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Term 4 Week 6 Communication – Friday 25 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. This week, Year 9 students participated in Peer Support training led by Ms Doyle. It was fantastic to see so many students volunteer for this important whole school program - there were 54 students in total, which is spectacular. This program which runs over 2 days, prepares students to support our Year 7 2023 students into the school, starting with Orientation Day which is coming up next week. We would like to sincerely thank these students for being leaders in our school. The diverse skills, experiences and personalities within this group is exciting, and we know that they will do a wonderful job of making Year 7 feel welcomed and supported. Thank you also to Ms Doyle for her leadership and coordination of this program.



Year 9 Peer Support Leaders: Jett Alexander, Issabella Ballard, Lucinda Balogh, Elodie Barclay, Sarah Bird, Ruby Bishop, Evalyn Boughton, Lacey Bowman, Justin Brooker, Abby Buttriss, Ambrose Capon-Redman, Niobe Cherrett, Caelan Crisp, James Croucher, William Cusack, Shaelee Davies, Abigail Dickens, Sophie Douglass, Mirabelle Edwards, Zackary Fitzgerald, Samantha Friend, Hannah Gianatti, Abbey Gibbs, Sam Graham, Samuel Hill, Frano Hirst, Jess Kennedy, Jett Lawson, Maddison Maher, Tahlia McGown, Gela Moss, William O'Connell, Sophie Osmetti, Quinn Power, Jack Reynolds, Peter Rheinberger, Lucy Roediger, Jody Ruming, Sammi Schroeder, Kalarni Smoth, Olivia Steele, Harrison Stevens, Oscar Stone, Jeremy Taylor, Claudia Thomas, Lachlan Todd, Taylah Walters, William Weir, Hailey Wellings, Luka Wheeler, Laura Whitehouse, Zoe Wiessner, Isabella Wilkinson, Isobelle Winsor.

Boys' Basketball - Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball team for another spectacular win. On Thursday afternoon they played against Penrith – Winmalee 61, Penrith 27. Well done to the team and thank you to coaches Mr Dutton and Uncle Rob. Below are some images of the team, and we would like to thank Mrs Stevens for taking these and sharing them with us. What is special about the first photo is the clear healthy sportsmanship shown by all students involved across schools. Regardless of who wins, this respect is so important, and we highly value the way our students lead in this way.



Pictured left: Mr Dutton, Harrison Stevens, Gela Moss, Zac Fitzgerald, Frano Hirst, Felix Mann, Lachlan Todd, Daniel Horton, Peter Rheinberger, Austin Blackwood, Jackson Williams, Darcy Cale, Uncle Rob Bradshaw.

WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASES

Monday 5th December - Drama/Music

Tuesday 6th December - Dance

**Blue Mountains Theatre
& Community Hub**



We are excited to announce for the first time since 2019 that our **Performing Arts Showcases** are back. This year they will be held at the Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub in Springwood.

Monday December 5th - 6.30pm (Music/Drama)

Tuesday December 6th - 6.30pm (Dance)

Tickets are now on sale via [Blue Mountains Theatre](https://www.bmtc.org.au) or phone sales through the box office on 4723 5050 (\$5 each). Permission notes have been issued to students who will be involved in rehearsals being the school day.



The **Visual Arts Showcase** will be held in the foyer of the Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub as part of the CAPA showcase nights on 5 and 6 December. Artworks on display will be by students from Year 7 to 12.

Entry to the exhibition is free but why not have a night out and come along to watch our performing arts students!

World Bicycle Relief Campaign

Students and teachers have entered week 3 of the World Bicycle Relief campaign where their goal is to raise \$5000 to purchase bicycles for students and workers in developing countries.

As a team, they have ridden over 1200km and have passed the \$2000 mark in sponsorship pledges.

Thank you for your support! We welcome more participants and sponsorship! If you want to donate, use the QR code below. (Please note: if you are making an online donation, you don't need to enter the date of birth for the young person you wish to sponsor, just the name.)



Sponsor link



Year 7 into 7 Orientation Day - We are looking forward to meeting all our Year 7 2023 students and their families on Tuesday 29 November at 9.30am in the school hall.

Year 7 2023 parents reading this, a reminder to please bring any outstanding documents & permission notes for Settling into High School & 2023 Sporting Carnivals. Thank you!

Schools Spectacular - Today, we are excited about the opening performances of Schools Spectacular! Many staff, parents and carers will be attending today and tomorrow to support our students. We are proud to be a Spectacular School.



Parent support hub – School Website: We have been working on adding more resources and links to our school website, so students and families can quickly and easily find a range of **wellbeing supports and services** which are local, or online. We encourage you to take a look when you have a moment, so you can familiarise yourself with the page, and hopefully remember to return to the site when you might need to find some specific support. These resources can be found on the Winmalee High School website under the [Parent support hub](#) tab.

Websites

- ReachOut
<https://au.reachout.com/>
ReachOut is an online, safe place where young people can seek judgement-free support and access different resources. ReachOut is designed with – and specifically for – young people. ReachOut is 100% online, anonymous and confidential, and lets young people connect on their terms. From one-to-one peer support and moderated online communities, to tips, stories and resources.
- headspace – Katoomba
<https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/katoomba/>
headspace Katoomba offers young people aged 12-25 a welcoming environment where they can access free and confidential mental health support as well as support with work and study and alcohol and/or other drug support. Young people aged 12 - 25 do not require a formal referral. Simply phone, email or walk in to arrange an appointment with one of our staff during business hours.
- Planet Youth – Blue Mountains
<https://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/planet-youth-blue-mountains>
Planet Youth Blue Mountains (PYBM) is a community-centred project aimed at preventing alcohol and drug use amongst young people by strengthening the social environment they grow up in
- MYST

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PARTNER: Our Purpose
Together We Can Help Our Young
People Live Their Best Lives



We have many school events coming up in the final weeks of this term, and we look forward to seeing our families at these events. Thank you for supporting your children to participate in all the programs and events running currently.

Speak soon and enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School