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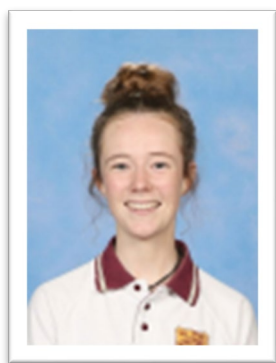
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. After marking our weekend with the Springwood RSL sub-branch Remembrance Day Service, we have had another busy week of activities in and out of school. We sent Year 12 off in style with their Formal on Monday evening with a

stunning cruise on the harbour. It was such a spectacular evening. There were many beautiful moments, including everyone dancing to ABBA! Thank you to parents, Mrs Belinda Sell for organising the sign for students, and to Mrs Rutten for sharing the image of our students.



Ashleigh Sagovac (Year 12) – Congratulations to Ashleigh for being awarded the 2023 ZONTA Blue Mountains STEM Scholarship. This annual award attracts a monetary prize to support further study in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Ashleigh's application was an outstanding submission which not only shared her growth in related HSC courses she has undertaken, but a strong vision for a future in her chosen field of Biology. A deserving recipient – well done Ashleigh!

Talkfest 2023 – Congratulations to our Year 10 public speaking team **Addison Down (Panel Moderator)**, **Sammi Schroeder (Comedy Routine)**, **Ella Schultz (Interview)**, **Oscar Stone (Impromptu Speech)** and **Lucinda Balogh (Prepared Speech)** - for competing in Talkfest last Friday. This is a public speaking event organised by the Lions Club of Winmalee. Students competed against students from St Columba's and Springwood High. Springwood were announced as the overall winner and **Lucinda** was congratulated on presenting the best prepared speech and our panel particularly impressed the judges with their maturity and insight. Thank you to Mrs Dalby for leading this event and helping students prepare.



The students who attended Lions Talkfest are interested in supporting a Lions Eyesight Project, where used prescription spectacles are collected and donated to those in need. We plan to place a clearly labelled extra box under the Christmas tree in the office and encourage students to drop off their family's used specs before the end of the year. The glasses will be passed on to Winmalee Lions for distribution.



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Remembrance Day 2023 – this day is an important part of our annual school calendar, and within the school and at community events, we pay our respects.

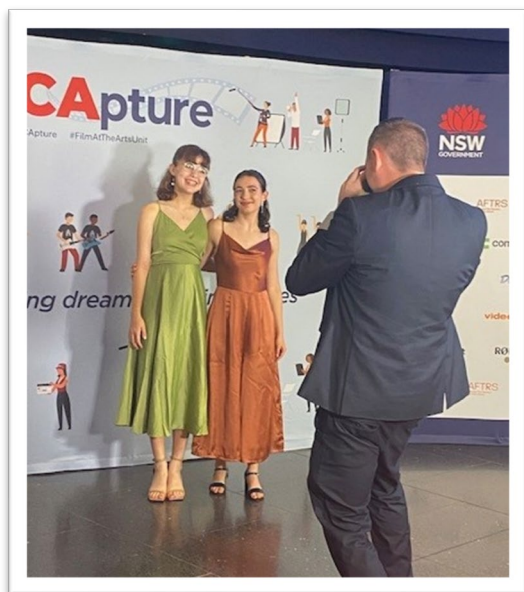
Thank you to senior student leaders, **Ari Vidler, Lucas Bustamante-Lopez, Brianna Collins, Belle Lackey, and Simona Bustamante-Lopez**, for representing our school at the Springwood RSL Remembrance Day service on Saturday. Well done also to Cadets, **Max Henderson (Year 9) and Brodie Dufty (Year 8)**. Our students did a beautiful job of leading during the service.



Well done and thank you to **Oliver Cusack (Year 8)**, **Gordon Hewitt (Year 9)** and **Tahlia McGown (Year 10)** who all represented Winmalee High School at various Remembrance Day ceremonies on Saturday. Oliver and Tahlia performed the Last Post and National Anthem at Penrith RSL while Gordon sounded the Last Post at the Lawson service.

At school, our students led a wonderful service on Wednesday. As a school, our students showed such deep respect and really did rise to the sense of occasion. Thank you to students, for leading our assembly. A special thank you to **Max Henderson** and **Max Tibbles** for leading the sound and lighting, **Robbie Pigram** for giving the Acknowledgment to Country, **Addison Down** for giving the Remembrance Day address, buglers **Gordon Hewitt** and **Oliver Cusack**, and to our Captains, **Ari Vidler, Lucas Bustamante-Lopez, Brianna Collins and Belle Lackey**.





Capture Film Festival – Congratulations to **Tully McGrouther** (Year 10) for creating an amazing short film titled, Terracotta. Tully's film was a finalist in the CAPture Film competition and was screened at the red-carpet event at Moore Park, Hoyts on Tuesday evening. She took out one of the top prizes as runner up, attracting \$8,000 worth of equipment from Camera House for our school!

Tully's film is an engaging, heartfelt piece which illustrates the importance of kindness and connection. We are so proud of Tully.



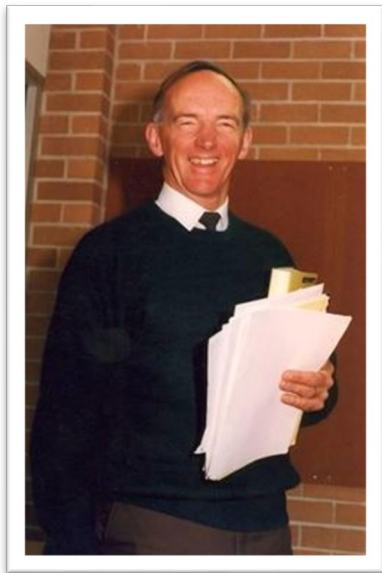
Her creativity is inspiring. Many of the entrants at the screening were groups of students, led by their schools. Tully has worked independently to create this wonderful short film which is so impressive. Pictured right is Tully with Ms Facas and her super proud parents. It was a terrific evening!



Congratulations to Mr Meyers for being nominated and awarded **Life Membership with the Sydney West School Sport Association**. This is a great honour that reflects the long-term commitment to sport in Sydney West over more than 20 years.

Year 8 Swim School – Well done to Year 8 students who attended Swim School at Lawson Pool this week. It's been a great week of practical learning. Students have been supported by the Year 10 PASS class as their instructors. Year 10 have been outstanding leaders, showing initiative, responsibility and respect. Thanks also to the staff who have changed their routine and been away from other classes to lead swim school for Year 8.





Vale Mr Bob Baillie – Mr Baillie was the first English/History Head Teacher at Winmalee High School for ten years from 1985 – 1995. Prior to this he taught at Nepean High School. He was the only head teacher to begin with as the school was so small.

He was also a wonderful musician and often accompanied the choir on piano. The school hall wasn't finished until 1986 so for the first year Mr Baillie would play the national anthem on his piano accordion for us to sing along to at assemblies.

Mr Anslow and Mrs Dalby attended the service of celebration for his life as they had both been taught by Mr Baillie. There were numerous retired teachers and ex students there who remembered Mr Baillie with great affection.

He passed away on the 30 October.

Next week, we look forward to our Year 9 leaders commencing Peer Support Training, as well as Schools Spectacular.

But before we finish up, we are excited to share the [link for ticket sales](#) and confirm the dates for our **2023 CAPA Showcases**. The CAPA Showcases are being held at the Springwood Hub again this year. Tuesday's Show - **6 December is Drama and Music** and Wednesday's Show – **7 December is Dance**. All **tickets are \$7.70**.

Have a terrific weekend.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School