

Week 9 Term 4 2018

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Ms Oppy on behalf of the school wished Renee the best of luck when she competed in the Australian National Athletics Competition in Cairns, QLD.

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WALKING TOGETHER - LEARNING TOGETHER

Congratulations to our VIVO High Flyer for the week- Well done Skye for displaying our core values of Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect.



Ms West has been co-ordinating our food drive to support Hawkesbury Helping Hands supply food hampers for local people in need over Christmas. She has been helped by Jacinta and Dylan as Santa and Elf.







Congratulations to our Year 7 Year Advisor awards recipients- Taylah, Sofia and Darcy



Two of our 2018 School Captains, Jess and Ryan, took part in the Hawkesbury Hills Leadership Program helping an outback community near Uluru in the Northern Territory. During this time they refurbished two schools, taking 6 grueling days in 40 degree heat to help the local community. It required a Rock Solid Effort! Well done Jess and Ryan!







Windsor High students participated in an 'hour of code' event hosted by Stemshare last week. Our students had a great time and enjoyed getting to try their hands at some of the coding and robotics kits available to public schools.







Panthers on the Prowl boys engaged in community service by helping a couple, one of whom has a disability, clear out rubbish from their home and move bricks to the backyard. The couple have been renovating their home and are very thankful to the boys from Windsor High School. The boys said they felt very good helping people out in the local community. Mr Prasad said it was an honor and privilege working with these young men in serving and helping members of our local community who are in need. Great job boys.



Miss Talidu's 'Artist of the week' is Cassidy in Year 10. Cassidy has created a truly unique design for her Lino printmaking. Well done, Cassidy!



Breaking news from Cairns!!! Renee of Year 10 won A GOLD MEDAL at the Australian All Schools National Athletics Championships in the U16 Girls Hammer Throw!

Renee we are incredibly proud of you! Your consistent hard work and dedication has clearly paid off. Well done!



With one week of school to go we are busily preparing for the Annual Presentation Day Assembly. We look forward to including the whole school in this event for the first time at Windsor High School. Parents of award recipients should have received their invitations over the last week.

Regards

Jennifer Hawken Principal

HSIE ends 2018 with a bang!!

WOW - what a year it has been in HSIE!!

We have experienced so many amazing events and achievements with our HSIE students in 2018. We have had excursions such as the exciting Commerce visit to Luna Park, the very moving tour of the Sydney Holocaust Museum, and the Year 9 trip the annual Royal Easter Show to examine the 'Geography of Food'. And of course some great school- based events such as the Year 8 'Viking Survivor Challenge' Day.

And Term 4 certainly kept the excitement coming! Year 10 students travelled to Mosman for <u>our Geography</u> <u>Excursion on 'The Marine Environments'</u> where we studied the impact that humans are having on our oceans.





Students were shocked to learn the amount of plastic that is making its way into our waterways. We examined 3-D software in the Marine Museum and used virtual reality goggles

to take a tour through the ocean. Then students went out in the field to help collect samples of micro-plastics along the beach as part of a research project being run by Macquarie University. And finally, after some water testing of storm water run-off going straight into the oceans, students were challenged to work in teams and create a model of an effective device to limit the amount of rubbish washing into the marine environment.







This term we also had Mr Cotter accompany our award winning Year 11 Business Studies students on their 'all expenses paid' trip to Melbourne to receive their <u>First Place Prize for the 'Innovation Nation' Awards</u>. Sean, Harrison, Chase and Caleb did an outstanding job representing Windsor High School! It was such an amazing achievement for Windsor High to have our two teams winning both First and Second-place in this state-wide competition! Well done to Mr Cotter and the hard-working Business Studies class.





Year 11 Society & Culture students have just participated in their final Video-Conference with our 'sister-school' in Korea where we reported on the 'weird, fascinating and unusual aspects of Australia/Korea'. We taught the Korean teenagers about some of our unique customs such as Indigenous smoking ceremonies, events on Anzac Day such as 'two-up' and even eating 'kangaroo' (- they were shocked to hear that we eat the animal which is on our coat of arms!) Then we took them on a virtual tour of all the 'Big Aussie Icons' that you can visit on a typical Aussie Road Trip – they we very entertained (and a bit puzzled) by great monuments such as the 'Big Banana', 'Big Merino', 'Big Prawn' and many others! And we were very honoured to receive a special package from our new Korean



friends – each student who has participated in the video conferences throughout the year had bought a special gift or authentic Korean food item which they packaged up and sent over for our WHS students. We felt very spoilt to receive many kind and unusual items such as Korean stationary, hair accessories and foods such as 'Fire Noodles' (hot Korean version of 2 minute noodles), prawn cracker treats and delicious chocolate treats such as Pepero Chocolate Sticks which they eat as a celebration after their exams!



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Mrs Tait and I also took all Year 11 Legal Studies and Society & Culture students on a visit to the State Library this term. Students were in awe of the amazing history of the building and even commented that one section looked straight out of a scene from 'Harry Potter' and Hogwarts! In addition to our tour through the public and restricted areas of this iconic building, students participated in activities to refine and develop their research skills, and also gained access to an unlimited number of databases and materials which will be crucial to their studies and assignments throughout their HSC year (and having become members of this Library they will now be able to access these electronically from home!).



In Year 7 Geography students competed their studies of Natural Hazards and Disasters, and wrote 'News-flash Scripts' as journalists reportering live from the scene of an actual disaster. And some classes even put these scripts to use and trialled the school's <u>new 'Touchcast Software" and STEM equipment</u>. Using this technology, and the aid of a 'green-screen' backdrop, students were projected into a 'live news studio' to report on volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and earthquakes – some were even able to report 'live' standing in front of the eruption itself!



And our final event, which is occurring this week, is the last installation to our new 'Vertical Garden Wall' at the top of HSIE's B Block. Having studied 'Ecosystems and Rainforest' with Year 7, and 'Water Sustainability' with Year 8 Geography, a vertical garden project was designed to engage real-life applications of what students had learnt in both of these units. This project came to life with the assistance and funding of the P&C, and the incredibly kind and generous work of John Moxon and his family who constructed and installed the hardware for this vertical wall. This week Year 7 and 8 classes will be planting out one section of the wall each during their HSIE lesson. We are excited to see this wall grow and become a permanent feature of B Block, and with continued maintenance and care of these plants by our student we are certain they will flourish and beautify our school environment (-along with a little extra watering by Ms Mooney throughout the holiday periods as well!).

A huge 'thank-you' to all the Amazing HSIE staff and students for their hard-work and dedication throughout the year and we are sure that 2019 will bring many more memorable moments to come!

Ms Linda Mooney.

Head Teacher HSIE

Macquarie Towns Arts Society's School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program Christmas Holidays, 2018/19

Monday 14th Jan 10am—12 noon Make Magic Lanterns 1pm—3pm Make Pottery

Tuesday 15th Jan 10am—12 noon Create a Crystal Fairy 1pm—3pm Paint an Underwater Scene

Wednesday 16th Jan 10am—12 noon Make Your Own Dragon 1pm—3pm Make Pompom Kittens and Puppies

Thursday 17th Jan 10am—12 noon Paint Jungle Animals 1pm—3pm Paint a Sparkly Princess

Friday 18th Jan 10am-12 noon Create Coloured Clay Critters 1pm—3pm Decorate Treasure Boxes

Monday 21st Jan 10am-12 noon Draw Mythical Creatures 1pm—3pm Make Butterfly Wind Chimes

Tuesday 22nd Jan 10am-12 noon Decorate Photo Frames 1pm—3pm Draw & Paint Dinosaurs

Wednesday 23rd Jan 10am—12 noon Make Little Clay Animals 1pm—3pm Paint a Landscape

Thursday 24th Jan 10am-12 noon Draw & Paint Mermaids 1pm—3pm Paint Flags of the World

Friday 25th Jan 10am-12 noon Make Jewellery 1pm—3pm Make Your Own Slime!

Cost: \$15 per 2 hr workshop; everything supplied

Venue: Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 1, 328 Windsor Street, Richmond

Bookings Essential: phone Deidre 0412 979 731

MTAS After School Art Classes for Term 1, 2019, also Now Enrolling

For more information go to www.mtas.com.au

CALENDAR TERM 4 & TERM 1 2019

Thursday 13th December	Sister Speak
Friday 14th December	Year 12 BBQ-10.30am
,	Annual Presentation Assembly 11.15am
Monday 17th December	Multilit Rewards Day Excursion
Tuesday 18th December	Wet & Wild Rewards Excursion
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20th December	Staff Development Day
Friday 21st December	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30th January	7, 11 & 12 Return to School
Thursday 31st January	8, 9 & 10 Return to School