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Term 3 Week 1 Communication – Friday 22 July 2022

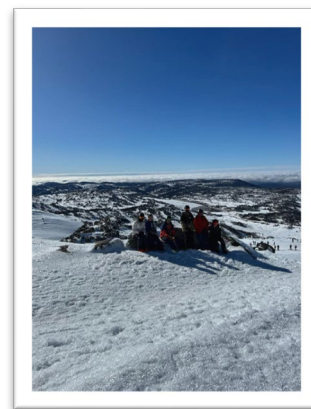
Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, that is Week One done. It has been a short but busy week and it was great to see students back after the break. We hope those who are still at home recovering from COVID or the flu are on the mend. Hopefully, you were able to read the recent updates we sent on Monday.

Our **Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Evening** is on next week on Tuesday 26 July. Appointments can be made online. *(We have a copy of the booking information on the final page of this letter in case you missed it).* If your child has not yet received a copy of their Semester One Academic Report, it can be collected from the front office. Parents and carers can also download a copy through the Sentral Parent Portal. Instructions on how to do this were shared in the communication on the last Friday of Term 2.

Events over the holiday break - over the school holidays we had several Year 12 students working with their teachers on HSC major practical projects. Mr Wakeling even cooked his class a BBQ lunch to keep them going! It was great to see such commitment from students and teachers.

Mr Booth and Mr Meyers took a team of dedicated skiers to the **2022 Interschools Ski Racing Championships** in the first week of the holidays. Whilst this year's team was much smaller than usual, they made up for the lack of numbers in energy and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Wilson Douglas (Ski Racing Captain), Jasper Douglas and Lyla Douglas for their efforts in the races through some very challenging conditions. Well done also to team members Kael Roots and Anthony Schuler. We look forward to many more students joining us again next year.



CHUTNEY Band at Winmalee High School - Last Saturday night we had the absolute pleasure of hosting CHUTNEY Band at the school. CHUTNEY perform in the style of Klezmer. Klezmer is an instrumental musical tradition of the Ashekenazi Jews of Central and Eastern Europe. Music students from Winmalee workshopped two pieces with CHUTNEY in the afternoon before sharing the stage with them for an evening performance. Well done to all involved and a massive thank you to CHUTNEY for stopping by at Winmalee en route to more performances further west.

Watch this video on our [Facebook](#) page of our students performing with Chutney band. It will make you want to jump up and dance! Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mr McGown for organising this opportunity for our students.





This week, our **Boys' Knockout Touch Football** team played in the top 20 against Koorinal High School. They had a great game, but unfortunately went down 6-4. The game was played with the

right spirit, and the team took on feedback, supported one another and showed good grace and sportsmanship.



Well done boys. Thank you to Mr Bonora and Mr Meyers for travelling with the students and organising the trip away.

Congratulations, Wilson Douglas, Jasper Douglas, Jack Babbage, Wil Stavrakis, Sam Ford, Riley Dutton, Nathan Fokes, Scott McLenaghan, Zac Irwin, Josh Foote, Zack Fitzgerald, Justin Brooker, Tyler Cavanough, Ryan Taylor and Sam Graham.

Crochet Club – this week, 18 enthusiastic participants came to the first Winmalee High School Crochet Club meeting on Thursday at lunchtime. Everyone learnt their first stitch and some learnt it so quickly and started on the second stitch. Laughter isn't the best medicine, it's crochet - it leaves you in stitches! Everyone is welcome. Thank you to SLSOs Karen Van Den Brink and Yvonne Wheadon Davis for leading the crochet club.



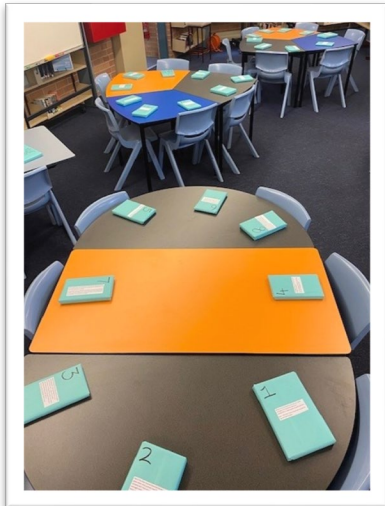
Our **Under 15s Girls Basketball Team** will be playing against Crestwood High next week. The team previously won against Castle Hill School by 18 points. This was an impressive effort, particularly as many had not played a live game before. Mrs Faber has been coaching the team, with the assistance of Rob Bradshaw. The team have been meeting for early morning training at school and they are really developing their skills and become a tight unit. We look forward to sharing some images of the team in action next week.

School Canteen refurbishments are well under way and our dedicated canteen staff and volunteers are doing their best with running a pop-up canteen at recess and lunch. Thank you to Lisa and the team for being flexible and doing what they can to make this work under very challenging circumstances. We have also had Mr Wakeling and a team of year 7 students step in and run some BBQs to help. We even have tap and go payments – how far things have come from our canteen days at school!





7B English had a **“Blind Date with a Book”** this week. The books were covered by their teacher, Dr Burns, with only a short blurb included. Students then had to choose their book ready for the novel study. It was such a great activity and the students really appreciated choosing in a such a fun way.



Today at recess and lunch, a team of students supported the **Bake Sale fundraiser, Staples for Students**. This initiative was supported by many students who contributed by baking treats, but it was led by students Texas Down and Oliver Carr. These two Year 11 students are leading this initiative as part of their Winmalee Medal leadership project, and their mission is to support students in need with essential school stationery supplies. Texas and Oliver have sought donations, sponsorship from local businesses and they have led this entire project independently. We are so proud of their commitment to supporting others. Congratulations on the success of this initiative so far, Texas and Oliver!



Before we wrap up for the week, a reminder that **subject selection forms are due to be submitted by Friday 29 July** (End of Week 2) -Year 10-11 forms to Mrs Hume and Year 8-9 forms to Mrs Daniels. They can also be emailed to the school.

Finally, we two things which may be of interest to share with you. We have come across some Cyber Safety Webinars for parents and carers. They are free and there looks to be a great program available over the next few

months. On the following page we have included a copy of the calendar for you to view. The topics look relevant and there are a range of dates and times. Bookings to join these free webinars can be made at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

There is also a letter we have shared from the **Festival of Resilience** Coordinator about the upcoming events happening in Spring. There will be a range of activities over a 5-week period up and down the mountains. It looks like a terrific initiative – take a look to see if there are any activities that might interest you and your family.

We have more good news to share, but we will save some for next week as we are now almost to the end of page 3! We hope you have a fun filled weekend with a bit of rest in between.

Speak next week 😊 **Winmalee high School**



2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

<p>January</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Cyberbullying and online drama. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Webinar: Helping kids thrive online (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old).</p> <p>8th February – Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).</p>
<p>April</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>May</p> <p>Webinar: Parental controls (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Webinar: Online gaming (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>
<p>July</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Parental controls. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Webinar: Popular apps (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>September</p> <p>Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p> <p>National Child Protection Week #NCPW22</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Webinar: Guide to the holidays (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>December</p> <p>It's December! You can check out our annual Gift Guide here.</p>

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.



21 June 2022

Dear Blue Mountains School

The **Festival of Resilience** is coming this Spring! Over 5 weekends, a series of mainly crowd sourced events will take place up and down the mountains. We will be celebrating community resilience and showcasing local, practical approaches to sustainability, climate action and caring for country. Each themed weekend is an opportunity to connect with community and engage in productive, real, grass roots solutions to the challenges we all face. Solar, EV, community gardening, social housing, circular economies, picnics in the park, upcycling, mass singalongs, waste to art, junk band and much more. Keep an eye on the program as it will be continuously updated and expanded.

School Junk Band invitation

The festival will kick off with the Regenerate Launch event at the Carrington Hotel (and grounds) on Sunday 11th September 11am-2pm. As part of this celebration, we would like to showcase the ingenuity of turning junk into musical instruments! We are inviting your school to participate in this fun project and perform with your **junk band** on the main stage. Our very own local legend Mic Conway (Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band) has produced a video to assist you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCOPOLivNpQ>

Meet Mic on the day as he will be awarding prizes for best instrument and best band (and like the clown game at a carnival - every school wins a prize!)

If you would like to chat further about this project, please call Tina Marie Sheil on 0400 550 919, or email cosmic.lolly@gmail.com.

Or perhaps your school has a sustainable event which you would like to promote as part of the festival? Please refer to our website for further information.

<https://www.resilientbluemountains.org/festival-of-resilience>

Yours sincerely

Tina Marie Sheil
Coordinator
Festival of Resilience



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL 2022 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in the school hall. Bookings can be made online and must be finalised by Monday, 25 July 2022 by 6:00pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact the front office at the school for assistance. Either phone on 4754 2822 or email the school with the approximate times required.

Please note: Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Thank you.

To book Parent /Teacher Interviews online:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions or access the school website and click on the link for Parent/Teacher Interviews on the Homepage.

Simply enter the code and press "Go".



Enter your details (parent email, parent full name, student name).



Select your child's teachers.



Select the appointment times that suit you and your family best. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews until the bookings close.



When you click "**FINISH**", your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. (**Please note**, if you do not receive your email immediately, check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelt your email address correctly).

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 4754 2822.