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Term 2 Week 10 Communication – Friday 1 July 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Well, we have made it through Semester One! It has been an eventful term, and right up until the last week, we have continued to have a jam-packed calendar. Thank you for your support on Thursday – we do appreciate it. Thank you also for your feedback about our weekly communication. You have told us that you feel more connected to our school, and you really get a sense of what is happening each week. We appreciate you taking the time to thank us and share your feedback.

This week we had our annual **Subject Selection** evening for Year 9 and Year 11 2023, and it was a great turn out from students and families. Thank you to those who were able to join us. There were some excellent questions, conversations and considerations as students start to plan for next year. We would like to thank Ms Tara Cameron for organising the evening and for leading the Careers program for Term 2. Unfortunately, Ms Cameron has been snapped up in another role within the department and will not be able to continue for Semester 2 on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will confirm her replacement at the beginning of Term 3.

A reminder that **subject selection forms are due to be submitted by Friday 29 July** (End of Week 2, Term 3) -Year 10-11 forms to Mrs Hume and Year 8-9 forms to Mrs Daniels. They can also be emailed to the school.

Year 7-10 Reports – Semester One Academic Reports were issued this week. If students were absent and were not able to take a copy home, parents can access the report in the Parent Portal. Below are some instructions to help you view and download the report.

How to view your child's report via the Sentral Parent Portal

If you haven't registered for the Sentral Parent Portal, you will need to do this first before accessing your child's report.

The school emailed out a letter at the end of April which contained your personal ID key to access your child's information. If you have not activated it yet or have mislaid the information, search in your emails for Parent Portal Access Key Registration.

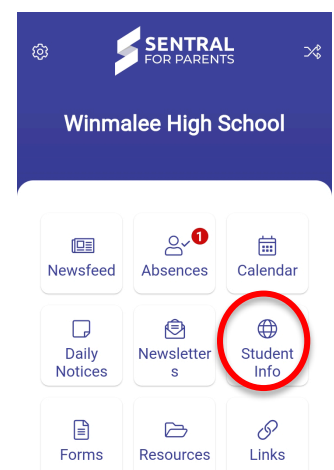
If you require assistance with this or think you have not received your family access key to register please contact the office on 4754 2822.

On a computer

1. Go to <https://winmaleehs.sentral.com.au/portal>
2. Log in using your email address and password
3. Once logged into the main dashboard click on your child's name on the top left corner
4. Click on Academic Reports at the bottom of the menu on the right-hand side and you will see the latest report
5. You will be able to download the report, save and/or print as required

On the Sentral for Parents app

1. Log into the app
2. Click on Student Info
3. Click Student Details
4. Click Academic reports and you will see the latest report
5. It can be downloaded, saved and/or printed by opening in browser then click print



Recognition of Student Excellence (ROSE) Breakfast's 7-10 - congratulations to all award winners who were invited to the Semester One ROSE Breakfast's this week. We are proud of the sustained effort and hard work demonstrated by so many students this semester. There were many other students on the cusp of being eligible for a ROSE Award and we encourage students to continue to show commitment to their learning and we look forward to recognising even more students in Semester 2. A special mention goes to Year 7, who had close to 60 students invited to attend this week! Thank you to our families who made time in their busy days to attend these special mornings. We appreciate it.

Year 7 Award Recipients:



Claudine Barclay, Liam Boys, Nathan Broadhead, Max Buchanan, Hayden Chapman, Joshua Chapman, Lucas Chapman, Caitlyn Collins, Joshua Constable, 7 Kaylee Cooper, Oliver Cusack, Charlotte Davies, Charlotte Donovan, Lyla Douglas, Aurora Edwards, Flynn Engelhard, Isabella Ferguson, Lexie Firth, Paris Fitzpatrick, Mila Galeta, Grace George, Piper Goodridge, Lana Hart, Georgia Holdsworth, Taylor King, Sophie Knight, Samuel Ly, Lily Macdonald, Joel Machin, James Magner, Talia McGregor, Caitlin McHardy, Zoe Mein, Sam Mitchinson, Talon Molony, Oliver Musgrave, Albie Neill, Katie O'Connor, Aleah Ortiz, Sophie Parker, Sophie Paton, Toby Roediger, Metteyya Sabnani, Travis Sagovac, Judah Schepel, Anthony Schuler, Annabella Sciberras, Daniella Stanley, Strickland, Elouise Tailford, Kitara Taylor, Okani Vaiomounga, Luke Vincent, Freya Wiessner, Lucas Winfield, Jessica Wright, Sarah Yearsley.

Year 8 Reward Recipients:



Seda Amputch, Samantha Bourke, Jenna Bryant, Ella Danks, Pippi De Haan, Lottie Debono, Maya Denahy, Macauley Down, Penelope Down, Elizabeth Drysdale, Amy Duncan, Leonie Ellis, Benjamin Giannakis, Sara Griffiths, Bryce Grimson, Zoe Harris, Ben Harrison, Max Henderson, Gordon Hewitt, Genevieve Jelovic, Millie Lackey, Rose Lau Year, Max Leach, Pippa Mein, Diya Merchant, Charlotte Miller, Sophie Mould, Charli Napper, Callie Paine-Burke, Amelia Peake, Liam Peen, Alice Pigram, Tayla Posford, Cailen Priora, Abbey Robinson, Grace Ryan, Ava Seymour, Ruby Smith, Harry Summers, Arwan Syed, Thomas Ward, Renee Watts, Gemma Yarwood.

Year 9 Award Recipients:



Ben Addison, Lucinda Balogh, Elodie Barclay, Lacey Bowman, Evie Bullock, Niobe Cherrett, Abigail Dickens, Addison Down, Hannah Gianatti, Abbey Gibbs, Frano Hirst, Ulysses Howard, Teagan Hunt, Jett Lawson, Noah Lynch, Tahlia McGown, Tully McGruther, Matthew Minard, Zoe Nicolle, William O'Connell, Quinn Power, Lucy Roediger, Sammi Schroeder, Ella Schultz, Annika Sroczyński, Zac Stanley, Flynn Steinhoff, Harrison Stevens, Oscar Stone, Claudia Thomas, Anya Thomson, Abbie-Rose Whale, Luka Wheeler, Laura Whitehouse, Zoe Wiessner, Isabella Wilkinson Isobelle Winsor.

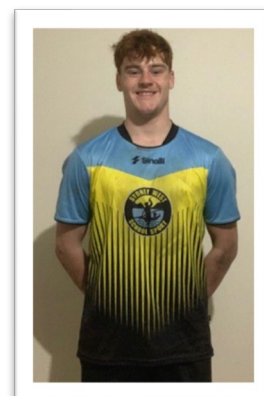
Year 10 Award Recipients:



Karla Bernays, Miriam Brew, Lucas Bustamante-Lopez, Simona Bustamante-Lopez, Georgia Campbell, Brianna Collins, Freya Deal, Neive Debono, Oliver Dickens, Jasper Douglas, Laura Dowling, Tate Firth, Holly Garrett, Emilia Gosling, Ellen Henderson, Grace Hill, Ashlyn Hubble, Chloe Johnston, Amelia Kembrey, Luke Kennedy, Belle Lackey, Gaby Little, Emma McHardy, Jacob Mendham, Sport Genevieve Miruzzi, Natasha Morrison, Gabrielle Munro, Jasper Musgrave, Alisha Ortiz, Will Peake, Jonathan Peters, Gabriella Pride, Sahara Rodemark, Ariya Sabnani, Hayley Scanlon, Kaitlyn Scott, Chelsea Steain, Grace Taylor, Lachlan Toohey.

Excellent Attendance – this week, students with attendance above 90% were invited to a lunch of pizza and cake. Well done to these students for maintaining strong attendance. We know it has been hard with the flu and COVID-19, but still there was an impressive number of students on the invitation list. Thank you, Ms Renwick, and the Wellbeing Team for helping to put this event on for students.

Congratulations to **Jack Babbage** (Year 11) for his outstanding participation in the NSW CHS Open Touch competition at Wagga Wagga last Tuesday – Thursday. The team came fourth in the competition, winning 9 games!



Radio Podcast Program – thanks to the hard work of the Radio Podcast team, we have [Episode 2](#) ready for you to listen to! Listen while you walk the dog, drive to work or sit together as a family. We have a terrific episode featuring a range of topics, including the recent IDAHOBIT event; former Winmalee High student, Josie Munro at Science at the Local; Rose Jackson, Shadow Minister for Homelessness; Science and Wildlife Executive Director, Dr Kelly Lee on Koalas; music by former student Amy Nelson from her first EP; the Circus program at the school and Anne Fitzgerald on knitting jumpers for animals cared for by Wires.



Congratulations to **Ethan Day, Denique Faye, Tamsyn McGrouther, Ashlyn Hubble, Max Henderson, and Max Tibbles** for their ongoing work to make this happen. A massive thank you to Mr **Ron Fuller** for his time, leadership, expertise and support with the school radio podcast program.

Episode 1 can also be found on our [school website](#).

Planet Youth Forum – on Tuesday, Mrs Shead, Ms Facas and students, **Caleb Kennedy** (School Captain), and Year 10 students, **Georgia Campbell, Simona Bustamante-Lopez, Emma McHardy, Bella Higginbotham and Hayley Scanlan** attended the Springwood Hub to for the presentation of results for the [Planet Youth](#) survey for the Blue Mountains. Year 10 students completed the survey earlier this year, as did many other Year 10 students across mountains schools.

We connected via Zoom with Iceland to go through a detailed analysis of the data and we engaged in some valuable conversations with other community members. The students are looking forward to meeting as a team early Term 3 to talk about ways we can share the survey findings with students and the community. We will also work closely with Blue Mountains Council as they further develop Planet Youth programs in the Mountains. A special thank you to Nikki Boys, Youth Services Development Officer for her leadership, support and for encouraging our students to be involved.

**Planet Youth Blue Mountains is a global and local community-centred project aimed at preventing substance use amongst young people by identifying and strengthening the things that protect them and help them to live their best lives.





Fusion Blue Mountains – every Wednesday morning before school, a dedicated team of volunteers From Fusion come to Winmalee High to support our students. They set up games, provide free food and hot chocolate and spend valuable time with our students. Fusion aim to improve the wellbeing and lives of young Australians and we are lucky to have their ongoing support. A huge shoutout and sincere thanks goes out to this fabulous team. We appreciate all that you do.



Film by the Eucalypts – Liam Boys (Year 7): last week, Liam was involved in the Film by the Eucalypts Gala Day at Springwood Public School. Liam has kindly taken the time to write about this event so we could share it with you:



“On Friday, I was invited to attend the Film By the Eucalypts Gala Day held at Springwood Public School. For the last three years I have made and entered a short film into the ‘Film By’ School Film Festival and have been selected as a finalist three years in a row. This day was for primary school students from more than 15 different schools, but I was invited, along with another Year 7 student from Blaxland High School, as a special guest and helper. The day consisted of film workshops including stop-motion, claymation, writing and brainstorming stories, looking behind the camera, camera angles and using green screens. Overall, this day was really fun

and I would like to encourage other young people to try making short films because it is good to be creative and it is a way to have a voice and be heard.”

Youth Council - The Blue Mountains Youth Council plays a very important role in giving a voice to young people on Council matters and community issues, and works to gain Council’s support for projects and initiatives that are important to them and other young people in the Blue Mountains. In 2022, the Youth Council has chosen to focus their work on the theme on climate change and the environment.

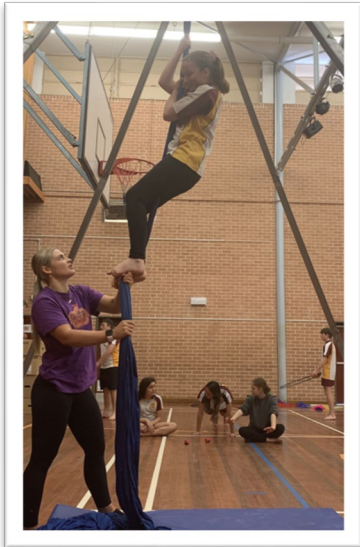


On Wednesday of last week, members of the Youth Council including **Kitara Taylor from Year 7 at Winmalee High**, joined staff from the Blue Mountains City Council Environmental and Healthy Waterways teams on a field trip to Warragamba Dam, Lake Burragorang Lookout and Lawsons Lookout Springwood. The trip provided opportunity for the Youth Councillors to learn about water catchments and related environmental issues in preparation for some exciting upcoming Youth Council projects. The Youth Councillors spent time with experts from Water NSW at Warragamba Dam and enjoyed lunch and a talk with local aboriginal elder Aunty Sharon, who shared cultural insights about the Dam and the role of water as an integral part of Country.



DanceCirque for Sport - This term the students have participated in a range of Circus and Tumbling activities. They have developed skills on the silk, lyra and trapeze, as well as tumbling skills such as cartwheels, handstands, headstands, walkovers, and balances. Students have also developed juggling skills with balls and scarves, and hoola hoop skills!

Circus will be running again in term 3, for both continuing and new students. No experience necessary, just a positive attitude! When you listen the Podcast, you will hear AshlyN Hubble interviewing one of the teachers from DanceCique.



Year 10 Child Studies – this elective class have completed the unit Children and Culture this term. To conclude the unit, the class did a collaborative colouring activity. Each student coloured and designed their own square, which were then combined to create the final image. This demonstrates that although we are all different, we come together as one. They then completed a person paper chain, exploring different cultures, interests and identities.



Westwords Writing project – Ms Taylor has been leading a creative writing project in the school in collaboration with the [Westwords](#) Writer in Residence program. Author Catherine Jinks has been working with a group of students to create our very own publication. We look forward to sharing more with you soon. Congratulations to all students involved for their participation and deep engagement in this project: *Year 8 - Alice Pigram, Lottie DeBono, Callie Paine-Burke, Benjamin Giannakis, Tayla Posford; Year 10 - Atticus Savage, Ella Droll; Year 11 - Ace Buchannan, Sam Garner.*



We hope that our students have the opportunity for a good rest over the next two weeks. Some Year 12 students have already made plans to come in and work on their HSC major projects; we appreciate that staff are coming in during the holidays and we hope their time together is very productive.

See you next term! (Students resume Tuesday 19 July).

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