

Week 6 Term 4 2023

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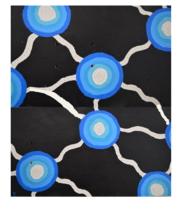
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Skateboard deck design-Ella-Year 8



This week's assembly focussed on the wonderful work our Chaplain's from Strong Nation do within our school to provide a breakfast program. Unfortunately, some students have been taking the program for granted and have been taking large amounts of food and either throwing it around the playground or have been disposing of it inappropriately. Our Chaplain's work incredibly hard and the food is donated to our school to support these who need it. Students have been reminded to be respectful and appreciative of the program.

Our students were also reminded that they should not be going to 7/11 or McGrath's Hill shops in the mornings after they are dropped off by bus, car or train. Students should walk directly into the school gates, where they can be supervised by staff. We have noticed a number of students walking in the direction of these shops over the last few weeks and those who continue to do so will begin to have parental contact to advice parents and carers that this is occurring.

Just like the NSW government introduced a new Mobile Phone Policy this term, all Departmental schools will be implementing a new Behavioural Policy which will begin on the first day of 2024. Mrs Hawken addressed the assembly this week to introduce this to our students. More information will be delivered to our community regarding these important changes to the Behavioural Policy.

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Year 7 students were rewarded through our positive behaviour initiative this week with Mitul and Eli were our lucky winners of the week for their outstanding behaviour.











Our STAR winners of the week were Brianna and our staff winners of the week were Chelsea, Ms Croswell and Mrs Tripathi. Congratulations and we look forward to our final STAR rewards for 2023 over the next few weeks.





As part of their work learning about ecosystems MC1 were able to make their own mini ecosystems during Science on Wednesday. We re-used soft drink bottles (kindly donated by an ex-student), some potting mix, pebbles, sticks and little plants. Once students finished creating their mini garden and gave it a drink of water we put them in a sunny position to start to grow. Great work team!













MC1 made quesadillas in Food Technology today. It was a team effort, and the results were delicious.











In MC3, students are making predictions and recording observations in Science. Today they predicted what would happen when you combine bicarbonate soda, oil, vinegar and food colouring. The result: a DIY lava lamp!





Year 8 Agriculture visited their garden beds today and harvested carrots, cos lettuce and beetroot. All students took them home for dinner.



Well done to Sai from MC2 for his positive attitude in joining our WHS Support Unit!



Windsor High School has welcomed 17 students from Ishikawa High School, Japan for the next few days. The students have attended classes with WHS teachers and students to experience Australian culture and lifestyle.





















Huge congratulations to the 2023 Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadet Graduates from Windsor High School! Throughout the year, these Year 9 students delved into essential emergency service equipment, gaining hands-on experience that will undoubtedly serve them well in the future. Their dedication and commitment not only equipped them with valuable skills but also instilled a deep sense of responsibility and community service.

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers who made this program possible. Your dedication is the backbone of the RFS and its 23 stations throughout the district. To our outstanding students, your conduct and commitment make Windsor High School immensely proud. As you move forward, may you carry these lessons with you, contributing to the well-being of our community and beyond. Congratulations, graduates!













MC1 caught the train to Richmond as part of their travel training. They went to the post office where they purchased stamps and posted letters written during an English lesson, then had a game of frisbee and Uno before lunch in the park. A lovely day exploring the Hawkesbury and working on public transport skills.



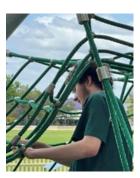












Relieving Director Stacey Mathieson took the opportunity to have a cuddle with one of our goat kids when she visited the school this week!



Last week, students in Yr 10 and 11, who are interested in pursuing a career in Nursing/Midwifery, went to Western Sydney University for an immersion workshop. The students were able to be involved in hands in activities and learn the pathways to study at university.













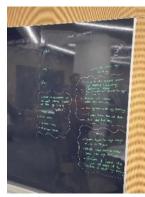




Westmead Hospital Health Hackathon - Day 1

These amazing students have successfully engaged in a workshop at Westmead Hospital under the mentorship of NSW Health. They were asked to pick a health issue facing young people today and create and implement a health campaign. The students have worked hard all day, brainstorming and researching the issues surrounding young adults and alcohol. Tomorrow they will present in front of a panel against the other schools participating. Good luck.









On Monday students in MC3 put up a kindness calendar to count them down to the end of term. Their first challenge was to compliment a classmate. Today they created some special thank you cards during their computer lesson.



9-1 are developing their voice projection skills reading poetry to each other. This will help them back in the English classroom when they perform their own spoken word poems.











8A had some fun in Geography on Tuesday!

They played a game simulating global trade for their topic "Interconnections".

Students were divided into "countries", given resources, and tasked with the goal of making products to be sold. They then had to trade with other countries to get additional resources, and maximise their profit. 8A quickly discovered that not all countries have the same population, wealth, or resources, and the challenges and advantages this poses in global trade!









8A2 Ag/FT created their Healthy Lunchbox assessment task today. They all did a wonderful job. The Star was Matilda. Her presentation was superb!

























Sayonara to our new Japanese friends

This week WHS has played host to 17 students from Ishikawa High School.

A big thank you goes out to our innovative teachers and welcoming student buddies in sharing the Windsor High experience.











MC4 and MC5 students participated in the Junior Ecologist program in collaboration with Longneck Lagoon EEC this year. We started in Term 1 by conducting a habitat survey to build a frog pond at Windsor high. Students did various tasks such as site observation, testing water and soil and creating the frog habitat. Program was concluded with an educational excursion at the Longneck Lagoon with fun activities such as Dipnetting, BugID and culture walk. Great work team! Longneck Lagoon EEC.

























Remembrance Day Commemoration

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year, on this day, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

On Saturday the 11th of November our school captains had the pleasure of attending the Windsor & District RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Commemoration at McQuade Park.

School Captains Ethan Knight and Makaelah Simmons were given the opportunity to lay a wreath while Kendra Shuttleworth was also given the opportunity to read the poem "We shall Keep the Faith" by Moina Michael to the large audience in attendance. We thank Windsor RSL for providing light refreshments after the events.



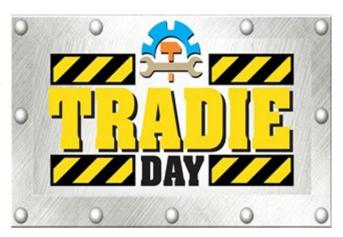


On Friday, 24th of November 2023 the SRC will be running a 'Tradie's Dress Up Day!'

As such, the SRC are encouraging all students to dress like a 'tradie' ready to work. For this privilege, students must make a gold coin donation, which will be collected during Period 1.

Please note that apart from their favourite tradie wear, students must be in full school uniform, including leather shoes. Ripped shirts and pants will not be permitted.





PDHPE

The past two weeks has been extremely busy for students as they have been working through the Yearly Examinations and final assignments. These assessments provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding and the skills they have learnt throughout the year, allowing staff to accurately report on their achievement. It is imperative that students apply their best effort so they can feel proud of what they have accomplished. If students have missed any examinations or assessments, it is crucial they speak to their classroom teacher or Head Teacher to schedule a time to complete any missed tasks.

Year 7 Water Safety Program

On Friday the 1st December Year 7 will be travelling to Richmond Pool to undertake a Water Safety Program. The program aims to build students basic water safety and rescue skills with the aim to assist them to make safe choices or assist others in and around water. Transport is paid for as we were able to gain funding to subsidise the program so students only need to pay for pool entry on the day. We encourage all year 7 students to attend as the skills they will be develop combined with being in the water make for an enjoyable day.

Sydney West Water Polo

Congratulations to Cassidy Grima who gained selection in the Sydney West Water Polo team and competed in the NSW Combined High Schools Tournament at Tamworth in week 5 The Sydney West Team finished a 5th and were awarded Most Improved for 2023. Well Done, Cassidy!



Year 7 Gala Day

Touch Football

The Year 7 students who took part in the Touch Footy Gala Day showcased the potential talent that Windsor High School can anticipate developing into future Rugby League superstars. Our team had an impressive performance, securing victories in 4 out of 5 games, with the only loss to Crestwood High School. It was a commendable effort from all the participating boys and girls, and they should take pride in their contributions. We encourage them to explore further sports opportunities and continue representing the school as we nurture and develop our budding athletes. Mr Litchfield.





Basketball

In a display of teamwork, Windsor High saw two Year 7 teams participate in the Year 7 Basketball Gala Day at PCYC South Windsor. The students were able to showcase their talent with enthusiasm, and a fierce competitive spirit.

The tournament featured a round-robin format, allowing each team to face off against other teams in a series of intense matchups. One of the standout moments of the day was the impressive display of sportsmanship by all Windsor High boys. Despite the fiercely competitive nature of the games, the young athletes demonstrated respect both on and off the court. Handshakes, high-fives, and words of encouragement were exchanged, reinforcing the idea that basketball is not just about winning or losing but about fostering positive connections and mutual respect.

Every student that participated demonstrated their skills, from swift ball handling to clutch three-pointers, layups, strategic assists, and impressive defensive plays. Both teams came away with some great wins and all players should be proud of their achievements.



Netball

Windsor was able to field two teams into the gala day this year. For the majority of our students this was the first time they had ever played a competitive game of Netball which excites us as we continue to build our school Netball program. Both teams developed new skills throughout the day, while enjoying playing in a team with their friends. All students continued to improve as they day progressed, allowing them to display teamwork and great sportsmanship. A special mention to Andrew who sunk many goals and always had a great celebration move to follow. Thank you to Ellie and Teagan for umpiring and assisting each team on the day. Miss Spencer









Soccer

This year's Soccer Gala Day was an excellent event. We had students with varying levels of ability, but the main thing was everyone got involved and had a really great day. There were 2 teams of boys and 1 team of girls. Some students had never played soccer before, but everyone was very supportive of each other. Each of our teams were able to get a win which made the day even more special. There were some really intense and exciting games which our students were both involved in and happy to be spectators of. The whole day was a success, with some very tired but happy students at the end of the day. Mr Fagan.





Year 10 Sport

As Year 10 near the end of compulsory sport the PDHPE Faculty decided to let them choose their own adventure for the remaining 5 weeks of the year. Students in Year 10 can nominate which sports they would like to participate in each week. This week the choices were Mixed Volleyball (which is always competitive), Mixed Oz-Tag, Table Tennis or Basketball Shooting Games. It was great to see everyone engaging and enjoying each other's company.

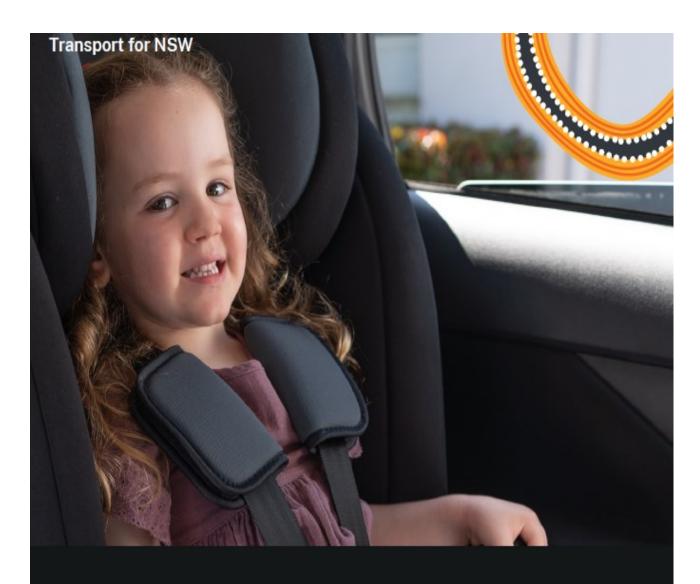












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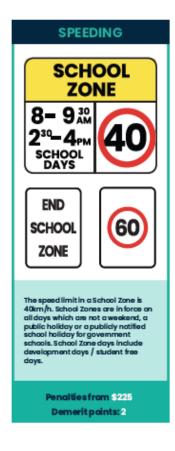
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CALENDAR TERM 4 2023

Thursday 23rd November 2023	Tradie Day—SRC
Tuesday 28th November 2023	Orientation Day Year 7 2024
Thursday 30th November 2023	Presentation Day
Monday 4th December 2023	Recognition Awards
Wednesday 6th December 2023 Period 3 & 4	Attendance Party
Thursday 7th December 2023	Year 10 Formal—Hawkesbury Race Course
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Rewards Excursion
Friday 15th December 2023	Last Day of Term for students