Yr9 Home Economics
Creative Textiles

29 April 2013
Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews
Teacher’s are currently completing Term 1 Reports for all students across Years 8—12. They will be posted home on Friday 26 April and Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2013 during Education Week.
I encourage every parent to come and meet with their child’s teachers. An invite and appointment request will be included in the report card envelope.

NAPLAN
Last week all students in Year 9 sat a practice NAPLAN test in numeracy and literacy. The literacy tests included Language Conventions, Writing and Reading. These practice tests are very useful as they help students to prepare for the NAPLAN tests in May. They will know exactly what to expect, what items to bring and how to best help themselves during the tests. They also provide teachers with information about specific concepts that students need continued support with. NAPLAN tests will take place from 14—16 May 2013.

Winter Uniform
With winter approaching the weather is beginning to cool. The school uniform shop has supplies of boys’ and girls’ winter uniform items, including a jumper and long slacks. It is a school expectation that every student is in school uniform and this includes winter. Students will be asked to remove non-uniform items such as alternative jumpers.

Leaving early
Students require a “leave” pass authorised by the office to exit the school ground early. Leave passes will be authorised for legitimate reasons only — driving lessons/tests, shopping, birthdays or visiting family are not legitimate reasons. Students must bring a signed and dated note from home to the office before 8:45am requesting a leave pass. Students can then collect their leave pass from the office at morning tea. The school may contact parents in relation to early departure requests.

Please follow the process above rather than calling or coming into the school throughout the day to request a leave pass as it is not always possible for our office staff to leave the office to collect students from class (exceptions to this are emergencies where we will organise it for you as soon as possible).

Kay Louwrens
Principal

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Bookroom
All students who have paid their Student Resource Hire Scheme are invited to collect their Text Books from the Bookroom in G205 Monday to Thursday before school or during break times.
2013 NAPLAN Test

Information for parents

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests provides information on how Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are performing in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Students will be tested on:
A. Literacy:
   Language conventions - spelling, grammar and punctuation.
   Writing - knowledge and control of written language (Persuasive Writing)
B. Reading - Comprehension.

Students in Year 9 have been involved in activities related to NAPLAN in their English and Maths classes in term one and two. Recently Year 9 students completed practice tests which will be marked and reviewed with students.

NAPLAN test details are:
**Term Two Week 5, Tues 14/5 – Thurs, 16/5 – NAPLAN TEST**
**If any students miss any of the tests they will be required to complete this test on the catch up day which is Friday 17/5.**

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Students will need the following equipment for the test:
Calculator, Eraser, 2B or HB pencil, Pencil sharpener, Blue or black ballpoint Pen (for the Writing test only)

Limited numbers of this material will be provided by the school for student use.

Some recommended websites with further info and practice test materials are:

Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Any queries please contact Jason Hassard on 38042333 or jhass13@eq.edu.au.

WANTED HOMESTAY FAMILIES FOR VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS

20 Students from Japan will be visiting Windaroo Valley State High School from Friday 26th July until Monday 5th August, 2013.

The students will be between the ages of 15-17 and a mixture of boys and girls.

Host families receive $30.00 per night to help with costs.

Host families would need to:
• Provide a safe, clean and adequate sleeping arrangement for the student.
• Three meals a day plus snacks
• Transport to and from school with their host buddy.

Blue Cards are required for any person over 18 living in the home during the student’s visit.

These students will be here to experience the Australian way of life and share with their host families some of their culture.

If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student please contact Heather Kucks (Homestay Co-ordinator) at school either on 38042341 or ask you child to collect an Application Form from D101 (Heather’s Staffroom).

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
Vocational Technology

Manual Arts
The year so far has been very exciting as we introduce new concepts to students as they move up from one year level to the next. Each year level contains its own dimension of extension for students as the degree of difficulty is increased. Industry in Australia is in great need of prepared young people to enter the workforce to take their place and make their mark as professionals throughout a diverse range of trades. Already this year in Manual Arts, it is pleasing to see students taking up the challenge of achievement, in order to enter the world of employment, equipped to succeed.

George Matthews
Manual Arts teacher

Home Economics
During the Christmas holidays, H block received a ‘make-over.’ All rooms were painted and two rooms have new carpet. One of the kitchens (HE08) is currently being remodelled. It will have new stainless steel benches, industrial vinyl floor, and new appliances including a commercial dishwasher, two door refrigerator, wall ovens and bench-top hotplates. A short-throw projector will also be installed. This will result in an excellent learning environment for Home Economics and Food Services classes. Ms Young and Mrs Baker report that all classes are working well and welcome the new Year 8 Home Economics classes. Please see the photos of some excellent work done by Year 9 Home Economics students in their textile unit.

Trade Training Centre
We welcomed Mrs Bernardine Collins to the team at the beginning of the year. She is an excellent, experienced Hospitality Trainer. Many students are enjoying the quality facilities in the Trade Training Centre this year.

The Hospitality Certificate II Program now operates Tuesdays (Year 12) and Thursdays (Year 11). A group of Special Education Program students, including students from Beenleigh Special School are completing a Certificate I in Hospitality. On Wednesday afternoons, a Hospitality Strategic Learning class are completing ‘Follow workplace hygiene procedures.’

All of these students are required to participate in live service to customers. So far these services have included an Industry Reference Group Breakfast (on behalf of Loganlea, Beenleigh and Windaroo Valley State High Schools), the ENABLE Dux Dinner, a variety of meetings held at WVSHS, morning tea after the Year 12 Investiture, an afternoon tea for parents of Special Education students to meet staff, and a number of staff lunches. These are all wonderful occasions as our students are profiled working at industry standard providing hospitality experiences to customers in our school community as well as enhancing our reputation beyond our school.

Certificate II in Hospitality students have just started the unit ‘Prepare and serve espresso coffee.’ I know many staff members are looking forward to coffee deliveries again at morning tea.

The Food Garden is progressing well. Some produce has already been used in the commercial kitchen. Many sustainable practices are underway, including composting and a worm farm.

Janine Silcox
HOD Vocational Technology and Hospitality Trainer
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Windaroo Valley News
Sport this year at Windaroo Valley has started with a flurry of activity with numerous district and regional trials. Our students have participated well in these trials with some students making both the district and regional teams.

The following students have been selected in district teams:

**U18’s Boys Basketball**
- Patrick Ross
- Daniel Osbourne

**U15’s Basketball**
- Kai Wilby
- Callum Tuitua

**U19’s Rugby Union**
- Martel Tomoare—made South Coast Shadow
- Thomas Tomoare

**U18’s Soccer**
- Amy Marsden
- Jessica Hayward

**District Swimming Team**
- Luca Hatton
- Ben Andrews
- Cameron Nelson

**U18’s Girls Basketball**
- Felicity Middis
- Alex Middis

**U19’s Rugby League**
- Jayden Woods—made South Coast Shadow
- Waylon Wood

**U15’s AFL**
- Jarrod Wagner
- Cameron Nelson

**U18’s Volleyball**
- Martel Tomoare
- Thomas Tomoare

**U19’s Softball**
- Sharae Sinclair—made South Coast Team

We have also seen the inclusion of Windaroo Valley back into the Logan District interschool sport for junior and senior sport. This inclusion has meant that our students now are able to face better opposition and play a wider variety of teams. We hope to continue our participation and commitment in all of the district and regional sports as well as interschool sports.

Lastly and just as importantly, Windaroo Valley is holding its annual Cross Country run on the 3rd of May 2013. This year we are running the Adidas Fun Run in conjunction with the event. This means that the students will be asking for donations (which will all be made ONLINE) for them to run. Each student that raises more than $10 is eligible for a prize and goes into the draw with Adidas to win a trip for 4 to Disneyland in America. Your child should have all the details for the event, but if you require more, they can be found at [www.schoolfunrun.com.au](http://www.schoolfunrun.com.au). We hope to raise some money to put back into sport here at Windaroo Valley and upgrade some of our facilities as well as putting in some new equipment such as Rugby League Posts.

Sport at Windaroo Valley is alive and well and we hope that all parents and the community will help us to continue promoting it.

Mr Kerr
Sports Coordinator

**LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!**

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaustralis@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS

Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment. Windaroo Valley SHS is registered as a provider to offer this service to the school community. It is the easy way to ensure your school financial commitments are met.

For further information please contact the Business Services Manager at school, Centrelink, or visit the Centrelink website at www.centrelink.gov.au.

Wendy Hawkins
Business Services Manager

INTERNET BANKING IS HERE

Windaroo Valley SHS is offering you internet banking as an alternative way to pay your school financial commitments. Internet banking is the preferred payment option for all activities. Payments made must be clearly identified to ensure that the correct outstanding invoices are credited against the correct student.

The reference code used must commence with your student’s EQ ID number. (This number is recorded on their Student ID card.) This should be followed by a description of the activity.

For example: Jason Smith, EQ ID No – 1234567893Q is going on the X-Country excursion.

The school account details are as follows:
BSB: 064-401
Branch: Beenleigh, QLD
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account Number: 10078860
Account Name: Windaroo Valley State High School – General Account

As a school we are pleased to offer you this alternative payment method.

Wendy Hawkins
Business Services Manager

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CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE LIST

Girls Dress Uniforms           Boy Dress Uniforms
Skirt (short length) 10—12 $33  Grey Shorts 62cm—117cm $33
Skirt (long length) 10—28 $36  Shirt 12—30 $30
Culottes 8—28 $33
Blouse 6—28 $30

Sports Uniform
Mesh Shorts 10—28 $23
Polo Shirts 10—30 $23
Senior Polo Shirts (Yr11-12) 12—30 $25

Winter Uniform
Unisex Jacket XS—XXXL $55
Girls Grey Slacks 4—26 $27
Unisex Jumper 10—30 $33
Boys Grey Pants 67cm—117cm $40
Microfibre Trackpants XS—XXXL $28

Uniform Shop is open every day from 7:00am—2:00pm
Come in and see our friendly staff

EFTOS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP ALONG WITH CASH.

Our canteen is open for Breakfast everyday from 7:15. Orders can be placed for Morning Tea & Lunch (so no missing out on your favourite food)
Orders may be picked up from the middle counter, with no waiting in lines.