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Term 1 Week 7 Communication – Friday 10 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. Welcome to Week 7. A sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 7 Meet the Teacher on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to spend time with you. A shoutout to Mr Booth and Mr Robertson for cooking the sausages for our BBQ. If you weren't able to make it, we would appreciate you completing this 30 second feedback survey on your experience of transition into high school so far by [this link](#) or QR code.



Zone Swimming Championships - a big congratulations to the many students who represented Winmalee High at the Zone Swimming Championships last week. All students competed well with fantastic results.

Evie Bullock (Year 10) and **Ellen Henderson** (Year 11) were age champions in their respected age groups, and we have six outstanding students who have progressed through to the Sydney West Championships, which will be held in early April at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Congrats to: **Evie Bullock** (Year 10), **Sophie Knight** (Year 8), **Lyla Douglas** (Year 8), **Ellen Henderson** (Year 11), **Amelia Di Battista** (Year 7), & **Ari Vidler** (Year 11).

Year 7 students have continued to participate in a range of whole school programs, including the **Zoo Excursion** last Friday, and **Swim School** this week. Well done to students for their continued cooperation and participation.

We would like to thank the Year 10 PASS students for their support in leading Year 7 at swim school and supporting this very important program. Students have learnt vital skills in what has been perfect weather up at Lawson pool.



Japanese Konnichiwa Dance -

On assembly this week, Mr Cranby led a team of enthusiastic students to perform the [Konnichiwa](#) dance by DMX Krew. We love that so many students were willing to learn and perform this dance for the whole school! It is a catchy tune, so if your child knows the dance, get it playing on the speaker and have a go – we promise, it's loads of fun! 😊



Mountain Bike Championships – you may have seen the news on our Facebook page about our students competing in the championships in Thredbo. Mr Chenoweth has led this excursion and is proud of the Winmalee High School team. Below is a photo of some of our boys prepping for their first race. Mr Chenoweth reported that they stoked to be representing our school and that they were doing a terrific job.



Above: Kael Roots, Ben Dawson, Noah Costello and Owen Bishop (Year 8)



Congratulations to **Eli Schroeder** of Year 7 who took out 2nd place in the Interschools pump track event. That's 2nd out of all schools racing, in the nation! Huge result. He only missed first place by 2/10ths of a second. If you missed the video on Facebook, you can [view it here](#).

White Card Training– this week and next, we have arranged White Card training for students looking to explore potential work experience or apprenticeships in the construction industry. This is

an important credential which is a mandatory requirement for construction workers in Australia. Well done to our students who have completed this week's course and achieved their certificate.



International Women's Day – today at the Springwood Community Hub, students from across the mountains participated in a community event. This event has been organised and led by Year 12 Senior Leaders, Nea Mulligan and Zoe Leach. Next week, we will share more about how this event and no doubt inspire you with the immense leadership potential of the young women who participated.





Mural Project – we shared a sneak peek last week, and we have posted images and time lapse footage of the creation of the mural. We love it! Throughout the week, Year 10 Visual Arts students collaborated with artist and former Winmalee High student, Helen Proctor, to paint a mural in our school grounds. Below is some more information about the mural's meaning and purpose:



October 2023 will mark 10 years since our community was devastated by the 2013 bushfires. Despite the worst of nature being on display, we witnessed the very best of humanity as our local community banded together. This mural commemorates the strength, resilience and spirit of our community and unspoken human spirit of compassion. Volunteers, fighting for the homes and lives of others, neighbours engulfing each other in support. Together, our community embarked on a journey of rebuilding, and we witnessed the remarkable regeneration of the unique and beautiful environment in which we live. Thank you, Helen and Year 10 VA, for creating a beautiful commemorative artwork for such an important event in our community's history.

Girls' Knockout Netball -our Girls' Netball team have a knockout game at St Clair High School on Friday afternoon. We wish them luck and look forward to hearing how they went. Last week, the **Open Boys' Knockout Touch team** unfortunately had their game cancelled last week, as James Ruse forfeited. We'll share news of the next round when it happens.

Pulse Alive – Last night and tonight are the Pulse Alive concerts. We have a terrific team representing Winmalee High. Ms Facas and Mrs Clifford are excited to be attending the concert this evening!

See our Pulse Alive dance team on the following page.



Lili Baran, Miriam Roediger, William Cusack, Oliver Cusack, Ellen Henderson & Alana Kenn, all representing WHS at Pulse Alive 2023



Pulse Alive 2023 Dancers: Joshua Chapman (Year 8), Ruby Melville, Rose Lau, Ava Seymour, Samantha Bourke (Year 9), Zoe Nicolle, Emily Regent, Sarah Bird, Lacey Bowman, Evalyn Boughton, Maddie Maher, Liv Priestley, Teagan Hunt (Year 10), Evie Corscadden, Lara Iskov, Gabbie Pride, Jess Del Carmen, Mischa Thum (Year 11), Samarah Hume & Jasmine Van Hooft (Year 12).

We are working on our support dogs Insta page, so until then, here are a few more pics of Benny working hard in the front office. Speak next week.

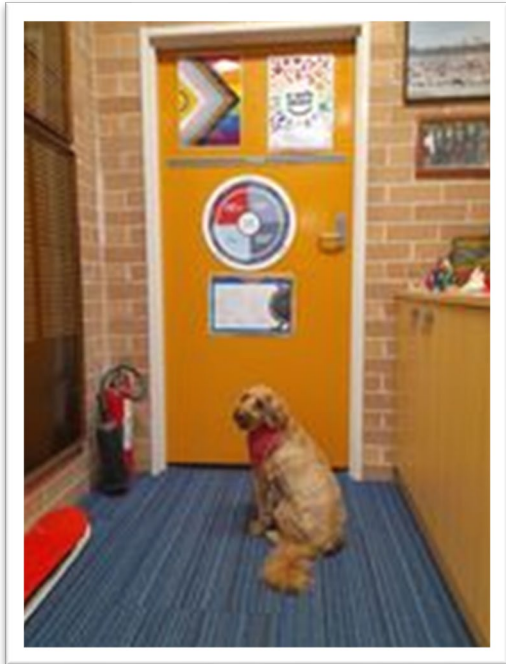
Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



Cameron Barr and Darcey Dunn (Year 8) visiting Benny in the office.



Benny waiting for Ms Facas to arrive and Benny assisting in the office.