The end of school year may be fast approaching but for the HPE department things are at their busiest. For the Senior Physical Education students verification of their folios of work from the year have just taken place, with 100% of students passing and from that 76% being awarded a high achievement or better.

Meanwhile in junior HPE students are busy learning the basics of anatomy and physiology, nutrition and the skills of volleyball, lacrosse and a variety of indigenous games from Australia and around the world.

Recently the year 11 Marine and Aquatic Practices students took to the water in a fleet of 10 tinnies across the Gold Coast Broadwater to Stradbroke Island to gain their recreational marine drivers license. The camp is a 4 day 3 night adventure where students participate in activities such as boating, camping, fishing, nature and biology study of South Stradbroke Island (one of the great natural beauty’s right here in our own back yard). Back at school the Year 12 students have been studying the local seafood industry and are busy preparing their favorite seafood dishes for a marine style cook off.

I know its been said many times before but how good is our Athletics team; 14 years in a row district champions, 52 students qualifying for regionals and 19 students qualifying for the state finals, which is the 3rd highest number of students from all schools in the south coast region. Fantastic job from the ACE team at Windaroo Valley with a big congratulations to Richard Allan, Sonia Weatherley and Emma Draisey for the dedication and hard work they put into these students and the athletics program.

Lastly the annual school Sports Awards is fast approaching on Thursday 31st October. It is a fantastic evening that celebrates the great sporting successes of our students throughout the year. Who will be sportsman and sportswoman for 2013? This year Commonwealth and Olympic games hopeful and currently the best Marathon runner in Australia Michael Shelly, will join us as our guest speaker to share some of his secrets to success. So if you haven’t already, head to staffroom A to collect your tickets and celebrate with the HPE department.

Cameron Puddey
HOD HPE/SPORT & MARINE
World Teachers’ Day
Friday the 25th of October was World Teachers’ Day. This occasion provides an opportunity for students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for teachers who inspire young people to lead successful and productive lives. Morning tea was provided for our teachers on Friday to help celebrate their contribution to our school.

Term 4 Celebrations
Term 4 is an exciting time in our school calendar in which we celebrate the high level achievements of our students throughout the year. These celebrations take place in the form of the Sports Awards Night and the Awards Presentation Evening.

Sports Awards Night: Thursday 31st of October
Windaroo Valley State High School - Gym
6:45pm - 8:45pm
Light refreshments provided at 6pm

Awards Presentation Evening: Wednesday 6th of November
Mt Warren Park State School Hall
6:00pm - 9pm
2014 Student Leaders will also be presented to the school community at this occasion.

All parents and students are invited to these events and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Year 12 Students
In only a few short weeks it will be time to say goodbye to our Year 12 cohort. Before that last day arrives, some important events will be happening including the Formal (14/11) and the 2013 Year 12 Leaving Ceremony (13/11). The Year 12 Formal is by invitation only and those students who are unsure if they meet the criteria for an invitation should see Mr Norrie as soon as possible. The 2013 Year 12 Leaving Ceremony will be held in the Hall at the Mt Warren Park State School, more information will be sent home closer to the event. Students must return all school resources by the 1st of November and complete all assessments by the due date in order to participate in the Year 12 Leaving Ceremony.

Kay Louwrens
Principal

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RNA Show competition results
Senior Science students have finished Term 3 strongly. Year 12 Chemistry students were recognized by Logan council for their contribution to the Student Wine section of the RNA show. Windaroo Valley State High school senior chemistry students won the white class. They placed third in the white class as well. Also Assistant Winemakers Ben Andrews, Kai Barnes, Aled Charles, Kendra Clark, Peta Clifford, Cassie Buchbach, Joe Dorsamy, Ryan Farmer, Nick Kent, Imogene Mackey, Shane Lagrand, Jack Pinnow and Rebecca Tucker have managed a silver and bronze in the red class.

STEM Conference
Middle School Science students also excelled. At an inspirational STEM conference students celebrated research in water quality. Sophie Austerberry, Ellie Smith, Sharleah Hay and Monique Koina showcased their investigations at the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences. An effervescent thank you to Mrs Williamson for her dedication to helping the young scientists in their work for Let’s Go H₂O.

Their research involved the effects on plants with excessive concentrations of elements like Copper in the soil. Primary data was generated to demonstrate that the ecosystem is in delicate balance. This balance requires persistent care and maintenance. Sophie placed a close second in the individual environmental award research. Ellie, Sharleah and Monique also placed a second by one point in the working scientifically team competition.

The students of Windaroo Valley State High School are proudly setting a stable foundation as a platform for even stronger performances in Science competitions in 2014. Congratulations to all the Science students and staff involved this year. Best of luck next year!
Rod Earl HOD Science
Finance and Student Resources

As the year is coming to an end it is important that all resource scheme, subject fees, excursions and any other outstanding monies are finalized by Thursday the 5th of December. Also if you have not returned your Student Resource Participation Scheme forms for 2014 please do so by Thursday the 5th of December.

All student Resources will need to be returned before the end of the school year.

Year 12 - no later than the 1st of November 2013
Year 10 and 11 - no later than the 22nd of November 2013
Year 8 and 9 - no later than the 4th of December 2013

Invoices will be sent home to parents for the cost of any resources not returned to the school by the due date.

Uniform Shop Hours for January 2014

It will soon be time to consider your uniform needs for next year. The Uniform shop is open for your convenience during the January school holidays at the following times:

**Monday 20th of January 2014 - Friday 24th of January**
**Opening Hours - 8:00am to 2:30pm daily**

Back to School - 2014

The school currently has an arrangement with the School Locker located at Loganholme which gives parents the option of a one stop shop for all back to school needs. This includes uniforms, stationery and musical instrument needs. All purchases raise money for the school. The School Locker is located at the Harvey Norman Centre, 3892 Pacific Highway, Loganholme.

**School Locker Trading Hours:**
Monday 9am - 5:30pm
Tuesday 9am - 5:30pm
Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm
Thursday 9am - 9:00pm
Friday 9am - 5:30pm
Saturday 9am - 5:00pm
Sunday 10am - 4:00pm

Working Bee

The Working Bee scheduled for the 2nd of November has been postponed until Term 1 of 2014. Working Bees are a great opportunity to meet other parents in the school community as well as helping to make our school the best that it can be. Working Bees are held during each Term so please consider lending a hand next year.
On the last day of Term 3, 8G celebrated finishing their Term 3 exam on Polynesian Expansion throughout their history, by having a Polynesian lunch and doing some team building exercises.

We had learnt that the Polynesian triangle sits at the heart of the Pacific Ocean and the settlement of this region was one of the greatest epics in human migration. We explored the origins, seafaring and cultural development of the Polynesians.

We learnt that all Polynesian groups enjoyed certain foods – taro, sweet potato, chicken, pork, fish, and coconut. Everyone researched Polynesian recipes and selected a meal to contribute to our table. We really enjoyed the food. Thanks to everyone. Some students chose to dress in bright prints and get in the mood. We also played a series of team building games, such as Chicken, Wild West and Kungfu. These required focus, concentration and a good sense of humour. These were ably led by Chappy Jono. We had so much fun!
Windaroo Valley State High School was established in 1994 and has provided quality education in the Beenleigh area for more than nineteen years.

**Technology Excellence:** Dual computer operating platforms—Macintosh and Windows. 1 to 1 Laptop Program

**Academic Excellence:** A history of being the best performing academic state school in the Logan area for Year 12 results.

**Gifted and Talented Programs:** Academic Excellence in the Junior School. Debating Finalists since 2010. Year 12 Academic Mentoring Program. $1.5 million Science Centre.

**Sporting Excellence:** Winner of District Athletics trophy thirteen years in a row. 2012 Pacific District X Country Champions. ACE (Athletics Excellence Program) in all year levels. Rugby League, Cheerleading Squads, Touch Football/Basketball Premiers.

**Extensive Arts Programs:** Music extension, Musicals, Performances, Recitals, Glee Club, and Instrumental music.

**VET Excellence:** We offer an extensive array of school based traineeships/apprenticeships and alternative education opportunities including Certificate Three.

**Arts Excellence:** Logan Art Waves winner—2012. GOMA State Winners 2012. Logan Film and TV competition winner - 2012.

### Upcoming Events

**2014 Enrolments**
If you are interested in enrolling your child for 2014 please contact the Administration team on ph: 3804 2333.

**Year 7 to 8 Orientation Day**
Tuesday 10th of December from 9:00am - 2:50pm
at Windaroo Valley SHS
Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition and TAFE or apprenticeship costs.

This year, the Benevolent Society celebrates 10 years of empowering Australians to save and build their financial confidence through Saver Plus. Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running financial education and matched savings program, with more than 20,000 participants to date.

Saver Plus is a free program that requires participants to set a savings goal, save up to $25 a fortnight and attend financial education workshops. When participants reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ provides dollar-for-dollar matched funds, up to $500, for the participants nominated educational costs.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

The Benevolent Society delivers the Saver Plus program in the North Gold Coast. To find out more contact your local Saver Plus Worker Sylvia Constantin on 07 5644 9182 or email sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

OR

For more information on Saver Plus call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, email saverplus@bsl.org.au or visit Benevolent Society Saver Plus website www.benevolent.org.au
**Statewide recall of Acer Aspire 1830**

Acer has informed Windaroo Valley State High School that we will undergo remediation in Term 4 2013. Acer has indicated that this will occur in November. 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 paperwork to fill out and Acer will also do a health check of each laptop whilst they are here. Students will be kept informed at parades, on the notices and parents will be informed via the school website.

Students are responsible for the care of their device.

There have been cases where damage has occurred and a claim has been rejected by Acer and Education Queensland (EQ). e.g. EQ have stated that the keyboards have been rigorously tested and that keys do not fall off and any claim for this will be rejected. It is important, therefore, that students take good care of their notebooks otherwise excess charges will be incurred for accidental damage as per the Student Notebook Charter.

**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. Do NOT plug the charger in across a walkway. 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. Do not pick the laptop up by the screen.

Phillip Hermitage
Information & Technology

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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 Friday before school or during break times.
### UNIFORM SHOP
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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.

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**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](http://www.centrelink.gov.au).

**Wendy Hawkins**
Business Services Manager

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**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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