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Term 4 Week 3 Communication – Friday 28 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami and welcome to our news for the end of Week 3. HSC exams continue to run smoothly. On Monday, HSC markers were on site to examine the Visual Arts HSC Body of Works. We are sure that Year 12 are relieved that there are only 5 more days left before the written exam period is over! The last exam is on Friday 4 November. The following week on 9 November we will be celebrating with Year 12 at their long awaited Formal.

Last week in our communication we forgot to attach the **Shoebox Project** information – sorry about that - it is included this time. The SRC have been busy planning the coordination of this year's Shoebox initiative and there will be different ways in which our students can contribute to make it easy for us all to be involved. Our Senior Student Leaders have also been working behind the scenes with Mrs Sheehy to coordinate this year's **Spirit Week** activities. We're looking forward to finalising plans and sharing details with our students.

We know that there are times where families need to apply for extended leave. To make it easy for you to access the **Application for Extended Leave Form** (for 6 days or more) we have made an electronic copy available in the Parent Portal. You can access the form via the 'Forms' button on the app and complete the form electronically. It is possible to then upload the completed form via the portal. A hard copy of the form is also available from the office.

It is necessary to also then complete an **'Exemption from School – Student Course Work Form'** – available in each year group in the School Resources section of the Portal or from the office - so students can check for any assessment work and deadlines with their teachers before they leave.

Our **P&C Annual General Meeting** will be held on November 16, 2022. If you are interested in attending, please join us in the staff common room at the school from 6.30 pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to our current president, Mr Dean Goddard by email at president@winmaleehighschoolpnc.au. As always, we would like to publicly thank the small but amazing P&C team for all they do to support our school and students. A thank you also goes to all families who have been able to support the P&C voluntary contribution this year. We do appreciate it.

This week, we heard news that **Charlotte Hughes (Year 7)** was successful in being selected for a metro level softball team. She has been working at this for a long time, playing softball since she was 6 years old and joining representative teams from the age of 10. Congratulations, Charlotte on your commitment to this sport. (Pictured left)



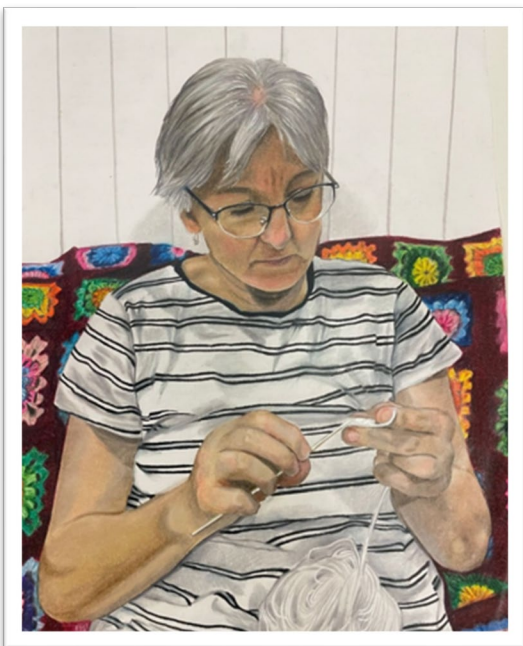
A shout out goes to **Kaitlyn Scott (Year 10)** for supporting this year's Bandanna Day. Kaitlyn has been working hard to reach her target and she has already exceeded it! If you would like to support an excellent cause; raising funds for Canteen to support young cancer patients, [click here](#) to sponsor Kaitlyn.



Congratulations to **Isabella Bonnici (Year 11)** for her achievements in a range of sporting events and competitions. Isabella has represented the Nepean Zone, as well as Winmalee High in futsal, Wanderers' Cup Football (soccer) and Open Girls' Knockout Football. She has now been selected in the U18s squad for Bankstown City Lions who play in the NSW NPL1- the top tier of girls' soccer in the state. Whilst balancing the commitments of Year 12 next year, Issy will train three nights a week and travel up to three hours for games on the weekend. Well done, Issy! (Pictured right)



Congratulations to **Lili Baran (Year 11)** for being selected as the Young Archies Winner for the 16-18 Years Category.



An image of the exquisite winning portrait of her mother is pictured to the left. This artwork, as well as all winners and finalists are on display at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre exhibition. The artworks will be displayed from 22 October – 4 December at the Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub in Springwood and all entries will be displayed digitally at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre in Katoomba.



A reminder that this Saturday October 29 at 5pm Winmalee High School's music ensembles will be featured on Fine Music FM (Freq 102.5) program called "Class Act". We are not certain which ensembles will feature at this point but it may be our Concert Band, Vocal Group or Jazz Band.

A further broadcast will take place on Saturday 31 December at 5pm. This broadcast will feature the ensembles that were not part of the program this weekend.

The program will also be live streamed and on demand via this link <https://www.2mbsfinemusicsydney.com/>

We hope you all can have a listen!

You may remember us sharing information last term about the work our Year 8 SRC team (**Zoe Harris, Macauley Down, Diya Merchant and Callie Paine-Burke**) has been doing alongside Mr Cranby to organise the **World Bicycle Relief Program**. The purpose is to help mobilise people in need through the power of bicycles. There is a survey to complete for students who want to register.



This would suit students who are regular bike riders to and from school and on weekends. Students who register will seek sponsorship from friends and family to support the fundraiser. We are looking for more students to register. If you are interested, please complete this [survey](#) to register your child for this fundraiser. Once registrations are received, students will be provided with more information, including an information sheet, the Strava club link and the sponsor payment link.

We are thrilled to announce that **Trek Bikes** will generously donate a Marlin 5 Gen 2 to encourage students to participate. All students who participate could be in the running to win this

prize. For every 10km's ridden, students will receive an entry into the raffle. The more kilometres they ride, the more chance they have of winning! Additionally, Trek Australia will match dollar for dollar our total amount raised. We are grateful for their support.

Year 11 – Today Year 11 students were issued with their **HSC Assessment Booklet**. During the Year Meeting, students were led through the schedules, the procedures for Illness/Misadventure, and the importance of meeting assessment due dates. If students were absent, they need to see Year 11 deputy principal, Mrs Marlin to collect and sign for their Assessment Booklet. A copy of the Assessment Booklet is available on our website and the Parent Portal. Next week, Year 11 End of Course Reports will be issued to students. Our RoSE Breakfast will be held on Friday 4 November, so keep an eye out for invites.

Finally, a reminder that the department's **Tell Them From Me** survey which was sent out last week, closes next Friday 4 November. We use this valuable data to inform our school planning, so we would be grateful if you could complete it when you get a moment.

Wishing you all a great weekend – enjoy the precious sunshine and blue sky!

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



Mark the age category

<input type="checkbox"/>	BABIES - 2 YEARS OLD
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4 YEARS OLD
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-10 YEARS OLD
<input type="checkbox"/>	11-14 YEARS OLD
<input type="checkbox"/>	15-18 YEARS OLD

Mark the gender

<input type="checkbox"/>	BOY
<input type="checkbox"/>	GIRL
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
GETTING TOGETHER TO BE **GENEROUS**
AND **WELCOMING** TOWARDS
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SEEKING REFUGE AND ASYLUM
IN AUSTRALIA AT CHRISTMAS



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HOW TO INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Start with a shoebox
- 2 Label your shoebox and decide who your gift is for
- 3 Cut out the template, complete it and stick it to the top of your box
- 4 Pack your shoebox
- 5 Find your nearest drop off point

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

For changes due to COVID-19 or to find out your nearest drop off location go to:



Youth Shoe Box Project

Or contact Sue at sue@able2.net.au

Or drop it in to 6/7-9 Raymond Road, Springwood

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX:

- **SOMETHING TO LOVE**
teddy bear, soft toy
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**
tennis ball, bouncy ball, toy car, skipping rope, wind up torch, finger puppets
- **SOMETHING TO WEAR**
t-shirt, beanie, cap, thongs, socks, scarf, football socks
- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**
Soap, face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, shampoo, hand cream, nail varnish
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**
Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, colour pencils, textas, sharpener and eraser, book to read
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL**
Carry bag, sunglasses, bracelets, jewelry, craft kit, Christmas decoration, stickers, hair accessories
- **AND FINALLY.... A PERSONAL NOTE**
Christmas card or post card from your hometown or area, the note can be as simple as "Happy Christmas from a friend in Australia"



PLEASE DON'T PUT IN....

- Your contact details
- Things that can melt like chocolate, crayons
- Things that can spill easily, make sure the lids are tightly on or put in a plastic ziplock
- Used or damaged items including worn clothes or used toys
- Breakable items like glass, porcelain or mirrors
- Items that can scare a child like war or pirate related items, toy guns, knives or skull and crossbones
- Religious, racial or political items
- Medicines or vitamins
- Items needing a battery
- Money

BLUE MOUNTAINS REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP visit children, single men and families in detention and the community in Western Sydney. No matter how they arrive, we provide a welcome and caring face to those who have faced the trauma of leaving home, country and family, persecution, war and displacement.

ABLE2 is a not for profit organisation that supports young people living with a disability and their families. We provide support coordination, behaviour support, plan management, counselling, skill building groups and activities.