Welcome back to 2015! And we have had a very settled start to the year with students and teachers both focussed on learning and achievement!

**HSC Successes!**

Firstly, I wish to congratulate our exceptional Year 12 2014 students for their outstanding success in the HSC in 2014. For this group, there were 23% offers to students for places at university – this is a doubling of the places compared to 2013 and shows just how important our community values higher education for the future of our young people and their community.

Our overall achievement levels lifted with an increased number of students gaining Bands 5 and 6 across a range of courses. Particularly successful were students in Ancient History, Business Services and Business Studies, Extension English, Information Processes and Technology and Software, Development and Design.

Gaining a Band 6 puts a student into the top 6% of the state and is an outstanding achievement. As usual, our students were a credit to themselves, their parents and to the school. Many students have gained entry to university, TAFE courses, or to full-time employment.
A number of our students were successful at achieving early entry scholarships to university. Jimmy Fenton attained a high ATAR and was offered a scholarship to the University on NSW but turned it down to study a double degree in Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies at the UTS. Jimmy said what he valued most about attending Windsor High School was the opportunities made available to him to study widely and the support he received from the school to pursue his goals of working globally but particularly in IT in Japan.

Emily Otten received not only excellent overall results in all her courses, but also gained early entry AND a scholarship to the University of Sydney to study English Literature in a Bachelor of Arts. When asked about the advantages of attending Windsor High School, Emily cited the “support from the teachers, and the wide range of opportunities available to all students. There was something for everything that I wanted to try.”

Other students who were successful in gaining entry to university included:

- Xuiling Chen – Bachelor of Design at UWS
- Caitlin Ferguson-Evans – Bachelor of Communication (Advertising) Charles Sturt University
- Edyth Moxon – Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor Secondary Education Macquarie University
- Lara Parsons – Bachelor Ancient History Macquarie University
- Georgia Richardson – Diploma Social Science UWS
- Chantell Sheehan – Bachelor Science Psychology Macquarie University
- Mataio Sufia – Diploma Health Science UWS
- Brock Taranto – Bachelor Science (Zoology) UWS
- Chloe Tsingolis – Diploma Science UWS
- Denise Phiri – Bachelor Arts/Law UWS
- Doris Phiri – Bachelor Business and Commerce/Law UWS

We wish all our Year 12 students from 2014 a happy and prosperous future!

Senior Study Skills.
Senior whole –day study skills workshops on Days 1 and 2 of Term 1. The days focussed on motivation with a very engaging presentation by Mr Justin Herald, how to organise your study timetable, best ways to present information in assessments and assignments, as well as basic rules of the Board of Studies in relation to HSC and Preliminary certificates. The feedback from the students was very positive. All Senior students have Study skills sessions with a qualified tutor built into their fortnightly timetables. These sessions give the students the opportunity to use computers, and to get additional assistance with any aspect of their schoolwork or homework. We are exceptionally fortunate to be able to structure this opportunity for our senior students!

Junior student’s Learning Hub
This is another initiative for Windsor High for 2015! Ms Ashley Weir has been successful in gaining an appointment as a qualified tutor to establish our learning hub. She will work closely with the Learning Support Team, the LAST, the HT Welfare and parents to complete personalised learning plans for students primarily in Years 8 and 10 and to provide intervention and assistance for these students with their school work and their literacy. Ms Weir will be working four days each week for the entire year and we welcome her to the school.

New teachers in HSIE
As you will recall from last year, four of our HSIE teachers moved on this year, having gained promotion or new positions in other secondary schools. Congratulations to our two new HSIE teachers, Mr Tim Fragogiannis who started this term and also to Mr Matt Cotter. Mr Cotter as you know, has been with us for four years now in a temporary capacity but has now been successful in gaining a permanent position here at the school. Well done to you both; we are excited to have you here!

HT HSIE
The Head Teacher position has been advertised and will hopefully be filled by
further education, or jobs for those who choose to enter the workforce directly after school. The Review Team will provide all parents with an update of the outcome of the review; please contact the school if you have any concerns. Reviews for the other school cohorts take place throughout the year; these will be on the school calendar.

School Uniform
A big thank you to all parents and students who have worked so hard to be in uniform since the beginning of the year! The students look lovely and are making a strong impression on the community. If you have any problems with uniform, then please call the Relieving HT Welfare Ms Calvert or one of the DPs for assistance.

School Planning process
This is well under way and the final school plan for the year will be completed and uploaded onto the website by the end of Term 1, along with the Annual School Report.

Ms A Cam—Principal

DEPUTY’S REPORT
What a great start to 2015! The whole school seems to be very settled with all students engaged in productive learning. It has been wonderful to walk around the school during class time to see our students being involved and participating in all lessons. Year 7, in particular have settled in very quickly and by all reports from staff have been very positive. I urge any Year 7 student to seek support from their Year Advisor if they need any help or have any concerns.

Another real positive to the start of the year is the manner in which our students are dressed. The new school uniform which has been introduced over the last two years looks amazing and the students seem proud to wear it. In the coming months it will start to get colder, however, so I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that the uniform shop is open Thursday mornings at the school and weekdays at the Kingswood warehouse so that your child can be prepared with their winter uniform for the colder months.

During the first week of this term our Year 11 students participated in a senior study awareness day. Students participated in workshops on study and exam preparation, researching skills, time management and support networks available for senior students. Students that participated reported that they now have a greater understanding of expectations of senior students and certainly realise the significant amount of work they have ahead of them.

Merit System
Don’t forget that Windsor High School’s merit system is an ongoing program. This means that the awards you have accumulated in previous years are still current and can be added to this year. I would like to remind both staff and students that this is an excellent way to recognise student achievement and promote the positive things that happen at Windsor High School each day. Details of
the Windsor High merit system are listed below:

Students that exhibit outstanding effort and achievement in class will firstly receive a Faculty merit award
3 faculty merit awards equal a Head Teachers award
3 Head Teacher awards equal a Year Advisors award
3 Year Advisors awards equal a Deputy Principal's award
3 Deputy Principal's awards equal a Principal's award

Senior Attendance
Students in Years 11 and 12 have more flexible timetables than the rest of the school with many of our students also studying various TAFE and VET subjects. Therefore some Senior Students will not have a class in the morning or may not have a class in the afternoon on some days. Senior Students that do not have a morning class are not required to arrive at school until their timetabled class. Students that do not have a class in the afternoon are also permitted to leave at the conclusion of their last class for the day. Students in Year 11 are not permitted to leave the school grounds during study periods throughout the day. It is also extremely important that senior students sign in and out of the school so that we know who is on site at any given time. This is a Workplace Health and Safety requirement. If any parent has a question regarding this procedure please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Coming Up
On the 9th March our school’s annual Athletics Carnival will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park. I would like to take the opportunity to urge as many students as possible to attend. It is always a fantastic day with great house spirit and competition. See you all there.

Mr S. Mudiman
Deputy Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
The WHS swimming carnival was on Thursday 19 February and it was a fabulous day for everyone involved. Once again the ‘Fashions on the Pool Deck’ was a lot of fun with lots of students and teachers getting really involved, dressing up in their house colours. Congratulations to Jiramba for having a well-rehearsed war cry and taking out the House Chant competition.

Our age champions for 2015 are:

Boys
12 Years Kane Muller
13 Years Liam Harvey
15 Years Kurtis Smith
16 Years Nathan Walker
17+ Years Lachlan Walker

Girls
12 Years Tylah Tyszyk
13 Years Darcy Stark
15 Years Renee Taylor
16 Years Rhiannon Williams
17+ Years Casey McGuiness

Our winning house was Murriong on 304 points, closely followed by Jiramba on 229, Kurabi on 204 and finally Bunderluk on 152.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Williams who broke two long-standing records that have been held since 1999. Her performance in the breaststroke was outstanding and had the whole school cheering her on to a winning and well-deserved time.

The Macquarie Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 4 March at Blacktown Leisure Centre. All successful swimmers should be in attendance from 9 am. Please return the Zone notes to the Sports office ASAP. Check the Sports Notice Board for the program of events. Looking forward to another great day of competitive swimming.

Also everyone should now be getting organised for the athletics carnival, occurring on Monday 9 March
at Blacktown International Sports Park. Once again we need everyone there getting involved and supporting their sport house.

Many thanks
Mrs. Horan and Mrs. Windon

Subject Contributions for our excellent programs

At Windsor High, we have an outstanding range of electives for your child in all years. We cannot offer or maintain these excellent courses however, unless parents are willing to pay subject contributions. We have taken a lot of time over the past year to reduce these fees to make a greater range of courses more affordable to all students. Please contact the front office to pay these fees early this term. This will allow the teachers involved to order the consumables for student use early on, providing a better experience for each child.

MATHS REPORT

Welcome back to the new school year. I would very much like to welcome all our Year 7 parents. It is wonderful to see how well our new students have settled in. Just some reminders for equipment that all students should bring to mathematics:

- An exercise book (preferable a grid book)
- A ruler
- Blue or black and a red pen
- A pencil, sharpener and eraser
- Glue stick
- A scientific calculator
- A geometry set (only bring in when requested)

The Mathematics faculty run a homework clinic each Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. Your child can visit the clinic on a needs basis for as little as 10 minutes or come every week for the duration. The clinic will be closed on the first and last week of each term. Permission notes have been issued to all students. If you would like your child to attend please return a signed permission note to the Mathematics faculty.

Mr D Sydney-Jones
Relieving Head Teacher

Upcoming Events

TERM 1 2015

- 3/3 Yrs 7 & 11 Parent/Teacher Evening 4-6pm
- 4/3 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 5/3 School Photos
- 6/3 Macquarie Cup Soccer
- 9/3 Athletics Carnival
- 10/3 YR12 Examination Period
- 24/3 Yr7/8 Catch-up vaccinations
- Royal Easter Show
- 27/3 Yr 9 PASS Excursion – Period 4

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FEBRUARY 2015
Courses in 2015:
Cert II in IT
Cert III in IT
  Applications, Network Administration, Support, Web Technologies, Multimedia
Cert IV in IT
  Network Communications, Service Desk, Web Based Technologies
Diploma of IT

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

CONTACT
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Ann.Roberts@tafensw.edu.au

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and well-being.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
Year 10 student Brittnee Sheath is representing the Hawkesbury in Miss Teen Galaxy Australia and was crowned a NSW State finalist. Brittnee will be representing NSW at the Nationals over 3 days on the Gold Coast in March, where one lucky girl will be crowned Miss Teen Galaxy Australia. The winner will then represent Australia in Florida, USA. Hopefully this will be Brittnee!

Brittnee is working hard to prepare for her next competition and has chosen Make-A-Wish foundation as the charity for which she is fundraising. If you would like to support Brittnee and this worthy cause, please make a donation at: https://give.everydayhero.com.au/brittnee

Windsor High School congratulates Brittnee on her achievements already and we wish her all the very best in the Miss Teen Galaxy Australia competition.

MEDICAL LOCAL

It’s 3am and your GP is closed. We’re Open

**Afterhours GPhelpline—Healthdirect**

1800 022 222

- Your call will be answered by a registered nurse who will assess your condition and provide health information and assistance.
- If needed, the nurse will transfer you to speak to a GP
- The GP will talk with you, assess your condition, make a diagnosis and provide further medical advice.
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January 2015
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8am-5pm
Monday 26th January CLOSED
Saturday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
9am-3pm
Sunday 18th, 25th
10am-1pm

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   Click ON CAMPUS

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HOURS: Monday to Friday 8am-4:30pm & 1st Saturday of the month 8am-12 noon
Prices effective 9/3/14 - Subject to change without notice - Includes 10% GST

UNIFORM SHOP
At Windsor High
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OPENING HOURS
Thursdays
8.15 am - 9.00 am

WALKING TOGETHER  LEARNING TOGETHER