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## **RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

What a busy term! It is always a very proud moment to think back over a period of time at all the achievements made by our students and of the opportunities our hard working teachers provide for them at Windsor High. Highlights that come to mind include the R U OK Day assembly which saw students our as ambassadors for adolescent Mental Health awareness bv demonstrating understanding and

sharing their experiences with the whole school. There was also marking of the practical components of Year 12 courses with performances in both Music and Drama and also major projects submitted in Industrial Technology – Timber and Visual Arts. Other successful experiences include the Bstreetsmart excursion. Captains Elections the and 'Livetunes' school concert held earlier this term. Last night I also had the

## WALKING TOGETHER . LEARNING TOGETHER .

opportunity to take part in the Schools Industry Partnership Awards evening which saw several of our students recognised for their achievement in a range of Vocational Education and Training courses. Congratulations to Edie Moxon, Brittany Tate, Mataio Sufia, Matthew Hilton and Dolly Phiri for your outstanding achievement.

## 2015 Captains

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Congratulations to our Captains Elect for 2015. Students this year were put through a vigorous selection process including nominations, applications, interviews. speeches and finally voting from the whole school. All students nominated were outstanding candidates and would have been well suited to such a responsible the role. The successful candidates are Joe Tyler-Shaye Sam Moxon. Miller. Berger and Georgia Barnes. I wish them all the best of luck in their new role and look forward to working with you next Term.



Year 12 Graduation and Formal

It is at this time of year that we congratulate and say farewell to our outgoing Year 12 students. On 17<sup>th</sup> September a formal Graduation ceremony will be held to recognise student achievement culminating in

the completion of 6 years of High School. This will be a bitter sweet moment for many of our students with them realising that this is it, I have finished High School. All the friendships and relationships forged over the past 6 years will never be the same. At the same time there will be relief that it is finally over and that a new chapter of their lives can begin. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and parents to witness and acknowledge the successes of our outgoing Year 12 Class of 2014.

Obviously there is still a lot of hard with HSC work to qo the examinations starting next term. I advise our students to make the most of their opportunities late this and to also utilise staff term expertise early next term ensuring they are as prepared as they can be for their exams. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 the very best of luck in their upcoming HSC exams I extend my well wishes to all those sitting the examinations.

The Year 12 Formal is due to be held this Friday. It is always a fantastic event with the students looking very different from their daily uniform in their formal dresses and suits. I am looking forward verv much to attending this event and being able to farewell our students as young adults at such an occasion. Congratulations to Mrs Walker for all of your hard work and effort in supporting Year 12 to get to where they are today.

### **Live Tunes Concert**

This is always a highlight of the school calendar. The annual school concert, this year known as

'Livetunes'. What a night! Those of you that missed it will have to ensure you attend next year. Students of Windsor High School have some amazing talent proven once again through the fantastic performances on the night. I was very impressed with the professionalism exhibited by the students, both the performers and those behind the scenes, making it all Congratulations happen. to all involved and in particular to Mr Bonaccorso and Mrs West who, without their dedication, hard work and support of our students such an event would not be possible.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff of Windsor High for your consistent dedication to the students



of our school. Without your hard work and support many of the activities that I have mentioned would not be possible. Thank you as well for the support you have given me whilst relieving as Principal for Mrs Cam who will return for the start of Term 4.

Have a happy and safe holiday. See you all in Term 4.

Mr S. Mudiman Relieving Principal

## **DEPUTY'S REPORT**

I would like to congratulate the staff and students of WHS for a generally successful Term 3. From my perspective as Relieving Deputy this term I have been privy to some of the challenges faced by various individuals in our school community and I am proud of the manner in which these challenges have been faced.

Windsor HS staff especially deserve acknowledgement for the energy and effort they invest daily in the academic and social well-being of the students of our school. One aspect of school life that seems to have become particularly this is the problematic term inappropriate use of mobile phones. I would like to encourage parents to conversation with their have а children regarding the importance of conforming to school rules regarding the use of mobile phones. The most important and very simple message for all to remember is that mobile phones should be off and in your bag during class time.

Finally, congratulations to Year 12 on the completion of your school career. This is a significant achievement, and a long time in the making. Best wishes for your future endeavours.

Karen Busby Relieving Deputy

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## Maths Counts

### FINAL RESULTS!!!

At last we have the final results from the online mathematics competition, **The Education Perfect World Series** which 7S, 8S, 9MAT1 and 10MAT1 competed in last month and what BRILLIANT results they are!

- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in NSW (out of 139 schools)
- 26<sup>th</sup> overall in Australia (out of 586 schools)
- 36<sup>th</sup> overall globally (out of 806 schools)
- 1<sup>st</sup> in NSW for the 101-250 students category (out of 56 schools)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Australia for the 101-250 students category (out of 180 schools)

We are still awaiting the certificates for our top 15 students. Names will be announced next newsletter. We are also yet to hear who has won the draw for the ipod shuffle.



## Competitions for Numeracy Week

All Year 7 and 8 students will be involved in our Competition Day Activities which take part during one of their maths' classes this or next week. Students work in pairs to solve various maths puzzles earning stamps as they work. The team with the highest number of stamps will each receive a Class Award Card and a sweet treat. The grand winners of each year will also receive a five dollar canteen voucher and a Faculty Award Card. Photos have been included for the first class to compete in this competition.



 $(x+a)^n = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n}{k} x^k a^{n-k}$ 

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## **Become A Volunteer Host Family**



### Gain A Friend From Another Country!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Imagine the look on your new brother's or sister's face as you introduce him/her to Vegemite for the first time. Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

#### Arriving in January:

**llaria (17) from Italy** tells us that she is incredibly fond of animals, and that if she had he own way, she would turn her house into a zoo! She enjoys drawing in her spare time, as we as travel. She believes that living so far away from home will help her broaden her mind, and she can't wait to live with a welcoming family.

Marco (17) from Italy is an animator at his local church group and enjoys playing both football and basketball with his friends. He also enjoys staying active by going to the gym fo an hour or so after school. He is looking forward to sharing his Italian culture with you, and hopes you will share your culture with him here 'down-under'.

+ MANY MORE

### Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyon involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack fo your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly

Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Online: www.wep.org.au



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## **CAPA CAPERS**

Term 3 is a busy and an exciting time of the year in CAPA. Since the start of the term students from years 7-12 have performed at a variety of events and concerts, attended regional band rehearsals, and presented numerous workshops with their teachers.

At the school concert more than 50 students worked for ten days to bump in. rehearse and present 3 fantastic concerts to a combined audience of over a thousand. The Entertainment class worked tirelessly to provide sound, lighting and staging to ensure each show looked as good as it sounded. Each year our performers get better and better, and this year the talent and the quality of musical items were outstanding. Feedback from primary schools, parents and students all confirmed that this year's concert was spectacular. A special thanks to all the wonderful parents and staff, including Mrs West, Mrs Douglas, Mr Broadbent and our practicum teachers. Mr Goodwin and Mr Nielsen who helped to make this year's concert one of the best. Congratulations to everyone!

What a great success, but this is just the tip of the iceberg. Congratulations to:

Izaya Souter, Megan Howarth, Dylan Wilson, Ashley Howarth, Erin Arthur, Christian Sufia, Patrick Mount, Abraham Box and Maddison Disbray who were selected to perform as soloists at the Hawkesbury Music Festival. Their auditions went so well that

- Windsor High was given the honour of staging the premiere evening.
- All the students and staff who have presented Music, Art and Drama workshops at our local primary schools, and so far seven workshops have been delivered this term and there a more to come.
- The Windsor High Stage Band who rehearsed and recorded with the Hawkesbury Combined Choir.
- Entertainment students attended work placement at the Richmond Players; feedback on their performance has been so good that students have been asked to return to ensure the success of their next show.
- Selected music students from years 9-12 presented performance in the community throughout Education Week.
- Our hard-working HSC Art and Music students performed and submitted their HSC Works. Under the guidance of Mrs Jack. Edith Moxon and Xuiling Chen produced outstanding artworks.
- Junior classes with Mr Beedham have been participating in the Hawkesbury Design an Ad



competition.

Our school musicians performed throughout the day at the Sunday Windsor Markets

Year 11 and 12 music students performed at the Windsor Riverview Shopping Centre, while Entertainment students provided technical support for our students and primary schools.



Ashley Howarth, Chloie Jochic & Co. performed for our senior citizens at Richmond Living and at the Hawkesbury Village.



Patrick Mount was selected as a guitarist to perform with the regional band at this year's

Pulse Concert at the Opera House.

Ashley Howarth was chosen to attend two state vocal workshops and camps by the



Arts Unit Talent Development Project Foundation.



Again congratulations and thank you to everyone for a fantastic and wonderful term 3.

## **VET AWARDS**

The Penrith, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury Schools Industry Partnership held their Annual VET Awards and again Windsor High School students were well represented.

Our Deputy Principal Mr Mudiman was also a presenter. Dolly Phiri received an award for Business Services, Mataio Sufia received an award for Hospitality, Matthew Hilton received an award for Metals and Engineering, Brittany Tate received an award for Primary Industries, and Edie Moxon received an award for Retail. Congratulations to our fantastic students!



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Edie Moxon, Dolly Phiri, Matthew Hilton

Nirimba Education Precinct Eastern Road, Quakers Hill Fast-track BUSINESS/COMPUTING COURSE FOR TERM 4, 2014 Duration: 8 weeks – 7 October to 27 November Attendance: Monday to Thursday and/or online Interested? Please phone for more information: Myrna Seeruthun – 9208 7064

Building T1, Block C, Level 1, Room 15



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## SSO Report

Wow! What a busy term. As always it has been a fun term working with all our students, with a lot going on across the school. I would first like to congratulate our wonderful Student Wellbeing Action Team (S.W.A.T) for helping us highlight R U Ok day across the school. The students ran a whole school assembly sharing facts mental health, performing about songs and welcomed guest speakers to the platform. They then helped facilitate a lunch time of activities in the main quad ran by local youth services including Headspace, Youth Insearch, Wesley Mission, Bligh Park Community Service, Substance.Org and Job Quest. We were so proud of the great work our students did and I look forward to involving more students in S.W.A.T activities next term.

In the interest of helping inform young people and their families about best cyber safety practices, I would like to mention the Stay Smart Online Alert Service. **This is a free service for**  Australian internet users, to explain recent online threats and how they can be managed. Users are provided with easy to understand online safety, security information and solutions to help protect their online safety and privacy.

The resource also informs users about the latest threats and vulnerabilities within an Australian context, and how to address any risks their devices computer to or networks.

The link to sign up is: <u>https://</u> www.staysmartonline.gov.au/

<u>alert\_service</u> and users can unsubscribe at any time.

We recently had our Schools Police Liaison Officer attend our school for a Parent only seminar regarding young people and cyber safety. It was really fantastic and very informative. I would encourage you to always know what is going on in the digital world to help protect and look after your child's digital footprint.



Have a safe and memorable holidays.

Natalie Howell (Student Support Officer)

## SPORT

2014 has been an excellent sporting year for Windsor High School ... and we still have Term Four to go!

At the last formal Assembly, our Sydney West and CHS Athletes were congratulated. It was a most satisfying moment to have those students who are prepared to follow their dreams by taking their sporting prowess to the highest level, acknowledged by both their peers and all WHS staff members.

The sporting achievers for 2014 are as follows ...

Caitlin Morgan, Shey Taylor, Renee Taylor and Rhiannon Williams ...

Sydney West 16/u Girls Freestyle 50m Relay

Trey Nichols-Roache, Ameysha Olivares and Dean Kennedy ... Sydney West Cross Country

Dean Kennedy, Ameysha Olivares, Jye Hardy, Mitchell McCauley and Aden Parnell ... Sydney West Athletics

Ameysha Olivares qualified from Sydney West Cross Country for the All Schools Cross Country held at Eastern Creek.

Jye Hardy qualified for CHS Athletics in both high jump and long jump. Unfortunately, despite qualifying first in high jump, Jye was unable to compete due to an illness.

Dean Frew competed in the CHS Baseball Championships and from

here he was selected to play in the Australian team. Dean is currently in the United States playing for Australia, living his dream of becoming a professional baseball player.

For a small school, WHS is certainly big on talent.

MACQUARIE ZONE YEAR 7 GALA DAY ... this is the final sporting event on the 2014 calendar.

This year the Carnival will be held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 on the grounds surrounding Kellyville and Rouse Hill. All Year 7 are involved. There are no classes at WHS on this day for any Year 7 students.

By now every student should have received and returned their permission note, signed up for their team and in fact, commenced training. Wednesday afternoon Sport has now been devoted to training for the Gala Day. Mr Cotter, Mr Carter, Mr Galbraith, Ms Beale, Mrs Horan and myself are all working with the students to make this Gala Day the best one yet.

All money for the bus must be paid to the Front Office by 14 October. Please remember to pay your \$10.00 ASAP so that transport arrangements can be finalised. If you have not returned the permission note it is essential that you do so.

Students must wear full PE uniform on the day, bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and a water bottle.

Yours in Sport Mrs Horan and Mrs Windon

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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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			
GIRLS JUNIOR SKIRT			
GIRLS SENIOR SKIRT	\$50.00		
GIRLS SLACKS	\$35.00		
BLACK TIGHTS	\$ 8.00		
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SPORTS POLO	\$35.00		
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