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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Principal's report for newsletter 20 June 2015

End of Term 2 – how quickly the year flies by! Semester 1 academic reports are completed and will be handed out at parent-teacher night on 23 June. Every year I read all the student reports each semester; I am very impressed with the general achievement levels of our students this year. Well done to you all! Thank you also to parents for your assistance in

your child's education.

There is one more term for Year 12 students and of course, they will do their Trial HSC this term. I encourage all students to continue to work hard right up until their HSC exams are completed in November. Remember, we have additional qualified tutors here at school each day to assist with any aspect of study and assignments and a quiet room set aside for students to work quietly. And of course, they are

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also able to study in the library at our new carrousel.

I trust you will all have a safe and enjoyable vacation and we will see you back here at the beginning of Term 3. First day of term for students is Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Progress on Strategic Planning 2015

Our new strategic plan is on the website for you to read. Here is an update on how we are going so far!

All planning is completed and milestones are also finished. These milestones will help to keep us on track with implementing our plan and there are actions for us to sign off on twice per term.

Strategic Direction 1 – Strengthening teacher quality.

This year, we have been strongly working on this most important area of school performance. All teachers are involved in a program called “Lesson Study” and this is the second year of implementation. Teachers work in pairs to identify an area they need to develop. Together they devise some strategies to trial improvements in the classroom, to observe each other’s teaching practice, to reflect on the experience and to make further improvements. Research shows that this is one of the very best methods of strengthening teacher quality!

Strategic Direction 2 – Engaged learners achieving their full potential

Assessment practices.

The school has appointed Ms Merrilyn Court into a new executive position called “Head Teacher Curriculum” for 2015. Ms Court has been working with all faculties to review our student assessment learning practices, beginning with the Higher School Certificate. The Assessment Team has been checking all HSC assessments for compliance with the requirements of the Board of Studies and to ensure that they reflect best practice.

Teacher training in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) classroom practices

Three times each term on Thursday afternoons, all teachers have been attending teacher professional learning activities on strategies to effectively use ICT in their classrooms to better engage students in learning. These have involved various ICT systems and programs including Edmodo (an online student-teacher interface for sharing resources and lessons) and Weebly (creating websites for use with students).

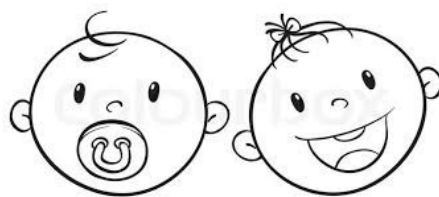
Strategic Direction 3 – Inspiring a culture of collaboration between the school and community

Primary school transitions programs

In the second last week of Term 2, Windsor High School hosted workshops for Gifted and Talented Primary students from across the region. The workshops covered many areas of interest including: Science, Music, Ceramics, Dance, Computer game design, Master Chef, Ancient History. The primary students had a great time and so too did our teachers! Parents gave wonderful feedback, also commenting on the excellence of our own Windsor High School student leaders who helped with each workshop.

!!!!BEST WISHES ASHLEA!!!!!!

Ashlea Khalid will be leaving us at the end of this term to commence maternity leave. Mrs Cam and all the staff at Windsor High School wish her all the best as she awaits the arrival of her twins..



DEPUTY'S REPORT

Deputy Principal's Report

Once again another busy Term!

Just last week I was one of the lucky staff members among friends and family to be invited to the Year 12 Music Performance Night. All I can say is 'Wow'! Our students are amazing and Mrs West has done a fantastic job as always preparing our students for the rigors of the HSC Music course. Congratulations to Mrs West and her team as well as all of the students involved.

Last week I was also honoured to be invited to the annual launch of the **MaxPotential** program at the Sebel resort. Windsor High School has 3 students from Year 11 involved, Gemma Healey, Denise Phiri and Maddison Brough who were all very excited to have been selected for the program. These students will develop a community based program/initiative in the coming weeks developing leadership, team, communication and interpersonal skills along the way, all with the support of mentors from private industry and the community.

Semester Awards will be held on Wednesday 24th June where hard work and student achievement will be recognised by the whole school. I always look forward to such occasions where students are rewarded for their consistent effort and application in all subjects as well as the many additional programs that the school runs. I urge parents that are available to attend this important event.

Semester 2 Timetable

Year 7 and 8 students will receive new timetables before the end of Term. There will be significant changes to when your child's subjects will be delivered, however the major change will be to Technology and Creative and Performing Arts courses. For example if your child was studying Visual Art and Home Economics in Semester 1 then they

will change to Music and Industrial Arts in Semester 2 and vice versa. This will mean that there will be some changes necessary in terms of the equipment required for these courses. Students will be informed of these when they start the course. Please note that all practical subjects require fully enclosed leather shoes. There are no changes for students in Years 9 and 10 as their courses run all year. Should you have any queries regarding your child's new timetable or subjects please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Year 12 Uniform

Recently I met with all of Year 12 to remind them of their responsibilities as school leaders. One such responsibility is to present themselves positively at school and in the community by wearing full school uniform each day. As a Year 12 student the rest of the student body see them as school leaders which makes it all the more important for them to model Windsor High Schools values of Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect. I am also personally monitoring Year 12 keeping a record of the amount of days that any student is out of uniform without a valid reason. As you are aware the school does have a system in place for when the unexpected occurs and uniform is not available. Students are required to simply bring in a note with an explanation and present this to their Year Advisor for a pass.

Energy Drinks

On a recent school assembly I reminded all students that energy drinks are banned at Windsor High School. Students were informed that they would be confiscated immediately should they bring these to school. Energy drinks do not support student learning therefore these measures have been put in place. I ask all parents to support their child's learning by ensuring that these drinks are not brought to school.

Parent and Teacher Evening

Finally I would like to remind all parents of

our upcoming Parent and Teacher evening to be held on Tuesday 23rd June. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their children's teacher and to hear hopefully all the positive aspects of their child's schooling as well as identifying any areas of concern and working together on resolving them. Semester 1 Reports will also be available on the night. I urge all parents to attend this important night.

Have a happy and safe break. See you all back for Term 3.

Mr S. Mudiman

Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Firstly, a quick reminder to students about The Library's opening hours ... we are available to all library users for a few minutes before school starts for the return of books (so you don't have to carry them around with you). We are happy to negotiate opening earlier for urgent tasks such as printing assignments that are due Period 1 or Period 2.

The Library is closed Recess 1 so the Teacher Librarian can liaise with other teachers who would otherwise be on class.

The Library is open to all users Recess 2 and both halves of lunch.

Outside those times Senior Students can use The Library for private study; students in years 7 to 10 can complete tasks in the library either as a class booked in by their teacher; individually (with a note from their teacher); or in small groups (by prior arrangement).

Unfortunately, there will be times when The Library may be unstaffed, due to many different circumstances. In that case, there is no appropriate supervision available in the Library, and in line with Departmental policies,

legislation, and other factors beyond the control of the school, The Library will be unavailable to students unless supervised by their class teacher or other authorised personnel.

Senior students in particular should take note of the above. If the library is closed, they will not have access to the Library Toilets. However, the Student Toilets are open for all students every recess and every lunchtime.

These opening times are advertised on large posters outside The Library, in The Library Foyer, and next to the Senior Student Sign-on Sheet at the front desk. Senior Students are asked to sign in and out of the library for a number of reasons, including personal security of students, staff and resources.

In very rare circumstances, students may lose their Library privileges due to dangerous activities, theft, acts of vandalism or other failures to meet the school's expectations of their behaviours.

I am happy to discuss the library operation and management with any concerned library users. Please make an appointment via the School Office.

Secondly, a reminder from Hawkesbury Central Library for Senior Students that there is a FREE essay writing workshop on Wednesday 22nd July at 6pm. Bookings are essential. Phone 4560 4460 to book or for more information.

Don't forget to pick up an application form to join Hawkesbury Library (also free!) for those times when you need resources, computers or study space outside school hours.

(Mrs) Amanda Credaro
Teacher Librarian

Congratulations Maddison

Last year Maddison Brough entered a poetry competition held by Windsor Rotary and achieved first prize in the competition! She was presented with the Windsor Rotary and Hawkesbury Police Achievement Award in Memory of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson 1967-2012 earlier this year. Maddison has a natural flair for creative writing and you can see this in her poem below.

From the barracks
Clad in the red of rank and rage
Four hundred men marched forth
To arrest Captain William Bligh

Banned are the spirits of trade
For Sterling is the way
Four hundred men marched forth
To arrest Captain William Bligh

Ringleaders sent for the order
Only fuelled the fire of the
Four hundred men that marched forth
To arrest Captain William Bligh

The soldiers of the Rebellion
Marched to Sydney as one
To arrest Captain William Bligh
Hiding beneath his bed

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TERM 2 2015

Upcoming Events

- ◇ 23/6 Parent/Teacher Evening
- ◇ 23/6 P & C Meeting
- ◇ 24/6 Semester 1 Award Ceremony 10.45am
- ◇ 26/6 Last day of term
- ◇ 13/7 Staff Development Day
- ◇ 16/7 Careers Market Yr 10 & 12
- ◇ 17/7 NAIDOC Day Assembly

**Important
DATE!**

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Year 12 HSC Music Performance Evening

On Wednesday 10th of June, families, friends and teachers of the Year 12 Music students were treated to a HSC Music Performance Evening and a glimpse of some of the items our students will present as part of their HSC Music Practical examination in early



September. Year 12 students have worked extremely hard over the past six months to select pieces that would best showcase their various strengths as talented performers.



For a brief period of time the audience were able to escape from the busyness of their lives and be transported to another place through sublime and entertaining interpretations of music from performers such as Nina Simone, Django Rhinehardt, Eminem, Kate Davis, Barbara Streisand and James Morrison as well as musical numbers from music theatre such as All That Jazz.



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It was truly inspirational to see how much these young performers had grown as performers.

Thanks are extended to Mrs West, and the many year 11 students who have worked closely with these students over the years to ensure that our students are confident and well-prepared for their HSC Examinations.



Windsor High School - Hawkesbury Creative Arts Enrichment Program

On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 of June over a 140 primary students from across the Hawkesbury attended a range of stimulating courses associated with the Hawkesbury Creative Arts Enrichment Program at Windsor High School.



Courses presented by Windsor High Teachers included, The Ancient World - Mrs Mooney; Sports Academy – Ms Oppy; Creative Dance – Mrs Horan; Fantastic Plastic – Mr Whelan, Hands on Clay – Mr Beedham; Mini Masterchef – Mrs Lucas Smith; Mad Science – Mrs Cam and Brazilian Samba – Mr Bonaccorso.



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Visiting students were made welcome and all students indicated that they enjoyed their challenges, experiencing new ideas and meeting new teachers at Windsor High. Thank you to the willing parents and teachers who provided transport to and from Windsor High School, our ever so helpful students who assisted teachers with their workshops, and our wonderful teachers who provided exciting courses for students.

Head Teacher of CAPA
Mr Bonaccorso

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or 1300 884 733



HELP US GET MORE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

This year our school is participating in a read-a-thon linked to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) called Book Bonus. Book Bonus is an online campaign organised by Dymocks Children's Charities where students fundraise for new books for their school while reading. Each child is encouraged to achieve reading targets for the year, so we're asking for your support in our efforts to increase the number of great quality books we have to offer them!

Our school will receive books chosen by us to the value of funds raised and we'll also be helping schools in need across NSW. 50% of all funds raised from the campaign will be used to provide books to schools in Dymocks Children's Charities literacy support programs.

Note also, there are **rewards** for the students' participation with each child raising over \$200 receiving a book of their choice* (valued up to \$20) and prizes for the top fundraisers in the state.

How Book Bonus works:

1. Students participate in the PRC
2. Students/parents register at bookbonus.org.au and create their own fundraising page (after parental consent is confirmed!)
3. Students read their books and ask family and friends to support them!
4. At the end of the PRC Schools and award winning students select their books

If you have any questions about Book Bonus or our school's involvement, please contact Ms <insert name> or Dymocks Children's Charities on (02) 9224 0453 or info@dymockschilchildrenscharities.org.au.

SPORT REPORT – JUNE 2015

Macquarie Zone Athletics was held on Thursday 21 May at the Blacktown International Sports park. The weather was fantastic! For once the staff were comfortable running the events!! A strong team of WHS athletes turned up on the day. Our gold colours really stood out in the crowd. Sincere thanks to all those parents and students who turned up and gave their best effort. Aden Parnell qualified first for High Jump and qualified for 14 years 100m hurdles at Sydney West. Aden's sister Zoe, broke the Macquarie Zone 12 years girls High Jump record and also qualified for 80m hurdles. Dean Kennedy qualified for 17+ High jump and Triple jump. WHS are definitely excelling in the jumping events. Renee Hardy qualified for Shot Put and Discus plus Renee was a direct qualifier for the 1500 and 3000m walking events. Renee is an excellent walker. Katelyn Woods qualified for the 15 year girls 100m and 200m events.

The most exciting moment of the Carnival was no doubt when our 12 year girls 4 X 100m relay team crossed the finish line in second place, therefore qualifying for the Sydney West Carnival. Renee Hardy, Zoe Parnell, Alyssa Fraser-Jones and Tahnee Sun were absolutely awesome! It was one of the greatest moments in WHS Athletic recent history!!! Congratulations girls.

Mrs Horan was absolutely exhausted at the end of a long day marshaling everyone on the track. Special thanks to Mrs Brice, for running a superb Triple jump pit, Mrs Keir, our amazing team manager extraordinaire, and Miss Oppy, who ensured all students soared over the high jump bar! Mrs Windon spent the day giving her golden tonsils a workout. Without these dedicated staff members, athletics carnivals cannot be held. Stay tuned for upcoming events at Sydney West Cross Country and Athletics.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Horan and Mrs Windon

WINDSOR HIGH ARCO (Anti Racism Coordinator)

Miss Maree Talidu has stepped into the role of ARCO (Anti-Racism Coordinator) for 2015 at WHS. Miss Talidu has undergone both DEC online and face to face training in order to look at ways of stamping out racism and supporting students at WHS. As WHS becomes more culturally diverse, it's important that all students feel comfortable and not be afraid to speak up if they witness racism, or are subject to it themselves.

Parents with concerns are encouraged to contact Miss Talidu if they feel their child is being treated poorly on the basis of their race/culture. Miss Talidu is assembling a team of

students to assist with practical ways to get the message of 'zero tolerance of racism' across. If your child would like to join, please encourage them to find Miss Talidu in the Learning Support staffroom. We are looking for students of all ages to have their say and brainstorm activities that help educate the student body about racism. If you have any questions, please call Miss Talidu who can assist with any concerns or inquiries. After the success of Harmony Day earlier in the year, we are looking forward to finding more ways of engaging students and getting them motivated to be active participants in continuing to make WHS an accepting and understanding environment



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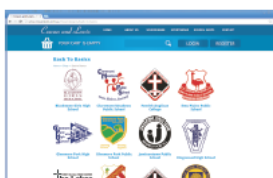
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