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2016 School Captains
Daniel, Maddison, Izaya, Shey

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Report

My first few weeks at Windsor High, as the new Principal, have been very positive. Students, parents, the administrative staff, cleaning staff and the teachers, have made me feel most welcome.

Over the past two months, I have spent some time researching about Windsor High, including reading newsletters, annual school reports, the web page and I was very impressed with the things that have been

happening in the school. My research shows that most of the student here are respectful, are hard-working and are responsible individuals who have very bright futures. The programs and procedures that are in place shows me that the teachers are dedicated and talented, who care, are committed and who actively work to improve the lives of the students at this school. Over the past four weeks, the things that I researched all seem to be firmly in place. How lucky I feel to now be leading such a great

. WALKING TOGETHER . LEARNING TOGETHER .

school.

I have high expectations, academically and behaviourally, of all those who attend the school and have been impressed with the students at Windsor High that are in uniform, speak and act respectfully and who are doing their best, day in and day out.

As Principal of Windsor High, one of my goals is that I would like the whole Hawkesbury Community to know how great this school is and the great things that are happening here. I will be doing my best to make sure this happens. I have spoken to the students on assembly about my expectations and that I will need their help in achieving a positive perception of Windsor High in the community. I also welcome the support of our parents / caregivers, and would like to ask for your assistance in the following ways.

Firstly, I need all parents/caregivers to ensure your child/children come to school wearing our school uniform with pride. Communities value schools that have a school uniform that is worn by all students respectfully. If any student needs financial assistance to purchase school uniform items, please come and see me.

Secondly, I need all parents/caregivers to ensure your child/children come to school every day, on time, unless they are too unwell. Students need to attend all classes, and be actively learning to achieve their full potential. Communities value schools where the students do well academically.

And my third request is that all parents/caregivers encourage their child/children to get involved in activities and programs that the school offers outside of the classroom, whether they are sporting, or cultural, such as music and dance; or interest groups such as the SRC and social awareness group (SWOT

team). By getting involved, students will gain other skills, including organisational and leadership opportunities, and be able to contribute to school pride and the positive culture of Windsor High. Communities value a school where students are proud of the experiences that are offered and involved in.

My final request is about my expectations in regard to behaviour. I would like all parents/caregivers to work with the school to ensure your child/children exhibit respectful behaviour at all times. For the majority of students, this won't be an issue. I believe poor behaviour is a choice for 99.9% of the population. I expect all students to behave in a respectful manner, following school rules. I would like to emphasise that no student has the right to interrupt the learning of others. Communities value schools that have students who behave in a respectful manner.

In the short time I have been at the school, it certainly has been a busy place. Our Year 12 students have been completing the HSC examinations. Year 11, who have now begun their HSC courses, as their Preliminary courses finished at the end of Term 3, need to be focussed and organised within each subject. Years 7 through to Year 10 should be preparing notes and revising for their upcoming yearly examinations.

A program for selected Aboriginal students in Years 7 and 8, called Mura Burrapur has begun, helping them connect with their cultural backgrounds. Thank you to Mrs Kerrie Corr for her hard work in organising this program.

I have attended a number of out of school hour's activities where our students have represented the school to an outstanding level. These have included the Hawkesbury Dance Festival, (Sheyanne and Izaya were compares) and the '2015 Hawkesbury

Showcase Max Potential' presentation, involving Year 11 students-Maddison, Gemma and Deborah who had all participated to a high level. Maddison was selected to speak at this function on behalf of all the students involved, quite an honour as it involved a group of more than 20 students from private and public schools within the Hawkesbury region) She did an outstanding job. I also attended the G'day USA fund raising Trivia Night, where the students participating in the overseas excursion had organised raffle prizes and tables of participants. Congratulations and thank you to all these students for your efforts and representing the school so proudly. A special thank you also goes to the staff who organised and attended these events. Special mention goes to Mr Sebastian Bonaccorso, Mrs Yolanta Calvert and Mrs Bronwyn Kedicioglu.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the extended school community over the next few months,

Regards Jenny Hawken

DEPUTY'S REPORT

White Ribbon

The White Ribbon - Breaking the Silence schools program is an initiative being implemented in public schools across the state to raise awareness and prevent domestic violence in our community. Windsor High School will be taking part in what we are hoping will be a very successful launch later this year. Recently a group of predominately male teachers met to plan an event to engage all staff and students. The team is planning to make a short film that will highlight the significant threat domestic violence poses on the community and broaden students understanding of the role they can play in its prevention as leaders of the future. We are planning to invite a White Ribbon Ambassador to speak at a formal assembly, have student

performances and an art competition is also planned to build on the concept that violence in any form will never be acceptable and that respect for each other is vitally important for a successful society.

Facebook Concerns

Many of our students use Facebook to communicate with each other after school and on the weekends. Unfortunately for some, Facebook is not used for what it is intended and they can become the victim of abuse from others or the instigator of intimidation, threats and disrespectful comments. I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents for their support in monitoring their child's use of Facebook and any other form of social media. Please contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

HSC Examinations

The Higher School Certificate has almost finished and students from Windsor High have been extremely positive in their preparation and the way they have conducted themselves throughout the examinations. I am very much looking forward to hearing about your successful results in the future. Congratulations once again Year 12 and the best of luck for your onward journey into further education or the workplace.

Senior Student Attendance

This term our Year 11 students have started Year 12. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you all of the importance of attending all classes and making the most of all learning experiences for the remainder of the year. With this comes the expectation that senior students will sign in with enough time to be ready for their first class and that

they will sign out when they have concluded their lessons for the day. I would like to also urge Year 12 to make the most of your study periods throughout the day utilising the library and tutoring staff to revise work, make study notes and complete assignments.

Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded that the staff car park IS NOT a safe place to drop off students. Signage confirms that parents should not enter the car park between 8.30 and 4.00pm. All students should be dropped at the front gate when driven to school by parents.

Uniform

Students have been informed that in 2016 black shorts that are not Windsor High School will not be acceptable. In particular, female students who have been wearing a shorter version of black shorts have been told to purchase school shorts.

The school environment needs to be considered as a workplace where females wearing short shorts or short skirts is not acceptable.

Helmets

Several students choose to ride bicycles and scooters to school each day which we are very happy to support at Windsor High. Unfortunately we cannot support students that choose this form of transport without wearing a helmet. All students have been informed that their scooter or bicycle will be confiscated if they bring them to school without a helmet and not returned until they bring one. Students riding Bikes and scooters without a helmet are putting themselves at risk of injury and are also breaking the law. I would like to thank those parents that ensure

their children wear a helmet when using this form of transport.

Merit Awards

Students who continue to demonstrate outstanding achievement and dedication are eligible to receive a merit award. I would like to remind both staff and students that this is an excellent way to recognise student achievement and promote the positive things that happen at Windsor High School every day. Details of the Windsor High merit system are listed below:

1. Students that exhibit outstanding effort and achievement in class will firstly receive a Faculty merit award
2. 3 faculty merit awards equal a Head Teachers award
3. 3 Head Teacher awards equal a Year Advisors award
4. 3 Year Advisors awards equal a Deputy Principal's award
5. 3 Deputy Principal's awards equal a Principal's award

Students are reminded that any student who receives a Principal's award this year will once again go into the draw to win an iPad. It looks like there may be a few already this year. Good Luck!

Mr S. Mudiman
Deputy Principal

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enroll your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition

develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This term our Student Wellbeing Action Team (S.W.A.T) are busying themselves making Christmas decorations for the annual Richmond Telstra store Christmas tree competition. Every year the store holds a tree decorating competition for the local schools with great cash prizes on offer. Last year we won \$500!

This year our theme is based around White Ribbon Day as we promote a Violent free Christmas in the Hawkesbury. The students are making all the ornaments from scratch and are aiming to be finished by the end of Week 5. The tree will be on display in the front office from Week 6, feel free to pop in and take a look. Voting will take place at the Telstra Richmond store from Wednesday 18th

November until Wednesday 2nd December. Please take the time to vote for our school as any cash amount won will go into funding 2016 S.W.A.T events (like Wellbeing Week).

Thanks for your support

Natalie Howell
Student Support Officer



NATIONALS QUALIFIER 2015

Congratulations to Renee Hardy for her amazing efforts so far, Silver Medal winner at the NSW All Schools Track & Field, qualifying for the Australian All Schools Athletics Track and Field Championships. It has been a very long time since Windsor High has had a student make their way right through the very difficult and strict qualifying process in any mainstream sporting event which encompasses swimming, cross country or athletics. The Championships commence on Friday 4 December 2015 at the Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park, Melbourne, Victoria. The event runs for three days.

Renee will compete in the 3000m walk on Saturday 5 December. This is a gruelling event requiring great skill and technique as well as stamina.

Renee and her family will be travelling to Melbourne in December to watch her race.



Anyone who could offer Renee some form of sponsorship to assist with the expense of this venture should contact Windsor High front office ASAP. All donations would be gratefully accepted.

The school will be fundraising with a bake stall on 19th November. Thank you to Ms Oppy for organising this fundraiser.

We are all wishing Renee the best of luck for this exciting new venture in her life. Windsor High is very proud!

Mrs Windon and Mrs Horan

Maths Counts

The Mathematics faculty at Windsor High School aims to develop confidence and competency in Mathematics by providing students with an opportunity to develop an appreciation of Mathematics and its applications in their everyday lives and in



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technology, commerce, the arts and employment. We strive to support students t o



develop a positive self-concept as learners of Mathematics, obtain enjoyment from Mathematics, and become self-motivated learners through inquiry and active participation in challenging and engaging experiences.

Year 12

Congratulations to all year 12 who have now finished their Higher School Certificate Examinations. We would like to wish you all the very best for your future endeavours

Prepared to learn

It is vital that all students come to Maths classes prepared for their lessons and ready to work. Students need to bring pens, books and their calculators to every class. Those without a calculator are encouraged to purchase one through the front office for \$22. These sturdy calculators are exceptional value as normal retail price is \$40.00.

Don't forget, to be good at Mathematics, you need to practise and practise. Here are some suggestions as to how you may excel in Mathematics.

- Short notes/ summary
- Notes on the wall
- Study buddy
- List the method as steps
- Websites
- Mind maps

Reminders

“**Maths After School**” sessions are still running on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-4:00. If you wish your child to attend any of these sessions you will need to fill in a consent form available from the Mathematics staff-room.

From the maths team...Have a great term!

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Relieving Head of Mathematics

YEAR 7 GALA DAY 2014

The Macquarie Zone Year 7 Gala Day was held on 20 October 2015 at various sporting locations around Rouse Hill and Kellyville. A range of sports were available to students. On the day, Windsor High participated in Girls Netball ... Boys Touch Football ... Boys & Girls Soccer 7 aside.

Our students arrived bright and early to travel by bus to the venues so that they would be ready to commence the first games at 9.30 am.

Despite the fact that many of our girls Netball side were beginners, Mrs Brice, Netball coach extraordinaire, was most impressed with their attack skills and determined defence. Maddison , Cassidy Zoe and Jazmine were stand out players for Windsor High. The girls lost their first game, drew the second and were run away winners in the other games. Hopefully these girls will stay together as a team and represent Windsor High in further Netball competitions in the future.

The boys Touch team came very close to making the semis. However the scoring system did not work in our favour and that was the end of the road for the boys. Mr Carter was very happy with the way the boys played on the day. Their teamwork and overall sportsmanship was pleasing to see.

The girls and boys Soccer were also victorious in the early games. Mr Cotter was most impressed with the soccer skills displayed by many of the WINDSOR HIGH players. Allen was Mr Cotter's pick as MVP on the day. Mr Cotter was also ably assisted by Mr Bryant on the day. Soccer was definitely the most popular Sport with over 600 children from the Macquarie Zone playing their heart out throughout the day.

Many thanks are also extended to the Year 10 students who volunteered their services to benefit the development of Year 7 Sport. Emily and Jacqueline were invaluable at Netball; Tyson, Daniel and Jayden were excellent soccer referees and Jordan , Jarrad and Dean acted as team managers and referees at Touch Football.

Thank you once again to our amazing coaches, Mrs Brice (Netball), Mr Carter (Touch) and Mr Cotter and Mr Bryant (Soccer). Without these teachers the day could not go ahead.

At the end of the day, the Year 7 students were great ambassadors for Windsor High and thoroughly enjoyed their Gala Day as part of the growing Macquarie Zone Sport!

Yours in Sport ...
Mrs Windon & Mrs Horan

PENRITH PANTHERS CAPTAINS CUP 9s RUGBY LEAGUE

Windsor High School sent a team to play in the Rugby League 9's in Penrith at the end of term three. The boys won three games but unfortunately were unsuccessful in the Grand Final! They succumbed to Chifley College. Outstanding players were Dillin, Jonathan and Jayden .

The team consisted of Dillin (c) Jayden Jonathan , Joshua , Mitchell, Jay, Luke, Kale Declan and Jarrad .

Hopefully the boys will stay together as a team and be the winners in 2016!

Mr Carter.

Sydney West Representation

An amendment to previous listings
Rhianon qualified for 100m Butterfly.

G'Day USA Trivia Night

Last Friday, Windsor High School's 'G'Day USA' group ran a trivia night to raise funds for the group's upcoming trip to the United States. Held at the Windsor RSL Club, over 100 participants were treated to a night of silliness, excitement and competition.

The night began with a warm introduction by Leanne Shiagetz, the mother of one of the travellers and MC for the night, thanking attendees for supporting this wonderful initiative.

Then it was down to business.

Questions on sport, world history, popular culture, general knowledge and everything in between were asked as teams battled it out round after round. Highlights of the night included seeing our newly appointed Principal, Jennifer Hawken, and her table, adorned in scarves won after a hotly contested round (the pink one was particularly fetching on Jennifer's husband Brian), as well as the pushing and shoving that ensued as contestants raced to the front of the room to win prizes with random items requested by our MC. Lowlights included Round 5- What's the Next Line?, which saw contestants subjected to the musical styling's of the MC and Bronwyn Kedicioglu, Windsor High School teacher and G'Day USA Group



Leader, as they sang while contestants tried to guess the next line of the song (there may have also been some interpretive dance to help coax out the answer).

Overall, the night was a

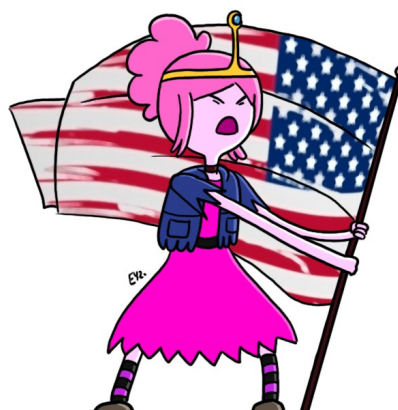
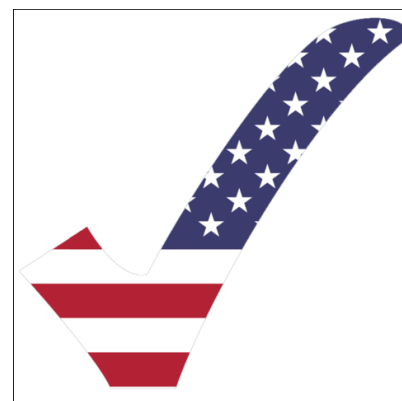
huge success, with the group raising over \$2000 to go towards the costs associated with the program. Thank you to all of those that attended what was a fantastic night.

The G'Day USA group would like to pay a special thank you to Windsor RSL for supporting the initiative by providing the venue, equipment and prizes for participants. Our other community partners include Kurrajong Kitchen, Speechley Property, Davies Office Supplies,

Dinky Di Cleaning and Hospitality Supplies, Ettamogah Pub, Dan Murphy's Richmond, Good Price Pharmacy

Warehouse, Pharmasave and Premier Mushrooms for their generous prize contributions.

The group would also like to especially



acknowledge and thank Leanne Shiagetz for hosting the night, as well as Helen Palmer, another parent and P&C representative, for securing community support in the form of prizes.

CAPA CAPERS

Patrick Mount &
Abraham Box



Patrick Mount and Abraham Box are a dynamic duo who regularly perform in the Hawkesbury and produce their own



festivals, school concerts, local cafes, restaurants and school functions. They write their own songs and are

songs. They are carving out a music future though guest appearances at Pulse,

currently number one on the popular site Reverberation.

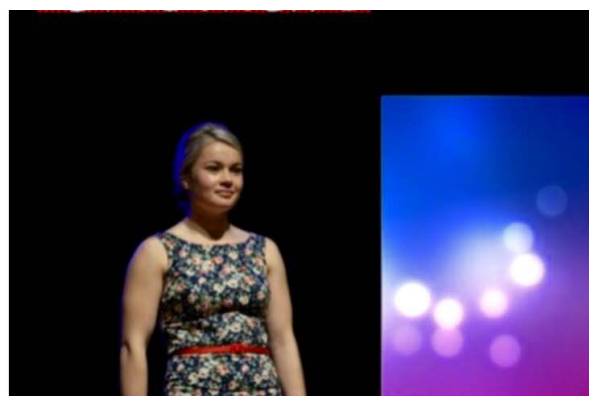
an audience of over 100 who paid \$90 dollars a ticket to see our students, for a three course meal and to raise money for the organisation Riding for the Disabled. Congratulations to all our performers and entertainment students for



Assisting at the Riding for the Disabled Fundraiser

doing a wonderful job, and for once again for showing we are the best school in the Hawkesbury.

Windsor High Students participated in the Riding for The Disabled Fundraiser on the 15 October at the Richmond School of Arts. Entertainment students Patrick, Iza-ya , Gabrielle, Louis , Abraham and Dylan arrived at the venue from 10am to setup tables, sound, lighting and other staging elements. At 2pm our talented students arrived for a sound check and final preparations. At 6.30pm Louis and Megan kicked off the musical extravaganza with some exquisite piano solos, which was followed by outstanding instrumental and vocal performances from your Year 11 and Year 12 music students. The evening provided a showcase of Windsor talent to



Madalyn Crismale

At Just 16 years old, High School student & vocalist Madalyn has performed countless times for the community at local Christmas carol events & shopping centres. Singing everything from pop, jazz and even some blues, Madalyn's voice has graced not only many school concerts, but even entertained residents at the Fitzgerald Nursing Home. Come along and support such a lovely girl with a wonderful community spirit.

WHS Entertainment Students assisting with the Riding for the Disabled Fundraiser.

RESPECT

ACHIEVEMENT

TEAMWORK

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UNIFORM SHOP

The following information relates to the opening hours for the Windsor High School Uniform Shop located in the school grounds during the January 2016 school vacation.

DATE	HOURS
21 st January 2016	1.30 – 3.30pm
25 th January 2016	8.00 – 11.00am
28 th January 2016	8.00 – 9.00 am

The Back to Basics retail shop located at Cox Avenue, Kingswood is open 5 days per week for your convenience. All students are expected to be in uniform every day so please take advantage of these additional hours of operation.



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SENIOR BOYS SHIRT.....	\$30.00
SENIOR POLO.....	\$27.00
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 STOCKINGS.....	\$10.00
SPORTS SHORTS.....	\$25.00
SPORTS POLO.....	\$35.00
MICROFIBRE JACKET.....	\$70.00
TRACKPANTS.....	\$45.00
WOOL JUMPER.....	\$75.00
SLOPPY JOE.....	\$35.00
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 1/08/15 – Subject to change without notice – Includes 10% GST



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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/11—13/11 Yr 9 & 10 Yearly Exams	26/11 White Ribbon Event
9/11—13/11 VALID Science Testing Yr 8	1/12 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program Yr 10 Formal
10/11 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program	3/12 Yr 6 Orientation Day
16/11—18/11 Yr 10 SBAT Week	4/12 Rewards Excursion
17/11 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program	8/12 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program
17/11 Yr 6 Indigenous Students Transition Day	9/12 Presentation Night
24/11 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program	11/12 Semester 2 Awards
24/11 P & C Meeting	15/12 Yr 7 Indigenous Students Mura Burrapur Program
25/11 Hawkesbury Learning Community Performance	16/12 Last Day for students
25/11 White Day	

Students who are participating in the Mura Burrapur Program



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Simply give us a call, send us an email or visit our online store to purchase uniforms that can be sent to the school within 24 hours.

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