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Term 2 Week 9 Communication – Friday 24 June 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the end of Week 9 – one more week to go until school holidays! We hope your long weekend was a good chance to spend time with your family and loved ones. We have lots to share with you this week.

School canteen - A reminder that the canteen will not be operational from next week. The week will be spent emptying the canteen in preparation for the refurbishment which will commence in the school holidays. Mrs Shead and Year 12 will run a couple of BBQs next week, and some food will be sold out of the school café area at recess at lunch. The canteen will not be fully up and running until Week 4 next term. But we will have a fantastic, professional hospitality space which will serve our school and students splendidly. A huge thanks to Site Manager, Peter Smith, Canteen Manager, Lisa Hooley and all canteen staff and volunteers for their help in preparing for this refurbishment. We look forward to sharing the end results with you all.

Student toilets - This afternoon, a team of students (from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12) worked with Ms Facas to review the student toilet survey responses. The data confirmed that students want to take a strong stance on this matter and their answers, comments and suggestions were strong evidence of the support among the student body. The student leaders have outlined a plan, which will be implemented next term. This will include education, communication, support for students and feedback to students, staff and the community about survey data. We are proud of the intelligent, thoughtful and considered plan developed so far by these students. Thank you, *Caleb Kennedy, Lucas Collins, Nea Mulligan, Lucas Bustamante-Lopez, Tahlia McGown and Oscar Stone.*

Part of the survey for female students included feedback on locations to have sanitary napkin dispensers. This is part of the NSW menstrual hygiene program being introduced by the Department of Education. The program will mean that we will receive dispensers that provide free pads and tampons for students to access during school hours. We appreciate student feedback on appropriate locations.

The student toilets have remained open for the past two weeks and student feedback indicates that there has been a significant improvement. We are encouraged by the leadership of students, and we are hopeful that further intervention and support will only improve things for all students.

Year 11 Reports - Congratulations to Year 11 students on making it halfway through their preliminary course. Reports have been issued and we were delighted to celebrate high academic achievement and growth mindset at our Year 11 RoSE Breakfast (Recognition of Student Achievement). It was wonderful to have parents and family members join us. Congratulations to our award recipients:

Lili Baran, Ashley Bignall, Chelsea Borg, Grace Borg, Abbie Corscadden, Emma Cox, Abigail Davidson, Holly De Lima Garcia, Texas Down, Ella Duncan, Audrey Ellem, Claire Ezzy, Jackson Fitzgerald, Sam Garner, Mia Gianatti, Hayley Gilmour-Walsh, Leela Goslin, Eva Greenaway, Connor Gregory, Mia Grodzicki, Chloe Harrington, Zak Harrison, Kyle Hodson, Samarah Hume, Lauren Hutchison, Max

Jackson, Tegan Jones, Hayley Kime, Zoe Leach, Madison Micallef, Olivia Morrissey, Louie O'Connell, Billie Papatotiriou, Charlie Paxton, Declan Power, Miriam Roediger, Jack Ruming, Maddie Rummery, Ashleigh Sagovac, Bella Sandford, Olivia Sell, Ella Terry, Chloe Turpin, Jasmine Van Hooft, Padraic Whale, Harriet Wilkinson, Olivia Yarwood.





Japanese sister school

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold the reciprocal visits to Japan to visit our sister school, Arima High School. The exchange program has been sorely missed and we hope we will be able to travel to Japan again with students, and also host Japanese students here in the Blue Mountains. Mr Cranby has been keeping the connections alive and he and a group of students were involved in a Zoom session with fellow peers at Arima. Thank you to those students who were involved. Next time they connect we will get a screen shot to share!

Synergy Dance Festival

Congratulations to all students who were part of the Synergy Dance Festival over the past 2 weeks. The students were exceptional, both on and off the stage! They performed Tuesday 7 June and Wednesday 15 June. The items included:

Junior Dance Ensemble - The Business

Senior Dance Ensemble - Breathe

Hip Hop - Without Me

Dance Company - A Juncture of Fate

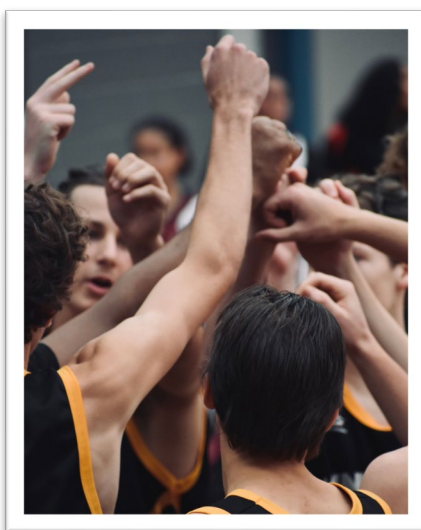
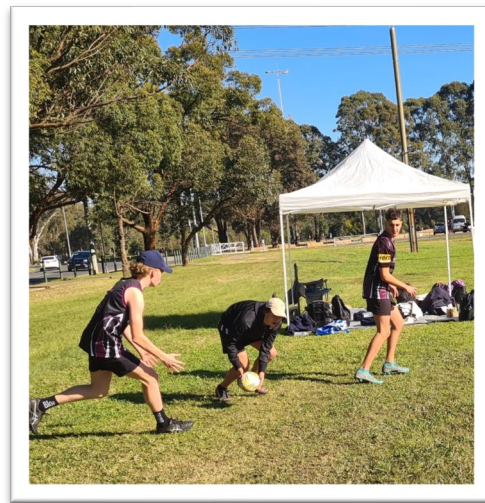
Thank you to Mrs Byrnes, Ms Niven and Ms Wilson for attending and supporting students to be involved in this amazing event. Congratulations to all students. Thank you for representing us so well. We are proud! (Thanks, Mrs Byrnes, for these great images too).

Joshua Chapman, Lyla Douglas, Sophie Knight, Talia McGregor, Sophie Paton, Daniella Stanley, Elouise Tailford, Kitara Taylor, Abby Bain, Samantha Bourke, Molly Grah, Rose Lau, Ruby Melville, Olivia Nias, Sasha Pyle, Abby Robinson, Ava Seymour, Layla Tickner, Issabella Ballard, Ruby Bishop, Evalyn Boughton, Lacey Bowman, Jade Gregory, Jess Kennedy, Maddison Maher, Zoe Nicolle, Sophie Osmetti, Emily Regent, Kalarni Smooth, Nicola Boros, Evie Corscadden, Jess Del Carmen, Summer Faulkner, Zoey Gyori, Lara Iskov, Bella Owen, Gabriella Pride, Hayley Gilmour-Walsh, Samarah Hume, Lauren Hutchison, Maddie Sneesby, Jasmine Van Hooft, Scarlet Abel, Jess Ellis and Leila Harris.





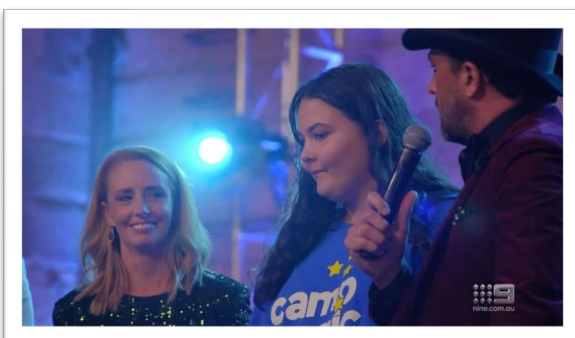
Touch Football - On Friday 10th June our Open Boys' and Open Girls' Touch Football teams travelled down to the Kingsway, St Marys to play in the Sydney West Gala Day. Our girls' team, which had many students in Years 7-9, had a tough pool which included the eventual champions. These girls improved greatly throughout the day and finished off with a strong win against Northmead CAPA. We are very excited for 2023 for this team! Congratulations to our boys' team who beat Plumpton HS and Wyndham College in their pool and Model Farms HS in the semi-final to make the final. The team now progress to the final 20 in the state and travel down to Koorungal in the next few weeks.



The Wombats Win – congratulations to the boys Basketball team for their absolutely incredible win at their last game. The score was an unbelievable 59-8! The team, under the guidance of Greg Dutton (HT PDHPE), Rob Bradshaw (Student Support Officer), have gone from strength to strength. Their leadership growth has been tremendous. Thank you also to referee, Dominika Faber for her outstanding leadership.

Year 8 and 9 Camp

This week, Year 8 and 9 students finally made it to camp! They had 3 days of terrific weather. Thank you to all staff who spent time away from their families to attend with students. A shout out to Year Advisers, Mr Kingston (9) and Mr Cranby (8) for their work in making this happen. Have a look at this awesome photo of Year 8 students!



Hayley Kime – if you happened to be watching Celebrity Apprentice on Channel 9 this week and you thought you saw a familiar face, you were spot on. Year 11 student, Hayley Kime appeared on the show, representing the charity, Feel the Magic Foundation. The host, Darren McMullen invited Hayley to speak on the show and it was incredibly moving. Hayley shared her own personal story of grief and talked about her commitment to this important foundation which provides grief support for kids and teenagers. If you missed it, you can see the best 5 minutes of the show [here](#). We are immensely proud of the courage and vulnerability Hayley showed.



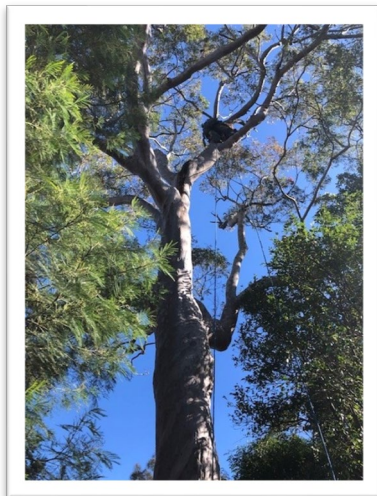
Year 11 Music Showcase – last Thursday evening, Year 12 Music students performed their HSC Music practical items to an audience of peers, parents, carers, and teachers. This was the first live music showcase evening since last year’s lockdown. Congratulations to all students for creating a beautiful, ambient space on the evening, where their talent, hard work and passion was shared with an appreciative audience. These students are well placed to have strong success in their upcoming HSC Practical Music Examinations. Thank you to the CAPA staff for their support of all students. A big

shout out also goes to Billie Papatotiriou (Year 11) and the parents who not only attended, but also accompanied their children for their performances!

Well done to the 2022 Year 12 Music class: *Music 1 – Martin Higginbotham, Charlie Kolega, Issac Moss, Music 2 – Joshua Craig, Madeleine Eneberg, Belle Hirst, Adrian Martinovici.*



Dixon’s Trees – we would like to thank Dixon’s Trees for installing a bird box into one of our large gum trees. This sustainability program, with a focus on giving back to our community and the wildlife, has seen them offer a free box, including installation, to schools in the mountains. The bird box is a fully insulated, 3D printed nest which emulates a tree hollow. Dixon’s staff took the time to show students how it all worked and shared some tips about climbing and the work that arborists do. We hope some native birds make a nest in this cosy new home this coming spring.



Radio Podcast Program – our new recording equipment has arrived and two of the podcasts’ technical assistants, Max Henderson and Max Tibbles (Year 8), have been busy setting it up and learning the ropes. Our next episode is almost ready, and we cannot wait to share it with you. Ron Fuller has been supporting students to line up some great people for interviews. We will share more details of our radio champions on the release of the next episode.






Year 11 Visual Arts exhibition – On Tuesday during lunch, Year 11 Visual Arts students displayed their practical work for staff and students to view. Their unit of work has focused on the use of pencil and dry point etching to create images inspired by artist, CJ Hendry. The Year 11 Photography class also displayed sections of their portfolios, highlighting their digital and dark room work. It was great to see students across different years support this, but most of all, the support Year 11 peers showed one another was wonderful. It was also amazing that the artist, CJ Hendry, shared our students' artworks on her Instagram page to her 672k followers! See our Facebook page to view the students' artworks. (Lili Baran's drawing is pictured below).



Year 11 Music Showcase – last night, at the Year 11 Music Showcase, students blew the audience away with their performances. Parents, friends, family members, students and staff were in awe of the diverse range of items performed. This was the first time Year 11 have performed with an audience and they did a brilliant job. Congratulations to all students and thank you to the CAPA staff for their teaching, for accompanying students, for setting up the technical gear, and for recording students so they can receive valuable feedback.

Congratulations to students: Music 1 – Holly De Lima Garcia, Jackson Fitzgerald, Max Jackson, Eliza Manners, Braeden Smith, Ryan Taylor and Music 2 – Lili Baran, Cohen Boys, Lucas Collins, Eva Greenaway, Reginald Hewitt, Louie O'Connell. Billie Papatotiriou, Miriam Roediger, Miles Salas, Caelan Schepel and Blake Stretton.





Lights Up Drama Festival – congratulations to students on being selected to perform at the Light Up Drama Festival, which was on last night at the Q Theatre at JSPAC. Students spent the day preparing and rehearsing with Mrs Sheehy. Year 11 student, Zak Harrison performed on the evening, which is why he was not able to make it to the Year 11 Music Showcase. The Year 11 Music class missed him, but knew he was representing Winmalee at Lights Up. Well done, Zak on a terrific performance.

Year 10 Drama students, Holly Garrett, Ashlyn Hubble, Alana Kenn, Miriam Brew, Erin Hutchinson and Bridie Le Breton were selected to perform their self-devised piece 'Bully', which they performed last night. They did an outstanding job!



Subject Selection for 2023 – A reminder that subject selection information sessions for Year 8 and Year 10 students will be held on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 in the school hall.

Year 8: 6.00pm – 6.45pm

Year 10: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Information will be provided about the curriculum pattern for 2023 and the process of selecting subjects. Staff from each faculty will also be available to answer questions about the courses being offered. Subject Selection booklets and forms have been emailed to parents and students and are also available in the Resources section of the Parent Portal.

Any questions about the Subject Selection Evening can be directed to Mr Galbraith, Relieving Deputy Principal Jamie.galbraith@det.nsw.edu.au or Relieving Careers Advisors, Ms Cameron or Ms Devile by phoning the school on 4754 2822.

Sentral for Parents app update

Sentral has informed us that versions 3 & 4 of the Sentral for Parents app will no longer be supported from Thursday 23rd June 2022. In order to continue to access your child's data / your school's data, you will need to update your app to the latest version by Thursday 23rd June. After this date older versions of the app will no longer work.

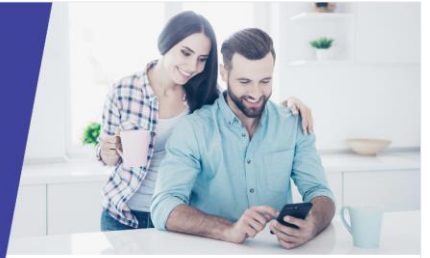
Please note if you are updating from Version 3 or 4 to Version 5 you will be required to re-enter your login credentials.

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Wishing you all a super weekend! Winmalee High School

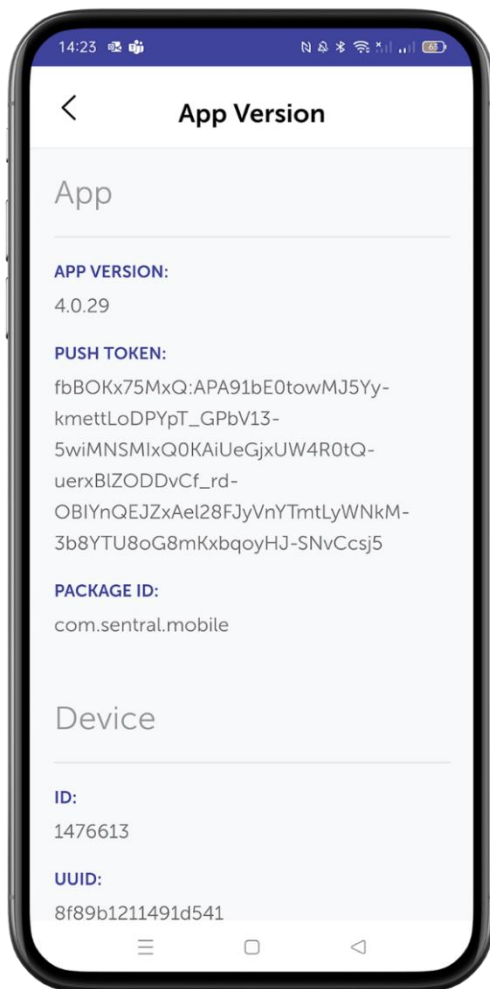
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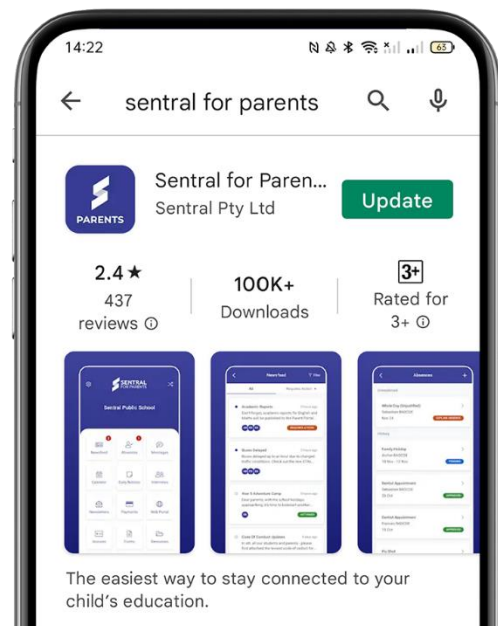


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