Term 4 is always a very busy and very exciting time of year. On the 1st November we acknowledged the achievements of our sports men and women. We were very fortunate to have Ms Jane Moran, the bronze medallist at the London Olympic Games for water polo as our guest speaker. She inspired us with her talk about the challenges she had tackled in becoming an elite athlete.

On 7 November, at our Academic Excellence Awards Night, we recognised and celebrated the academic, cultural and citizenship achievements of our students. We also introduced a new STAR award which recognised students who have consistently demonstrated Safe, Timely, Active and Respectful behaviour throughout 2012. The 2013 student leadership team was also announced. Congratulations to the following students:

Captains
Aled Charles
Tiffany Hartwig

Vice Captains
Jack Pinnow
Montannah Chabau-Gibson

Cultural Captain
Imogene Mackey

Sport Captains
Peta Clifford
Brittany Moore

Student Leaders
Year 12
Courtney Richardson

Year 11
Justis Vercoe
Kate De Silva

Year 10
Tiarne Robinson
Jesse Hartwig

Year 9
Kendra Clark
Cloey Brackin

Year 8
Emily-Rose Jameson
Tess Gillham

Last week saw us saying goodbye to our Year 12s. They celebrated their 12 years of schooling in two special events, the Year 12 Formal and the Year 12 Graduation. I wish our Year 12s prosperous years ahead as they begin their next phase of life.

Kay Louwrens
Principal

Finance Team

Finalisation of School Accounts
Could we please ask that student resource scheme, subject fees, excursions and any other outstanding monies be paid in full by Friday 6 December. This is important as some 2013 subjects have an additional cost to cover essential materials. Acceptance into these subjects will be dependent on up to date payment of previous fees and other costs.

If you haven’t returned your 2013 Student Resource Participation Scheme Form please do so by Friday 14 December.

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SPORTS REPORT

2012 was a massive year for sport with the London Olympics taking centre stage. However future Olympians displayed some equally impressive performances as the students of Windaroo Valley State High School took to the pool, track, field or whatever surface they were playing on. This year a record number of students participated across our 3 major carnivals; Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. The spoils were shared across the three of the four houses, however it was Fraser who took out the title of overall house champions. As usual Windaroo Valley had a large contingent of representatives at the district, regional, state and national level. A special mention needs to go to Kellie Patterson in Year 12 who was selected in the Australian Softball team and to the Athletics team who for the 13th year in a row won the district carnival.

Windaroo Valley dominated our district in the Championship Day held throughout the year with 13 district premier teams. Congratulations to the Girls Year 8, 9 10 and Open Touch Teams, boys Year 9, 10 and Open Rugby League Teams, Boys Year 8, 9 and Open Rugby 7’s Teams, Open Boys Basketball, Girls Open Netball Teams and Boys Open Touch Teams. The Girls Open Netball, Boys Open Touch, Year 9 and 10 Rugby League Teams all qualified for the metro finals and were made it through to the second round.

As always get active, stay active.

Some of our teams also showed success in statewide school tournaments including Open Netball in the Vicky Wilson Cup, Open Basketball in the Champion School of QLD Tournament and our junior girls, junior boys and open mixed touch teams in the All School Tournament.

To round the year off the annual sports awards was held on the 1st of November in the school gym. The above mentioned highlights of 2012 were celebrated, as well as the student’s individual efforts both at school and extra curricular sporting pursuits. The coaching staff at Windaroo Valley State High School for the efforts above and beyond their normal routine were also congratulated. This year we were lucky to also have bronze medal winning Olympian Jane Moran from the Australian waterpolo team to inspire and celebrate the students success.

Mr Puddey
Sports Coordinator

HPE/MARINE

Students have been working hard towards the end of their studies for 2012. Athletics season is drawing to a close and Windaroo Valley has excelled again with not only being the 2012 district champions in Cross Country but also Athletics for the 13th consecutive year. A big congratulations needs to go out to all the students and staff who have made this possible.

Year 11 Marine students have completed their boating camp and all those who completed the 5 day camp were successful in passing the practical component of their boating licence. In the coming weeks they will be involved in the final part which will see them obtaining their Recreational Marine Drivers Licence for Qld.

Year 12 Marine students have been quietly growing “Jade Perch” for the past 6 months and when they started the fish measured 3 – 5 cm. There has been some loss due to natural attrition and equipment failure but those that are still swimming on measure in at around 28cm.

A busy but fun time for all in the past, present and future.

Miles Karipa
Head of Department
Health Physical Education
ATHLETICS

Athletics season was kicked off at Windaroo Valley’s annual Athletics Carnival. It was a great day with many school records broken and a great number of students participating. Each year the carnival just gets better and better. Following the carnival emphasis then shifted to the representative track and field season and many improvements have been made due to the increased participation of after school training.

2012 has been one of the most successful years in present history for the ACE program. This year Windaroo Valley was successful in winning both the District Cross Country and athletic titles, a feat which has not been matched for over 7 years at the school. Along with these achievements was the impressive 13th consecutive district athletics title which the ACE program and the whole school continue to rally around each year.

To top it off for the year, Windaroo Valley had 13 students competing at the State Athletics Championships in October. This number is a direct reflection of the depth of talent and emphasis which has been placed on overall development of the ACE program. Well done to all the students in 2012 what a successful year.

Onwards and upwards to 2013!
Yours in Sport
Mr Richard Allan

CAPTAIN GREEN

Recently Windaroo Valley State High School acquired a school mascot. His name is Captain Green and his uniform has a remarkable resemblance to the Green Lantern. Captain Green is a superhero who influences others to display their STAR qualities:

Be Safe
Be Timely
Be Active
Be Respectful

His introduction is part of our Being Green strategy. Being Green at Windaroo Valley is about being a positive member of the school community. Captain Green is involved in most school activities e.g. Full School Parades, School Sporting Carnivals, Playground and Classroom visits.
There has particularly been a focus on improving the amount of litter in the playground.
Captain Green rewards students who are “Being Green”. Captain Green’s identity is a secret and he has proved to be a very popular addition to the Windaroo Valley community with both students and staff.

Jason Hassard
Deputy Principal
jhass13@eq.edu.au
YEAR 10 & 11 EXAM BLOCK
Our Year 10 and 11 students will be entering into their Exam Block soon. The dates for this are Monday the 29th November through to Friday the 30th November. All students will have the chance to view the draft timetable for this during their Care class. During their Care class every student needs to check to ensure that there are no clashes or errors for them. All concerns must be passed onto their Care teacher to forward feedback on to myself (Graham Ritchie), to make any necessary adjustments. Copies of the draft will also be posted onto each of the notice boards around the school. It is very important that every student takes this opportunity to check thoroughly.

Students will be expected to attend school only when they have exams or timetabled VET Sessions.

Students will be expected to attend in full school uniform as if it were any other normal school day. Normal out of school uniform procedures will occur.

If a student is absent for any item of assessment then they are required by the QSA (Qld Studies Authority) to supply a medical certificate justifying their absence.

Any breach of Exam conditions during this time could lead to the cancellation of their Exam.

Graham Ritchie
Deputy Principal

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*Full day sessions do not run during breaks*

*Thursday and Friday are still blocked for exams/vet, to chase up students who have missed assessment.*

*Students will not attend unless contacted by staff for catch up of assessment.*
The last semester has been busy and rewarding for our department. The Home Economics building has been freshly painted on the outside and looks great. We have had an equipment upgrade with the purchase of new computerised sewing machines. To finish the year, we are planning a revamp to our kitchen facilities.

The year 12 Hospitality students have completed their two year program of study with the production of formal iced cakes. Some amazing and creative work has been witnessed. Year 10 Food Services classes have studied the take-away food industry and recently presented creative noodle dishes for their assessment. Our term 4 cohort of year 8 students are keenly completing a practical sewing task with the making of a pillowcase. The year 9 Home Economics students have been displaying their creative abilities by embellishing a plain or unloved item of clothing. Tie dye and marbling effects have been used to refresh tired fashions. The grade 9 Food Service class have demonstrated high standards of food production and presentation with production of fajitas and omelettes.

Trade Training Centre

‘Valley View’ is now an established venue that is used by a variety of staff and students at Windaroo Valley SHS. The year 11 Hospitality Certificate Program students have prepared and served many lunches to staff, made and delivered countless coffees, sold hundreds of refreshing milkshakes to staff and students and prepared and served great food and beverage menus for a number of functions. These have included the high profile ENABLE Dux Dinner, a Beenleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce breakfast, lunch for ENABLE Music HODs, Breakfast for ENABLE deputy principals, High Tea for the WVSHS Girls’ Group and more recently a High Tea to celebrate the success of the Shine program.

Many staff have taken advantage of the catering available, the air conditioning and the pleasant space to run a variety of professional development sessions for groups of teachers.

For the students completing Certificate II in Hospitality and Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations), the ‘Futures in Food’ Trade training Centre is a great facility to have on our campus. The commercial kitchen and the restaurant and bar of ‘Valley View’ have enabled the students to train in an industry standard environment. The students are required to complete at least twelve service periods each and to develop competence in specific skills, so we are grateful that the school community have been willing customers to dine in and to buy take-away coffees and milkshakes. As the program grows, we are hoping to provide many more similar experiences to staff, students and community members.

The Food Garden

The food garden, planted under the guidance of Ms Knorre and Mr Waddell, has been a most useful project this year. Beautiful mixed salad leaves have been used in the Valley View Restaurant for sandwiches and salads. Produce is also available for purchase by staff.

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Construction classes have been able to enhance our school environment with the completion of a number of projects around the grounds. They have put down pavers and concrete, repaired sections of our undercover walkways, and restored cupboards in the senior workshop. The Arts Department have benefited from the manufacture of lockable storage cupboards for laptops and display pedestals for student work.

Individual student projects have included tool boxes and saw horses in year 11. Year 12 students have worked on scaled house models to learn framing, bracing and cladding skills.

Kym Whyte
HOD of Vocational Education
SCIENCEWORLD

The Science students at Windaroo Valley State High School in 2012 have reaped the benefits of the $1.5 million refurbishment. The Science Centre of Innovation, Technology and Excellence has allowed the students and staff to use spaces such as the Basepoint for dissections and demonstrations, the Creativity Pod for debates, fierce conversations and group work and the café style work benches to complete assignments in a relaxed atmosphere.

A warm gesture of gratitude and appreciation is due for the staff and their efforts during a challenging year. All staff have offered their expertise to embalm the students in engaging experiences and quality education throughout the year. The Science staff at Windaroo Valley State High School have gone to great lengths to ensure that students have every opportunity for success and benefit from their time in the laboratories. Students are developing knowledge, understanding and skills to analyse, justify, compare, evaluate and conclude discussions and maintain effective interaction with others on relevant matters to the sustainability of their world. A special congratulations to Mrs. Court for the future addition to the family.

The staff and students have benefited from the Smart Boards interactive learning opportunities and the format of the classrooms allowing for varied group work and interaction. Edstudio and The Learning Place have become useful tools to allow students to engage with challenges and complete assignments fully equipped whether at home or at school. The storage in each laboratory has allowed students to keep their extended experimental works in progress secure.

The Senior Chemistry students have won the Best Red Wine at The RNA for the third year in a row. Students also won Best White Wine and Best Student in 2012. The year 12 students are an extraordinary cohort and no doubt are destined for great achievements in the future.

The students study the context of wine as a platform to practice altering pH, investigate reduction-oxidation reactions and equilibrium in a real-world environment. The students make their own wine manipulating variables to construct the components of a competitive product. It is tasted by several notable Australian wine experts and awarded points according to quality colour, smell and taste.

Our wine experts included Toby Allard-Delahunt, Akshay Balia, Ashleigh Birch, Joshua Morris, Sean Malone, James Kelly, Natalie Davison, Chris Osborne, Hayden Vanderkruk, Dean Wilson, Chaise Davis, Courtney Henderson and Vince Buendicho.

The Physics students have competed well in the Rotary and Griffith University Science and Engineering Challenge. The challenge involves an array of problem solving activities based on 21st century issues and current dilemmas like energy and sustainability. The Windaroo Valley State High School students team placed fourth overall with placings in several individual activities.

The Biology students conducted research at Jacob’s Well during a camp. The students analysed the ecosystem. Experiments and discussions were conducted to determine the place of various elements in the food web and to hypothesise the outcome if sustainability was compromised.

The Science Club has been wonderful in 2012. Once again a very heart felt thank you and congratulations to Mrs. Rummins and her enthusiastic craze of scientists performing cutting edge experiments such as hokey pokey, ethanol and water reactions, fluro-fluid and the occasional pyrotechnics to illuminate the landscape with scientific panache.

Scientifically yours
Mr Rod Earl
Head of Science
SOCIAL SCIENCE
Year 8 SOSE
Year 8 SOSE students have been very busy this term. They are learning about the Australian legal system, how our courts operate, and role of the police. Many of our students have developed a desire to join the legal system, as they have gained a better understanding of how it works. It is a great pleasure to see our students debating about what is right and what is wrong, and how to protect their rights to make our society friendlier.

There is a test coming very soon, and it will be completed at the beginning of Week 8 (Monday 26 November). Good luck!

T. Arroyo

Year 9 History
This term the Year 9 students have been busy learning about the Vikings and the impact they had on Europe for over 300 years. We have learnt about the Vikings raids, Vikings Longships and life in Viking communities. This is an important term for Year 9 History students as they undertake their major assessment item for the year - an ICT Generated History Research Assignment. We are pleased to inform parents that the Year 9 History assignment guide can now be accessed via The Learning Place. So no more lost task sheets! Also all Windaroo Valley State High students have access to Big Chalk and World Book Online using the passwords listed below. Big Chalk and World Book Online allow students to access quality primary and secondary resources – great for History assignments! Parents please ask you child to show you how to access the websites listed above. All assignments are due in Week 10 (last week of term). Final due dates will vary between classes. Please check with your child’s teacher.

Amanda Pereira

Year 10 Geography
The 10 Geography class is working hard as we draw towards the end of the year. They have improved their practical skills, analytical processes and knowledge and have just completed their final Short Response Test for the year last week. They are currently enjoying their ‘Settlements’ unit and are continually amazed at the different types and locations of settlements throughout the globe. With only one Practical Skills exam left, scheduled for Wednesday 28 November, I am confident the year tens will move into year eleven with a great knowledge and skills base that will see them well equipped to cope with year 11 and 12.

Year 10 History
With the Federal Governments recent commissioning of a White Paper on “Australia in the Asian Century” the significance of this terms unit China: from the Ancient World to the last Emperor is more pertinent than ever. Just as last century was the American century and the 19th century was the British century, it is predicted that the Asian region could account for over half of global output by the middle of this century.

It also seems that the year ten students have all tapped into the relevance of this topic, as all teachers saw a large number of strong performances in the mid-term test.

The final piece of history assessment for all of the year ten cohort is a written response exam which is to be held on Wednesday the 28th of November starting at 1 15pm. All classes will be in revision mode next week which is a great opportunity for students to cement the knowledge they have acquired this term and capitalize on the great achievements made on the mid-term test.

Matt Karatau.

11 Ancient History
This term the Year 11 students have been busy learning about ancient societies and the impact that geography had on their development. We have considered the Nile River in Egypt and the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers in Mesopotamia. This is an important term for Year 11 Ancient History students as they complete their final assessment task for the year – Multimodal Presentation.

We are pleased to inform parents that all relevant study materials for the task can be accessed electronically via The Learning Place. This is great for students who may miss lessons or need additional assistance at home. Also all Windaroo Valley State High students have access to Big Chalk and World Book Online using the passwords listed below. Big Chalk and World Book Online allow students to access quality primary and secondary resources to assist them with their research. Additionally, the Ancient History students were encouraged to join the Logan City Council Library this term to gain access to their online databases. There are great resources available through the Council Library for all subject areas. Accessing quality research materials is particularly important for the senior years.

All Ancient History students are expected to attend school on Wednesday 28th November 2012 to present their assignments. Each student has been allocated a timeslot on the day.

Amanda Pereira
Social Science

Year 11 Geography
The Year Eleven Geography students have been developing empathy for those less fortunate than themselves with their study topics of Feeding the World’s People and Geography of Disease. They have all learned and appreciate the distinct advantages they have living in a country like Australia. Many have been both surprised and saddened at the situations that those of a similar age or younger face every day in many parts of the developing world. That being said, they also understand the importance of acknowledging these conditions and the importance of the developed world in providing aid and support.

The class sits their final assessment piece on Wednesday 28 November, during the EXAM BLOCK. Attendance on this day is compulsory.
I wish my students the best of luck for their exams and encourage them to take every advantage of the preparation lessons and tutorials offered beforehand.
Melissa McArthur

Year 11 Modern History ROADMAP TO PEACE …….. OR ROADBLOCK
This term, Year 11 Modern History students have been studying the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. This is very topical, as current events in that region are most disconcerting. Students are currently researching a related topic of interest, in preparation for next Tuesday’s (27th November) Multi-Modal Assessment Presentations (minimum 8 minutes in length).
S. Harmer

12 Ancient History “When the student is ready, the teacher will come”
Year 12 Ancient History spent their last term pondering the philosophical teachings and lessons of Lao Tsu, Confucius, Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, in our very popular Studies of Philosophy unit. Students enjoy this unit as it is not ‘set in concrete’ like the previous topics studied and allows them to share their own viewpoints and examine how it is they really see the world. Students worked extremely hard to maximise their results and their efforts were rewarded.

11 and 12 Social and Community Studies
This semester senior students have been broadening their understanding of ethical consumerism and the role of the community in maintaining a sustainable environment. Students have researched Fair Trade, animal testing and Australian made codes to ensure their buying decisions are smart decisions. Their research culminated in the development of an Information Brochure at the end of Term 3. Students have concluded the year with an Environmental Action Plan on the school’s local creek environment.

Angela Tully-Smith Melissa McArthur Emma Jackson

Year 12 Geography
This Semester the Grade 12 Geography students completed units on Sustaining Communities and Connecting People and Places. These units examine how cities can be planned and developed to provide both environmental sustainability and economic sustainability. The students gained an understanding of the variety and complexity of communities ranging from small rural settlements to large megacities throughout the world. The students also completed a case study on Inner City Brisbane and attended an excursion to Newstead. On the excursion they collected a variety of data in order to decide how a vacant block of land in Newstead should be developed to meet the needs of the community both now and in the future. The students completed excellent Field Reports and were congratulated by the Principal of the Urban Environmental Education Centre, Keith Enchelman, for their dedication, participation and behaviour on the field excursion.
I would personally like to congratulate the Year 12 Geography students on their excellent results and I wish them the best of luck for the future.
Elizabeth Nicolson

Year 12 Modern History
The graduating Year 12 Modern History students completed their final unit of study last week. Through the theme, ‘History and The Global Perspective’, students investigated the current ‘War on Terror’ in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the 9/11 attacks. Their resultant essays offered insightful views on this topic.

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate this class on their hard work and dedication displayed over the last 2 years, and congratulate them on achieving a 100% pass rate. Many are going onto University studies next year (including 5 entering teaching courses!), others to TAFE training or the workforce. All have carried forward the fine academic traditions that the WVSHS Social Science Department has fostered over the past decade.
Sean Harmer
Head of Social Science
10Gs Locked in the Library Night
On Friday the 16th of November, Year 10G had a ‘Locked in the Library night’, that involved the class sleeping over in the library. Students of the class brought along food to supplement dinner and set up a variety of activities. The boys - Eres Ryder, Scotty Raine, Aidan Stubbs and Isaac Hamon-O’Brien, organised the first activity – a game of touch footy, that we all got involved in. The only thing is, the boys didn’t organise who would bring the ball and, therefore, had to ask Mr Hassard to organise one from HPE. We made a camp fire with the help of Randell Waddell, who taught us the right way to set a fire up for success. Around our fire we roasted marshmallows, baked alfoil potatoes, cooked damper in a camp-oven, sang Christmas carols, and played spotlight. That was lots of fun. The adults had to try and find the students in the Spotlight game, and everyone scattered around the grounds. The students were victorious in the end, with Mr Hassard having to admit defeat. That’s hard for him to do!

Our Secret Santa around the campfire was hilarious, with many inventive and creative gifts. Eres looked great in his size 16 exercise bra, and Ethan got exactly what he asked for on his wishlist – “something with sugar in it”. Ripping open his gift from Santa, he found an empty box with something with sugar written in sugar. However, he did receive some chocolate later as well. The girls were all really happy with their Secret Santas.

Jason Hassard and Brian Kucks cooked sausages for dinner, and Heather Kucks and Mrs K helped with the preparations. The rest of us set up the table with utensils and Christmas regalia. Then we all sat down and ate together. Playing the Playstation 3 and watching Star Wars concluded the night. Everyone had to bunk down in the library.

In the morning the boys and Mr Hassard cooked bacon and eggs, and we all shared another meal together, before heading off in our different directions for the day. Some students had to go to work, one was flying to Melbourne for the weekend for a 21st, but most just went home for a snooze.

10 G would like to thank Mr Hassard, Mrs Kucks, Mr Waddell, Mr Kucks and Mrs Kankkunen for their involvement in the night, that made it possible.

Mrs K wants to thank all 23 students who participated and made it an outstanding success.
This term Year 8 Japanese students have learnt vocabulary and grammar relating to describe people and their clothing.

As a summative task students created a missing persons poster for an alien in Japanese and then created a model from play-dough.

A fun time was had by all!!

Miss Peck and Miss Price - LOTE
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

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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.

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Wendy Hawkins
Business Services Manager

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