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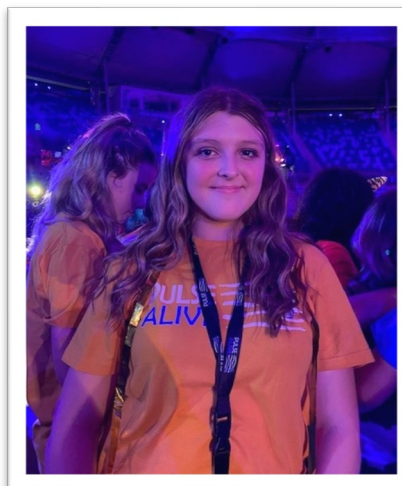
Term 1 Week 8 Communication – Friday 17 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. Welcome to our communication for Week 8. We aren't used to this hot weather, but we have made it through and finished off another big week. Year 7 and 9 have pushed through NAPLAN assessments, which will continue next week.

Pulse Alive 2023

We wanted to start by congratulating **Charli Couzin** (Year 9) on being a featured vocalist at Pulse Alive last Friday evening. Mrs Smith, who was part of the orchestra, managed to snap a picture of Charli between sets (pictured right). Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's show. It was a terrific evening at Homebush. Tonight, Mrs Clifford and Mr Pendergast are heading off to the Opera House for Meet the Music.



Sydney West Volleyball competition

For the first time in many years, WHS fielded a team in the Sydney West Knockout Volleyball Competition. Unfortunately, on Monday afternoon, the team had a Round 2 loss to James Ruse High School- a team that is expected to go deep in the competition. A big credit has to go to the core of the Winmalee team. These boys, for more than six months now, have trained by themselves in the hall after school- responsibly and socially playing as a group of friends. This initiative was a large



factor in why they were able to represent the school this week. We are proud of these young gentlemen. Players: **Scott McLenaghan, Louie O'Connell, Max Collins, Miles Salas, Will Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Ollie Carr, Jordan Traykovski, Paddy Whale, Texas Down and Blake Stretton.**

Open Girls' Netball

Congratulations to our girls for their win against St Clair High School. In their first round they won 45-4! Sensational. Congratulations to the team:

Players: **Hayley Kime, Emma Kannengeiser, Abby Hogan, Ashleigh Sagovac** (Year 12), **Reigan Connor, Georgia Campbell** (Year 11), **Lucy Roediger, Addison Down** (Year 10), **Abby Bain** (Year 9) and **Piper Goodridge** (Year 8)



Knockout Girls' Basketball

On Tuesday afternoon, our girls played against Kingswood High School and won the game 80-20! What a spectacular win. As the game was at the end of the day, and students had to leave for their bus, we didn't get the chance for a group photo. But we will be sure to capture them next game. Well done team.

Knockout Boys' Basketball

Our boys played against St Mary's Senior High yesterday and it was a tough game. The team didn't win, but they worked closely with coaches Mr Dutton and Rob Bradshaw to reflect on the game. We are proud of the team and what they have achieved so far.

Art Gallery of NSW

Each year, senior Visual Arts students visiting the gallery is an important part of the Stage 6 program. On Monday, Year 11 and 12 visited the gallery to see the new Sydney Modern gallery and view the ARTXpress exhibition. This annual excursion informs the art practice of students and gives them the opportunity to see works by HSC students who have excelled in their artmaking. We hope that students felt inspired by the art they viewed and have new and fresh ideas to help them develop their own Body of Works.



Charles Sturt University visit

On Tuesday, students from Year 10, 11 and 12 attended a day trip to CSU in Bathurst. Students got to participate in the open day and see some of the specialist courses in health care. Students engaged well in the day and got a lot out of the experience. Thank you to Ms Bishop for organising the excursion for students.





Well done to **Harrison Stevens** and **Sam Graham** (Year 10), who represented the Nepean area at the Senior Boys Metropolitan West Soccer Gala Day on 7 March. They both played so well and loved the day (even in extremely hot conditions!)

Crochet Club

Our school crochet club is in full swing and are leading a project, making beanies to donate to the Penrith Community Kitchen. Students can get involved by donating wool, making a beanie, or coming along to crochet club to learn the art of crocheting.

We would love your support! See right for more details.

School Support Dogs

We are so impressed with how our students are engaging with our support dogs. As promised, they have finally made it Insta.



Find Benny and Harley
on Instagram!
[@whs_bennyandharley](https://www.instagram.com/whs_bennyandharley)




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Beanies for Winter

MAKE & DONATE BEANIES FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE TO KEEP THEM WARM THIS WINTER.

The Crochet Club is aiming to make 50 beanies to donate to 'Penrith Community Kitchen' at the beginning of Term 2. If you would like to be part of this, please make & donate a beanie and drop it off to the front office or to the Hub.

Do you know someone who can crochet or knit?
We are happy to receive any donations for our 'Beanies for Winter' drive. Must be homemade. Drop off by week 1, term 2 at the front office or Hub.



Do you want to learn how to make your own beanie?
Come and join us every Thursday, room 3, lunchtime. From beginners to masters, Everybody is welcome!



Right: Benny soaking up the love from **Jacinta Kelly** and **Amber Watkins** (Year 12) as they take their Hospitality orders from staff. Far right: Benny assisted Year 9 students (**Abbey Robinson** and **Millie Lackey**) with a science task about growing pathogens this week, providing a mouth swab! 😊



2023 International Women's Day event

Last week, we mentioned that **Zoe Leach** and **Nea Mulligan** (Year 12) were leading a joint community event for IWD on Friday at the Springwood Community Hub. The day was an absolute success and enjoyed by all. The day was planned in collaboration with the **Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre** and **Blue Mountains ZONTA** and involved many local agencies and organisations. Trish Doyle, MP, gave the first address, followed by powerful speeches delivered by Year 10 students, **Tully McGrouther** and **Abbie-Rose Whale**.

Students from Blaxland High, Springwood High, Katoomba High, and Winmalee High attended, and we were lucky to have some special guests and past students come along to speak and lead panel discussions. Thank you to Mr Joseph for supporting Zoe and Nea to hold this event again. Thank you to Ms Devile for supporting the organisation of the day, and for being an inspirational guest speaker. And the biggest thank you and congratulations goes to Nea and Zoe for their vision and leadership. This event in 2020 and again in 2023 is a huge achievement and we are immensely proud of them both.

Nea has also been passionate about raising awareness for International Men's Day and we hope students can get involved and start planning, so our young men can have a forum to share and discuss relevant issues of men's wellbeing.



That's all for this week. We will leave you with a picture below of Year 7 at Taronga Zoo a couple of weeks ago, and some upcoming MYST events on the following pages.

It's going to be a scorcher this weekend! ☀️ Stay cool.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



Upcoming MYST (Mountains Youth Services Team) activities (see flyers at end of the Communication):

- ★ St Ives Holiday Skate & Workshop Comp (FREE) – Friday 14 April 2023
- ★ Youth Week Festival – Friday 21 April 2023
- ★ Family Fun Day – Saturday 20 May 2023



ST IVES HOLIDAY SKATE & WORKSHOP COMP

Event kindly facilitated by:



**FREE
EVENT**

**AGES
12-17**

MYST IS TAKING YOU ON AN ADVENTURE TO ST IVES SKATEPARK FOR OUR 2ND SKATE WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION WITH CONCRETE SKATE SUPPLIES

A holiday event trip with MYST staff to the newly renovated St Ives Skate Park. This program, facilitated by Concrete Skate Supplies, will provide a day of engagement with skateboard workshops for beginner, intermediate and advanced skaters followed by a competition for participants to show off their new skills. No experience is necessary and all equipment will be supplied (you can bring own equipment too). MYST will provide transport from our Springwood Youth Centre, with lunch provided.

When: April 14th

Time: Leaving Springwood Youth Centre at 9:30am and returning at 4pm in MYST vehicles

Bookings: <https://forms.office.com/r/1TgQjvVbjn>

Bookings close: 5pm March 31st unless booked out prior

What to bring: Water bottle, Hat and Enclosed shoes

Enquires:

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS & SOLO ARTISTS

With special guest performance by **PAINT JOB**

FREE EVENT | AGES 12-24 | April 21st
Alcohol & Drug Free | Great Prizes to be WON!!

Battle of The Bands & Solo Artists

2pm - 5pm **Mavis Wood Hall**
Entries Close March 31st unless full prior



Battle of the Bands and Solo
Artist's Entry form



Art Competition Entry Form



Art Competition 2pm - 5pm

Categories: Realism - Abstract - Digital / Photography
Conditions: To be submitted on Canvas by 13th April,
Drop off: Belong, Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre



Movie Screening

3pm - 5pm
Joy Anderson Room



Cast Your Movie Vote





Come along for a fun filled afternoon!

Get your family and friends together, bring a picnic rug and chairs and come along for a fun filled afternoon. There will be:

- Delicious food trucks
- Great entertainment
- Activities and rides

Plus much more!

Saturday 20th May 2023

12 noon – 4pm

Melrose Park (Albion Street, Katoomba)

