MAT1 have been competing since its opening on the 28th July. For every correctly answered question the students receive one point. For every 20 questions a student answers correctly, they get an entry into the Windsor High School draw for an ipod shuffle. The competition is due to finish soon. Results are emailed to us every day. Today's results (Day 9) are as follows:

- 2nd overall in NSW (out of 138 schools)
- 24th overall in Australia (579 schools)
- 34th overall globally (795 schools)
- 1st in NSW for the 101-250 students category (56 schools)
- 3rd in Australia for the 101-250 students category (180 schools)

A number of students have gained certificates for their brilliant efforts. So far we have:

1 Silver Award (2000+ points; 3 Bronze Awards (1000+ points); 10 Credit Awards (500+ points).

This is a fantastic effort. Well done Windsor High students!

Final results, award winners and the winner of the ipod shuffle will be published in the next newsletter.

Don't forget, to be good at Mathematics, you need to practise and practise. For this you need a calculator. Please check that your child

has a scientific calculator and is bringing it to school. Calculators may be purchased from the school office for \$22. These sturdy calculators are exceptional value as normal retail price is \$40.



Mrs M Court **Head Teacher Mathematics**

SRC NEWS

On Friday 1st of August our SRC organised a very successful fundraiser for the Jeans for Genes Organisation. Jeans for Genes Day is a national day where 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. Students donated gold coin donations and in return were provided with a stationary pack. The event proved to be successful with our school raising \$240.00 on the day.



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We would love to invite your students to be part of the 'School's Challenge' at this year's Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to www.active8change.com.au. Alternatively

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parents Only -**WINDSOR** Cyber-Safety Seminar



Senior Constable Gillen will be conducting a parent only information session for all parents in the Windsor High School community on cyber-

The Seminar will cover the following topics:

- Sexting
- Cyber-safety
- Cyber-crime

Senior Constable Gillen will inform parents on the lurking dangers in the cyber world. He will present a graphic and legal perspective of how young people are misusing social media and the hidden dangers of such misuse.

This presentation is a confronting, eye-opening talk on what is really going on in your child's social networking world.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Tuesday 26th August 2014 6pm-7pm Windsor High School Library Light refreshments will be served



Please RSVP by calling the school on 45877122. If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Khalid (Head Teacher Welfare).



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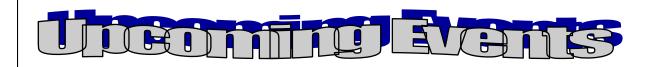
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| Other Permanent Disablement | \$100,000 |
| Death | \$30,000 |
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| Dental | \$2,000 |
| Funeral Expenses | \$5,000 |
| Emergency Transport | \$1,500 |
| Non-Medicare Medical Expenses | \$8,000 |
| School Fee Relief | \$10,000 |
| Tuition Benefit | \$5,000 |
| Total Cost Per Student | \$35.00 |

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18/8—22/8 Yr. 11 Work Placement

20/8 Yr. 10 Options Day

21/8 HSIE Excursion

21/8 BStreetSmart

25/8—29/8Yr 10—Yr. 11 2015 Subject Selec-

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1/9 Parent Teacher Evening

4/9—12/9 Yr. 11 Yearly Examinations

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WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

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| SENIOR BOYS SHIRT | \$30.00 |
|----------------------|---------|
| SENIOR POLO | \$30.00 |
| JUNIOR POLO | \$35.00 |
| BOYS TROUSERS | \$40.00 |
| BOYS SHORTS (B2B036) | \$25.00 |
| SENIOR GIRLS BLOUSE | \$30.00 |
| 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 |
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HOURS: Monday to Friday 8am-4.30pm & first Saturday of the month 9am-12noon

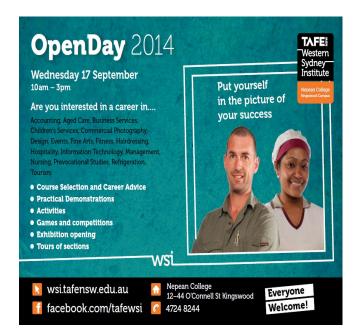
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