At the end of Semester 1, students and staff of Windaroo Valley State High School acknowledged five students who demonstrated excellent bookwork throughout the semester. An IPod Touch was awarded to Chloe Fitzgerald (Yr8), Amir Al-Amshawi (Yr9), Thielly Machado (Yr10), Fatima Al-Amshawi (Yr11) and Simone Wagner (Yr12) for their great efforts. To have an opportunity to win prizes, class teachers nominated students and their names were raffled during the end of Semester 1 Whole School Parade.

Windaroo Valley State High School continues to implement the Bookwork Strategy in Semester 2 and students will have another opportunity to win an IPod Touch and other gift vouchers. The Bookwork Strategy aims to not only ensure students have a record of their learning, but also encourage students to take pride in their bookwork, strive to attain the consistently high standards set by teachers and to foster organisational skills. Students can demonstrate the expectations of the Bookwork Strategy by having:

- one Exercise Book per subject
- exercise books that are maintained in good condition and neatly presented
- exercise books labelled with student name, teacher and subject
- a margin drawn on the left side of each page using a red pen and ruler.
- a date in the right hand corner of the page.
- a blue or black pen.
- a meaningful heading which is underlined.
- a line ruled across the page at the completion of each lesson’s work.
- mistakes corrected in an appropriate manner – single line through error (no liquid paper).
- quality detailed notes and classwork.

Students will need to be Ready to Learn and ensure their bookwork demonstrates the expectations set by the Bookwork Strategy so they can be nominated by their teachers. More nominations means more chances to win!

We wish students every success in striving to be STAR students in Semester 2.
Angela Tully-Smith - SWPBS Team
It is with great sadness that I let you know that Mrs Paula Gibson-Draper passed away on the 16th of June 2013. Paula began teaching with the Department of Education in 2002 and at Windaroo Valley State High School in 2004. She was an exceptional teacher of the Arts. Many students and families will remember her work in media subjects. Paula leaves behind a husband and two young children.

**Year 8 enrolments for 2014**

On the 20th of August we will be holding our Year 7 into 8 Information Night and on the 27th of August a Year 8 Enrolment Night for year 7 students intending to enrol at Windaroo Valley State High School in 2014. Please let friends and relatives know about these two important evenings. More information about these evenings is available from the school office.

Kay Louwrens  
Principal

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| Monday 12th of August                                                        | Logan/Beaudesert Show Holiday  
| Tuesday 20th of August                                                       | Year 7 into 8 Information Evening  
| Tuesday 27th of August                                                       | Year 8 Enrolment Night  
| Tuesday 3rd of September—Wednesday 4th of September                         | QCS Test  

**Dental News**

Dental Forms have been issued for Years 10, 11 and 12. We are currently completing their treatment. All consent forms should have been returned by this stage.

Please inform Dental staff (0412 096 664) if you have missed an appointment and are wanting a new time.

**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 Friday before school or during break times
Recently, maths teachers at WVSHS have been involved in some innovative projects around the teaching of Mathematics and Numeracy. Your children may have informed you of our numeracy program “Elementary Maths Mastery” which is working towards improving students’ basic numeracy and mental mathematics. Help in this process could also be provided from home. We are asking parents to encourage the learning of tables, mental mathematics and the use of appropriate mathematical equipment such as rulers, protractors and calculators.

All students will have access to “MathsOnline” (our on line tutoring and homework program). Below is an information sheet explaining all about MathsOnline. I wish to stress the importance of this program. All students will receive regular homework tasks on MathsOnline. As well as this though, it can be used to access maths lessons when students are absent from school. Maths on Line is a terrific learning tool, with easy to understand lessons for students to view. Students can preview new work and consolidate their learning. Lessons can be viewed a number of times, paused and rewound as needed and students can go back to lessons in previous years to fix up gaps in knowledge. A number of parents have reported to me that they have used the program themselves and now understand things about maths they did not understand at school!

Further assistance for students can be gained from accessing “The Learning Place”, Education Queensland’s on line portal. Most teachers will have their own sites for students to access lessons, worksheets and assignment work. In the junior school, there is a Blackboard course available for all students to access the Australian Curriculum lessons as a self-paced learning process.

We have additionally used the guidance of Ralph Pirrozzo, a leading educationalist, to help us design a learning program that caters for student’s individual levels and learning styles. Excellent work on this project has been done by Mrs Eley and Mrs Cooper.

We have been approached by Education Queensland District Office to film some of our classes at work. This is in recognition of the innovative work in Mathematics Education that we have been pioneering here at Windaroo Valley State High School. Two classes have been chosen for this project; 10MAX101A and MAT082G. These classes have been chosen due to the innovative style of teaching being used by Mrs Eley and Mr Doon as well as the excellent progress being made by students in these classes.

Material gathered from this project will be used in the training of other teachers and will be used to improve standards of Mathematics Education in Queensland.

I encourage students to make use of the free tutoring being provided to maths students by the Department. Most mornings Mr Khan and Mr Chandra are in their classrooms before school providing assistance to those students who need it. Every Monday and Thursday maths teachers are in the library from 3.00 – 4.00 pm providing tutoring for all students. This is a great way to get homework tasks completed where they have the services of teachers to assist and provide guidance.

Maths is one of those subjects where there is a strong positive correlation between the amount of effort put in and the quality of results gained. Every student in the junior school should do at least 1 hour extra maths a week rising to at least 2 hours in the senior school.

Please feel free to contact your child’s maths teacher for advice and assistance as needed.

Ramon Doon
Head of Mathematics
MathsOnline

The Windaroo Valley State High School faculty of Mathematics has purchased a school subscription for MathsOnline (www.mathsonline.com.au). Your child’s Maths teacher has given each student a log in and password. MathsOnline was developed by experienced Australian mathematics teachers and is specifically designed for our current curriculum. The program features hundreds of fully animated and narrated relevant Maths lessons with over 15,000 exam-style questions to test a student’s mastery of the curriculum content. It can be accessed at any time of the day from any computer with an internet connection. The feedback in previous years has been very positive from both students and parents and the program has been reintroduced to further enrich the Mathematics experienced by Windaroo Valley State High students. Having seen many similar programs, in our opinion, MathsOnline is by far the most appropriate and best tailored for our students needs.

Benefits
- Gives student the freedom to study without stress, at home, in their own time, at their own pace.
- Parents can work with their children on “virtual lessons”.
- Students can catch up on missed lessons or concepts they have not fully understood.
- Because maths concepts build upon each other, sometimes it’s necessary for students to go back and revise a particular concept before moving on to a new topic, this can be done as every student has access to the entire Year 7 to 12 program curriculum.
- Students can preview lessons at home before they take them at school.
- Students can gain understanding and confidence especially in areas where they have previously struggled.
- Students can complete the worksheets to test their understanding. All of their results are recorded so that their progress can easily be seen.
- Above all, it works!

Suggestions for parents
MathsOnline provides an opportunity for a parent’s to be involved in their child’s learning. To do this you can sign up for a Parent’s Report. The Parent Report is generated by the MathsOnline system and is sent weekly to registered parents. The report includes a log of the student’s activity on MathsOnline during the preceding week, details of homework tasks that have recently fallen due, and the homework tasks, if any, that are upcoming. To access the report, log on with your child’s log in and password and click the “Parent’s Area” tab. On this page you can request a weekly e-mail report on your child’s progress and/or a regular newsletter for parents. You can also track the overall progress of the student using the “Reports” tab. Classroom teachers will occasionally set specific tasks which will appear when a student has logged on. I hope that you will find this program beneficial. Please feel free to ask me or your child’s maths teacher if you have any further questions.

Parents can check on their child’s progress at any stage.
Simply go to “Parents login” on the web page, Choose option 2 and enter your child’s login and password.
If you wish to receive a regular weekly report you can choose this option as well.
Remember to supply the email address from which you wish to receive reports.

Ramon Doon
Head of Mathematics
A 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.

The 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**
**UNIFORM SHOP
PRICE LIST**

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**Sports Uniform**
- Mesh Shorts 10—28 $24
- Polo Shirts 10—30 $25
- Senior Polo Shirts (Yr11-12) 12—30 $26

**Winter Uniform**
- Unisex Jacket XS—XXXL $57
- Girls Grey Slacks 4—26 $30
- Microfibre Trackpants XS—XXXL $30
- Unisex Jumper 10—30 $35
- Boys Grey Pants 67cm—117cm $40
- Scarves $9

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.