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Term 2 Week 4 Communication – Thursday 22 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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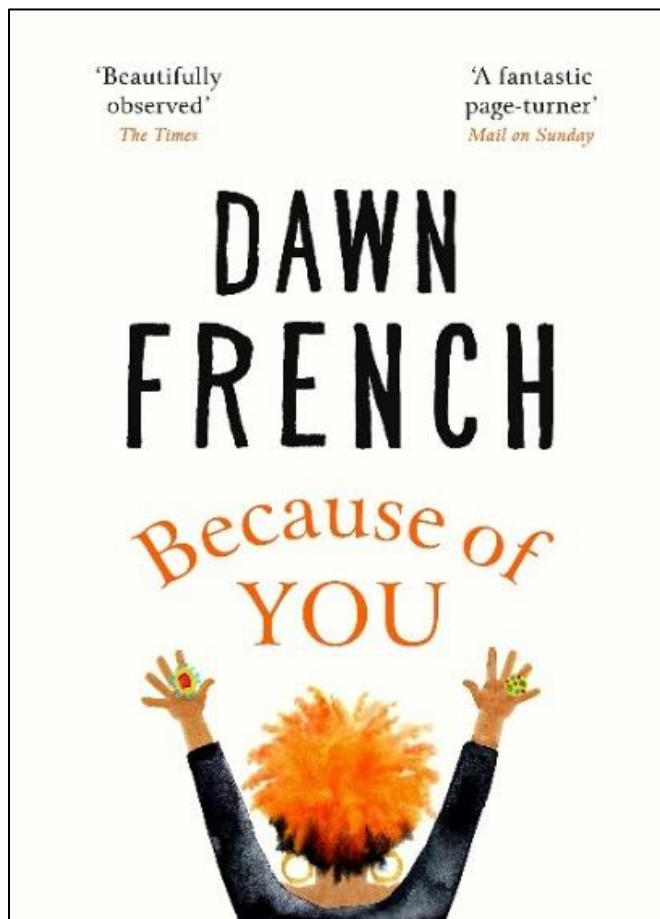
As I predicted last week the weather has been against us and we have cancelled the Athletics Carnival for 2025. We plan to run the carnival earlier next year to give us more dates to postpone due to bad weather or ground closures and have a team ready for the Zone Carnival.

As I write this, I am sitting in the workshop watching Mr Booth, Brodie, Henry and Noah building sets for the musical, as most of my class went to the Careers Market excursion. My grandfather said I could watch other people working all day. An enormous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to stage a musical obviously music, drama and dancing rehearsals but also set building, set painting, costumes, licencing, ticketing, advertising, light and sound and all the financial accounting for such a venture. The musical could not happen without the dedication and commitment of many of our staff providing opportunities for our students.

Try to enjoy the wet weekend - read a book.

What are you reading?

Mrs Duncan is reading.....



Because of You by Dawn French (British actress, comedian and writer). I saw this on a shelf at Springwood Salvos and wanted something 'light' to read at the end of long, tiring school days.

Even though Dawn French is known for her humour (which is evident in the book), the subject matter is quite disturbing and dark (I can't say specifically how it is dark because it would spoil it), but the story deals with family life, and love and relationships, and what drives people to behave in ways which you think you would judge as unacceptable until you get to know the characters and come to understand their motives.

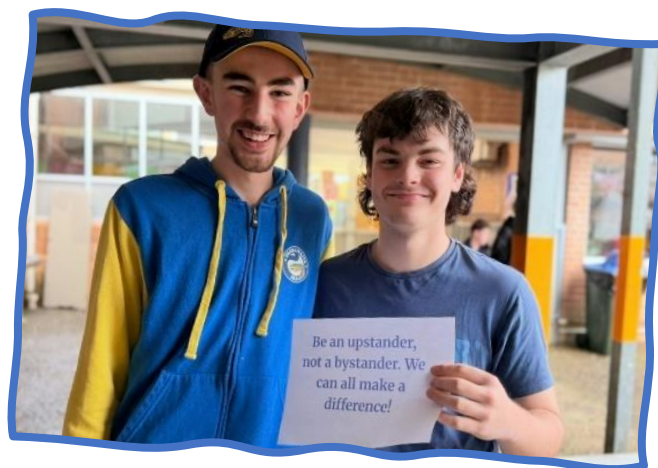
French's insight into human nature is noteworthy.

Fundraising to help end bullying



Today the SRC are recognising the anti-bullying campaign 'Do It For Dolly Day' by declaring a Mufti Day. All students participating contributed a gold coin and wore blue as a sign that our community

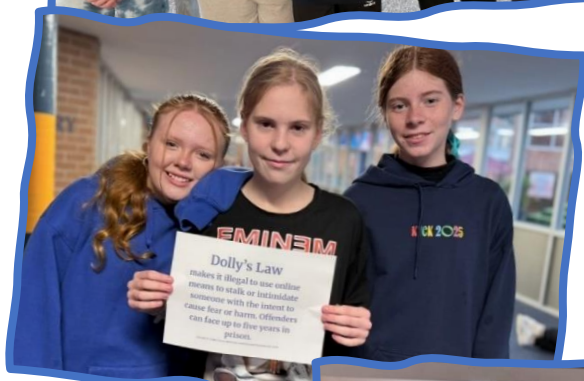
says NO to bullying!



All money raised will go directly to the Do It For Dolly charity which works to prevent bullying, support young people and their families and address mental health challenges. They do this through education, direct support, and by raising awareness through events like Do It For Dolly Day. Parents and carers can also donate directly through our school's fundraising page:

<https://www.dollysdream.org.au/fundraisers/WinmaleeHighSchool2371>

Please give generously!



On Friday 16th May, our Year 12 English Advanced students attended a **Shakespeare Symposium** at the Seymour Centre which deconstructed the Module A: Textual Conversations texts – *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare and *Hag-Seed* by Margaret Atwood.

Expert presenter Damien Ryan, the Managing and Artistic Director of Sport for Jove, unpacked the two texts with students through a combination of live performances and in-depth analysis.

The Year 12 students not only had a valuable learning experience that enhanced their understanding of complex HSC content, but they were also excellent ambassadors for our school and should be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour. There were almost 700 students in attendance, but the presenter still took the time at the end of the event to walk over to our school group to personally thank our students for their maturity and focus.

Well done, Winmalee!



**We Will Rock You –
TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

A fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to individuality!

We Will Rock You is a high-energy rock musical set in a future where music is banned, and conformity rules. But a group of rebels, the Bohemians, refuse to be silenced. With the help of two young outsiders, Galileo and Scaramouche, they rise up against the ruthless Killer Queen and her empire, fighting to bring back real rock 'n' roll. Packed with electrifying performances and Queen's greatest hits, this show is an epic battle for freedom, individuality, and the power of music to change the world!

Performances dates:

- ★ Friday 20 June 7.00pm
- ★ Saturday 21 June 1.30pm & 7.00pm
- ★ Friday 27 June 7.00pm
- ★ Saturday 28 June 7.00pm

Click on the below link to purchase tickets or scan the QR code on the poster!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DAMMR>

Poster designed by **Lexie Firth (Year 10)**.



Musical sets and staging are in the process of being built.



The Winmalee High Girls Soccer team battled the pouring rain as well as having no subs this afternoon. Despite this, the girls really came together in the final 20 to secure a come from behind 3-1 victory over St Marys Senior. They now face Castle Hill High in the Sydney West Knockout Semi Finals. A great result and one they should be proud of!

Congratulations to **Lacey Bowman, Lainey Beames, Seda Amputch, Charlie Buchanan-Judd, Pippi de Haan, Amelia Peake, Daniella Stanley, Annabella Sciberras, Zoe Mein, Lyla Douglas, Ryenne Long, Isabella Ferguson, Indy Batchelor, and Eliza Brown.**



On Friday 9th May, our **Open Boys Knockout Touch** team played in a Gala Day. They had wins against Rouse Hill and The Ponds HS before paid the price for errors going down to Model Farms. This meant they had a semi final against Blaxland - and definitely played their best game of the day. Unfortunately, they fell just short of repeating the success of 2024, and lost in a tight game, 3-2. Nevertheless, this team represented the school well - receiving compliments from all on their sportsmanship. We have still made the Sydney West Knockout Semi Finals for the last four years straight, an impressive achievement.

Cross Country



Congratulations to the above students who were presented with their certificates for **Cross Country Age Champions** in this week's assembly.

From left - Jeremy Taylor, Hugo Strickland, Harry Hodges, Braxton Radzki, Cooper Babbage, Amelia Peake, Ruby Broadhurst, Elyse Walker, & Kinley Goodman
Missing from photo, Eli Schroeder, Zoe Mein, Lyla Douglas



Nepean Zone Cross Country Age Champions

Left to right: Jeremy Taylor, Annabella Sciberras, Zoe Mein & Elyse Walker

Athletics Carnival

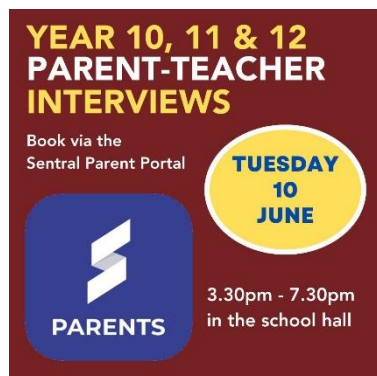
Due to the recent wet weather and ground closures from Blue Mountains Council we have had to make the tough decision to cancel the Athletics Carnival.

Students will have the opportunity to nominate to compete in events at the upcoming Nepean Zone Carnival on the 5th & 6th June.

The nomination form has been added to the Sport Google Classroom. Students can access this classroom from the following code: **qsrw2mt**

Nomination forms are due to be submitted by **Monday 26th May**.

Bookings open 4.00pm next Monday 26 May!



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 next Monday, 26 May until 4.00pm on Monday, 9 June 2025.

Parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students are encouraged to check your emails for the "important information regarding Year 10/11/12 interviews" that was emailed this week. Documents are also available on the Sentral Parent Portal and [school website](#).

COMING UP THIS SATURDAY!

Winmalee High School's Jazz Band and Year 12 Music students will be performing in the annual *Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves* event **this 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. 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 **Rotary** Club of Springwood



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Children's Online Privacy Code

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), the Australian Government's privacy regulator, is seeking input from parents and carers to assist them in its development of the Children's Online Privacy Code (the Code).

The Code will put children at the centre of privacy protections in Australia. By the time a child turns 13, it's estimated that 72 million pieces of data will have been collected about them. The aim of the Code is to strengthen privacy protections for the handling of children's personal information.

Your insights as a parent or carer are important.

To have your say, please take a few minutes to complete the parent discussion paper here [Children's Online Privacy Code \(consultation for children and parents\) | OAIC](#).

Your support is also important in helping your child or young person to take part too, please assist them in filling out the appropriate worksheet, provided in the link above.

This consultation will be open until the 30 June 2025. You can read more about the Code here [Children's Online Privacy Code | OAIC](#).

Oaic.gov.au

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School

The GREAT ESCAPE

Free Day of Adventure Activities for Years 7 & 8

The Great Escape is a free school holiday program for young people in Years 7 – 8 (aged 12 – 14) designed to enhance wellbeing and healthy choices.

When & Where:

Friday 11 July 2025

9am - 5pm

The Y Camp,
Yarramundi

(transport available)

Register by:

9am, 30 June 2025

(Limited places)

Includes:

- Creative workshops
- Adventure activities
- Lunch & snacks
- Risks and healthy choices information sessions

For more information
or to register

[bmcc.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/
great-escape](https://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/great-escape)

