

Week 10 Term 4 2021

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Ceramic Mask—Hannah—Year 8



I must again apologise for not sending out a weekly newsletter last week. Great things were happening but just too much to do in my role as Principal. It really is a very busy role! I will compensate with a week 9 and 10 newsletter earlier in the week!

Week 9

Our volunteers were rocking the new WHS aprons at Saturday's P&C

Bunnings BBQ. Thanks to <u>South Windsor Butchery</u> for yummy sausages at an amazing price and our new volunteers- Clarice, Katy and Maddy.

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At Windsor High School, we love seeing students do the right thing, even if they think nobody is watching. We've created a new initiative called 'Caught doing the right thing' where students are acknowledged for doing the right thing in a variety of forms.

Last week, Wyatt taught his casual classroom teacher how to play chords on a guitar, while today, Preston and Ethan offered to assist Mrs West clean the playground. We are proud of our students and can't wait to catch you doing the "right thing."



Our transition days with our Year 6 into Year 7 continued, helping the students feel more at ease with the idea of going to High School. Many of the other local schools did not have transition days but by having each school on a different day, we were able to meet COVID safe guidelines, but it did create a lot more work for us.

It was Windsor Public School who joined us on the Tuesday for their Transition Day.



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It was then time for Transition Day 3 with Year 6 students from Oakville Public School.



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It was then Bligh Park PS and Pitt Town PS who attended our school for Year 6 Transition. We were running out of days so had the two groups in on the same day but kept them apart as separate cohorts.



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On Day 5 of our Transition Week - it was Year 6 from Windsor Park PS who had a great day with us.





















On Monday of the following week, we had **our last day for Year 6 Transition Week. We had the Director's** permission for all our small schools as well as students who will be attending WHS but are from other Primary Schools all come on the same day.

We're excited for all the students to be joining our school in 2022. Thank you to our teachers who ran workshops and especially to Mr Archer who is already an awesome Year Advisor.













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Another message later in the newsletter is about our collection of items for our SRC which is partnering with Strong Nation Community (formerly Hawkesbury Community Service) to do a Christmas hamper drive.

We are asking all students & staff to bring in non-perishable items which will be distributed to those in need over the Christmas season.



<u>Week 10</u>

Congratulations to these mathematicians from 7S - Mariah and Beth for their excellent result in the Assessment Task, Bailey and Grace for their outstanding result in the Yearly Examination.









Miss Viv and her amazing elves spread some December 1st Christmas magic and festive cheer in the Support unit, knowing that Christmas is getting closer and closer, day by day.



Year 11 Hospitality have been busy developing their culinary skills. They have whipped up 'Caesar salad, Handmade pasta, Fish and Chips'. All dishes look delicious







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Mrs Lidbury joined year 9 Agriculture to create this cute succulent arrangement for her desk. The class are learning propagation techniques.



Food Technology are enjoying being back in the school kitchen. Year 10 made their very own 'Rocky road' in Food product development. Year 9 prepared 'Nasi goreng' (Indonesian fried rice)





Our Year 8 Materials class has been very busy making Sterling Silver rings as part of the Jewellery making unit of work. They have had to work carefully and patiently with the silver to create a custom ring each.



As you are all aware, the New South Wales Teachers Federation members voted to take industrial action on Tuesday 7th December. We provided very minimal supervision of students who attended school on Tuesday 7th Dec. The Department's letter was emailed to all Parents and Carers. We appreciate your patience and understanding as our teachers, who have worked tirelessly this year to support our students, take the action they feel is necessary to secure a better future for our profession and our students in public education. Thank **you to the kind community members who shared positive comments of support on our school's Facebook** page as well as phone messages.

Year 10 Girls attended a "We are Worthy" workshop with activities to boost self-worth! Here are the girls with a collaborative art project where each girl has a unique puzzle piece but collectively form a whole combined picture. Thank you to Jess and Chelsea, our Student Support Officers for organising such a proactive event. The Year 10 boys at the same time attended a Building Better Men program, based around healthy relationships. Thank you to Mr Harkins, Head Teacher Wellbeing, for organising this.









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In the support unit we are always looking to reward students who display the WHS STAR values of Safety, **Teamwork, Achievement and Respect. This week's superstar is Shayne from MC3. Well done!**



Year 11 Visual Arts students completed eye studies recently. They enjoyed practising their oil pastel blending techniques, creating some amazing pieces of art.









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As mentioned in the Week 9 section of this report, we acknowledged students who used their manners without being reminded, by giving them an entry in the Manners Box. On Friday we held our Manners draw, led by Mrs West and helped by Ms Thompson. Students drew out different prizes and all joined Mrs west for a lunch she cooked for them in the kitchen. This initiative made a big difference as there was a noticeable increase in the use of manners from our students.



Windsor High School SRC were fundraising for the Year 11 2022 Crossroads school camp. As such, the SRC were encouraging all students to dress like a 'tradie' ready to work. For this privilege, students paid a gold coin donation, which was collected during Period, It was well supported by both students and staff, evidenced in the photos. A total of \$182 was raised



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Our IO/IS class taking part in a 'Sound Scavenger Hunt' for Music this week shows that we are all still working hard to deliver engaging lessons, even when we only have a week and a half of this term left.









Year 9 Art students have been busily glazing their Geometric Modernist Vessels. They are now looking bright and ready for their first firing in the kiln.



It is with much sadness that I have to confirm that due to COVID safety restrictions, parents won't be invited to this year's Presentation assemblies. They will occur a year group/Support unit at a time, keeping to our cohorting rules. On Friday 10th December, Year 9 will receive their awards during period 2, The Support Unit will receive theirs during period 3 and Year 11 during Period 4. On Monday 13th December, during Period 2, Year 8 will receive their awards, during period 3, Year 10 will receive their awards and during Period 4, Year 7 will receive their awards. Photos of students who have permission to publish will be posted on our Facebook page.

With only one more newsletter due next week, the "year that was" is quickly coming to an end.

Warm regards Jennifer Hawken Principal

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Christmas Hamper Drive

The SRC in partnership with the Strong Nation Community (formerly Hawkesbury Community Services) has organised a Christmas Hamper Drive. As such, we are asking all students and staff to bring in a non-perishable food item that will be distributed to those who need it over the Christmas season. ACHIEVEMENT

NAPLAN IS GOING

online for 2022!

During Week 10 WHS is preparing for NAPLAN 2022.

We will be testing the network with Year 9 on Thursday 9th December.

They will need to log in to the site, answer some questions, log out again, then repeat.

None of their answers are recorded. This is purely testing the capability of our school network. Students are to please bring headphones that can be plugged into the computer.

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IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDS THE SALE OF ADD-ON INSURANCES !!!

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission has introduced new regulations regarding the sale of add-on insurance products. These regulations now require a 4 day 'pause' between the purchase of a device and any add-on insurance associated with that device. As per the process below we are still more than happy to assist you to purchase once that time has lapsed. BE SURE TO REGISTER and we will contact you.

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2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local bus operator</u> to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback





BACK TO BASICS SCHOOLWEAR SHOP INSTORE

Uniform can be purchased from our retail outlet 52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm Saturday 9.00am to 12noon

DUE TO COVID - ALL STORE VISITS ARE VIA APPOINTMENT ONLY Please make your booking through our website - www.cowanlewis.com.au

Back to School Trading Hours

Back to Basics will be closed from Wednesday 22nd of December 2021 and will reopen on Monday 3rd of January 2022

Trading hours for the month of January 2022 Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm (Closed for the public holiday - Wednesday 26th of January)

Saturdays - January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - 9am to 3pm Sundays - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 10am to 1pm



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Dear Parents,

Cowan & Lewis look forward to joining with you on the next phase of your child's journey through their school life.

The purchasing of your child's school uniform will be a little different this year due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and ensuring we are adherent to the mandatory social distancing restrictions of 1 person per 4 square meters. The Kingswood retail store located at 52 Cox Avenue will be accessible by appointment ONLY from the 11th October through to the 21st December Monday to Friday from 9am – 4.30pm and Saturday 9am to 12 noon,

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays to ensure the safety of our Staff, Parents and students.

We would encourage all new students to be outfitted prior to the end of the year to ensure they are catered for before the new school year, unfortunately appointments may not be available in January.

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website <u>www.cowanlewis.com.au</u>. Select shop online, locate your schools crest, and click on the booking link and select the appropriate date and time.

- Each appointment will have a 20-minute duration.
- 1 Adult and 1 Child per booking
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment, we will unfortunately ask
 that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

Alternatively online orders can be made and delivered to school twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays during the school term. Exchanges can be arranged back through the school office by contacting Cowan & Lewis or leaving an exchange form in the bag to be collected, the exchange form can be located on the Cowan & Lewis website on your school's page.

Please note the appointment system above may change at any time as the State Government provides further advice. Changes will be notified on our website.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this challenging time and look forward to welcoming you to our store. Please feel free to contact our staff via email sales@cowanlewis.com.au or phone 4721 7422 should you require any further information.

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CALENDAR TERM 4

Wednesday December 8th	Year 10 Formal
Wednesday December 15th	Year 12 Graduation & Formal
Thursday December 16th	Last Day of Term 4