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Term 4 Week 6 Communication – Friday 18 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. We hope our Week 6 communication finds you ready to enjoy your weekend. It's been a big week - Year 7 students with Swim School and our students involved in Schools Spectacular. We also held a book launch for our Westwords writing project.

Westwords Book Launch – throughout Term 2 and 3, we had the pleasure of hosting a series writing workshops, led by **author Catherine Jinks**. Catherine Jinks is an Australian writer of fiction books for young adults. She has won many awards including the Children's Book Council of Australia Award. Led by Ms Taylor, and [Westwords](#) School Program Manager, Sheryll Cootes, a group of students worked with Catherine Jinks to take on the task of publishing their own book of writing. After many weeks of workshops, writing, drafting and editing, a book of student works has been published.



We would like to congratulate students involved for being courageous enough to join this high potential and gifted education project and for making a commitment to producing high quality, beautiful work. Below is a picture of students holding their published book of works, with author, Catherine Jinks and Ms Taylor. We would like to thank parents for attending the launch and celebrating this huge and exciting achievement. We look forward to expanding the project in 2023. There are a few copies available in our school library for students and staff to borrow.

Congratulations to: **Ace Buchanan** (Year 11), **Atticus Savage**, **Genevieve Miruzzi**, **Ell Droll** (Year 10), **Ben Giannakis**, **Lottie DeBono**, **Alice Pigram**, **Callie Paine-Burke** and **Tayla Posford** (Year 8).





Year 7 Swim School – despite the constant changes in the weather and the chill in the fresh mountains air, students and staff made it through another successful swim school. During the week, Year 7 students learnt important lifesaving skills for water safety, supported by trained teachers, as well as our Year 10 PASS students.



This is an important program at our school. Every year since 1995, Royal Life Saving produces a National Drowning Report. This report examines the factors that contribute to drowning deaths in Australia. The statistics are alarming, and this drives us to ensure that we do what we can as a school to keep costs down so we can support students to participate. We would like to thank Mr Dutton for successfully applying for additional funding from the department's Sport Unit, which meant that along with

school subsidies, we were able to significantly reduce the cost this year.

Thank you to students who committed to attending swim school this year. Thank you also to school staff involved, and to **Year 10 PASS students** for their instruction and leadership.

*Year 10 PASS Instructors: **Gabrielle Munro, Luke Kennedy, Will Peake, Patrick Dawson, Lucas Henderson, Jonah Smith, Chelsea Steain, Harriet Davis, Oliver Dickens, Jasper Douglas, Declan Edmondson, Summer Faulkner, Grace Hill, Lara Iskov, Chloe Johnston, Jacob Mendham, Jonathon Peters, Kaitlyn Scott and Ella Tapuska.***



Schools Spectacular rehearsals are well underway. **Jackson Fitzgerald** (Year 11) sent us these photos capturing some of the action this week. It's not too late to buy your tickets to this world-class event!

QUDOS Bank Arena Friday 25 November 11.00am & 7.00 pm & Saturday 26 November 1.00 pm & 7.00pm <https://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/tickets/>



WHS students in the Schools Spectacular choir enjoying a lunch break during rehearsals.

2022 CAPA Showcases – this year, our **Music, Drama and Dance Showcases** are being held at the **Blue Mountains Theatre – Springwood HUB**. We are excited to provide this opportunity for our students, allowing them to experience performing on stage in a professional venue. Students will spend the day rehearsing at the venue. Permission notes for students will be provided early next week.

The combined Drama and Music Showcase is on **Monday 5 December** 2022, and the Dance Showcase is on **Tuesday 6 December** 2022, both shows commencing at 6.30 pm. Family and friends are welcome!


Tickets are available for purchase through [Blue Mountains Theatre online](#) and are \$5 each. Tickets will be released from Monday 21 November at 10.00 am.



[Blue Mountains Theatre - Performing Arts Showcase](#)

Winmalee High School Performing Arts Showcase - Students from Years 7 to 12 will perform at the 2022 Winmalee High School Performing Arts Showcase - held on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December at Blue Mountains Theatre.

www.bluemountainstheatre.com.au



Today, **Year 11 Music 1 and Music 2** students, along with their teachers, Mr McGown, Mrs Clifford and Ms Cooper, led a **Meet the Composer** session. This was a live Zoom session during class time. Students have been studying composer Alex Manton, and her piece, *Adventure to Empress Falls*. Our Music students have been studying score reading and score analysis using Manton's composition, and they prepared specific questions around the concepts of music, which Alex answered during the session. This opportunity supports our students to further deepen their knowledge of the concepts of Music, as well as support them in the development of their mandatory compositional work as part of their HSC assessment. Below is a snapshot of this real-world experience which connects directly to the syllabus and student assessment.



Mobile phone survey and webinar – thank you to those parents and carers who completed the survey late last term. We have been looking at an evening to host a webinar, but it has been challenging finding a space in the calendar with many events on. For this reason, we will share a pre-recorded webinar with families about Mobile Phones in the classroom. The purpose of the webinar will be to share your feedback, current research about the impact of mobile phones on learning and our procedures for managing the use of phones during class time next year. We will include this in our communication within the next fortnight.

A reminder that **audition packs for the 2023 production of Oliver!** are available from outside the Music Staffroom. Any student is welcome to audition for a range of roles. Auditions will take place on the 1st and 2nd of December.



Students and teachers have entered week 2 of the **World Bicycle Relief campaign** where our goal is to raise \$5000 to purchase bicycles for students and workers in developing countries.

As a team, they have ridden nearly 1000km and have passed the \$1000 mark in sponsorship pledges. Thank you for your support! We welcome more participants and sponsorship! *Please see attached form for further details.*

Finally, if you can support the **Shoebox Project**, don't forget that individual items, as well as full packages can be donated. Our SRC are working hard to support the 2022 collection. Details are attached at the end of this communication; in case you missed it a couple of weeks ago. The drop off point is the school, and we will arrange for them to be collected.

That's a wrap for Week 6. Speak next week.
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
<input type="checkbox"/>	EITHER

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

'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

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"



Hello my name is _____ (please include full name).

I am in year _____ at Winmalee High School. Date of Birth ____/____/____

Starting November 8, together with *Trek Australia*, for four weeks, students are going to raise money for The World Bicycle Relief Program. This cause donates sturdy, reliable bicycles to students and workers in developing countries, ensuring a faster and easier way for them to reach school and work.



Our school goal is to raise \$5000 (enough for 25 bikes!)
I plan to ride:

- ☐ 20 km
- ☐ 50 km
- ☐ 100 km
- ☐ Other: _____

Financial support of family and friends is required to make a real and positive change in someone's life.



For example: 100 km x 10c per km = \$10 raised. (The actual amount pledged is up to you.)




Importantly, *Trek Australia* will match dollar for dollar our total amount raised and, as an added incentive, *Trek Australia* are generously donating a Trek Marlin 5 mountain bike. For every 10km ridden, students will receive an entry into the raffle.

You can track our progress on Strava with updates also found on the school facebook page. At the bottom of this page is a link to the WHS payments page. You'll need the student's first name, family name, DOB and school grade.

Please use the word TREK in the statement/invoice number field

Thanks for your consideration! (additional space please see over)

Sponsor's Name:	Amount Pledged:	Total Earned:



Students: join our Strava club Sponsor payment link