



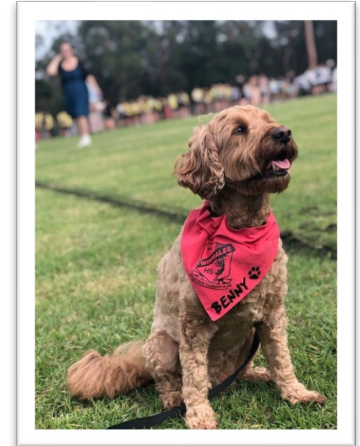
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Term 1 Week 5 Communication – Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

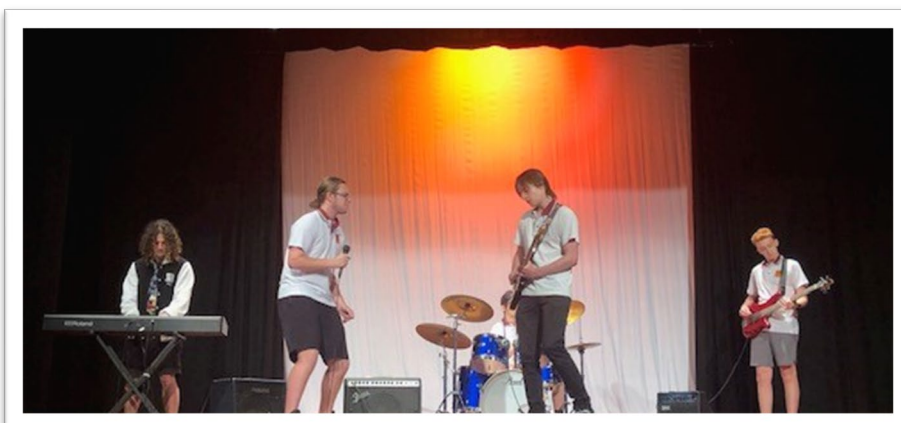
Warami. It has been a week of whole school activities, including our Evacuation Drill on Tuesday (see the pic of Benny to the right, helping out with the evacuation 😊) and School Photos yesterday. Both events ran smoothly and we appreciate the cooperation of students. We can't wait to see the Year 12 'muck up' photo! There were some creative costumes. We would like to remind those who were not at school today, that the catch-up photos and sibling photos are scheduled for next Thursday 2 March.



This week we also had the pleasure of hosting the **Girls Basketball**, and **Girls Touch** games against Muirfield High School. They were two terrific and very close games, with Muirfield winning the touch game, and Winmalee winning the Basketball game. The conduct of both teams was impeccable – congratulations to these teams.



Assemblies - This year, our assemblies have moved to a Wednesday and instead of holding a Junior and a Senior assembly, we now come together for a whole school assembly each week. Assemblies are an important time for us to come together as a school, to celebrate student achievement, listen to important matters and give opportunities for our students to lead. Our SRC chairpersons, students leading the Acknowledgement of Country and the sound and lighting team have been doing a stellar job! This week, our student-centred item was Year 12



students, Blake Stretton, Jackson Fitzgerald, Cohen Boys, Caelan Schepel and Ryan Taylor. They had the whole hall captivated and clapping along. Let us take you there for just a minute of [their performance](#) – it was energising! We are so lucky to have so many students willing to share their talent and perform in front of an audience.

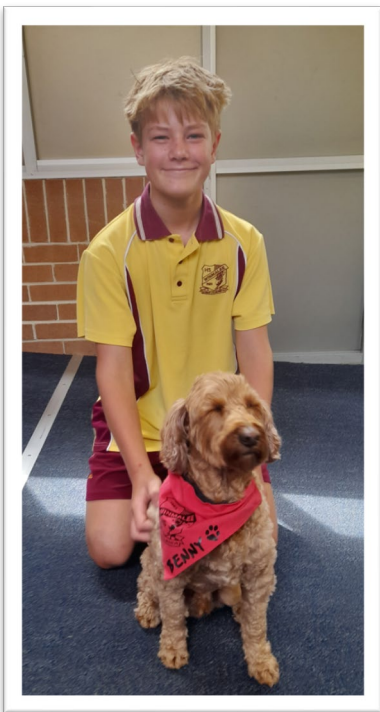


Mr Chenoweth has been busy planning for the **Australian Interschool Mountains Bike Racing** event and a passionate team of mountains bikers have been keen to get involved. Mr Chenoweth shared some exciting news about fellow mountain biker, **Eli Schroeder**



(Year 7) who competed at the Cannonball Mountain Bike Festival/Australian Pump Track Nationals in Thredbo last week in the under 15's category. He had some fantastic results, including 6th place in the All Mountain Assault, 4th in the Flow Motion Cup and 4th in the Australian National Pump Track Challenge. These results meant that Eli was then able to compete in the first NSW BMX State Series event of the year in which he placed 2nd. Congratulations, Eli! The Winmalee team are hoping he can continue this form into the Australian Interschools Championships next month!

Before we move into lots of reminders of things coming up next week, we couldn't resist sharing some dog moments with you all 🐶



The two Bens - Ben Dawson & Benny



Benny with 'runners' Taj Leathers and Gabe Jurenc



Harley and Benny in their uniforms 🐶



Ski Racing 2023!

Mr Booth and Mr Meyers have put out the call for keen skiers to join the Ski Racing Team this year for the Interschools Ski Racing event at Perisher Valley. This event is held in the first week of the July holidays (leaving 2/7/23 returning 8/7/23).

Students who are interested can join the Google Classroom using the code: **6nruez7**. Permission notes can be returned to Mr Booth or Mr Meyers.

If parents would like to be part of the classroom or would like to come along to the event, they are most welcome. Just have your student send us a message via the classroom so we can add you. We stay at The Station and usually travel by coach. We need at least 25 people in total to be going to make that viable. So please let us know your interest by joining the Google Classroom and getting those notes in ASAP. We are looking forward to another magic week of Ski Racing this year!



Sydney University visit - this week Sydney University representatives visited to meet with interested Year 12 students. 50 students turned up, which is impressive for a lunch time. It was an informative session and helpful for students as they are considering pathways for beyond Year 12. Thank you to Ms Bishop for organising this for Year 12.

Matilda the Musical!

Leads and ensemble members will rehearse every Wednesday afternoon from now until opening night in June. We can't wait for the progress led by our incredible CAPA and Dance teachers- watch this space! See the final page of this week's Communication for the full cast list.



Year 7 Swim School - A reminder that **Year 7 Swim School** is coming up on Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Thursday 9 & Friday 10 March at Lawson Swimming Centre (Wednesday 8 March is a regular school day).

Students will leave after roll call each day and return by 2.30pm. The PDHPE teachers and Year 10 PASS students are looking forward to assisting them towards improved swimming technique and a greater awareness of water safety and survival in an aquatic environment.



Parent Payment Portal – thanks to those who have already responded to our email earlier this week and registered for the new finance system. The new system, called School Bytes, allows parents/carers to visit the [School Bytes portal](#) at any time to make a payment online, view payment history and apply credit.



School Bytes

For non-student payments, please contact the school for a payment link.

We look forward to expanding payments to include online permission (yes, that means moving away from paper permission notes!). We are skilling ourselves up and intend to slowly roll out this option for excursions and activities.

Our **Year 7 2024 Expo Day** is fast approaching. We look forward to hosting Year 6 students on **Tuesday 28 February** to introduce our school. Please share this information with any family or friends who this might apply to. There is also an Information Evening for parents and carers of prospective Year 7 2024 students at 6.30pm in the School Hall.

Year 11 Senior Orientation Program

Next week Year 11 students will be participating in the Year 11 Senior Orientation Program on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March 2023.



This program covers the **mandatory NESA's 'All my own work'** module and **PDHPE Life Ready** modules.

This program also includes practical study and time management skills to assist and support students in their senior years. Elevate Education is an external provider delivering study skills and time management sessions.

In addition to the student workshops, **Elevate is providing a virtual parent workshop on Monday, 27 February, from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

An email was sent to all Year 11 families, but for quick reference the topics they are covering include Time Management, Study Support and Motivation. The link to join the session is [here](#). (Meeting ID: 827 6386 4514 and Passcode: 577418)

We hope you can join. Elevate do a great job with these workshops each year.




Year 7 Meet the Teachers- A reminder to our Year 7 families that the 7 Meet the Teachers event is on **Tuesday 7 March from 5.30 - 6.30pm**. This is an opportunity for our current Year 7 parents to meet with teachers. We hope you can make it, and a reminder that there is a complimentary BBQ from 5.00pm in the canteen area.

There are lots of events coming up next week, so we wish everyone a restful weekend. See you next week.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



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Year 7 Meet the Teachers


WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR SCHOOL
AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU FACE TO FACE

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2023
5:30pm - 6:30pm

About this event:

- This event will take place at school in the Central Quad - located behind the school canteen.
- A copy of your child's timetable will be available showing their subjects and teachers' names.
- A complimentary BBQ will be provided from 5:00pm in the canteen area.
- Coffee/tea will also be available.

Please Note: This is not a Parent/Teacher interview event. The purpose of the evening is to put a 'face to a name' and speak generally about how your child is settling into high school. We look forward to seeing you on the night!



Matilda Cast List



LEADS

- **Matilda Wormwood:** Iris Hirst
- **Miss Agatha Trunchbull:** Jackson Fitzgerald
- **Miss Honey:** Eva Greenaway
- **Mr Wormwood:** Max Jackson
- **Mrs Wormwood:** Billie Papasotiriou
- **Michael Wormwood:** William Cusack
- **Mrs Phelps:** Lucinda Balogh

FEATURED ENSEMBLE (MATILDA'S CLASSMATES)

- **Bruce:** Liam Boys
- **Lavender:** Claudia Thomas
- **Amanda Thripp:** Zoe Harris
- **Nigel:** Oliver Cusack
- **Eric:** Tahlia McGown
- **Alice:** Tully McGrouther
- **Hortensia:** Charli Couzin
- **Tommy:** Joshua Chapman

FEATURED ENSEMBLE (ADULTS)

- **The Escapologist:** Reggie Hewitt
- **The Acrobat:** Kalarni Smoth
- **Rudolpho:** Ryan Taylor
- **Doctor:** Alana Kenn
- **Children's Entertainer:** Ashlyn Hubble
- **Cook:** Maddison Maher
- **Sergei:** Abbie-Rose Whale
- **Henchman 1, 2 & 3:** Ashlyn Hubble, Erin Hutchinson, Alana Kenn
- **Parents:** Erin Hutchinson, Niobe Cherrett, Maddison Maher, Abbie-Rose Whale, Ryan Taylor, Reggie Hewitt

FEATURED DANCE ENSEMBLE (TBC)

- Eva Melville, Lexie Firth, Skye Wilson, Sophie Knight, Ruby Melville, Ava Seymour, Elizabeth Drysdale, Zoe Nicolle, Ruby Bishop, Olivia Steele, Nicola Boros

CHORUS/ENSEMBLE CHILDREN

- Lincoln McGown, Jeremy Hewitt, Asher Kaminski, Ava Worth, Isabella Johnston, Eva Melville, Kitara Taylor, Sarah Yearsley, Freya Weissner, Claudine Barclay, Talia McGregor, Jessica Wright, Georgia Holdsworth, Briar-Rose Wade, Elouise Tailford

CHORUS/ENSEMBLE ADULTS

- Diya Merchant, Tayla Posford, Leonie Ellis, Sara Griffiths, Lottie DeBono, Genevieve Jelovic, Charlotte Hibbert, Charli Napper, Mila Wilson, Dylan Howard, Lara Iskov, Madisyn Treble, Chloe Turpin

