

### Principal's News

It was very pleasing to see the big turn out of parents at the first parent teacher evening of the year. It is important to maintain good communication between school and home in order for students to achieve at their potential.

I have been disturbed by a number of rumours circulating about some of our Windaroo Valley community. We take all issues of student welfare very seriously and sometimes have to deal with students and parents, who have been the subject of malicious gossip. It is perhaps timely to remind the community that spreading such rumours constitutes slander.

I was very impressed by the exemplary behaviour of Windaroo Valley students at the recent Anzac Day ceremonies. It is a pleasure to see our students involved with such activities and to take time to reflect on past and present events.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July the Logan Albert and Beaudesert district is celebrating the launch of ENABLE- an alliance formed between all ten state secondary schools in the district. It is hoped that Windaroo Valley students will be involved in the Multicultural Dance performance, as well as the singing scheduled on the day. This event will take place at the Logan Entertainment Centre.

Any Year 12 students who are interested in studying medicine, dentistry and other health related courses need to check with Mrs King (GO) about sitting the UMAT- the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test.

Students must register early for this test, which is done in July. Sitting this test is a prerequisite for entry into these courses.

Our thoughts are with the Beaudesert SHS school community this week, as they deal with some very tragic events. It is important that the larger educational community draws together to support schools during such times. I have been very proud of the teaching staff at Windaroo Valley, who have willingly taken on extra duties to support this neighbouring school.

**Serena Koskela**  
Acting Principal

### Deputy Principal's News

#### QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST

The Queensland Studies Authority is asking for parents of Year 12 students to nominate for the positions of Chief Community Representative and Community Representative. These positions will act in a supervisory roll for the QCS Test. Parents are requested for these positions to help maintain the department's accountability, security and to ensure the proper conduct of the QCS Test at the test centres.

You would be required to be free for the two days of the test (Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September) and possibly the day before the test starts to be present for the delivery of the papers

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact Graham Ritchie on 3804 2333 by Monday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> May

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# WINDAROO HAPPENINGS

## Deputy Principal's News

With the first cold snap this year, many students have begun to wear cold weather clothing. Parents and carers are reminded that students are required to wear the appropriate winter uniform. Details are as follows:

**Girls' day uniforms:** college grey waisted style slacks, white over blouse with school logo on the pocket and the girls green tie OR green polo shirt with the school logo, bottle green jacket or fleecy jumper with school logo.

**Boys' day uniforms:** college grey tailored trousers or shorts, white shirt with the school logo on the pocket and green boys tie OR green polo shirt with the school logo, bottle green jacket or fleecy jumper with school logo.

**Unisex sports uniform (boys and girls):** bottle green polo shirt, bottle green jacket with school logo and bottle green track pants OR bottle green fleecy jumper with school logo and track pants.

Boys and girls may also wear the bottle green school scarf, which is available from the uniform shop for \$7.00.

Sports uniform must be worn on sports days.

In accordance with workplace health and safety regulations, students are required to wear impervious black or white, fully enclosed, lace-up shoes.

The uniform shop currently has second-hand uniform pieces for sale, from \$5.00 each.

If students are unable to meet the dress code requirements, they are required to bring a note from home outlining their reason.

If students are unable to meet the dress code requirements due to hardship, they are required to bring a note from home outlining their reason and the administration will endeavour to make alternative arrangements.

Failure to follow the school's dress code and processes will result in consequences being applied according to the school's behaviour management policy.

## NAPLAN Testing

All students in year 9 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy tests on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your year 9 student attends school on these days. If, for some unavoidable reason, your child is unable to attend school on any or all these days, please contact the school before 8.30 each morning to advise us. The arrangements for the test are as follows:

Time	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Care	Normal rooms	Normal rooms	Normal rooms
Lesson 1	Language Conventions (45 minutes, 50 questions)	Reading (65 minutes, 8 stimulus and 48 questions)	Numeracy - non-calculator (40 minutes)
Lesson 2	Writing (40 minutes)	Normal lessons	Numeracy - calculator allowed (40 minutes) The numeracy tests will comprise a total of 64 questions)
Lesson 3	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
Lesson 4	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons

Please ensure that your child attends school with the necessary equipment – blue or black pens, HB or 2B pencils, eraser, spare writing paper, calculator (Thursday only), ruler and some work to go on with quietly, if he/she finishes the test early.

The results of these national tests will be advised to the parents/carers and the school and will be measured against all year 9 students across Australia. It is important that the students view this as a serious exercise and perform at their best throughout these three days. We wish all our students success in these important tests.

**Lynne Smith**

Deputy Principal

## REMINDER TO PARENTS & CAREGIVER

If you have any address and telephone number changes, emergency included to make could you please pick up a blue form from the administration office, complete this form and return to the office. This enables us to

# COMMUNITY NEWS



The student leaders of Windaroo Valley SHS attended the Beenleigh commemorative ANZAC Day March on Friday 25 April. Various groups from surrounding schools and organization attended the service, placing wreaths and remembering those who fought for our country. The service was both moving and thought provoking. It gave everyone an opportunity to pay their respects, and realize the sacrifice made by the ANZAC's.

We Will Remember  
Lest We Forget

**Kristen Fuller & Sarah Van Eck**

## **Student Exchange AUSTRALIA**

### **BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER**

In June and July 2008, students, aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2, 3, 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

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Absentee Note**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Id #: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver  
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