



**WINDSOR**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# WEEK 8, TERM 4

SAFETY TEAMWORK ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT



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Ribbon  
SCHOOL**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a great time we had at Windsor High last week! So many opportunities for students to shine- whether it be in academics, extra-curricular, leadership or helping community- our students are always willing to do their best.

The WHS show team went to Orange last Sunday to the NSW Dairy Goat Society of Australia's (DGSA) Branch Show. Renee T, Maddy P, Zoe P, Sarah D and Jessica S did a wonderful job exhibiting our animals as well as other exhibitors. Ruffle and Lyra were awarded Reserve senior champions, Raven was Reserve Junior Champion as well as Best of Breed Melaan and Peridot, Reserve Kid Champion. Well done girls and a special thank you to Mrs Ruis for

going above and beyond for the students and goats of Windsor High.



**WALKING TOGETHER - LEARNING TOGETHER**

Our Peer Support Program, organised by Ms Horan, is very successful at building leadership skills in our Year 10 students who next year will use these skills to support our incoming Year 7 students. Last week students took part in two training days to get ready for our upcoming Orientation Day for Year 6 students. The photos indicate they enjoyed participating in the activities that they will share with our new students.



In co-operation with the Hawkesbury Local Area Command, One80TC and the sponsors - Windsor RSL, all students from Years 7-10 participated in the "Not Even Once" anti-drug use campaign. Research on this particular program is showing some significant success in stopping students thinking that there are any safe options for drug use as a harm minimisation strategy.



On Tuesdays Morning's Assembly the students who represented the school at the Legacy Badge Drive were awarded certificates. Our school raised 25% of all money raised in the Hawkesbury Region. The students ran the stall at the Windsor Mall and it was the most successful it has ever been! Analyse and Annabelle were the most successful students in the Region! Well done Windsor High School.



Also on Assembly we acknowledged some hard working students with Support Unit High Achievers Awards. Well done Ethan, William and Brandon.





Our High Flyers in the Vivo rewards tally were Kallum and Cameron



Our teachers are recognising the value in rewarding students who make positive choices about their behaviour and application to their school work. Fifteen teachers last week awarded all of their allocated rewards. Teacher names were put in a hat and the winner for last week was Mrs Court.

Well done and thank you to all staff who are supporting this great program.



The English Department have been running a best Gothic set design competition. The winners were Bradley C and Jesse D. The competition was decided by a voting system, and anyone who voted had the chance to win a prize for participating. The winner was Mason. Well done to all involved.



*The winning team*



*Winner of the Voting competition*

Year 5 students from Pitt Town Primary School just loved the school's Harvest Program, which culminated last week with the harvest and cooking day. Thank you to Mrs Ruis and Mrs Gildon for their part in the very successful program. The assistance from all the Windsor High School students was also very appreciated. The value of this program is greatly appreciated by our feeder primary schools who participate each year. It is so successful due to all the hard work of students and staff. Thank you Zoe P, Jess S, Liam H, Zac J, Jeremy W, Anastasia M, Ebony G, Bethany Si-R, Lachlan S, Reece G, Maddy F-M, Leah M, Hayley W, and Sally S for your efforts.





The Library is getting into the Christmas Spirit with the creation of an Encyclopaedia Christmas Tree, which even has Christmas Lights!



As a part of our Gifted and Talented Program, students are being provided with many extra-curricular based activities to increase their love of learning. Mr Philp and 7S attended Science on the Road at Western Sydney University on Wednesday. They learnt lots but were especially impressed with the laboratories and the anatomy lessons.



Another Gifted and Talented program that ran last week was when Engineering students from University of Technology Sydney visited Windsor High as a part of their 'UTS Engineers Without Borders' Program. The university students ran some great workshops with our top Science students.



The culmination of a very busy week was our highly successful White Ribbon Day program. Students and staff at Windsor High took an oath to oppose violence and abuse within our community. It was an outstanding day where students had fun but realise what a serious matter violence is within our community. Thank you to Mr Mudiman and his team for organising such a beneficial day.







This year two of our Year 12 students Gemma H and Brent S-R have been a part of a Student Leadership Program organised by our State member of Parliament Dominic Perrotet, which has included schools in the Hawkesbury from both private and public sectors. The last part of the program has provided Gemma and Brent with the opportunity to help a community in the Northern Territory. They jetted off to the Northern Territory on Saturday to team up with Nyangatjatjara College in Uluru to do service work for the local aboriginal school.

Well done Gemma and Brent.



Staff are busy at the moment finalising marking, writing reports and getting ready for our Presentation Night next week. Students will continue the last few weeks of the school year to work on skill and concept development to help them be successful in 2017. Year 8 students in particular are receiving Learning Support around their NAPLAN results and how they can improve for 2017. This is very important in light of recent announcements about chances for this year group in the HSC where they will need to get in the Top Two Bands to automatically gain access to the HSC when they are in Year 12. Windsor High is working hard to ensure our students fulfil their full potential and are provided with every opportunity to enrich their school life.

Regards

Jennifer Hawken  
Principal



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## Changes in Awards for 2016

Dear Windsor High School Community,

You may have noticed some exciting changes in the Awards Structure this year. We award and acknowledge the achievement of our students formally in five ways:

### Semester 1 and Semester 2 Awards

These awards recognise the achievement of students during each half of the year. These consist of three class awards for every class running during those semesters. These are held during school hours at the end of Term 2 and Term 4 and we welcome parents and interested parties to attend these awards. The awards at the end of Term 4 will be held on Tuesday December 13 at 10.45am.

### Principals Morning Tea

These are held once a semester for each year group to recognise academic, sport, and other achievements such as most improved and those students excelling in our STAR qualities. Students and parents are invited to these events.

### Tuesday Morning Assemblies

Students are recognised for particular contributions to our school community, academic achievement in particular faculties and more recently VIVO high flyers.

### Presentation Night

This night recognises the highest achievements of students throughout the year. Special awards from outside agencies are also awarded. Students receiving these awards will be given a formal invitation. This year there is a new format for the night. To enable all the school community to attend we are holding a Formal Night Assembly on December 7 at 6.30pm. Instead of a sit down meal there will be light refreshments at the start of the night and then the Awards will be presented on a Formal Assembly.

We hope you will be able to come to our Presentation Night Assembly and our Semester Awards.

Regards,

Mrs J Hawken  
Principal

## CALENDAR

- 29/11 Principal's Morning Tea
- 30/11 Bulbwal Wuger - Year 9 Aboriginal Boys  
LLC Drama Workshop Period 1 - 3  
LLC Computer Workshops Period 3 & 4
- 30/11-2/12 Swim School - Year 7
- 1/12 Year 10 Formal - Hawkesbury Race Club
- 2/12 Sister Speak - Period 3  
Rewards Exc—V8 Supercars
- 5/12 STRENGTH Resilience Program - Pd 1  
SHINE Resilience Program - Period 4
- 6/12 Orientation Day
- 7/12 Exc - Primary School Leadership Program  
Presentation Evening
- 8/12 Wet & Wild - Reward Excursion
- 12/12 STRENGTH Resilience Program - Pd 1  
SHINE Resilience Program - Period 4
- 13/12 Annual Award Ceremont
- 19/12-20/12 Staff Development Day

### Term 1 2017

- 27/1 Staff Development Day
- 30/1 School resumes for Years 7, 11 & 12
- 31/1 School resumes for Years 8, 9 & 10





## FROM THE LIBRARY

Windsor high students got the opportunity to attend Penrith City Library yesterday for the Children's Festival of Moving Stories.

Presented by the Sydney Writer's Festival, the event featured four leading Australian children's authors giving a talk about their craft and running workshops for students to improve their writing skills.

Erin Gough, John Larkin, Leanne Hall, and Kirsty Murray were fascinating to listen to, and our students could be seen enthusiastically writing down notes, so as to not miss anything. Our students were also confident to participate in discussions, voice their questions to each author and raved about how much they got out of the experience on the way back to school.

A full selection of these author's titles are available in our library.

Keen to participate? Keep a look out for when this opportunity is presented to our students again next year.



## Bulbwul Wungar

On Wednesday the 16th of November five year 9 aboriginal boys went to the climbing center in Penrith. Once the boys were shown how to belay they began challenging themselves by choosing a path and part of the wall to stick to. They encouraged one another and never gave up on an obstacle, surprising themselves what they are capable of.



Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November five year 9 boys went to the new Penrith Academy for a tour of the facilities. The boys were in awe as they went into the gym, the change rooms, the video viewing room, where the players get massages, their kitchen and even where they have baths and ice baths. Afterwards the boys met John Farragher, a former Penrith player who became a quadriplegic in 1978 when a scrum collapsed on him during a match. John inspired the boys to live a healthy life and to never let an obstacle get in the way of achieving their goals.



## WINDSOR HIGH WHITE RIBBON DAY 2016

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, Windsor High School held our annual White Ribbon Day. It was an amazing day filled with fun activities, new friends and respect. Students showed their support in wearing a white shirt and posing for a photo in the shape of a large white ribbon. Our staff put a tremendous effort into organising activities for the students to participate in. We engaged in team work throughout the activities such as, egg and spoon race, tug of war, survivor obstacle course and minute to win it. A free sausage sizzle was held for everyone in the main quad at lunch time, while there was live music in the junior quad and a mobile photo booth. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed this day and are looking forward to having an even better White Ribbon Day 2017.



## Excursion to WSU

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2016, 7S accompanied by Mr. Philp experienced an amazing day of Science at the University of Western Sydney. Firstly, we went to our first activity 'Science expo on the Road' that had lots of exciting science things that the Australia Museum had to offer. We looked at taxidermy animals such as owls, bats, snakes and spiders, as well as learnt about wombat research (womSAT), fingerprinting analysis, upgraded stethoscopes and much more. The next activity we moved onto was called 'Infectious Diseases', where we looked at how easily bacteria and viruses can be spread. A number of microscopes were set up with very interesting specimens and we got to look up close at tape worms! The next station was called 'Human Anatomy Art' where we learnt about various bones and muscles in our bodies and got to correctly paint these onto our skin. The last activity was a Volcano lecture, where we learnt all about the 4 layers of earth and how they are similar to the layers in an apple. We also learnt about tectonic plates and got to act out volcanic eruptions.

Overall the day was very interesting and fun and we are very thankful that Mr.Philp took us on this amazing trip.







WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

*The Principal, Staff and Students  
request the pleasure of your company*

*At the*

*Annual Presentation*

*Night Awards*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2016

*Windsor High School*

*Mulgrave Rd*

*McGraths Hill 2756*

School Assembly Hall, 6:30pm

# Christmas

## Donations

Supporting Hawkesbury Community Services  
provide hampers to families in need this Christmas.

**Prizes for the Year Group that brings in the most items\***

Custard - long life

Milk - long life

Cream - long life

Fruit - tinned

Chips / Pretzels

Shortbread

Biscuits

Ham - tinned

Lollies

Fruit mince pies

Christmas Cake

Christmas Pudding

Soft drink

Cereal

**Please only bring the above items  
and drop them off in the Career's room (C6).**

**Last day to donate items is Friday 2nd December**

\*Only if winning year group brings in over 20 items



## Peer Support Training

Over a two day period, twenty one Year 9 students attended the Peer Support Leader Training Program. This program helps build students confidence and prepare them for their role as Peer Support Leaders in 2017.

Throughout the two days the focus was centred on five core components to being an effective leader. These being to create a safe atmosphere for the group to work in, the effective facilitation of a group, to act as a positive role model, build positive relationships and to work cooperatively.

These students will have the opportunity to meet the new Year 7 students and work with them on Orientation Day. The next step is taking up the challenge and having the responsibility of organising and running a series of resiliency workshops with the 2017 Year 7 cohort during Semester 1 next year.

The students involved were Max B, Emily H, Kiarna S, Lachlan B, Ameysa O, Sean G, Annabella T, Analyse S, Mikhaela S, Jacob T-C, Jade H, Harrison M, Jessica L, Gabriella C, Jessica C, Caleb C, Brendan S, Zach St, Reece G, Keira S and Troy C. These students all need to be commended on their efforts and maturity over the two day training and we know that they will be excellent Peer Support Leaders in 2017.

Well Done

Mrs Horan and Mr Fragogiannis



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