SEPTEMBER, 2015

FAREWELL TO OUR 2015 CAPTAINS

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Acting Principal’s Report

Congratulations and welcome to Mrs Jennifer Hawken who has just recently been appointed as Windsor High School’s new Principal. Mrs Hawken will start her new role in Term 4. I’m sure the staff, students, parents and community will all share with me in wishing you a very warm welcome and we look forward to working with you next term.

I had the opportunity last night to attend the Schools Industry Partnership awards where Vocational students were recognised for their outstanding achievement in coursework and also work placement. Codi Wood was recognised for her achievement in Hospitality, Chloe Jochico for Entertainment, Georgia Barnes for Business Services and Jayden Ladd for Primary Industries. Congratulations to all students for your achievement.
I also had the pleasure of attending the Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony for the Norwest region where Cassidy Strickland from Year 7 was nominated for Student Volunteer of the Year. Cassidy, who established ‘Hawkesbury Helping Hands’ with her mother does a lot of work behind the scenes supporting members of our community in need. Cassidy was the winner of her category and will now progress to the State awards later in the year. Congratulations Cassidy!

Windsor High School has held an RuOK week this week to raise awareness that there is support out there for those who need it. The week consisted of a range of events for both staff and students promoting wellbeing, positive relationships and self-esteem. I would like to thank in particular our student SWAT team for their effort and organisation of the events led by the Mrs Calvert, Natalie, Laura and also a large support team of staff. This week has been extremely positive adding to the settled and supportive environment that is Windsor High.

2016 Captains

Congratulations to our Captains Elect for 2016! Once again students were put through a rigorous selection process including nominations, applications, interviews, speeches and finally voting from the whole school. All students nominated were outstanding candidates and would have been well suited to such a responsible role. The successful candidates are Maddison Brough, Daniel Breeze, Izaya Souter and Sheyanne Taylor. I wish them all the best of luck in their new role and look forward to working with you next Term.

Year 12 Events and Exams

It is at this time of year that we congratulate and say farewell to our outgoing Year 12 students. On 16th September a formal Graduation ceremony will be held to recognise student achievement culminating in the completion of 6 years of High School. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and parents to witness and acknowledge the successes of our outgoing Year 12 Class of 2015.

Obviously there is still a lot of hard work to go with the HSC examinations starting next term on the 12th October. I advise our students to make the most of their opportunities late this term and to also utilise staff expertise early next term ensuring they are as prepared as they can be for their exams. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 the very best of luck in their upcoming HSC examinations.

The Year 12 Formal is due to be held Thursday 17th September. It is always a fantastic event with the students looking very different from their daily uniform in their formal dresses and suits. I am very much looking forward to attending this event and being able to farewell our students as young adults at such an occasion. Congratulations to Mrs Horan for all of your hard work and effort in supporting Year 12.

Live Tunes Concert

What a night! Students of Windsor High School have proven once again that they have amazing talent through the fantastic performances on the night. I was very impressed with the professionalism exhibited by the students, both the performers and those behind the scenes, making it all happen. Congratulations to all involved and in particular to Mr Bonaccorso and Mrs West who, without their dedication, hard work and support of our students such an event would not be possible.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff of Windsor High for your consistent dedication to the students of our school. Without your hard work and
congratulations I am sure you will be a wonderful job leading our students into another great year.

Life at Windsor is constantly changing as we offer our students as many opportunities as we can. Currently we have a group of students away on a Duke of Edinburgh camp while year 11 students recover from their very successful camp last week. The weather is starting to become much warmer and with that in mind can I remind all students to wear their correct uniform not inappropriate shorts so that we can all be proud of being members of the Windsor High School community.

Best wishes again to our current Year 12 students as they prepare for their exams we wish you luck and remember your teachers are always there to support you. I would like to also thank all the Windsor High School community for making my job as Acting Deputy Principal such a rewarding and enjoyable one. Please remember to keep safe during the holidays and students return to us rested and ready for another wonderful term.

Mrs Kerrie Corr
Acting Deputy Principal

DEPUTY’S REPORT

This term has been a very busy one for both staff and students at Windsor High School. It has been full of challenges and celebrations with students enjoying a week of RuOK activities that were enjoyed by all.

The students at Windsor continue to excel with their enthusiasm and commitment to school life. Our students as always were involved in selling legacy badges and were congratulated on their manners and commitment to this cause. Year 12 students are almost finished their courses and ready themselves for their upcoming exams. Their graduation assembly will be next Wednesday 16th September and care givers are invited to attend this celebration of the conclusion of their school years. It is always a very emotional time as we look back at photos of year 12 students as they were in year 7 and look at what they have become. The Year 12 formal will be on the 17th September and then the next time we see our students is when they come back to school to complete their HSC exams. Our thoughts will be with them as they journey into life beyond school and hope that they will remember with pride their time at Windsor High School.

Our Year 11 students will soon be our new Year 12 as they start their year 12 course work next term. We welcome our new school captains Izaya Souter, Daniel Breeze, Maddison Brough and Sheyanne Taylor congratulations I am sure you will be a wonderful job leading our students into another great year.

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Sad" /" our Librarian Ms Credaro passed away this term after suffering a long illness. Our thoughts and wishes are with her family.

KOORI STUDENTS

Koori students across Years 9-12 embraced the opportunity to develop and refine their Art skills with support and tuition from local internationally recognised urban artist and children’s book illustrator Leanne Toben. Leanne is a proud Dharug woman with strong cultural connections to the area and her Artwork often draws on those connections through story telling.
Over the 8 week program students learnt how to find their individual stories and tell them through the medium of Art.

*WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORT 2015 IN SUMMARY*

On Thursday 3 September 2015 at a formal Assembly, the Windsor High School Year 11 students presented their Captain’s Speeches to the student body. At this wonderful Assembly, our Sporting Champions for the year were also recognised. Here is a snapshot of those students and their achievements.

**MACQUARIE ZONE REPRESENTATIVES …**

- Netball = Emily Dunn
- Softball = Jayden Wood, Liam Barber & Nathan Walker
- Baseball = Dean Frew
- Swimming = Rhiannon Williams
- X Country = Stacy Morris, Declan Rankin, Renee Hardy & Jayden Wood
- Athletics = Dean Kennedy, Aden Parnell, Katelyn Woods, Zoe Parnell, Renee Hardy, Alyssa Fraser-Jones & Tahni Sun

**SYDNEY WEST REPRESENTATIVES …**

- Renee Hardy, Zoe Parnell & Dean Frew

**THE WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION HOUSE SHIELD FOR 2015 …**

Congratulations to the House Patron, Ms Zenai Beale and the House Captains, Dean Kennedy and Gemma Healey, who accepted the Shield on behalf of all the students in Jiramba.

On a final note, congratulations to Zoe Parnell and Renee Hardy who have both, since the Assembly, successfully represented Sydney West at the CHS Athletics at Homebush. Zoe received a Bronze Medal in the 12 Year Girls Hurdles as well as being placed 7th overall in High Jump. Renee also received a Bronze Medal in the 14 Years 1500 metre walk. This is an amazing achievement for a 12 year old girl! Both girls have been chosen to represent NSW at the All Schools Athletics Championships in October.

**MACQUARIE ZONE YEAR 7 GALA DAY**

All Year 7 students should have now received their permission notes for the Gala Day to be held at various locations around Kellyville and Rouse Hill on Tuesday 20 October.

This is a compulsory sporting event for ALL students within the Macquarie Zone. Please ensure your child returns their permission note and health form as well as paying the $10 to the front office no later than Tuesday 13 October. The Year 7 Gala Day is a fabulous day for all students and a chance for WHS students to play Grade Sport against all the schools in our Zone.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support and cooperation concerning this event.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Horan and Mrs Windon
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### TERM 4 2015

**Upcoming Events**

- **16/9** Yr. 12 Graduation
- **6/10** Students Return T4
- **12/10** VALID Science Testing
- **13/10** Yr. 8 Subject Info Evening
- **15/10** Yr. 9 Subject Selection Interviews
- **19/10** Yr. 8 Subject Selection Interviews
- **23/10** G’Day USA Trivia Night-Windsor RSL
- **30/10** Comedy for a Cause-Windsor RSL
- **6/11** Vaccinations Yr 7
Windsor’s Wellbeing Week

Our Student Wellbeing Action Team (S.W.A.T) has once again delivered another highly successful event. Made up of twenty students, S.W.A.T has spent the last few weeks putting together a week full of fun activities to bring people together in the lead up to R U OK? Day. Activities included random acts of kindness, fitness competitions, handball championships, meditation sessions, acoustic picnics, a DJ desk and free pancakes, morning yoga and workouts, roaming photo booths, craft corners and pamper zones. Our staff also enjoyed a mystery buddy who surprised them with little gifts and acts of kindness throughout the week. Windsor Wellbeing Week will go down as a fun one in the memory books, with staff and students all getting involved, sharing a laugh and making memories. We would like to say a massive thank you to Yogurtland at Rouse Hill who so kindly donated 15 $5 vouchers to go towards competitions held throughout the week.

To our S.W.A.T students - we did it! You are a joy to work with and a breath of fresh air. Your enthusiasm and relentless pursuit to make this school enjoyable, spontaneous and memorable for your fellow students (whilst also getting crucial wellbeing messages across) is inspiring and encouraging. Thank you for all the time you gave up, kind words written to staff and students and everything unseen that the majority will never know about.

We hope you enjoy the photos from throughout the week. You can check out a lot more photos from each day on our Facebook page.

Natalie Howell
Student Support Officer
Year 12 HSC Visual Arts

Bodies of Work

Emily Edwards: “Transformation”

Renee Meyer: “Hidden”

Kyrah Graham -
“Beauty & Suffering of Dance”

Kyle Wilson: “Antithesis”

Natalie Kobier “Lifestyles Reconsidered”
SYDNEY SPRING FUN TOURNAMENTS

SPRING ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT
Wednesday 23 September 2015

SPRING TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT
Thursday-Friday 24-25 September 2015

Venue: North Ryde Community Centre, 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde (between Lane Cove Road and Wicks Road)

Format: Each tournament will be run in one open section suitable for all ages (under 18). You play all rounds (it is not a knock-out) and you play someone with a similar score to yours. This means that after the first round or two you will be meeting players of approximately the same ability as yours.

Eligibility: Players must be members of the NSW Junior Chess League and aged under 18 as on the first day of the tournament.

For membership details click HERE. Please note that membership renewals are due at the beginning of January (if you have already paid your membership fee for this year, please don't pay again!).

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