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Term 2 Week 7 Communication – Friday 10 June 2022

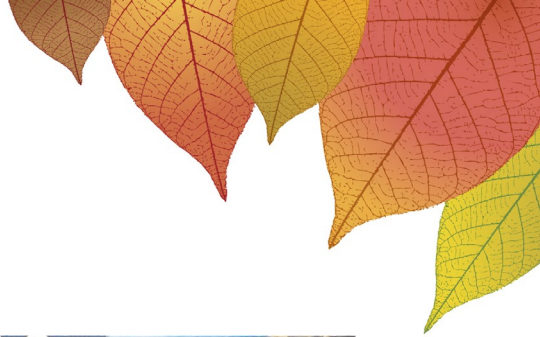
Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the end of Week 7 and the beginning of the long weekend. We hope you have something nice planned!

This week we have embraced the cold and students are looking great in their new charcoal trackpants and they are really trying to work within the uniform options to layer up for winter. Thank you for supporting school uniform. At this week's P&C meeting, it was agreed that we have some excellent and affordable options for students and that the uniform expectations are reasonable and comfortable for students. A reminder that we can support students with school uniform, so if you need some assistance, please ask and we are happy to help.

This Thursday, we were fortunate to have guest motivational speaker, [Luke Kennedy](#), visit our school. This was sponsored by [Planet Youth](#), BMCC. During the day, students in Year 9 and 10 met with Luke and participated in his presentation. Luke shared his life story and how he lifted himself out of poor choices and turmoil to be a successful author and motivational speaker. In the evening, Luke shared strategies and advice with parents and carers; thank you to those that attended. Also, a special thank you to Nikki Boys, (Youth Development Officer with BMCC) for leading this event, attending all sessions, and supporting our school. Debra from Headspace was also generous with her time and attended the parent session and had loads of terrific resources to share. Student feedback about this event was positive and it was great to see some students stay back to meet Luke and purchase his book.

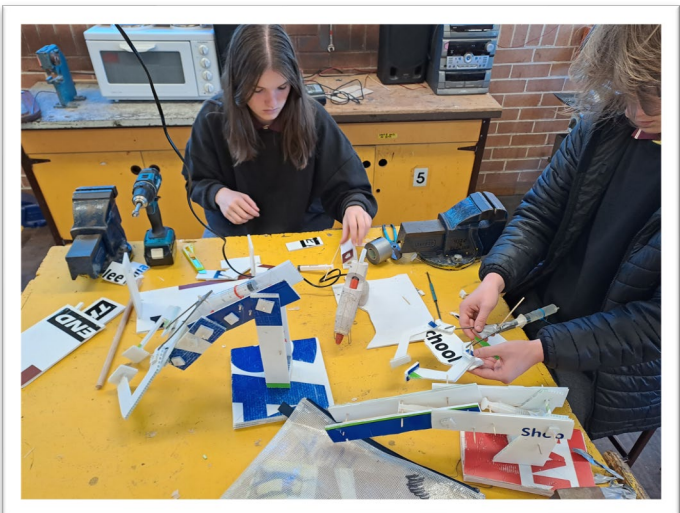




ADFAS Grant – Last year, The School of Arts Wentworth Falls ADFAS (Australian Decorative Fine Arts Societies) generously provided Winmalee High School with a grant of \$1500 to support Music programs at our school, post the disruptions of COVID-19. This year, we have finally been able to use this support to revive our Vocal Groups. This grant has funded the vocal programs that Mrs Clifford leads, and students have not needed to pay fees related to this co-curricular program. Winmalee High School is grateful to ADFAS for their support. We currently have approximately 30 students involved in our vocal groups. Students are fortunate to benefit from Mrs Clifford’s leadership, time, and expertise.



Year 10 Engineering students have been busy engaging deeply with making hydraulic arms in class. Their teacher, Mr MacCormick has been impressed with the focus and hard work of students as they have produced beautiful work. Below are images of student projects and a short video of the hydraulic arm in action can be viewed [here](#). Congratulations to Year 10 Engineering students!

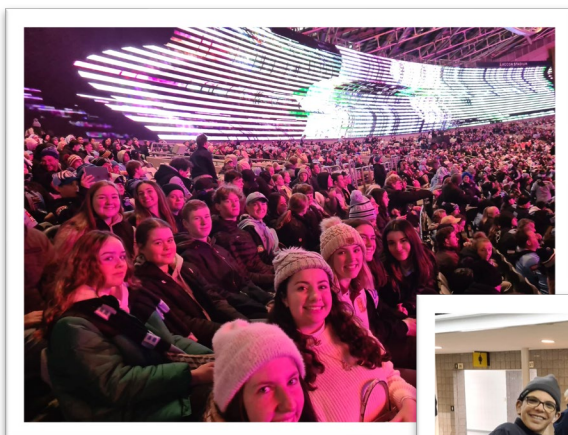


State of Origin

On Wednesday about 50 students at Winmalee High School had the opportunity to attend the State of Origin. While the result could have been better, the students were very well behaved, and they

had a great night. Thank you to Mr Bonora, Mr Anslow, Mr Schulz, Ms Devile, Kylie, and Hayley from the Hub for accompanying the students.





Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Evening – thank you to all parents and teachers who were able to come together for our senior parent teacher evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend. It was nice to also show off our new tables and chairs! The P&C made special mention of the excellent feedback provided to students in Year 12 reports and in the interviews. They would like to acknowledge and thank teachers for all that they are doing to support our students.



Year 12 Academic Reports are now available in the Parent Portal. Year 11 reports will be issued to students at the end of next week. A note for the Year 11 RoSE Breakfast; invites will be emailed on Tuesday morning and the breakfast will be held on Friday morning. We are sorry for this tight turn around.



Today, Mr Wakeling congratulated and rewarded over 70 **Year 7** students for having excellent attendance. Students with at least **95% attendance** were invited to a BBQ at lunch as a thank you for their commitment to school attendance. There was much debate in the line-up about whether tomato or BBQ sauce was better, and even the way in which sauce was applied was in question. One year 7 student made the claim that tomato sauce was a matter of national pride and was clearly more Australian 😊. But on a more serious

note, well done to all students who were invited to participate today. And a huge thank you to Mr Wakeling for his efforts to thank and congratulate so many students.

Today our **Drama students** participated in an energising incursion led by [Zeal Theatre](#). Students watched an inspiring performance of 'Stones', and then workshopped with Stefo and Tom to create their own performances. It was a brilliant day with outstanding participation by our drama students.

Thank you to Mrs Sheehy for making this event happen.



Senral Parent Portal

Thank you to parents for their positive feedback on the Senral Parent Portal. We hope it is making a difference with accessing important school information. Below is information about how to access the portal, and details about what you can access once you are set up, just in case you missed this or haven't had a chance to get started with this.

Parents:

Download Senral for Parents app from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) OR access via winmaleehs.senral.com.au/portal2, create an account using a valid email address and then access your child's/children's information via the Access Key that was emailed separately at the end of April.



Please contact the office if you require a second Access Key for an additional parent.

A link to the Portal is also available on the Winmalee High School website [homepage](#).

From the Portal, parents can access

- ◆ Student timetable/s
- ◆ School calendar
- ◆ Daily notices
- ◆ Absence information and submit absence explanations
- ◆ Assessment tasks and notes for excursions and school activities
- ◆ Weekly Community Communication
- ◆ School reports from end of Semester 1 2022
- ◆ Links to WHS Website, Uniform Shop & Facebook.



Students are also able to access the Student Portal via the same URL using their det log in information: winmaleehs.sentral.com.au/portal2

Note: Students do NOT need (and are unable to use) the Sentral for Parents app.

When a student logs in using their usual det login and password, their 'menu' options are:

- Dashboard (shows daily notices, timetable for that day, and links to Newsletters, WHS Website, Uniform Shop & WHS Facebook)
- Timetable (full) - they can also export their calendar as an iCal file from here as well as print it from here in 'Complete', 'Simple' and 'Compact' formats.
- Resources (folders for each year group containing notes and Assessment Tasks, as well as folders for School Communications, Duke of Edinburgh and Sport).

We will help students over the next few weeks to access the student portal, so they are familiar with the process.

Student Toilets – this week, the P&C moved a motion to commit funds for the school to purchase vape detectors for student toilets. The school will work closely with the P&C and SRC to implement this initiative. Coupled with further education about vaping, we hope this makes a difference to our students. Survey results and our next steps are still being considered. We would like to thank the P&C for their continued support for practical resources which support our students.

We would like to wish all our dancers the best of luck as they perform for another week at the **Synergy Dance Festival** in Week 8. To have almost 50 students participate in this event is just wonderful and we look forward to congratulating all students and sharing some images with you.

Due to the long weekend and with Week 8 being a shorter week, we will hold our next communication until the end of Week 9. Until next, have a great weekend!

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