



## WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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### Term 4 Week 5 Communication – Friday 11 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. Today is Remembrance Day, and as a school we paused for a moment of reflection to honour those who have served and those who have died in all wars and peacekeeping operations. We were involved in three separate services, both in and out of school, with our students leading in various roles.

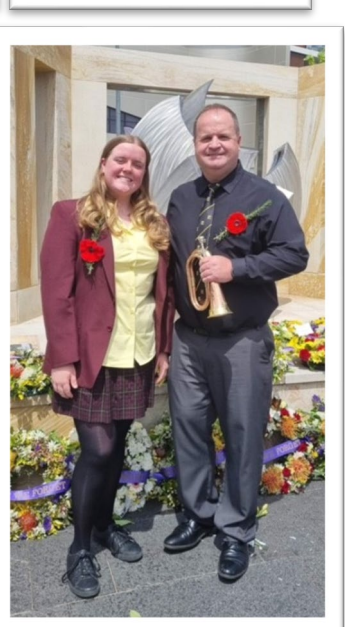
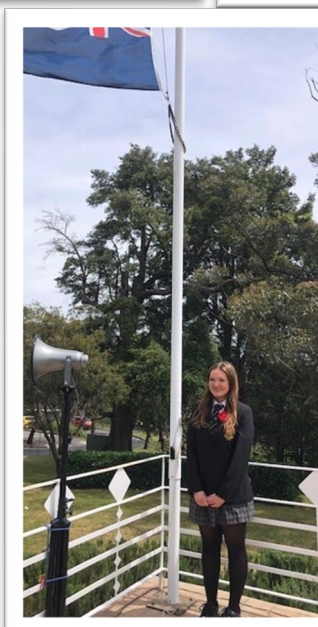
At school, a service was led by school captains, prefects, and SRC members and students. Thank you to **Nea Mulligan, Lucas Collins, Cohen Boys, Zoe Leach, Max Harris, Billie Papasotiriou** (Year 11), **Miriam Brew, Ellen Henderson** (Year 10), **Max Tibbles** and **Gordon Hewitt** (Year 8) for their leadership, coordination and preparation for this important event. Thank you also to Ms Cooper for playing *The Last Post* with Gordon, and also to Mrs Redfern for coordinating the event.



Mr McGown attended the Penrith RSL service with **Tahlia McGown** (Year 9). Tahlia sang the National Anthem and Mr McGown played *The Last Post*. Ms Facas, along with captains and prefects, **Olivia Sell, Reginald Hewitt, Texas Down, Hannah James-New** and **Jackson Fitzgerald**, represented Winmalee High School at the Springwood RSL Remembrance Day Service at Buckland Park, Springwood. Our students led the singing of the National Anthem, Hymns and God Save the King, the prayer and the flag raising. We are always proud to support these community events and are honoured to contribute.

\*(photos on the following page of Springwood and Penrith RSL services)





### MUSICAL 2023 – *Oliver* –

Students can collect audition packs and information if they are interested in the 2023 production, *Oliver*.


Students can select which

lead character/s they would like to audition for and take the music to learn. Auditions will take place December 1 & 2. We are looking forward to seeing a big cast selected for this show!

Thank you, Mr Joseph, for taking **7B Science** to the **Australian Museum** this week. We just love this photo! Well done to all students who attended..







Congratulations to **Zoe Leach**, Year 11 student and school prefect, for being the guest of honour and guest speaker at the Zonta Club of the Blue Mountains celebration dinner on Monday night. Zoe was awarded the 2022 Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Zoe is pictured below surrounded by the amazing ZONTA women, her mum, and Ms Facas. We thank [Blue Mountains ZONTA](#) for their ongoing support of our students.

**Zoe** was also awarded **Bronze Level** for the **Duke of Edinburgh** program. Mr MacCormick, who coordinates the program at Winmalee HS, presented Zoe with her award at assembly this week and he spoke of her commitment to community service and her determination to achieve this award through two years of lockdown challenges.



Our students continue to take on work placement opportunities, and this week we would like to congratulate **Caitlin Morel-Butterworth** (Year 10) on her recent successful placement with the RFS. They shared this photo of Caitlin with us – looking impressive Caitlin! Well done.

At school, we have students who support and contribute to improving the physical environment and caring for our school. At

left, Year 9 students **Peter Koulouris, Hunter Jackson, Flynn Steinhoff, Justin Brooker and Ryan Horton** are enjoying some well-deserved food after completing a range of jobs across the school. Mr Pendergast was impressed with their skills, reliability, and professionalism. They worked on repairing a whole range of items – we appreciate it when our students help.



**Primary School Visits** - Over the last few weeks Mr Borg and a small group of committed Year 7 students have travelled to our main feeder primary schools – Winmalee, Springwood and Ellison, to continue the transition process and help year 7 (2023) settle in a little easier to high school life. Many questions were asked about a huge variety of issues and our students did a tremendous job in answering all of them - How do periods work? What happens if you get lost? What subjects do you study? How does the high school timetable work? - were just a few of the main topics and concerns for the students.

Our students enjoyed the experience with many commenting how 'nostalgic' it felt returning to their old primary schools. Despite it only being less than one year since they were last there, much had changed and evolved. A huge thankyou to the following students who represented Winmalee High School with enthusiasm, honesty and dignity. We appreciate the warm welcome from our primary schools. Thank you also to Mr Borg for taking on the important role of Year Adviser.



Winmalee Public – **Georgia Holdsworth, Jessica Wright and Luke Vincent**; Springwood Public – **Aurora Edwards, Albie Neill and Okani Vaionmunga**; Ellison Public – **Charlotte Donovan, Lexie Firth and Liam Boys**. We look forward to seeing our new year 7 students for orientation day on November 29th to continue their transition program into Winmalee High School.

This week on assembly, many students were presented with certificates from their participation in this year's **Big Science Competition**. This competition challenges critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Congratulations to all students who were awarded a certificate at assembly this week.

63 students across Years 7-9 participated, achieving 54 Credits, 8 Distinctions.

Congratulations to **Thomas Ward** for achieving a High Distinction.



**Year 7:** Claudine Barclay, Lucas Chapman, Joshua Constable, Oliver Cusack, Charlotte Davies, Georgia Holdsworth, Joel Machin, Talia McGregor, Toby Roediger, Annabella Sciberras, Sarah Yearsley.

**Year 8:** Macauley Down, Cailen Priora, Arwan Syed, Thomas Ward.

**Year 9:** Ben Addison, Elodie Barclay, Abigail Dickens, Abbey Gibbs, Frano Hirst, Alexander Hovellmann, Ulysses Howard, Jett Lawson, Matthew Minard, Harrison Stevens, Anya Thomson, Abbie-Rose Whale, Luka Wheeler, Zoe Wiessner.



On Sunday night four Winmalee High School students performed at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with the NSW Public Schools State Wind Ensemble and the NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra in their end of year concert. It was a wonderful evening filled with beautiful music. Congratulations and well done to **Eva Greenaway** (Year 11), **Joshua Craig** (Year 12), **Jasper Musgrave** (Year 10) and **Lili Baran** (Year 11) for your outstanding performances and ongoing commitment to music.



### Girls and Boys Rugby League

A special afternoon down at Windsor Stadium. Despite conceding the first try and having half a team who have never played before, our girls very quickly came together, scoring four tries in 12 minutes. Not only did our girls dominate the first half with 13 a side, but they also expertly held their own in the 2nd half with 10 a side to come away with a comfortable three try win!

Next came our boys who faced a well-drilled opposition that was on a three-game winning streak. Unfortunately, scoring some athletic tries wasn't enough, with Windsor just coming away with the win.

Mr Bonora said it was a pleasure to witness the support these teams showed each other, and the spirit in which both games were played. The future is bright!



**Girls team:** *Isabella Ferguson, Issabella Ballard, Isabella Wilkinson, Paris Fitzpatrick, Holly Clark, Ella Zaccazan, Bella Sandford, Tess Morris, Suma Radzki, Hayley Kime, Caitlyn Collins, Laura Whitehouse, Anna Stretton, Ella Moore. Jack Babbage (trainer).*

**Boys team:** *Ashton Anderson, Darcy Cale, Zac Fitzgerald, Brodie Roberts, Daniel O'Neill, Wil Stavrakis, Jasper Douglas, Owen Long, Tyler Faint, Braeden Smith, Bradley Nias, Dan Horton, Zac Irwin, Ollie Scurr, Orion Pick, Malakai Keyes, David Rameck, Sam Hill, Lucas Sawyer, Justin Brooker (trainer).*





**Tyler Cavanough** (Year 9) is a talented sportsperson, and he has participated in many teams through school including Touch Football, Cricket, Basketball and Futsal. He has also been an NRL Junior Referee now for two years and has been selected to join The Referee Development Squad. Referees are selected when they have shown potential and dedication to advance further. The squad trains twice a week and must study the Referee Law Book as well as coaching younger members. This is a huge commitment and a great achievement. Congratulations Tyler!



This week, we heard news that **Tyla Gibson** (Year 10) was the successful recipient of the **Blue Mountains ZONTA, Vision For The Future Award!** A huge congratulations to Tyla. The panel were impressed by her application, and we look forward to attending the Presentation dinner in early December where Tyla will be presented with this scholarship award.

A committed group of Year 11 students have been involved in an **Aviation Remote Pilot course** this year, as part of their Year 11 course of study. Basair Aviation College have been working with students on site each week to give our students the opportunity to complete this engaging course. Below is a drone image taken last week by students. We hope to get some footage to share with you soon as the course draws to and end next week. We would like to thank the staff who are delivering this course for their support this year.



Year 7 families - don't forget about **swim school** next week. We are checking that weather forecast with fingers and toes crossed for some sunshine and warmth. 🍀 ☀️

As always, it's been a pleasure to share the week with you. Thanks for reading - have a terrific weekend and we'll see you next week.

Best wishes,

**Winmalee High School**