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Term 2 Week 2 Communication – Thursday 30 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. Our **Athletics Carnival** on Friday was a fantastic day. Thank you to all students who attended. It was terrific to see many parents come along and support the day also. Students had some impressive picnics! Congratulations to Rosa Webb for winning the lucky door prize, which was a \$100 Westfield Voucher. Every student who attended went into the running for the prize. Two Year 12 groups in costume also won some picnic packs filled with treats. See some fantastic photos of the day on the school's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/WinmaleeHighSchool/>

If you missed the Facebook post, here is a list of the records broken this year! Outstanding.

Addison Scott	13 Girls - two records	100m & 200m
Elyse Walker	14 Girls - two records	800m & 1500m
Rosa Webb	13 Girls record	High Jump
Annabella Sciberras	17 Girls record	1500m



On Saturday, a team of 47 students and six staff attended the **Springwood ANZAC Service**. After participating in the march, prefect, Ruby Melville led the reading of a prayer during the service. It was a privilege to be a part of this event, and the support from the entire community is an impressive sight to see. We are proud to be involved, and proud of our students for their service and for giving up their time on their Saturday of the long weekend to represent Winmalee High School and pay their respects at this event.



World's Greatest Shave

World's Greatest Shave – today! Period 4 today, we will gather as a school to support the large team of students being brave enough to shave. This year, we have a record number of students participating. We can't wait to share more about this with you. If you haven't done so already, it is not too late to donate.

<https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/WinmaleeHigh2026>

As a school, we have raised over \$11,000 already!

Each year when we participate in this event, we reflect on those in our lives who have been impacted by cancer, and we know the funds raised contribute to important work and research. As a school, we remember former student **Monique Rimmington**, who would have graduated last year as part of the class of 2025.



Noodle - before and after her 'shave'!

Congratulations to **Year 10 students Abigail Croucher, Annabelle Duck, Lacey Wahl, and Rosie Sieders** on their successful selection for the **2026 Greater Western Sydney Secondary Dance Ensemble**.

This year's selection process was highly competitive, with a large number of talented applicants from across the region. This achievement reflects each student's dedication, skill, and commitment to dance.

Participation in this ensemble aligns with the High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) policy, providing identified high-potential students with opportunities for talent development, extension, and engagement in the creative and performing arts alongside like-minded peers.



TOUCH FOOTBALL SUCCESS AT WHS

We would like to acknowledge the recent success of our Touch Football athletes both in and out of school. Last Friday, we sent eight students to the Sydney West Open Touch Football trials. All students represented the Nepean Zone well and we congratulate Ollie, Seda and Lyla who will compete at the State Championships later this term. Additionally, more than ten Winmalee High students have recently been selected for Sydney Mets teams in Regional competitions. From U14 boys to U20 girls, we congratulate all students who trialled and were selected for these high quality representative teams.

A huge shoutout to Alexa Cranston, Hollie Loudon, Isabel Preval and Madi Posford. These girls recently refereed a touch football K.O. game between Ellison and Faulconbridge Public Schools, representing our school with professionalism and skill.



For our school teams, our Open Boys and Open Girls teams had wins in Round 3 of the Knockout competitions over Penrith and Kingswood, and have now both progressed to the Regional Quarter Finals in Week 4. Trials for Year 7-8 + Yr 9-10 teams are soon.

Congratulations to **Dylan Hough (Year 9)** for his representative softball success recently.

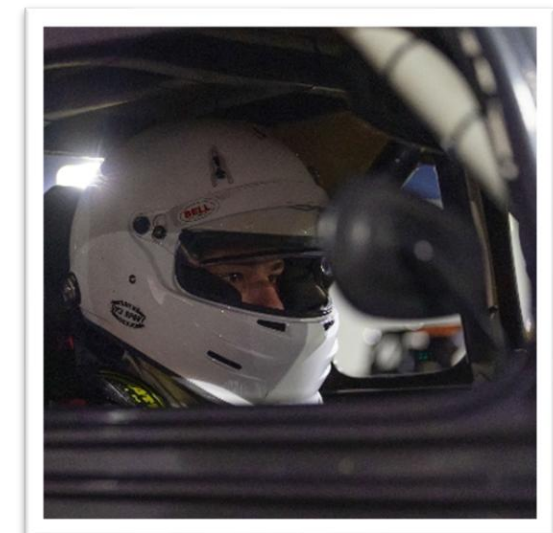
Over the past few months, Dylan has competed and co-captained the U14 NSW Sky team in matches against other states plus Japan and NZ.

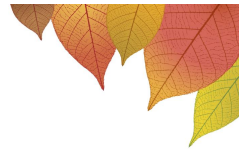
We are very excited to share that Dylan has been selected for the U14 Australian Softball team to compete later in the year.



Last weekend **Joshua Benaud (Year 11)** competed in the AASA Short Track Nationals at Eastern Creek, up against 32 all-age drivers from around Australia. It's one of the fastest circuits in the country, with Josh topping 205km/h down the straight.

He had a great weekend of racing, winning one heat and coming third in the next, before a crash and mechanical failure in the next two heats meant he started back in 11th for the final. He moved up through the field over the 20-lap race, to grab 3rd place as they crossed the finish line, just 1.5 seconds behind the winner.





For the latest student career opportunities please check out our [Careers page](#) and read the latest Careers Bulletin.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School

Careers Bulletin

Term 2, Week 2, 27 April 2026

Opportunities:

What Matters? Writing Competition

Closes 15 May

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in shaping Australia's future, the What Matters? writing competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from Australia. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, What Matters? is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online. Find out more [HERE](#)

STEM + X Webinar: Data Science

20 May

From data to discovery

Science is evidence. Data is proof. Modern science increasingly means big, messy, high-volume digital data, whether you're looking at genomics, astronomy, climate modelling or simulations. Today, data skills are a core scientific tool – not an optional extra. Join this free webinar to hear from data science professionals. Find out more [HERE https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y5XONM6OTVWhE31WdSb4h9](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y5XONM6OTVWhE31WdSb4h9)



Cyber Spotlight

Engineering Quiz!

The 'Careers with Stem' engineering quiz will help you to decide which area of engineering you should study, and put you on your way to an awesome engineering career. Take the quiz [HERE](#)

Little Stories, Big Ideas

Entries Close 17 May

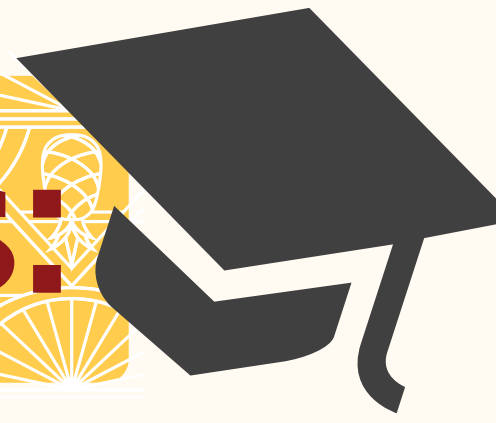
Express Media, in partnership with The Wheeler Centre, is proud to present Little Stories, Big Ideas. Little Stories, Big Ideas is a flash writing competition open to Australian secondary school-aged students across the nation.

This competition's theme is: Shimmer.

Entrants write to a themed prompt in 100 words or less, in any literary style they like. Anything is welcome – prose, poetry, comics, song lyrics, or whatever else you love writing. Entries can include writing for readers of any age.

Entry is free, and winners and runners-up will receive an Express Media membership, Voiceworks subscription, book pack and a masterclass with an author. Winners of each category will also receive a \$250 cash prize. Find out more [HERE](#)

For Seniors:



Creative Careers Expo 2026

1 May - Bookings are now open for Campbelltown Arts Centre's Creative Careers Expo 2026! This free annual event for high school students in Years 9-12 and emerging creatives is a chance to be immersed in the vibrant world of the arts. Enjoy an action-packed schedule of inspiring talks from industry professionals, live music, interactive workshops, and stalls from top tertiary institutions. CAC is proud to partner with leading arts organisations to showcase a wide range of creative fields, including animation, gaming, fashion design, visual arts, music, performance, graphic design, theatre, dance, and more! Find out more [HERE](#)

The University of Sydney Webinar - Study mathematical sciences at Sydney

20 May
Are you a keen mathematician eager to explore the world of mathematics? From computing to data science, statistics to financial mathematics, our new Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences will prepare you to take on novel challenges we have yet to see in this fast-paced, data-driven world. Perhaps you will find the solution to a Millenium Problem or you might help uncover a new Earth-like planet in a nearby galaxy! Find out more [HERE](#)

UNSW Engineering Information Evening 2026

13 May
Start your journey at UNSW Engineering - the #1 ranked Engineering Faculty in Australia, and 25th in the world.* Join us online to hear from current UNSW Engineering students about their experiences and how they've navigated their engineering degrees, offering tips to help make your own journey a rewarding one. Find out more [HERE](#)

Bell Shakespeare Workshop - "What I wish Someone Told me"

In this candid two-hour masterclass, Yue Blake (Mackenzie, FANGIRLS) is here to spill the tea on all the parts of being a theatre-maker that no one really teaches you. For this masterclass, Yue has asked some of our industry's most seasoned artists to tell her what they learned the hard way, so you don't have to. She's also spoken to artistic directors, producers and gatekeepers about their biggest pet peeves when it comes to pitching - so you can understand what they're really thinking. This workshop will tackle everything from how to build healthy collaborations that don't implode - to the best grant-writing tip Yue has ever heard. Practical, candid, and immediately useful, this is for anyone curious about the real-life mechanics of making theatre happen. Find out more and register [HERE](#)

11 May

2026 NIDA Open Day

13 June

Interested in studying at NIDA, or curious about what goes on behind the National Institute of Dramatic Arts? Whether you want to perform on stage or be behind the scenes, you can learn about all NIDA's course offerings, meet alumni and current students, observe classroom activities, check out students' creative work in costume, make-up, design and much more. At Open Day, you'll get a sense of what life at NIDA is really like, and where a future in the dramatic arts can take you. Find out more [HERE](#)