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Term 1 Week 6 Communication – Friday 3 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami and welcome to our end of Week 6 communication. Thank you to those Year 11 parents who attended the Zoom Study Skills session on Monday evening. Yesterday and today, as part of the Senior Orientation program, the Elevate Study Skills team have been working with students to share tried and true study skills and strategies to help students learn more effectively. These sessions are delivered by young University students.

Year 6 into 7 EXPO Day – It was a pleasure hosting Year 6 from a range of schools on Tuesday. Students engaged well in all activities. We would like to thank our students for their hard work in making sure that the event was a success. Our **Sound and Lighting Tech team, Vocal Group and Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band, Senior Student Leaders and Peer Support Leaders** did a fine job of representing our school, and we truly appreciate their leadership and commitment to our school.

Benny assisted on stage by accompanying the vocal performances. He did a great job too! Year 6 Students were thrilled to meet both Benny and Harley at the assembly.



Parent Information Evening – we would also like to acknowledge the following students for giving up their evening to speak to prospective parents. Captain, **Olivia Sell** addressed parents with an inspiring and insightful speech, which was followed by **Nea Mulligan** and **Jackson Fitzgerald's** personal messages. They were followed by **Piper Meek** (Year 7), **Georgia Holdsworth, Leah Vasiliev, Cameron Barr** (Year 8), **Tayla Posford** (Year 9) and **Joshua Goodman** (Year 10). These students delivered authentic, genuine speeches, sharing some of their experiences of high school. Parents and carers really appreciated hearing directly from students.



Pulse Alive 2023

Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 March 2023



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Winmalee High School at Pulse Alive 2023!

Alana Kenn (Year 11): Drama Ensemble, **Nicola Boros** (Year 11): Principal Dancer, & **Oliver Cusack** (Year 8), **William Cusack** (Year 10), **Lili Baran** (Year 12), **Ellen Henderson** (Year 11), & **Miriam Roediger** (Year 12), Showband members.

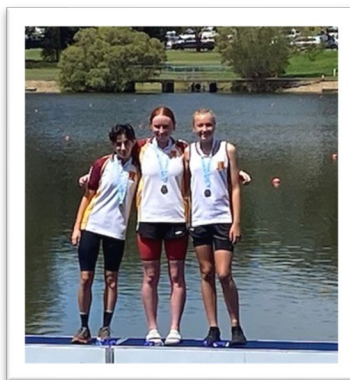
Performance dates are Thursday 9 & Friday 10 March 2023, at the Ken Rosewall Arena at Sydney Olympic Park.



NSW All Schools Triathlon – A massive congratulations goes to Year 10 students, **Evie Bullock**, **Hannah Gianatti** and **Suma Radzki**. These incredible athletes represented Winmalee High at NSW All Schools Triathlon last Friday in the 15-16 age category.

The girls participated in the relay event which started with Evie swimming 800m - she came out of the water at speed and handed over to Hannah for the 15km bike leg. Hannah pushed her way to the lead and handed over to Suma with a slender lead on the 3km run leg.

They came 2nd overall, out of 66 teams across the state, and first in the Government Schools category! This success has given a spot at the National titles in Tasmania. The intense practice, hard work and commitment that these three young women dedicated to achieve results like this is awe inspiring.



Sydney West Touch Football U15s Team – congratulations to **Lyla Douglas** (Year 8) for being selected for the Sydney West Touch team! Lyla will be away for two days soon to participate in the Gala days. We wish her all the best as she continues to refine her skills as a talented young athlete and we look forward to sharing more news of the competition.

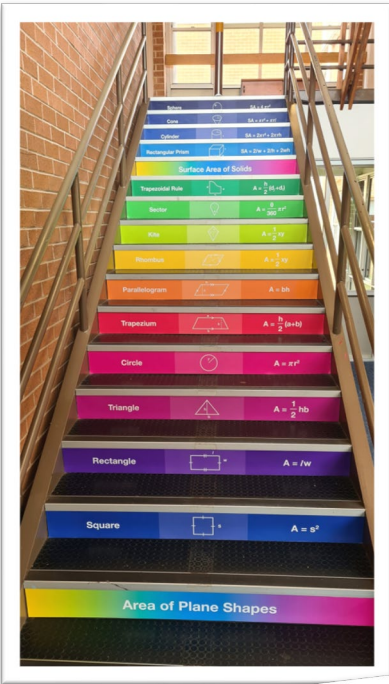


Boys' Basketball win – another round of applause and congratulations goes to our Boys' Basketball Team for yet another massive win. On Tuesday afternoon they played a home game against Glenmore Park High, winning 63 – 28. They are a proud team who have continue to work with their coaches and refine their skill and teamwork.



Thank you, Trish Doyle - We would like to thank our local member, Trish Doyle for her continued support of our students. Pictured right is a photo of **Holly Garrett** (Year 11) and **Sarah Yearsley** (Year 8), with letters of personal congratulations for being winners of the Future of Science awards.

Maths Stairs – we have been meaning to share our awesome new stairs that lead to the mathematics area of the school. Local business, Digit L FX did a sensational job transforming the space, whilst helping students memorise important formulas!



Lachlan Goodman (Year 12 2022) shared the exciting news that his **2022 HSC Industrial Technology Major Project** will be exhibited as part of the HSC InTech 2023 showcase. As a result, his project will be available for a number of awards. The exhibition will be held at Carbatec in Auburn from the 29th – 31st March. This is a wonderful achievement and creates opportunities for future Industrial Technology students to be inspired by what is possible in this HSC course.

Art Mural project – the Visual Arts staff have been busy planning a collaborative mural project with local artist and former Winmalee HS student, Helen Proctor. The planning commenced last year, and we are excited that our students can be involved in painting this mural. Visual Arts and Visual Design students worked alongside Helen for two days this week, getting real life, practical experience in enlarging a planned artwork to mural scale. Below is a sneak peak of the work in progress, and we will share more next week.





Open Boys' Knockout Touch Football – Good luck to our boys as they head off this afternoon to play James Ruse in Round 2 of the competition. We will let you know how they go! Thanks, Mr Bonora for leading training to prepare the team.

Positive feedback – we always appreciate it when members of our community take the time to contact us to commend our students. We wanted to share this anonymous recent feedback from a community member about our some of our young senior men.

"I work at a store in Springwood and a group of senior boys in uniform were just here. Just wanted to say that they were respectful, polite and behaving very responsibly. It was really nice to see. Teenage boys often get a bad rap, but they are a credit to your school. Just wanted to pass on some good news."

To these senior students, thank you.

Year 7 Meet the Teachers - a reminder this event is on this coming Tuesday evening. . We hope you can make it, and a reminder that there is a complimentary BBQ from 5.00pm in the canteen area.

Winmalee High School
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!

School Canteen – our school runs an excellent service for students and staff. It is completely school run, and we rely on volunteers to help keep our costs down. Can you help? We would appreciate any time you may be able to give.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are available to volunteer at the Canteen on any day your help would be appreciated. Volunteers help from 9.30am to 2.00pm and help with food preparation and serving. Training is provided.

To be a Canteen Volunteer please contact Lisa Hooley (Canteen Manager) on the number below. You will need a current Working with Children Check.

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Winmalee High School

Can you help?



Winmalee High P&C – A reminder that the P&C will be holding their next meeting face to face at the school on **Wednesday 8 March at 6.45 pm**, and all are welcome. We will be doing a group activity on the School Excellence Framework, and parents and carers will have the opportunity to share ideas and feedback on areas relating to learning and wellbeing. We would love your input if you can make it. The official meeting will take place after the group activity, so guests can leave early if they like. If you want to find out more, you can contact the school or Mr Dean Goddard, P&C President by email at president@winmaleehighschoolpnc.au

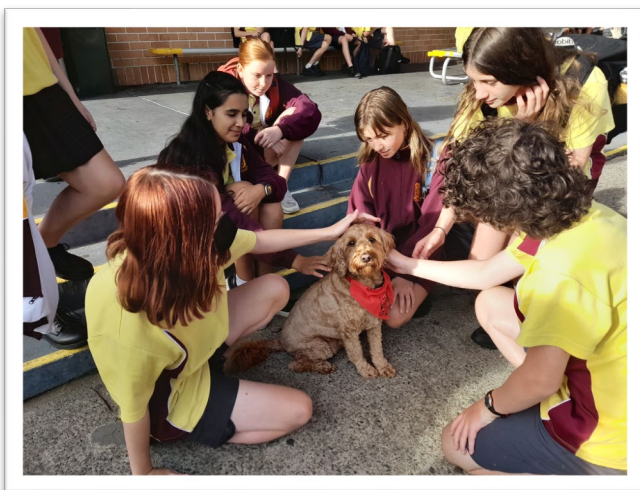
That's it for this week. Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have images and achievements of your child we can celebrate, please get in contact. So many students do so much in diverse fields both in and out of school, and their commitment amazes us as we see it all come together each week in our communication.

We will leave you with two pictures below:

The first, a picture of Benny, winning more fans across the school. Benny and Harley sat for their sibling photos today with the school photographers. When the photographer finally had them both still on the stool ready to take the perfect photo, she said 'ok, let's go', and they both leapt off the stool to leave.



The second, a picture of Mr Pendergast with his Harry Styles tie, made especially for him by his daughter. We hope that all those fans who are attending the concert this weekend have a great time!



Best wishes,

Winmalee High School