The Arts

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Term 2 has been a very busy term with students being involved in a number of exciting and challenging activities, ranging from camps, excursions, cultural week, athletics, NAPLAN and subject specific learning. Next term looks to be as exciting as students begin the process of selecting subjects for 2014. Term 3 events include Subject Expo, Parent & Teacher Interviews, Year 10 SET Planning interviews, the school musical, and our Japanese student exchange visit and many more activities.

I encourage you to come along to as many of these events as you can to discuss your child’s learning with teachers. Details of upcoming events are on the school website.

**Australian Geography Competition 2013**

Earlier in the year, fourteen of our Geography students competed in the Australian Geography Competition. These students competed alongside 75,000 students from all around Australia. It was a challenging competition and all the students who entered did very well. Congratulations to Emily Jones and Khuong Vu who both achieved a Credit and Caitlin Clark who achieved a Distinction. Well done to all our competitors.

**Arts Competition**

Recently Jody Swader (Art teacher), entered a number of art works by our students, into a competition run by the Logan City Council. The following students were successful in gaining a place at a 3 day Training & Mentoring Program in Visual Art, which will be held at Dreamworld. Bryce Wells, Connie Wade, Imogene Mackey, Krystal Foster, Lily Sunderhauf, Molly Sunderhauf, Tiffany Hartwig, Alisa De Vallance, Lauren Hamilton and Ethan Paech. Congratulations to all, I’m sure this will be a valuable experience.

**Junior Secondary Facilities Upgrade**

We have just completed state of the art facilities upgrade of our junior secondary kitchen and junior secondary classrooms ready for the arrival of Year 7’s in 2015. The classrooms look bright and inviting. Shortly we will be replacing the old dull furniture with modern, bright furniture. The kitchen is state of the art and complements our Trade Training Centre facility for senior students. Both areas will be open for business from the beginning of Term 3.

**SchoolKids Bonus**

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205.00 for each primary student and up to $410.00 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Service by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families **cannot** claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus Payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Congratulations to all students who demonstrated STAR commitment and behaviour this term. Have a well deserved break and we’ll see you all in Term 3.

Kay Louwrens
Principal
Take home laptop program – statewide recall of Acer Aspire 1830

There have been incidents of a ‘cracked case’, where there is a hairline crack near the power button. Acer has provided clarification regarding loose screws on the upper casing of some devices. In some instances, small cracks have appeared on the upper casing plastics surrounding the power button. This is a result of two screws loosening on the lower casing of the notebook, which are easily replaced. Acer investigations have identified this as being related to incorrect length screws in the devices. These incidents are warranty repairs due to a defect in the product.

Warranty process is that Acer will arrange to have the upper casing replaced along with a longer screw. This service will be covered as a warranty repair and NO CHARGE will apply to the school or student.

Acer have informed Windaroo Valley State High School that we will undergo remediation Term 3 2013. I have no specific dates yet. However, it will be necessary to recall all laptops for a period of time. Acer can ‘do’ about 40 laptops per day, so we will need to stockpile the laptops so that Acer can keep working without a break. Logistically it will be challenging to recall 385 laptops for remediation.

At the appointed time it will be necessary for every student to return their laptop to the IT department. There will be some paperwork to fill out and Acer will also do a health check of each laptop whilst they are here. As soon as I get information I will keep students informed at parades and on the notices.

This may be an opportune time to remind students of some basic rules to be followed to ensure reliable device function

**Students are responsible for the care of their device.**

General Precautions:
No food or drink is allowed next to your device while it is in use.
Drinks or other liquids are not to be carried in the same bag as your device
Never remove plugs or cords by tugging at the cable
Cords, cables and other devices are to be inserted and removed carefully

Ensure the battery is fully charged each day

Carrying the Device:
Screens must be closed prior to transporting the device
Devices should always be carried within their protective sleeve
Carry the minimum amount of paperwork in the same carry bag as the device to prevent pressure on the screen

Screen Care:
The screen can be damaged through pressure
Do not poke at the screen
Do not lean on the device when it is closed
Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid
Do not place anything in the carry case that could press against the cover
Clean the screen with a soft dry cloth or anti - static cloth

Phillip Hermitage
Information & Technology
ACE — Athletic Core Extension

2013 started with an increase in our program to 120 students. This is great testament to the program as it is growing in popularity and we are continuing to provide great opportunities for our students at school, district and state levels of competition.

Fitness testing provided a glimpse of the potential of our students and we began working towards the cross country season and building our fitness as we do every year. We finished off the term with our annual Boulevard run.

Term two started our second Boulevard run, which we implemented as a strategy to improve our cross-country results. The school cross country was a success with the ACE students making up the majority of the places in the Windaroo Valley’s cross-country team.

District cross-country carnival was held at Windaroo Bears Rugby Union field and Windaroo Valley had a high presence and results at the carnival. Our Junior teams won the overall trophy and our senior teams placed third. Overall Windaroo Valley placed third in the Pacific District.

20 students were selected to represent the school at the South Coast Regional Cross-Country Championships. Six students were selected to go to the State Championships. This is a growing number and something to work on for the future. A special mention to Duyen Nguyen who placed second in the 13 girls AWD category.

As term two closes, we shift our focus to trying to retain our District Athletics Title for the 14th consecutive year. This will take a focused team effort more than ever as the other schools in our District are looking to end our streak. Our focus for the year is strength in numbers. Numbers at training, competitions and a united group working for the improvements of individuals and the school.

I look forward to term three with anticipation and excitement. Week two on Monday the 15/7 will be our UQ Athletics Enhancement day. Followed the next week by the beginning of our athletics season with the school field events day on Friday the 19/7.

Come on Windaroo 14 in a row!!!!!!

Richard Allen
ACE Coordinator

SEP GOES GREEN

On Friday 10th May, a large group of SEP students and staff had the amazing opportunity to work alongside some staff from the Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre. Steve and Brett assisted us to plant a citrus orchard (25 trees) and a bush tucker garden. They arrived in their ute with its custom built trailer. They provided us with all of the potting mix, mulch, fertiliser, stakes, tools, plants and equipment. They donated a plethora of tools for the students to use in maintaining the garden and added a greenhouse, compost bin and worm farm to the amazing array of items. The students worked very hard and were extremely enthusiastic. Everyone had a great time working in teams and learning about our new plants and how to look after them. The products of these plants will enhance the already wide variety of fresh ingredients we currently grow in the gardens. The fruits of our labour will be utilised in the Trade Training Centre for creating some very fresh and fabulous food.

After everybody finished their hard work we stopped for some fresh banana cake and cordial, with cappuccinos for the teachers. We thanked Steve and Brett and they promised to keep in touch and to some and see how our gardens are progressing.

We look forward to being able to show them what great ‘Green Thumbs’ we have in the SEP.

Debbie McConkey
SEP Co-ordinator
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The next parent teacher interview evening has been arranged for Tuesday 30 July 2013 between 3:20pm and 7:30pm. Interviews will be conducted in the Student Centre and are of ten minutes duration.

This year to co-ordinate the interviews we have employed an online booking system to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times.

The procedure is as follows:

- If you wish to see any of your child’s teachers, you need to secure an appointment time using this system. If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the school office.
- The booking system will only be accessible from Monday 22 July to Monday 29 July. You can access the system through a link on our school website.
- Instructions on using the booking system will be sent home with your child’s report card.

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URGENTLY REQUIRED 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 your child to collect an Application Form from D101 (Heather’s Staffroom).

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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.
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**Sports Uniform**
- Mesh Shorts 10—28 $23
- Polo Shirts 10—30 $24
- Senior Polo Shirts (Yr11-12) 12—30 $25

**Winter Uniform**
- Unisex Jacket XS—XXXL $57
- Unisex Jumper 10—30 $34
- Girls Grey Slacks 4—26 $29
- Boys Grey Pants 67cm—117cm $40
- Microfibre Trackpants XS—XXXL $29

Uniform Shop is open every day from 7:00am—2:00pm
Come in and see our friendly staff
**EFTPOS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Our canteen is open for Breakfast everyday from 7:00. 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.