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Term 2 Week 2 Communication – Thursday 8 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami.

As you can see, we are back into Term 2 with more sport, charity work, cultural, creative and academic activities that illustrates the outstanding kids at our school. Instead of reading my introduction this week, have a look at this graphic and have a chat with your kids about it.

Benefits of Reading

STRENGTHENS YOUR BRAIN



Builds the pathways
and connections in
your brain



Improves your
memory and recall



Improves your
concentration and
ability to focus

IMPROVES YOUR HEALTH



Helps you fall
asleep



Reduces stress



Improves your
mental health and
makes you feel more
positive

HELPS IN REAL LIFE



Helps you understand
new words and
improve your writing



Makes you more likely
to try new things



Makes it easier to
relate to others and
understand their
emotions

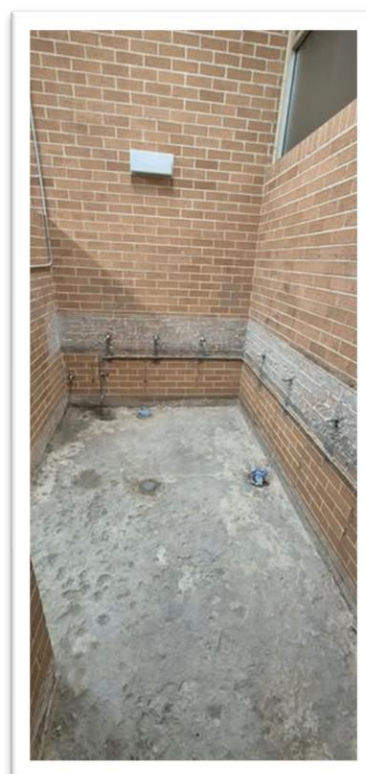
World's Greatest Shave – TODAY!

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

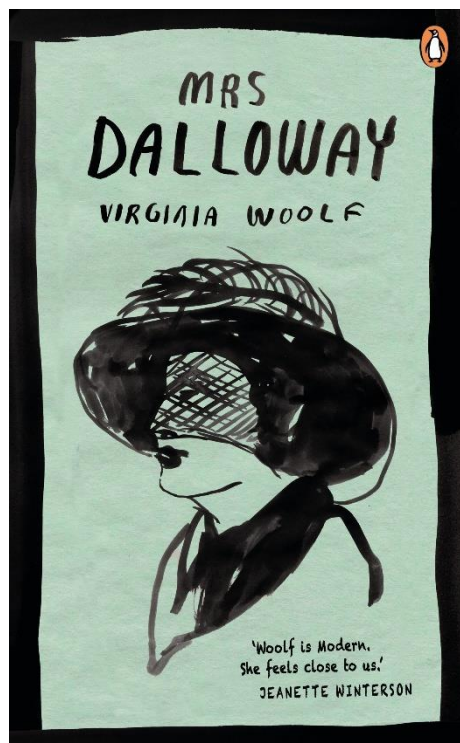
We would love you to support our brave World's Greatest Shave team by donating towards the cause at <https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/WinmaleeHighSchool> or by scanning the QR code.



Our new student bathrooms are officially underway. Demolition is now complete, and construction has begun! We're looking forward to watching the renovations take shape over the coming weeks — stay tuned for updates!



What are you reading?



Ms McLean is currently reading *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf:

This novel is a modernist classic I have always wanted to read and I am really enjoying the stream of consciousness narration style as well as the parallel plot lines. Even though this novel was published in 1925, the concerns addressed such as mental health, lost loves and the complexities of human relationships are still relevant today.

I would recommend this text to any student who wants to engage with meaningful literature and is open to challenging their understanding of themselves and their world.

Year 7 Vaccinations NEXT WEEK

 **Year 7 Vaccination Clinic:** Tuesday, 13th May

 **Vaccines:** HPV (Human Papillomavirus) & Booster for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Parents and guardians, please ensure you provide consent online before the clinic date. **See the attached flyer with a QR code to complete consent.**

For more information, visit the NSW Health website or contact the school.



At the end of last term, **Addison Down (Year 12)** travelled to Tamworth to compete in volleyball at the Regional Academy Games as part of the girls Western Sydney Academy team. The competition was held over 3 days.

Her team went throughout the tournament undefeated. It was a close grand final but they were victorious winning the gold medal. Congratulations Addison!

Plain English Speaking Award



On Thursday May 1, **Elouise Tailford and Aurora Edwards of Year 10** competed in the local final of the Plain English Speaking Award at Emmaus Catholic College.

Both students worked hard in their own time to prepare thought provoking speeches on Facing Fear and Unjust Legal Systems. They presented their speeches with confidence and passion alongside other excellent students from Western Sydney. The experienced adjudicator was very impressed with the high standard of the competition and awarded Highly Commended Status to Elouise. She will now progress to the next round of the competition.

This is the second year Elouise has represented Winmalee High School at this level, and we are very proud of her

achievements. Aurora has also been described as one of the best debaters in the Blue Mountains Competition. Congratulations to both of these outstanding speakers on their impressive efforts.



Bodhi Carlson (Year 8) at the NSW Combined Sports Association AFL for Sydney West, the only player from the Blue Mountains. Well done Bodhi!

Students in Year 8 are studying Japanese language and culture

May 5 is Children's Day in Japan. Families display kites in the shape of carpfish (koi) outside their homes. The fish appear to 'swim' with courage and strength, qualities that families wish to convey to their children.

Here we see a 'koinobori' kite on our flagpole at school.



Creative Critters for the Hawkesbury Show!



Students from Years 7 to 11 have been busy bringing colour and creativity to life in preparation for the upcoming Hawkesbury Show, held from 9–11 May. This year, the spotlight is on three fabulous 'Gabby' Goats and five charming papier-mâché chickens, lovingly crafted and painted by our talented Visual Arts and Design students.

Among the standout entries is *Urban G.O.A.T.*, a bold street art-inspired goat designed by **Cem Damarguc (Year 11)** and **Caitlin McHardy (Year 10)**. Meanwhile, Year 7 artists **Lily Fensom, Elsie Lees and Emily Deeney** channelled Van Gogh's magic with *Gabby Van Goat*, a dreamy homage to *Starry, Starry Night*.

A true team effort, *Best in Show Gabby* celebrates all the delights of the Hawkesbury Show, from fairy floss to farm animals. Year 9 and 10 students worked collaboratively, with **Caitlin McHardy, Charlotte Donovan, Grace George, Charlotte Whitford, Georgia Holdsworth and Harper Lynch** dedicating countless roll calls, recesses and lunchtimes to completing this vibrant tribute.

Congratulations to all students involved!



Congratulations to **Luka Wheeler (Year 12)**, who recently achieved strong results in both Bouldering and Lead Climbing at the State level. His performance has earned him a place in the National Youth Championships this May, where he will represent New South Wales.

We wish Luka all the best as he prepares for this exciting opportunity.



Double delight for the **Boys and Girls Open Soccer** teams as they both found victories in their Round of 16 games last week. They are now Winmalee's fifth and sixth teams in the Sydney West Knockout Quarter Finals.

Open Girls Soccer vs Mitchell High School



Well done to **Lainey Beames, Lacey Bowman, Anna Stretton (Year 12), Seda Amputch, Charlie Buchanan-Judd, Pippi De Haan, Amelia Peake (Year 11), Lyla Douglas, Zoe Mein, Annabella Sciberras, Daniella Stanley, Isabella Ferguson, Ryenne Long, Lily Macdonald, Taylor King, Paris Fitzpatrick (Year 10), Layla Sawyer, Indy Batchelor (Year 9), and Eliza Brown. Helpers: Lucas Little (Year 10), Mitchell Taylor, Nick Koulouris (Year 9)**

Open Boys Soccer vs Doonside High School



Well done to **Julian Munro, Frano Hirst, William Weir, Max Campaner, Jeremy Taylor, James Croucher, Harrison Stevens, Tom Grodzicki, Hamish Weir, Felix Mann, Luka Wheeler, Angus Weir, Ben Dawson, Fletcher Bryant, Aayden Hoare, Christian Ramos-McNeill, Will Ford – GK, Koby Morgan – GK, Lucas Little, Nicholas Koulouris, and Malachi Smith**

COMING UP SOON – Saturday 24 May

Winmalee High School's Jazz Band and Year 12 Music students will be performing in the annual *Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves* event on Saturday 24 May – details below.

Feel like winding down for a few hours?

Come and experience a fabulous afternoon of music set in park-like gardens. The aspiring musicians from four Blue Mountains High schools will display some impressive performances of instrumental, band, solo and choral items throughout the afternoon.

Bring your friends and your refreshments, sit back and relax and take time to wander around the gardens at their Autumn best.

Cost is \$10 per person, with proceeds raised being donated to the music departments of the schools involved.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 24th May. Performances commence at 12.00.



Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves

12-4pm Saturday May 24th 2025
The Old Farm, 35 Purvines Road, Yellow Rock

Come and enjoy performances by talented local students from Blue Mountains schools. Wander the gardens and enjoy the colours of Autumn.

Entry \$10pp. Proceeds donated to the music departments of performing schools.

Proudly supported by the

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To Year 10, 11 and 12 Parents and Carers:

Our **Senior Parent-Teacher Interviews** are scheduled for **Tuesday, 10 June 2025** from **3.30pm - 7.30pm** in the school hall. **Please save the date in your calendars.**

This year, the **online booking system** will again be through the **Sentral Parent Portal**. If you haven't yet registered for access to the portal, we encourage you to register and activate your account prior to interview bookings opening.

Please contact the school via phone or email if you require an activation key for the portal: 02 4754 2822 or winmalee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Interview bookings will be open from 4.00pm on Monday, 26 May until 4.00pm on Monday, 9 June 2025.

We will release detailed information about booking Parent-Teacher Interviews shortly before bookings open.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



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school vaccinations online**



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give your consent now**



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Join us for a special anniversary celebration!

Saturday 6th September

10am to 1pm

9 Macquarie Road, Springwood

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