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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Principal's Report

What a busy term we have had at Windsor High. Since our last newsletter in Week 5, all junior years have completed their yearly examinations, Year 11 in some subjects have handed in their first HSC assessment tasks, and teachers have been madly marking and writing reports. Our incoming Year 7 group of students have participated in two transition days as well as an Orientation Day so it is hoped all these students now feel comfortable and excited about coming to

Windsor High.

Other extracurricular events have included the finalisation of Hawkesbury Harvest, where students from two of our feeder schools- Windsor Park and Windsor South Public Schools picked the vegetable crops they had grown, preparing them to create a feast fit for kings. The Year 10 formal was an outstanding success at the Hawkesbury Race Course at Claredon. The students looked amazing and the behaviour of those who attended was excellent. Thank you to Ms

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**. WALKING TOGETHER . LEARNING TOGETHER .**

Ruis and all her effort put into making the night a success.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November, all the principals from our feeder schools were invited to attend a luncheon to meet with me and find out about all the positive programs in place at Windsor High. Topics included an address by the school captains ( Daniel, Maddison, Sheyenne and Izaya) as to what makes WHS wonderful for them, the Learning Support Programs, Aboriginal programs, Gifted and Talented Programs, Careers and VET opportunities, Welfare and Transition programs. Hospitality students, Liam and Sarsha helped with the serving and Music students, Louis, Abraham and Patrick provided some entertainment. The afternoon finished with a school tour of the great facilities we have available to our students. We look forward to hosting a similar event in 2016.

The White Ribbon Day Activities were outstanding, with so many of the staff and students taking an oath to stop the violence against women. A very moving assembly was held, a photograph was taken of the students and staff in the shape of a white ribbon. More details about this is in Mr Mudiman's report, but I wanted to acknowledge the hard work and effort put in by the male staff and some key male students to 'Break the Silence' around domestic violence.

Year 7 this week have all been attending a Swim School, whereby students have the opportunity to learn rescue techniques, improve swimming ability and have fun. It was great to see so many of our Year 7 students take advantage of such an opportunity.

Windsor High also have had a number of wins over the last few weeks. We won first place in the Telstra/ Richmond Market Place Christmas Tree Decorations competition, a

prize of \$1000 being awarded to the school. The decorations were hand made by our SWAT ( Student Welfare Action Team) group, with a white ribbon theme. This money will be utilised in 2016 to assist the SWAT group implement some of their great ideas.

The Rotary Club of Richmond has recently announced the prize winners of their Senior High School Art Awards. Of the seven prizes, WHS were awarded two- firstly Jeamah received a Highly Commended and receives a cheque for \$100. Olivia was one of the major award recipients, receiving a prize of \$500. Well Done girls.

Izaya was awarded on 8/12/2015 with the Natalie Burton Memorial award, presented by the families of Ms Burton and on behalf of the Hawkesbury City Council for a student of the Hawkesbury Community who has faced an adversity and has positively responded. The Mayor, Mr Kim Ford and Natalie's mother, Mrs Elizabeth Burton were present for the announcement. The trophy will remain at the school for the next twelve months, and Izaya receives a sum of money to help with her education.

Thank you to the students of the school who continue to be charitable and support others less fortunate than themselves. The school was asked to support a Hamper Donation drive for the Hawkesbury Church to distribute amongst those at most need over Christmas. Over 240 individual items were donated, and the winning Year group who bought in the most were Year 10. Well Done Year 10.

A big thank you to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Windsor High who put in so much effort to ensure our students have such a positive educational experience. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the students and their families.

Finally, I would like to wish the students, staff, family and friends of Windsor High a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to walking together, learning together in 2016.

Mrs Jenny Hawken  
Principal

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

Congratulations to the staff and students of Windsor High School for another amazing year! We continue to build on the fantastic achievements of our students through the huge array of opportunities to engage in quality teaching and learning as well as extra-curricular activities. Over the following week we will celebrate the outstanding achievement of students at our presentation evening and annual award ceremonies. Congratulations in advance to all of our award winners. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to attend these important occasions.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Year 10 formal. This is always a fantastic night with the students looking almost unrecognisable. Our students as always represented Windsor High School with distinction through their maturity, appreciation and behaviour on the night. Some other highlights throughout the year have included musical performances, the drama night, transition programs with our partner Primary Schools (the Harvest program is always amazing), RUOK Week, White Ribbon and Max Potential just to name a few. Whether in or out of the school are students continue to strive to meet their full potential through their positive engagement in such activities. Looking forward to building on these and many others in 2016.

This year we have farewelled our previous Principal, Mrs Annette Cam who has now

retired, and have welcomed Mrs Jennifer Hawken the new Principal of Windsor High School in Term 4. I'm sure the staff, students and the community will all share with me in wishing Mrs Cam all the best in retirement. We are also very much look forward to working with Mrs Hawken in continuing to build strong relationships with the community and provide fantastic opportunities for our students in the future.

### White Ribbon

Recently Windsor High School held an event in support of White Ribbon. White Ribbon is a male led program raising awareness and the prevention of domestic violence and the effect it has on the community. A team of predominately male staff and students from the school organised for a number of activities on the day. Students were firstly invited to wear a white shirt for the day enabling us to take a photograph of students in the shape of a ribbon in the main quad. An assembly was also held where a video made by students was shown. Students and staff filmed and wrote the music for the film themselves. This was an incredibly moving assembly. I was extremely proud of the students and staff for their contribution toward the success of the assembly, but also to all our students who participated for their level of respect demonstrated throughout the assembly. Students and staff were given the opportunity to sign an oath which stated that they will never instigate domestic violence and that they would speak out against it and support others in need. There was a fantastic atmosphere at lunch with musical performances by students and staff.

### Welcome to 2016

In the holidays all students and their families will receive a welcome letter and package for the 2016 school year. Information such as



timetables, course fees, bell times, equipment lists among various other items specific to the individual year group. We are hoping that by sending this out during the holidays will give parents the opportunity to assist students to be ready to learn in 2016.

Students and parents are reminded that in 2016, all students will need to be in full school uniform. Girls will no longer be permitted to wear non WHS shorts. The shorter, shaped/ scooped shorts will be banned in 2016. Please see the uniform shop item later in this newsletter for opening hours during the holidays.

Thank you to the staff of Windsor High School for another fantastic year. Your tireless work and dedication to providing opportunities for students is what makes a difference to our school.

Finally I would like to wish the Staff, Students and their families a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday.

Mr S. Mudiman  
**Deputy Principal**

## MATHS COUNT

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 the worlds of science, technology, commerce, the arts and employment. We strive to support students to 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.

## Math IT excursion to the Western University



Our students with the university staff on the day.

Earlier this term, eight of our students went with Mr Anand to the Western University for the day. The day highlighted the importance of mathematics in science, technology and engineering courses. Students were impressed with the various activities that they were able to participate in as part of the excursion.

## Numeracy NAPLAN results

The most important aspect of the NAPLAN test is the amount of growth that each student achieves over the two year period between each test. In 2015 most of our students achieved their potential growth and many exceeded it. I would like to congratulate Benjamin Tansey who achieved the highest score in Year 7, Ethan Harris who was the most improved in Year 7, Benjamin Segui who achieved the highest score in Year 9 and Dillin Kelly who was the most improved in Year 9.

## What you focus on grows...

*Holidays are a perfect time to sit back, reflect, and plan for the year ahead.*

To succeed in mathematics it is important for students to practise their skills. All students would benefit from extra practise through the holidays.

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

The following websites are an excellent source for tutorials and practise.

[www.mymathsonline.com.au](http://www.mymathsonline.com.au)

[www.tale.edu.au/tale4students](http://www.tale.edu.au/tale4students) (Dept. of Ed site – students will need their school internet password)

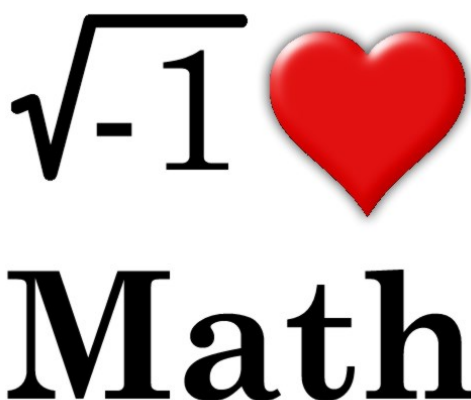
[www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com)

- Mind maps

The maths faculty would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

**P Nand**

**Acting Head Teacher Mathematics**



## Goodbye Australia - G'day USA!

While the end of Term 4 typically sees Windsor High School winding down for the Christmas holidays, the G'day USA group are continuing to work hard in preparation for their upcoming trip to the United States in the New Year.

G'day USA is a cultural exchange program that sees Australian students travel to the U.S. to live with an American family, attend an American school and see the iconic sites of Los Angeles and San Francisco. This year, eight of Windsor High School's students are making the trip along with two students from neighbouring high school. The group is being hosted in San Diego by Del Norte High School, home of the mighty Nighthawks!

Flying out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, the girls will spend four days in LA, going to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm Roller Coaster Park, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, Hollywood Boulevard and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. From there, the group will travel to San Diego where they will be individually hosted with American families. Travellers will have the opportunity to visit San Diego Zoo, Sea World and Old San Diego Town, as well as ride a naval airship. On the weekends, students spend time with their American family, attending activities with their host 'sisters' including school football games and local attractions. And with ten girls travelling, and Mrs Kedicioglu supervising, there will, of course, be a lot of shopping in-between. 😊

From San Diego, the group will make their way to San Francisco, where they will walk across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, take a trip around Alcatraz prison and dine at the Hard Rock Café before flying home to Australia.

While the trip itself is a lot of fun, the preparation and organisation leading up to departure has been hard work and the travellers have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey, including many of the students finding part-time jobs to pay for their own fares.

The group have also run numerous fundraising initiatives throughout the year, including a mega-affle, a G'day USA trivia night, a car show and Masters barbecue to help cover the costs associated with the program. Through their hard work and dedication, and with the support of parents and local community partners, the group were able to raise over \$10,000. Special thanks need to go to Helen Palmer, Leanne Shiagetz, Tracey and Pat Brooks, and Lesley and Stewart Mason for their support during these fundraising endeavours. The group would also like to thank all of the local businesses and residents that supported the initiatives through their generous donations.

This is the second year that Windsor High School has run the G'day USA program.



## CAPA CAPERS

Term 4 has seen a great amount of activity in the Creative Arts faculty.

White Ribbon Day was a particular focus, with students involved in the creation of a banner, musical performances and photographic documentation of the events. The involvement of the students helped to ensure the day was memorable and its message well received.

Musical performances have taken place at Windsor Riverview and for the visiting Year 6 students being introduced to Windsor High School during Orientation Day. The Grand Finale will be the performances at Presentation Night and the Awards ceremony where the cream of the Windsor High's talent will be performing under the guidance of Mrs West.

In the Visual Arts, the purchase of a print-making press has enhanced the work of students in all years who are doing lino block printing. This has sped up the time it takes



Olivia Muller

Jearnah Olivares

to make a print and has also increased their quality. As a result two of our Year 10 students have had success in the Windsor Rotary Hawkesbury Schools Art Awards. Olivia



Muller won a \$500 prize for her portrait of an Eclectus Parrot, while Jearnah Olivares won \$100 for her interpretation of a Child's World. Both students used hand colouring with inks to add to the visual impact of their work. Other students in year 10 have also produced technically and aesthetically high quality works.

Year 8 have also been interpreting animal images in a graphic form with great success. Some examples include the following.

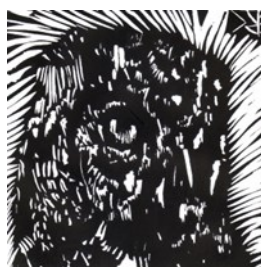


Aiden Garzo

Cassie Thurgar Dow



Bodee Coates



Jessica Lubke

Johnathon Bennett



Kaine Perry



Jordan Hart

We look forward to the coming year and to the future successes of our talented stu-

## English

All the English teachers have had a rewarding time over the last few weeks evaluating our programs from 2015 and building on our successes to make heading into 2016 an exciting proposition. The National Curriculum for English has now been in full swing for years 7 through 10 for a year and we are enjoying the challenges and new experiences that this syllabus brings into our English classrooms.

2016 will see some exciting changes as we welcome back Mrs Mobbs, who has been on maternity leave for several years; and Mrs Kedicioglu will be relieving as English Head Teacher as Ms Thompson becomes Acting Deputy. We also have new computers for our lab arriving any day now! It will be great to update our technology and give students even greater access to excellent resources and equipment to assist in their learning and development.

Several theatre excursions have been planned for many year groups next year, starting with the Drama students attending OnStage in February: a showcase of the best Drama performances of all NSW schools in 2015. Many year groups will be invited to attend excursions to various shows throughout the year.

Finally, we wish all of our students and families a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to learning with you all next year.

**The English Faculty**

## Duke of Edinburgh Award – Assessment Trip to Deep Pass

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November Mr Hawes, Ms Thompson, Josh, Cooper, Luke, Ryan, Bethany, Zoe, Riley and Alex in year 9 set off for Deep Pass. We left Bilpin at 9:30am to start heading to Deep Pass at Newnes Plateau. On the drive there Hawes was brought back to his old tour guiding career, informing us of all landmarks and interesting things up in the mountains. Meanwhile in Ms Thompson's car, they were having a wonderful time listening to Alex's singing.

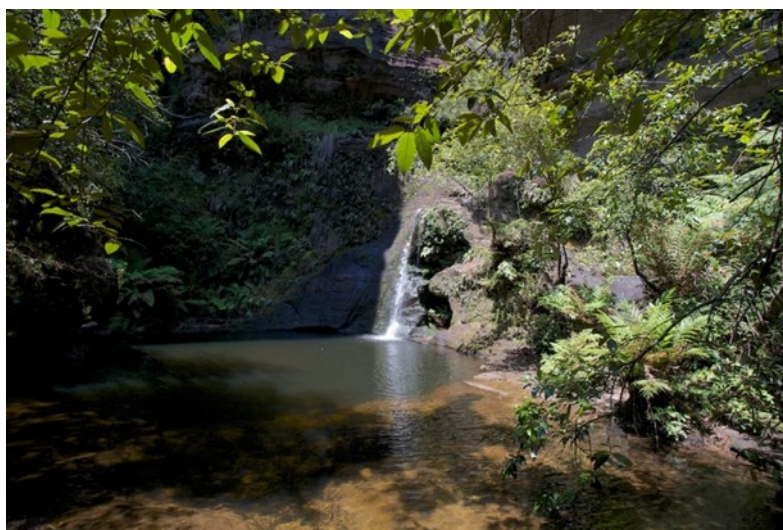
We got to the car park and collected our packs, adding on the extra ropes, carabinas, helmets and harnesses, which made some people quite uncomfortable with the

extra weight. The 1km walk was rocky and awkward to walk on but luckily it was downhill. We got to camp in the amazing clearing of Deep Pass, got a quick briefing from Mr Hawes about the area then decided our places to set up camp.

Everyone brought a pencil and note book which we used almost immediately because Hawes and Miss had an activity for us. We were split into two groups, given three sets of coordinates to find on the map and go to, (without teacher's guidance). This was a challenge for one group as the random letterbox they were looking for wasn't actually there, so after about an hour of looking,

many scratches and a blue tongue lizard hunt that involved falling off a rock into the creek. The other group was sent to a beautiful water fall and swimming hole that everyone wanted to go back to.

We started a fire in the afternoon and the two groups cooked their dinner, one group had Spaghetti Bolognese, which Zoe unfortunately spilt a lot of onto the ground and the other group had beef stroganoff *with* mushrooms in it this time (thank you Riley). We stayed up late and played spotlight to our hearts' content then passed out in our tents.



Everyone woke up early and had a shot at cooking breakfast, the winner of the breakfast award was our group that cooked bacon and eggs on the little gas stoves in little fry pans, the problem was

it took an hour to cook so everyone was ready by the time we were done. We got the harnesses, ropes and helmets and took them to a rock climbing wall that Hawes said would be good for us. Ms Thompson gave us a run down of different strategies to climb and proper safety then we all gave climbing a go, Riley was a gun climber but didn't do so well belaying Ms Thompson. (But we don't talk about that!)

After we decided to go canyoning to cool off and headed toward where one group found the waterfall the day before, because there was a whole canyon that it ran through. It

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY ACTIVITIES



was great fun walking through the cool canyon knowing that everyone at school was struggling in the heat. Alex and Bethany were prone to slipping over so they had a lot more scratches than everyone else. We made another dinner on the second day and the same group gets a cooking award for the greatest sausages and potatoes cooking in the world, even some rehydrated peas to top it off. Another late night for everyone, sitting around the fire and telling stories, we even saw a wombat.

It was a highly successful trip, with everyone passing their Adventurous Journey section of the Award.

By Josh Walker and Cooper Thompson





RESPECT

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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK



RENEE HARDY IN ACTION



YEAR 10 FORMAL



WHITE RIBBON CELEBRATIONS



YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY ACTIVITIES



MR COTTER WITH SOCCER BOYS



YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY ACTIVITIES



## 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 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	1.30 – 3.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	8.00 – 11.00am
28 <sup>th</sup> 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

28/1/16 Yrs 7, 11 & 12 students return to Term 1	29/1/16 Yrs 8-10 students return to Term 1
4/2/16 Yr 11 Introduction— Study Day	5/2/16 Field of Dreams Excur- sion
15/2/16 Yr 12 Workplacement (VET COURSES)	17/2/16 Windsor Open Night from 5.30pm
22/2—26/2/16 Yr 12 Academic Reviews	25/2/16 Swimming Carnival
26/2/16 MAC Cup—Rugby League, Netball, Soccer	1/3/16 Yrs 7 & 11 Parent Teach- er Evening (4-6)
3/3/16 School Photos Zone Swimming	7/3-18/3/16 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
14/3/16 Sydney West Swimming	15/3/16 MAC Cup Touch Foot- ball
16/3-18/3/16 Royal Easter Show	24/3/16 Yr 7 Vaccinations
25/3/16 Good Friday	

## CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

To Ms Louise West being awarded the:

***Windsor High School Outstanding  
Commitment to Public Education  
Award 2015.***

*Ms West is a worthy recipient*

Ms West is a positive force of creativity, intellect and care. Windsor High school has been fortunate to have her as a Music teacher for the past eight years of her 28 year teaching career. During this time she has inspired many students to learn, create and have confidence in themselves and their abilities; always displaying her commitment to learning.



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