



WINDSOR
HIGH SCHOOL

WEEK 10, TERM 4

SAFETY TEAMWORK ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin our last week of the school year, Windsor High has been abuzz with many events happening.

Our students got the chance to browse a whole selection of manga books in the library and make suggestions to add to our collection. There were some very excited students for sure.

Presentation Night was a huge success. It is great to be able to acknowledge the students who achieve excellence in their areas of expertise. I have included an excerpt from my presentation night speech, later in this newsletter for those who were not in attendance. Congratulations to our award recipients.



As a result of our Thursday Interest group, our awesome Dance Club group performed at our Presentation Night. The group was taught by Chelsea Windon and I was thrilled to see their performance, as we have

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not had a dance group run for a few years at Windsor High. Well done girls!



Some of our students visited Hawkesbury Living Aged Care facility with students from Windsor South PS and Windsor PS last week to complete our Community Leadership Program. Students assisted with cleaning up from lunch, set-up and played bingo, entertained the residents with song and played card games. Mrs Khalid would like to thank all students involved in participating in this program as they were a credit to their schools. Thank you to the primary school teachers for allowing the students of Windsor High School to work with their schools and to Tristan, our school Chaplain, for assisting with the musical performances. We look forward to continuing this program in 2017.



We will be sadly farewelling a number of staff this week who are moving on to other things in 2017. In terms of the teaching staff- Mr Jamie Galbraith (Head Teacher PD/H/PE), Ms Verelle Pearce (Science), Ms Meena Geed (Science), Mr Dugald Sydney-Jones (Computing), and Mr Rowan Cane (7/8R class teacher) will be permanently leaving Windsor High. Mr Shannon Mudiman (DP) will be taking up a one-year placement in the Corporate section of the Department of Education, but will return to Windsor High in 2018. For our non-teaching staff we are farewelling Mrs Bev Spies (Front Office), Mrs Jacqui Verzi (Food Technology and Science laboratory assistant) and Mrs Mara Slawski (Special Learning Support Officer- Support Unit). We would like to thank these staff for all they have done for Windsor High and we wish all these staff our best wishes for the changes they will be experiencing. In their place will be a number of new staff who will be announced in the first newsletter for 2017.

As was mentioned last week in the newsletter, and was spoken about on assembly, as parents often buy new shoes for their children over the Christmas break, please only purchase leather upper shoes for school, preferably black or white, but definitely not bright colours for 2017. Due to Health and Safety requirements it is mandatory to wear leather shoes in Science Laboratories, Hospitality rooms, Industrial Arts workshops etc. They can be purchased at quite reasonable prices (compared to the named brands shoes students often like to buy) at shoe shops, Big W, Kmart etc.



As the year is now drawing to a close I would like to thank our parents and caregivers for their ongoing support they have given us throughout 2016 and we look forward to a great one next year. May our teachers and students all have a happy, and safe break returning rejuvenated ready for a year of meaningful learning and engagement. Thank you to the Windsor High School community- I have loved my first year as Principal and look forward to a Wonderful 2017.

With Warm regards and best wishes

Jennifer Hawken Principal

Excerpts from Principals Address from Presentation Night

Presentation Nights, by schools annually, traditionally summarise the year that was. And what a year it has been! Significant learning has occurred. Students have completed both school based assessments and external assessments such as NAPLAN, the HSC, VET Competencies and University examinations. There has been an increased emphasis on literacy and numeracy, with such programs introduced as PEEL and ALARM. These are scaffolding strategies to improve the quality of the extended responses produced by students, and all the students I have asked know about how these processes can help them. I am excited anticipating our HSC results next week on the 15th December and our NAPLAN results in the middle of next year to see just how much growth has occurred from the implementation of these programs. I also will look forward to sharing these results with our school community and beyond.

The students of Windsor High, have increased their knowledge retention capacity by being exposed to a huge number of excursions, enrichment activities and extra-curricular experiences throughout 2016. Bear with me as I share with you the sorts of things that have been happening at Windsor High.

In no particular order, students have experienced Onstage 2016, Macquarie Zone rugby League, Macquarie Zone Netball, a swimming carnival (and the dressing up staff did to encourage all students to attend), involvement in the Hawkesbury/Hills Student leadership program, Duke of Ed, the Royal Easter show, the Hawkesbury show, the Penrith show and others-, Sydney distance education excursion to the Powerhouse museum, Legal studies excursion, Extension English excursion to Riverside theatre, athletics carnival, cross country, drama workshops, Welfare programs including Strength, and Shine, Ten pin bowling, Year 7 Holocaust museum excursion, many sausage sizzles, Careers markets, Wheelchair basketball, Fast forward excursions to Western Sydney university, Standard English excursion to experience live theatre in Parramatta, Year 7 Aim Higher program, Chemistry workshops at Windsor library, Stage 5 'bandicoots in the bush' excursion, Year 12 drama excursion to the production of Stolen, Jobs for girls program, White ribbon mystery movie night, Year 10 Green Light day- which was a transport and logistics excursion to Richmond air base, white ribbon mural competition, Education week performances at Riverview shopping centre, plant rejuvenating excursion to Penrith for support, HSC Drama night, Year 11 cross-roads camp, English Department -Twelfth Night Excursion' Journeys end in lovers meeting...' for students from Years 8, 9 and 10 at the Belvoir Street Theatre, Wellbeing week- and oh my gosh what a week it was. Then we had our Volunteering assembly, Anzac day, Men of honour boys excursion, a 7/8R excursion for creative arts, experiencing the artist "Beast man" at work at Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School, Drumbeat and bird watching for support, Our Vocational Education students received awards at the Schools Industry Partnership Awards, White ribbon gala soccer day, legacy badge day, Year 8 Vikings survivor challenge day, Year 7 top science class to western Sydney university, all science students from the gifted and talented stream exposed to a day of engineering concepts delivered by students from the engineering faculty of the University of Technology Sydney, Year 12 formal, Year 10 formal, Eye on my future careers excursion, Young women's leadership seminar, two Year 6 into 7 transition days and an orientation day held yesterday for over 90 students which will be one of our largest year groups for quite a few years, premiers reading challenge, crystal growing competition and the P and C trivia night to name but a few- and I'm also sure I have forgotten some too.

The Aboriginal students experienced the field of dreams excursion, AIME, Mura burapa- pathway to learning program for Years 7 and 8, Allowah day, National sorry day, Bulbwul Wuger – which is a Year 9 Aboriginal Boys program, and the Sister speak girls program. The whole school learnt more about aboriginal culture during our Naidoc week assembly and our Koomari day which the whole school thoroughly enjoyed.

There have been lots of new things introduced to Windsor high over the last 12 months which have hugely benefitted students, the school and the community. These include Thursday Interest groups; a weekly newsletter emailed to parents, on line booking used for both parent teacher interviews and the academic review meetings for Years 11 and 12 with myself, Information night with an Open school providing the community the chance to visit and see the outstanding facilities. We created a new Student Support Room for our chaplain and student support officer, the Deputy principal's offices were moved into the Administration block and revamped, our Gifted and talented program was evaluated and adjustments made. Presentation night was evaluated and changes made that each of you will be experiencing tonight, - the changes were made to allow more individual students to be acknowledged and more members of our school community able to attend. Likewise, more acknowledgement of students' achievements has occurred with our Principals morning teas, which have now been held 4 times this year. Other new initiatives include the introduction of the NSW Rural fire service cadets, and the Outdoor classroom construction. Student leadership opportunities expanded with the creation of library monitors and prefects. Themed mufti days have occurred including "Dress up as your favourite fictional character" and footy jersey day. We entered a Tournament of the minds team who performed admirably. We increased our focus on reducing the number of students late to school with some very positive outcomes. We placed an increased emphasis on students meeting course outcomes through the notification of non-completion letters known as N awards, with additional learning support then provided to ensure these students' course outcomes were subsequently met. Our on line 'Vivo reward' system was introduced in term 4 and it has already increased the number of positive referrals of students contributing constructively to our school culture. There have been lots of new things happening in the library-including displays acknowledging Shakespeare on the 400th anniversary of his death, match the bookcase to the teacher competition, Australian prisoners of war resources display, a Ronald Dahl-display where one of the characters from Ronald Dahl's book - Matilda - the angry Head Mistress Miss Trunchbull (our librarian Ms Tait in disguise) visited our school on a number of occasions. We had the wicked witch trapped beneath library shelves, and a moving Lest we forget remembrance day display, a Halloween book display, international literacy day was celebrated as was international talk like a pirate day. Ms Tait even found a use for the now out dated World Book and Britannica references as at the moment we have an encyclopaedia Christmas tree, with Christmas lights creating festive spirit. We also have done some library remodelling including a new senior students study room, we have moved the librarian's staffroom, we even have a new library computer lab where a whole class can be without students sharing a computer.

The Mathematics department set up a 90's club for mathematics students scoring above 90% in assessment tasks, and a senior mathematics study room. We have started the introduction of a Bring your Own Device technology program known as BYOD for implementation in 2017. We have a new business services room, and a new roof in D block and the CAPA block, with B block currently being re-roofed, and the rest of the school will be done by end of term 1 weather permitting.

Students who show talents in the Creative and performing arts areas have been given lots of opportunities to perform including 'Windsor's got talent' in March, 'Up all night' student performance evening, 'Windsor on stage' with a few primary school students performing as well as forming the audience, Semester 2 talent quest, Hawkesbury Music festival, and the outstanding HSC music performance evening.

We have had a huge number of sporting achievements with Windsor High students being highly successful at a school level that has then led to representative opportunities at zone, region, state and national levels. Although I am always wary of mentioning individual students in fear of leaving someone out, but feel it would be remiss not to mention Renee Hardy- who recently represented us at a National level for athletics, and Natalie Malpass who has travelled internationally representing Australia in her sport of kumite, which is a form of karate.

We have spent a lot of time strengthening our links to our feeder primary schools. The benefits of this program are huge- our primary school students are given opportunities and experiences that they would otherwise miss out on. They get to experience a glimpse at high school life which will reduce their fear of the unknown and better prepare them for the next educational stage of their life. For our students who assist in all of these programs, they develop a huge number of skills in leadership, organisation and self-confidence. The programs this year were co-ordinated by Mr Bonaccorso and included a team of our staff who delivered more than 40 individual visits in a variety of areas including soccer coaching, drama workshops, robotics, music programs, our Hawkesbury harvest program and student leadership. This last one I think is particularly special as the primary school leaders and some of our junior leaders who display leadership capacity came together and paid back to the local community by organising an afternoon at an aged retirement village playing bingo and dominoes with the residence.

Apart from all the things I have already mentioned, our Staff at Windsor High have been experiencing a huge number of hours of professional learning- all outside of our 9 to 3.15 school day, over a range of subjects including emergency care, resuscitation and senior first aid, child protection awareness training, mandatory code of conduct training, in servicing on delivering the PEEL and ALARM literacy strategies and providing meaningful feedback for students, the incorporation of numeracy strategies in all faculty programs, NAPLAN analysis by each teacher of each class to support all students on an individual level, the reading and analysis of a number of research based papers on improving teacher effectiveness and hence student learning outcomes which are now being incorporated into their everyday classroom practice.

At this point I would like to ask you to think about all the opportunities we have provided the students of Windsor High over the past 12 months. How is it possible to achieve so much, when we only have 41 teaching staff and 6 full time non- teaching administrative staff? And remember in addition to all of the above, 430 students have been taught their core and elective subjects, teachers have written programs and teaching sequences have been evaluated, many individual student learning plans have been created when needed, examinations and assessments written and marked, reports written etc. The reason all this can be done is because of the professionalism, dedication, hard work and long hours spent – often outside of school opening hours, by each and every staff member of Windsor High. To the staff of Windsor High -Thank you- And finally, I would like to acknowledge the most important members of our school community, which are the students of Windsor High, who perhaps like the gift of paper, not always realise how important they are to making this world a better place.

In conclusion may I thank our presenters, visitors, families and friends here tonight for your on-going support of Windsor High. I am looking forward to my second trip around the sun with you all with enthusiasm and positivity. May you all have a great summer holiday break, spent happily with those who are near and dear to you and return.



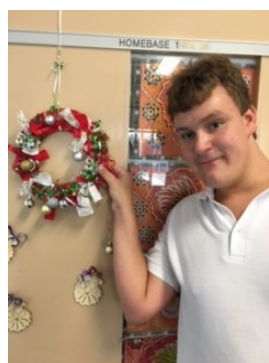
The Support Unit

The festive season is certainly upon us in the Support Unit.

Students have been busy with Christmas craft projects including cards, wreaths and decorations. We have also been baking and decorating cookies.



Robin in the ED class has put together a fantastic gingerbread house.



Some of our students were rewarded with excursions to the V8 Supercars and Wet n Wild.

Of course, students have continued their studies. The ED class produced Slime! Yuk! IO/IS have completed some fantastic artwork and Ethan from the MC class is participating in the Boy's program and completing some great work around the school. All students are involved and on task.

This week Jack Moore from the MC class was the worthy recipient of the Nova Employment Award. Congratulations Jack!

We say farewell to three of our Year 12 graduates. Emmanuel S, Brendan B and Alex G are all leaving us. We will be very sad to see them go and wish them all the best for the future.

PD/H/PE Report

PD/H/PE Faculty would like to thank Mr Galbraith for his 12 years of dedication to WHS as he is leaving us to take on a new position at Winmalee High School. We would like to welcome Mr Musico who will be the new HT starting 2017.

This year has been a very successful and productive year with students being involved in many sporting activities including gala days, coaching clinics, carnivals and knockout competitions. Students have also studied many health related topics including Nutrition, Health information and Services and Mental Health just to name a few. These topics provide students with lifelong skills and knowledge that enable them to be healthy, productive members of our community.

Recently Year 7 enjoyed a modified swimming program which enabled them to learn valuable skills around water safety and swimming techniques. Thank you to parents for supporting this program and we encourage all families to access all sporting opportunities that the school has to offer.



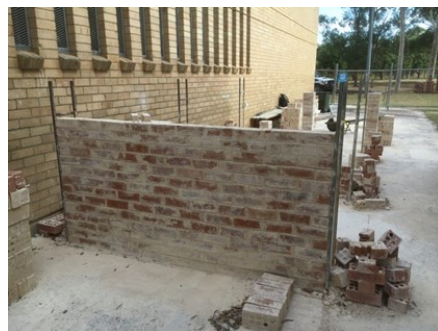
The PDHPE faculty will continue to offer engaging learning opportunities throughout 2017 and we look forward to working with all students and families. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Industrial Arts

It's always busy in the workshops at this time of year. Students have projects to finish and course work to complete in preparation for next year, while staff are busy ordering materials, preparing course work and assisting with professional development for the coming year.

We also have a training company on site this month, **GTK Training**, who are running a variety of **Certificate II** and **Certificate III** construction courses for years 9 and 10 students. They are also completing a **White Card Course**. This experience prepares these students for apprenticeships in the construction industry or, alternatively, gives them a taste of the hard physical work required so they prepare for a more academic career path. Either way, parents of these students should book them in for a new brick BBQ or brick fence over the coming holidays as their skills are excellent.



Industrial Technology Timber has always been a popular course of study for year 10 students and this year has produced some excellent results. As reported in this newsletter a month back, the students have been completing dart board and display cabinets with timber sourced from a lemon scented gum felled on the school grounds a few years ago. The cabinets are nearing completion and should be coming home as you are reading this article. These cabinets are possibly the best Year 10 projects I have seen and rival some of the better Year 12 projects I get to see whilst HSC marking. The students are all very proud of their work and they should be. There are some lucky parents out there about to receive some nice additions to their homes.



Finally, I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the TAS Faculty over the past 12 months.



Have a merry Christmas.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY and TEXTILES

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and all students have been working well to complete their projects in Textiles. Year 7 have been working solidly on their Fantasy Animals so they can have a memory of their first year in high school. Other years have always mentioned they still have their animals even when they are in year 12.



Year 8 have been working on their fabric painting and printing with some excellent results. The students have all been excited about this project.

As a completion to the year all classes in Food have been participating in Master Chef. They are given a mystery box with which to make a dish of their choice. Everyone is always happy to participate in this lesson with some excellent results.



The Harvest Festival with the primary schools was a raging success with three days and about 60 Year 5 and 6 students creating food from the foods that they have grown throughout semester 2.

CALENDAR

13/12 Annual Award Ceremony

19/12 & 20/12 Staff Development Days



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

UNIFORM SHOP AT WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

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P & C REPORT

The P & C have proudly been able to provide items for, what we hope can be, an annual wish to our faculties. This year we were able to fund a new stove to the support unit, secured at approximately half the retail price from Harvey Norman at McGraths Hill. The P & C purchased several water powered rockets for science, and deliver much needed window blinds to the English rooms, all from funds raised during the year previous. We were also able to secure donations from Aranac (Contracting) Pty Ltd for a new Makita Drop saw to TAS, and the full cost of new maths text books donated by Windsor RSL. We also had a generous cash donation from The All Holden Day Club of \$2800.00. In return we have offered to provide volunteers to help the All Holden Day organizers for their 2017 event to be held in August at the Showground. Please keep your eye out for the call to arms when the event is taking place – we can sure use some help with supplying 6 volunteers for the 2 days that the show runs.

On the fundraising side, we conducted a second trivia night which raised some \$2000 (and big Thank You to those who donated prizes and those who came to play.) Thank you to Windsor RSL for their generous support once again in making a room available for the event. We are intending to hold another trivia night, probably in September 2017.

A major raffle was held over the year and drawn on 8 December. The P & C offered incentives to anyone, and students in particular, who wanted to have a go at selling raffle tickets. For their endeavours, Rhiannon Wand Renee Treceived Harvey Norman gift cards. Happy shopping ladies!

The P & C supported some individual students, through the sale of raffle tickets, in their efforts to raise funds to attend extra curricula activities. These activities were judged by the P&C to be of great value to the students involved, were in line with School values, and would help raise the profile of the School. These students were Renee H (National Athletics competition), Gemma H and Brent R-S (Dominic Perrotet's leadership programme).

At presentation night, the P & C sponsored five \$200.00 scholarships and the book packs awarded for years 7-11 and sponsored and presented a Gift Pen set to the outgoing School Captains at the end of term 3.

We had several guests to our meetings, including Federal Member Susan Templeman and One Giant Leap representative Jackie Slaverio. Jackie took students from North Richmond Public School to Space Camp in the USA this year. One Giant Leap is looking to make Space Camp available to Windsor High in Sept / Oct 2018. Space camp is all about problem solving, communications, ideas, innovation and having a go. You don't have to be the best in STEM to go to Space Camp, but you need to have an inquiring mind and be willing to have a go.

Each year, we ask the various faculties what they would like funding for. We strongly urge you to attend our meetings, participate, and have your say as parents and students, on what would you like the P&C to consider funding for, and how we can best support the students, teachers and staff of Windsor High School.

To kick off the New Year we are looking at a suggestion for a couple of permanent water coolers and are currently investigating the viability for this. It has been suggested that maybe the hall could be given air conditioning units. Let us know via the office or tag a comment on the School's Facebook page on what your thoughts are, and how you might be able to help us improve the School experience for our children.

We are looking forward to having our own tag on the School's Facebook page so that communication directly between participants and the wider community can be more interactive.

All and anything is possible but only with the help and support of the wider school community. Consider, that for us to improve the School experience & provide items for direct support to teachers and students, we need a little bit of your help to organise events, fundraise for wish lists and fairly distribute the gains we can make. For this work to continue P&C only need a small amount of time and a little bit of effort and you will increase your stake in your children's education making a real, and substantial, difference. Together we can go a long way.

We would love to see you at our next meeting February 2017.
New and old faces are always welcome.

So please join us in 2017.

John Moxon
President



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Registration

If you would like to register, or re-register as a returning player, registrations will open on 1st Jan by logging onto www.myfootballclub.com.au and following the instructions to complete the electronic section. Further help is available from our club web site www.blighparkfc.com.au

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Berger Road, South Windsor
Sat 28th Jan or Sun 29th Jan - 10:00 am to 12:00pm

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A fun reading program for Library members 16 years and under.

The aim is to read as many books as you can during the summer holidays and collect prizes along the way.

To take part in the reading adventure, follow these easy steps:

- 1 Register at Hawkesbury Central Library or Richmond Branch Library
- 2 Collect your starter pack
- 3 **Books must be read between 1 December 2016 and 31 January 2017**
- 4 Each time you finish a book write the title on the Reading Log
- 5 After you have read five books return the completed Reading Log to either library to receive a lucky dip and enter the major prize draw. Make sure your name and phone number are included.
- 6 You can enter as many times as you like. Every time you read five books just add them to a new Reading Log
- 7 The competition closes at 7pm Tuesday 31 January 2017
- 8 Winners will be notified by Friday 3 February 2017



REMEMBER

Everyone who enters is invited to the
After Party Celebration
 on Tuesday 7 February at 3:30pm

with party food, and the presentation of major prizes. FREE; bookings essential through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) or phone the library on 4560 4460.