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Term 4 Week 11 Communication – Thursday 10 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami.

We finally completed our evacuation drill after a few postponements due to wet weather or soggy ground. As always, our students were cooperative, and Mr McGown was happy to cross that off his to do-list.

We had marvellous weather for our Cross Country carnival and the Year 10 Commerce students had a vast array of food for sale for students when they returned from the course. I particularly enjoyed the homemade sultana slice.

We have our ANZAC Day assembly on Friday and as always Mrs Sheehy organises an engaging and educative ceremony. Our students never disappoint with their respectful behaviour during the assembly.

Karen Shead is moving up the coast and will be a loss to our school. She has contributed in so many ways over the years she has been with us, and I wish her well with her move to the country.

Holidays are upon us and I'm hopeful our student toilets refurbishment will commence during this time.



8S Body Systems

Check out this amazing photo of our Year 8 science students showcasing their drawings of different body systems! Before diving into the topic, students created these illustrations to test their existing knowledge. From the heart and lungs to the digestive system, these creative drawings give us a glimpse into what 8S already understand about how our bodies work. It's a fun and insightful way to start their journey into the world of human biology!





Elliott Chapman (Year 7), a member of the 21 Army Cadet Unit Penrith, alongside counterparts from the local Australian Air Force Cadets and Australian Navy Cadets proudly participated in Tuesday's Schools ANZAC Service at the Penrith Paceway.

Elliott marched with them as the honour guard for their ceremony.

Our **Year 9 Support Class** has been working on some amazing skate deck designs in Visual Arts - bringing their ideas to life with colour, style, and personality.



Cross Country Run a Huge Success!

We couldn't have asked for better conditions – perfect weather and a fantastic turnout made this year's Cross Country run one to remember!

Runners took on the undulating and tough terrain with determination and enthusiasm, pushing through the challenge while enjoying the beautiful setting.

It wasn't just about the run – it was also a great social event, with plenty of laughs and camaraderie shared among friends and fellow participants.

A big thank you to the SLR students for their invaluable assistance on the day – your support helped make the event run smoothly from start to finish.

Well done to everyone who took part – we're already looking forward to the next one!



Students who have been selected to attend the Nepean Zone Cross Country on Monday 5 May will have an email sent home to parents with details and a permission note attached.

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

12 Years - Kinley Goodman, Cooper Babbage

13 Years - Elyse Walker, Braxton Radzki

14 Years - Ruby Broadhurst, Harry Hodges

15 Years - Zoe Mein, Eli Schroeder

16 Years - Lyla Douglas, Hugo Strickland

17+ Years - Amelia Peake, Jeremy Taylor

Commerce Market Day



Commerce Market Day following the Cross Country was the highlight this week, with Year 10 students having an absolute blast bringing their business ideas to life! The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and a great sense of teamwork as students worked in groups to set up and run their own food stalls. While the focus was on fun, there was plenty of learning happening too — from handling money and pricing products to dealing with customers and working through challenges together.



It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they embraced the experience.

A fun and memorable day for all involved!

GO Foundation Scholar Day



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On Tuesday, seven GO Foundation Scholars attended their first Cultural Connect Day for 2025, held on the traditional land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation at Carriageworks in Eveleigh. Our mob joined other Scholars from across Sydney to listen to Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes share their experiences growing up as Aboriginal men and their commitment to empowering the next generation of young Aboriginal people.

The day continued with men's and women's business activities, where both groups engaged in meaningful conversations around resilience, confidence, and overcoming challenges—while also participating in traditional weaving.

Scholars were fortunate to watch performances by Barkaa, a proud Malyangapa Barkindji woman and rapper, and Dan Sultan, a multi-award-winning musician, writer, performer, and artist of Eastern Arrernte and Gurindji heritage.

To finish the day, scholars took part in an engaging, hands-on career expo featuring a range of universities and industries, including commercial law, healthcare, media, mechanics, and engineering. The Winmalee Mob found the experience both inspiring and insightful, filled with opportunities to connect, learn, and explore future career pathways.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the GO Foundation for the incredible opportunities and ongoing support they provide to our Scholars at Winmalee High School.



15s Boys Football – Bill Turner Cup Victory

On Monday, April 11, the 15s Boys Football Team played their opening match in the Bill Turner Cup Knockout competition. Facing St Paul's Grammar at Jamison Park in hot conditions, the team showed great spirit and composure, handling moments of adversity with impressive maturity.

Luke Chapman opened the scoring with a brilliant strike right on the stroke of half-time, giving Winmalee a 1–0 lead going into the break. In the second half, the team delivered an outstanding defensive performance to maintain the lead and secure a clean sheet. A special mention goes to Jack Sheriff, who made a superb save in the final moments of the game to ensure the victory.

All players should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

Thank you to everyone who helped with transport, came along to support, and cheered the team on—it was greatly appreciated!

A special thanks also to senior students Frano Hirst, Harrison Stevens, and Will Ford, who have led training sessions and coached the team on the day. Their leadership and commitment have been truly exemplary.

The team's next match is expected to be a **home game against St Dominic's College**. "Best of luck to the team in their upcoming match!"



Congratulations to **Tyler Andreotti, Valentino Di Battista (Year 7), Jimmy Bowman, Luke Chapman, Jasper Engelhard (Year 8), Oscar Doyle, Koby Morgan, Zach Morgan, Caleb Paine-Burke, Eli Schroeder, Jack Sheriff, Malachi Smith, Mitchell Taylor, Angus Weir (Year 9), Ben Dawson, Samuel Morgan, (Year 10). Reserves: Nick Koulouris and Cully Summers (Year 9). Coaches: Will Ford, Frano Hirst and Harrison Stevens (Year 12).**



Open Girls Netball – Round 2 Victory

On Thursday, April 3, the Open Girls Netball team represented Winmalee High School in Round 2 of the Sydney West Knockout Competition. The team faced Jamison High School in a tightly contested first half, with only a few goals separating the sides.

Demonstrating excellent teamwork and resilience, the Winmalee girls stepped up in the second half to pull away and secure a strong 34–19 victory. The team now advances to Round 3, where they will take on Doonside High School.

Congratulations to all players on a fantastic performance and well-deserved win!

Well done to **Addison Down, Holly Clark, Lucy Roediger (Year 12), Larissa Atkins, Abby Bain, Mia Corscadden, Pippa Mein (Year 11), Emiliana Hart, Charlotte Hughes (Year 10) and Erin Kenn (Year 9).**



Interested in building your netball skills?

Join the Winmalee High School **Netball Development Program**, on **Wednesday afternoons in Term 2 (starting Week 2), from 2:55pm to 4:00pm.**

Open to all skill levels – come along and get involved! See Ms Doyle to sign up and to collect a permission note.

Congratulations and good luck to **Isabella Ferguson (Year 10)** (far right in the image) and **Aadyn Hoare (Year 11)** on the conclusion of their Junior Reps Rugby League seasons. Issy's Panthers team qualified for the Finals and have a Knockout Game at Windsor Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Girls Volleyball



The great run of the Winmalee HS Girls Volleyball continued with their round 3 win over Windsor HS on Friday Week 9. We wish both the Boys and Girls teams good luck as they prepare for their home quarter finals early next term.



Rugby League Gala Day University Shield

On Tuesday, our Open Boys Rugby League team played in the Panthers Region University Shield Competition and represented Winmalee with exceptional respect, skill, resilience and determination. The Boys finished top of their pool (undefeated) that included Glenmore Park, Plumpton and Rooty Hill (22-0 in 18 minutes). With 3 of the starting 13 injured for the semi final, they narrowly missed out on progression to the City Cup Finals, losing 10-14

against Erskine Park HS, in a tight game that went down to the final play.



Well done to **Zane Shorten (Year 10), Ashton Anderson, Seth Abel, Liam Peen, Beau Jackson, Aadyn Hoare, Malakai Keyes, Liam Foote, Ignatius Watts, Hamish Weir, Tyler Bateman, Ben Harrison (Year 11), James Croucher, Ryan Tosatto, Harry Stevens, Zack Fitzgerald (c), Will Weir, Tyler Cavanough, Sam Hill, and Max Anderson (Year 12), Trainers: Will Ford, Cooper Henderson.**

Boys KO Touch vs Windsor Wednesday 9 April

Congratulations to the Open Boys Touch Football win for their 10-2 win over Windsor HS yesterday afternoon.

All of the boys backed up after either Cross Country or Rugby League - or both - and put together a professional performance in front of the home crowd. They are already our fourth Open Knockout team in the Sydney West Quarter Finals, with eleven teams still "alive" in their Knockout comps.

Well done to **Lucas Paton (Year 8), Logan Jackson, Ollie Stevens, Cully Summers (Year 9), Ryan Tosatto, Ashton Anderson, Malakai Keyes, Harry Summers, Liam Foote (Year 11), Harry Stevens, Tyler Cavanough & Zack Fitzgerald (Year 12).**

AFL news



Left to right: Marley Chevor, Abby Croucher, Eydie Peake, Makayla Donovan, Charlotte Donovan & Bodhi Carlson

Immediately after the school holidays, Winmalee High School will be heavily represented in U15s State AFL.

Bodhi Carlson (Year 8) will compete for the Sydney West Boys team at Penshurst in Week 1. Bodhi performed very well earlier this year- and will still be eligible for selection next year as well.

In Week 2, FIVE Winmalee High School girls will represent the Sydney West Girls team at Tuggerah. All humble and respectful, we wish the best of luck to **Marley Chevor, Abby Croucher, Eydie Peake, (Year 9) Makayla Donovan (Year 8) and Charlotte Donovan (Year 10).** No other school in the region- including Hills Sports High- has this many girls in the Sydney West team.

Dear Winmalee High School community,

After 15 years and one term of teaching at Winmalee High School, it is finally time to say goodbye.

I started in 2010 in the Music department for my first year and then gradually meandered my way through the faculties of English, HSIE, Visual Arts, PDHPE and TAS. In 2018, I found my current home in the Wellbeing faculty where I discovered the joy of working with students through my role as the Learning Hub teacher. For those who know me, there is a reason I never made it to the Maths and Science faculties!

Along the way, I have worked with a multitude of talented, enthusiastic and compassionate teachers who teach with boundless care for their students and willingly give up their own time to provide a wide range of extra-curricular experiences to the students. I have run the kitchen at Yr 10 Leadership Camp, participated in the school musical orchestra, for every musical since 2011, and for the past 12 years, have had the pleasure of organising end of year presentation assemblies - working with the community representatives and sponsors, the Yr 12 Leadership team and the outstanding SASS staff. One of the most rewarding of all my experiences at Winmalee High was being year advisor to a truly amazing group of students from 2017 – 2022. I will always have a special place in my heart for this incredible bunch of students.

I will miss being a part of all those activities and will take with me some very fond memories of the staff and students who were a part of those events.

I would like to thank the whole school family for the experiences that I have had, the opportunities that I have been given, the relationships with parents that have developed, the professionalism and dedication of my colleagues and the leadership of the senior executive, and the many, many students who I've had the pleasure to teach and to know.

I will miss being a part of such a wonderfully supportive team and community and feel truly blessed to have been part of the Winmalee High School staff. Without your support, I would not be the teacher I am today! I will be moving to 40 hectares of beautiful bush, closer to the beach and working at a Central school, which has always been my dream. I would not be leaving for anything less than this!

Thank you for all the memories. Be kind to each other and always try your hardest in everything you do. That is how people will remember you.

Karen Shead



Winmalee High School is once again supporting The Leukaemia Foundation's **World's Greatest Shave**.

Can we beat last year's total of **\$13000**? The big event will take place on **Thursday 8 May 2025**.

Best wishes,

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ANZAC Day March

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Each year, the Student Representative Council (SRC) and members of our school community are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March (Friday 25 April).

If it is at all possible, we would like to have all Student Council Representatives and any other interested students represent the school at this event. Members of the Leadership Group considering standing for captain are reminded that attending either the ANZAC Day March or Vietnam Veteran's Day March is one of the mandatory conditions for inclusion on the ballot paper.

Our current captains will be playing a prominent role in the proceedings on ANZAC Day, including reciting the prayers, and select members of our Vocal Ensemble will be leading the hymns. SRC members may also be needed to help arrange chairs before the service and help with the Legacy collection. We hope that anyone who is available will attend the service to support our captains and represent our school on this very important occasion.

Students participating need to assemble opposite the Springwood Railway Station (at the western end of Macquarie Road) at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. The march concludes with a full ANZAC service held at the cenotaph and should finish at approximately 12.00pm.

Students are expected to wear school uniform.

Thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Pendergast
Principal (Relieving)

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Springwood ANZAC Day Permission Note

Please return this completed permission note to Mrs Sheehy by Friday 11th April.

Student Name: _____ Roll Class: _____

☐ I will be attending the ANZAC Day March (Friday 25 April)

Medical Conditions: _____

Parent /Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____