



WINDSOR
HIGH SCHOOL

WEEK 9, TERM 4

SAFETY TEAMWORK ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At Windsor High both students and staff work hard and commit to do their best even though the end of the year approaches. On Tuesday we acknowledged students who show commitment to our STAR values of Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect from Years 7, 8 and 9. Parents of award recipients were invited to attend and it was great to be able to talk and congratulate the parents of the award recipients.



Never to waste an opportunity to provide hospitality students with their required serving hours, our students



currently enrolled in our hospitality course both cooked and served for the students and their invited guests.

We were especially proud of Brendan S who was the first student to receive a year advisors award in our new VIVO reward system. This was recognised on assembly as well as at the Principals morning tea.



**White
Ribbon
SCHOOL**

WALKING TOGETHER - LEARNING TOGETHER

On Tuesday Mornings assembly we also acknowledged the commitment and strong leadership



capacity of our Peer Support Leaders, who have completed their training and are already supporting our new Year 6 - 2016 into Year 7 2017.

Tuesday morning assemblies continue to be a very positive part of the week. We acknowledge each week the students who have achieved the most points as a part of our Vivo reward system. This week's Vivo High fliers were Jessica and Hayley.



We also acknowledge teachers who distribute all their allocated points to our deserving students. There are always many, so names are put in a hat. This weeks lucky teacher is Ms Charles - thank you for acknowledging all the great students at Winsor High.

At Windsor High we also make sure we acknowledge when students choose to do the right thing when they are out in the community. Nathan W and Rhiannon W helped a member of the public and their young child on public transport when other adults close by did not assist. Well done, Nathan and Rhiannon, you are our good Samaritans of the week.

Nathan accepting on behalf of himself and Rhiannon



Even though the school continue to be busy and the end of year is approaching some great, positive lessons are occurring. This includes Miss Talidu's Year 8 VA class completing the glazing of their ceramic masks, after first kiln firing .



Our support unit certainly are gearing up for Christmas with some of their Festive season activities.

Parents should be aware that there are two ceremonies yet to happen to acknowledge students and their achievements. We would like to invite the whole school community to our last two award events for the year, Presentation Night on December 7 at 6.30pm and Semester Awards on Tuesday December 13 at 10.45 am. Students receiving awards will be notified before the event.



Also Jearnah O of Year11 received an award this week at the Western Sydney University Academy Access Award Ceremony. Congratulations Jearnah, who will receive additional support as she contemplates university when school has finished.

One of our teachers has had an addition to the family last week. Congratulations goes to Steve Broadbent from Support and his wife Chrisula on the birth of their first child Sam Luke Broadbent, born 24/11/2016 at 7:08am, weighing 3.26kg. Both Chrisula and Sam are doing well, and wish them all the best.



The Year 10 formal happened on Thursday night- it is both a passageway



acknowledging that our year 10 students are leaving the realm of being a child and entering the world of adulthood; and a reward for meeting school expectations in regard to school work and their own behaviour. It was a great night, with staff paying to attend. More than 50% of all staff attended which is a great testament to our commitment to our students.



Year 7 swim school was extremely problematic last week. Riverstone Pool, under the authority

of Blacktown City Council had two days of industrial action, which was challenging as we had Year 7 swim school booked in. Our thanks to the students and staff for their understanding in this very frustrating situation. We are pleased that on Friday our students could attend.

Over the weekend, one of our Year 8 students, Renee H participated in the National All Schools Athletics Competition in Canberra. She competed in the Under 14 girls Hammer Throw. She did incredibly well but was disqualified at key moments due to foul

calls by the judges. Renee's family would like to thank everyone at Windsor High school for their support. Congratulations Renee!



Parents, caregivers and students should be aware that in 2017, students will not be able to wear their Sydney West jumpers, jackets or hoodies as a part of the school uniform. They are a variety of colours and appear to the general public as being out of uniform. With this much notice, we hope parents should be able to organise a school jumper for winter 2017.

Also, 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. Due to Work 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.

Regards

Jennifer Hawken

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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
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TRACKPANTS.....	\$45.00
WOOL JUMPER.....	\$75.00
SLOPPY JOE.....	\$35.00
APRONS.....	\$10.00
4 PAIRS WHITE SOCKS.....	\$15.00
SCARVES.....	\$10.00
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CALENDAR

- 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 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

Back to School



The Engineering Workshop on November 24 was an extraordinary experience and was very eye-opening for me and I'm sure for all of the students who attended. In the first workshop students were tasked with creating a small "floating house" out of very limited items. The activity taught the students to work together as we investigated buoyancy. The next workshop required students to create a wind turbine using cardboard, toothpicks and tape. This engaged students as we investigated the dynamics of wind and how it can be used to create motion. In the final and, in my opinion, most interesting workshop we had to create and perform multiple tasks. This included building a hand from limited materials and using it to throw a ball. I'm sure that this day made many students reconsider their career options and opened our eyes to the possibility of engineering.

By Danny L, Year 11



CAPA INTEREST GROUP REPORT

The Windsor High CAPA Interest Groups run every Thursday during extended lunch and offers our students the opportunity to experience dynamic, hands on workshops and session for art and music enthusiasts. Run by the dedicated Visual Arts and Music Teachers, the creative arts interest group is an extracurricular activity allowing students the chance to extend their creative and performance side, work as a collective, either in the art classroom to work on their art-making or learning an instrument and playing in a band.

In Semester 2, our Art students, Natalie M, Melina S, Amelia B, Sierra S and Amy R S, have been developing their lino print skills and have created a body of work of their favourite animal, some of which have been featured in our weekly school newsletters. In music, Mason B, Felicity T, Kane M, Renee H and Ryan L have been learning to play the electric guitar, keyboard and bass guitar.

Students have adapted quickly to their new instruments and have already performed at major events, including the Hawkesbury Musical Festival and on White Ribbon Day. This term students have been learning to read music charts and developing their improvisational skills in a variety of musical styles, which include blues, soul and rock. While our violinists Ebony T C and Tara H have made excellent progress and will make their stage debut in 2016.

Whether making Art, learning the violin or playing in a band our students continue to showcase their talent and commitment. Congratulations on a successful and fun year!

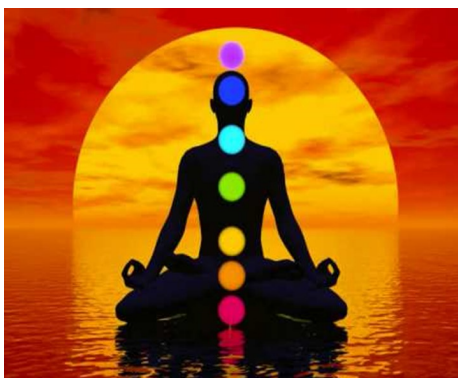
Wrapping up the year in HSIE !!

HSIE has wrapped up 2016 in style during Term 4! In addition to our exciting activities throughout the year such as "Viking Survivor Day" and our European Medieval Re-enactment Day, this term our Year 8 students have been studying "Japan & the Shogun Era". Students have been immersed in the world of



the Samurai and produced some amazing "Samurai Warrior Training Manuals" as

their assessment task for this Term. Classes also undertook a study of the History of 'Sumo Wrestling' which is still Japan's most famous national sport today. Students were intrigued by the complex set of rules, regulations and rituals attached to this sport, and investigated some of the most famous Sumo athletes in Japan. Classes also researched the strict diet regimes of these athletes, and were surprised at how healthy that the foods they consumed actually were. 8S wrapped

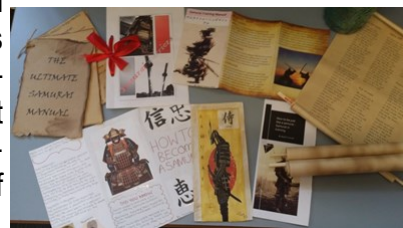


up their Japan Unit with two other exciting activities relating to Japanese culture and philosophies. Whilst studying the different religions of Japan, including

Shinto and Buddhism, the class learnt about 'meditation', and we even conducted a meditation session in class. Whilst some students found it quite challenging to remain so still and focused, others commented at the end of the session that they felt very relaxed and calm! Finally, we looked at the philosophy



of "Feng Shui" which is a key part of most Japanese households. We investigated the origins and development of Feng Shui, and then after familiarising ourselves with the key rules of this philosophy, we then analysed one classroom and wrote a "Feng Shui Report" of this room. Students were so engaged by this activity that they decided to undertake "Feng Shui" assessment of a whole range of areas in our school, including the entryway, the Principal's and Deputy's Office, and finally the Library. Students examined each area and typed up reports giving recommendations for the layout of each room to improve the flow of energy.



Year 7 were also getting creative in Geography this term. 7A finished off their Climate Change Unit, where they had been investigating solutions to climate change, by designing their own 'alternative-fuel vehicles'!



And stayed tuned via the school's Facebook page to see some exiting activities that Year 11 Society & Culture students will undertake. As part of their first HSC Topic we are doing a Focus Study on "India", examining their traditions and cultures. Students will be competing in a "Wrap a Sari" challenge, followed by a creative 'Henna Activity,' and then they finish the year off with a Indian feast!

A special thanks to all the great HSIE teachers and students for their amazing work in 2016. The HSIE Faculty are looking forward to another great year in 2017 and wish you all a very happy and safe holiday!

From the English Faculty

2016 has quickly come and gone and all the English teachers are in the process for preparing for the challenges of 2017. A number of new initiatives were introduced this year including Spellodrome which has had amazing results in improving the spelling ages of students in Year 7 and Year 8. As a result of this success, and with the support of the Literacy Team, this program will continue for Year 7 to 9 in 2017.

2017 will see some exciting changes in the English faculty as Mrs Kedicioglu attained a promotional position as English Head Teacher at Blaxland High School. As a result, Mrs Brice will be take up the position as relieving Head Teacher as Ms Thompson will be continuing as Acting Deputy Principal.

A number of successful excursions were conducted by the English Department this Year. Year 7 visited the Jewish Holocaust Museum where they were given the opportunity to experience life in Germany during the NAZI occupation by viewing a variety of Primary Sources and listening to the survivors of the NAZI regime. Years 8-10 were given the unique opportunity of attending a performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at the Belvoir Theatre in Paddington. For many students this was their first visit out of the Hawkesbury and for most students their first experience of live theatre. Feedback from the day was positive with most students keen to enjoy the experience again.

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

Summer Reading Club for kids

A fun reading program for Library members
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The aim is to read as many books as
you can during the
summer holidays and collect prizes
along the way.

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- 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](#) or phone the library on 4560 4460.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



January 26th

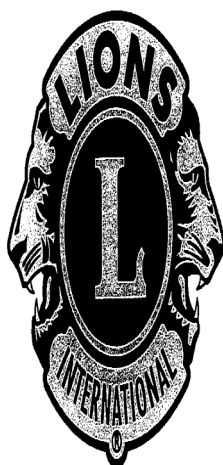
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