



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Elizabeth Diprose, Principal

Year 7 Learning Conferences

It was lovely to finally welcome our Year 7 families to the school at last night's Student Learning Conferences. The conferences are a different kind of parent-teacher interview and last night's event was the first time we have run these at Willoughby Girls High School. The aim of the sessions was for families to learn how their daughters are settling into secondary school and how they are managing with the different routines and the range of subjects.

The students were at the centre of the meetings: they selected 3 to 5 pieces of work they have produced this year along with their learning log, and presented these to parents and carers for discussion. One of the girls' teachers chaired the meeting and their role was to encourage the student and provide information about how she is managing across all her subjects.

Prior to the conferences, Teachers met at length to share information about students' progress and engagement, and to ensure they had a strong understanding of each student in a range of contexts. This provided an additional opportunity for teachers to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the girls in their classes as each student demonstrates different strengths in different subjects.

The overall response to the evening was very positive, however, we know we can improve this process. We will survey all parents / carers, students and teachers shortly to gain feedback to inform future planning.

The next opportunity for Year 7 parents to engage directly with the school is the **P&C's Year 7 Welcome Evening, scheduled for 23 July**. This Welcome event is usually held early in Term 1 but COVID restrictions prevented this. We look forward to meeting Year 7 parents and carers again and to welcoming those who were unable to attend last night.

SRC Activities

The Student Representative Council recently surveyed students about the school uniform, wellbeing matters, and the school's outdoor areas. At least 50% in each Year group responded with 66% of Year 8 students and 69% of Year 9 students responding. Some very valuable data was gathered and the next step is for the SRC representatives and their teacher coordinators, Ms Carruthers and Ms Stringer, to develop recommendations for the school's Executive Team to consider and plan how to enact as many as practicable.

I will be on leave for the last three weeks of Term 2 and the first three weeks of Term 3. Mrs Jennifer Watts will replace me as Relieving Principal and Mr Clem Burgmann will relieve in Mrs Watts' Deputy Principal role.

Elizabeth Diprose - Principal



WGHS P&C



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Next P&C Meeting will be held:
Tuesday 15 June 2021

- ✓ Please follow our Facebook page to stay informed of interesting things happening in the parent community. You don't have to be a Facebook member to access the page
- ✓ All parents are welcome at P&C meetings, held twice per term at 7.00pm in the staff common room (Access via front door)
- ✓ Any queries or matters to be raised can be raised via the Secretary at the above email address at any time

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mrs Watts, Deputy Principal, Wellbeing

Building Works

Recently, our Sick Bay has been enlarged and upgraded. There are now more chairs, light and space.



Ms Black from the Office who looks after sick students in the new Sick Bay

Many thanks to the WGHS P&C for partially funding the upgrading of two Science laboratories, a prep room and the chemical store, which started this week. Other laboratories will be upgraded later in the year.



The students are enjoying using our Oval again for lunch and sport since the demountables were removed in July last year.

2021 CALENDAR

TERM 2: Tues 20 April – Fri 25 June

Monday 31 May

Y8 Geography Excursion
Y11 Biology Excursion

Tuesday 1 June

Ensembles Concert

Thursday 3 June

Charities Day
World Environment Day Assembly

Friday 4 June

Regional Cross Country Carnival

Friday 11 June

Prefect Nominations
Pride Day

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 June

P&C Meeting 7pm

15 - 18 June

Music Ensembles Regional Tour

Friday 18 June

Y9 Wellbeing Day

Monday 21 June

Silver Merit Assembly

Tuesday 22 June

Y9 & Y11 Parent Teacher Night

Friday 25 June

Last Day of Term 2
Multicultural Day
Y7 Reptiles Incursion P3-4

TERM 3: Tues 13 July – Fri 17 September

TERM 4: Tues 5 October – Thurs 16 December

SUBJECT SELECTION PROGRAM FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Ms Janet Atchison, Deputy Principal – Assessments & Curriculum

Decisions about **subject selection for 2022 Year 11** are very important.

To assist students and parents, Willoughby Girls High School will conduct:

- a **Subject Selection Program for Year 10 students** from **Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 July 2021** during normal school lesson time*,
- and a **Year 10 Subject Information Evening** early next term (date to be advised). Parents and guardians will receive an email invitation and details about the evening later in the term.

*Note: During the three days, the Year 10 students will also be sitting for their HSC Minimum Standard tests.

The Year 10 Subject Selection program will provide relevant information to assist students who will enter Year 11 in 2022. In particular, it will focus on issues related to the award of the NSW Higher School Certificate including requirements, assessment, the UAC and VET courses.

As English is the only compulsory subject for the HSC, students entering Year 11 in 2022 have some very important decisions to make regarding their subject selections. The Senior School Curriculum Booklet for Year 11 2022 and Year 12 2023 will be emailed to students and parents early next term. In the same email, a link for the subject selection process will be provided.

Relevant links, such as UAC, NESA and curriculum, will be emailed to parents/guardians soon. Hopefully parents/guardians will gain a better understanding about the Higher School Certificate, promoting and allowing informative discussions with your daughters in the upcoming holidays.

Students in Year 10 are encouraged to start thinking about their subject selections for 2022. Students should choose subjects they have an interest in, suit their capability and their future career aspirations. Students and parents should seek as much advice as possible before making any decisions regarding subject choices. Teachers, Head Teachers, Year Advisers and the Careers Adviser can all assist in this process.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you.

THEATRE SPORTS – YEAR 11

Ms Josie Hattingh, English & Drama Teacher

On 5 May, four Year 11 students (Aleah D, Grace B, Charlotte R and MacKenzie R) represented Willoughby Girls High School at the Improv Australia Theatresports Competition at Wenona School.

Although they didn't win, they certainly gave it their all with a lot of positivity and enthusiasm.

It was also lovely that Sienna F and Elizabeth G came to cheer their fellow Drama peers along.



YEAR 9 WELLBEING TERM 2

Ms Wigan, Year 9 Advisor

Year 9 have been working on developing their wellbeing in our Wellbeing Monday Homeroom sessions. This term, in homerooms, students have been working on daily planners, goal setting, sleep routines and mindful movement. Students have particularly enjoyed their "Chair Yoga" sessions! Year 9's "Funday Friday Dance Off" will also return later this term with a lunchtime showcase in Week 10.

Later this term we will be having our Wellbeing Day. Students will participate in a workshop with Ysafe who are Australia's leading provider of cyber safety education. Students will hear from child psychologists and ex-police officers who specialise in cyber safety.

They will engage in a STAY SAFE Personal Safety Self Defence workshop by the Sydney Self Defence Centre which will teach empowerment, effective decision making, conflict resolution, body language and physical self defence. The program also includes coping techniques, relaxation, effective communication, teamwork and fear management.

A live theatre performance "The Hurting Game" from Brainstorm Productions will provide strategies for resilience, help-seeking, online safety and positive relationships, supported by a Q&A.

We will have some follow up activities next term to explore how the students have continued their wellbeing journeys.

Below are some photos of the girls doing Monday Wellbeing Yoga.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY – WHGS CAME SECOND OVERALL

Ms J Carruthers, PDHPE Teacher



Pin Pin M (13 years) won her age group by an impressive margin.

The Zone Cross Country Carnival was held on Thursday 20 May at Pittwater Rugby Park.

The girls ran exceptionally well, achieving second overall in the girls point score. It was lovely to see the girls cheer on their fellow Willoughby Girls' High School team mates as they ran around the oval and past the grandstand to the finishing line.

Congratulations to the following girls placed in the top ten and have qualified for the Sydney North Carnival, which is to be held on Friday 4 June in Gosford. Goodluck!

WGHS RESULTS AND QUALIFIERS FOR THE SYDNEY NORTH CARNIVAL:

Maris Y	12 Years	6th
Avani B	12 Years	9th
Pin Pin M	13 Years	1st
Millie F	13 Years	6th
Abigail L	13 Years	8 th
Willow T	14 Years	7th
Gemma M	14 Years	10th
Annabelle W	16 Years	4th
Rhiannon L	16 Years	6th
Gemma F	16 Years	9th
Samara D	17 Years	5th
Sheridan L	17 Years	8th
Kinjal K	17 Years	10th
Abbey B	18 Years	2nd



12 Years



13 Years



14 Years



16 Years



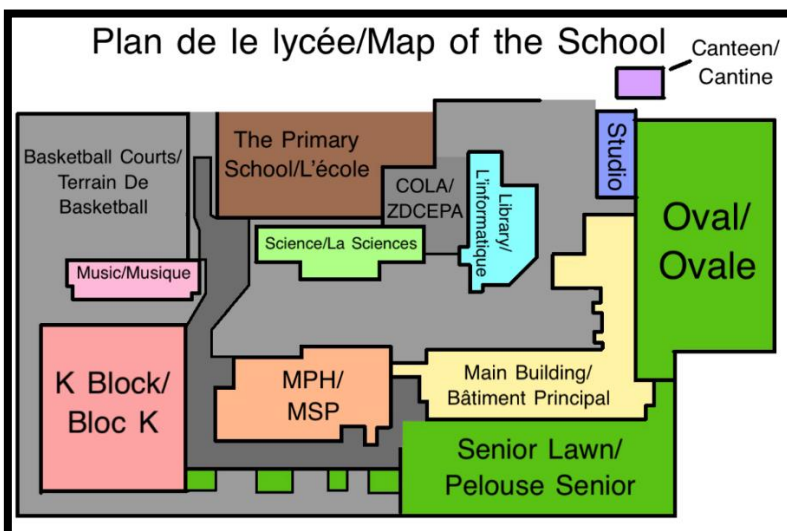
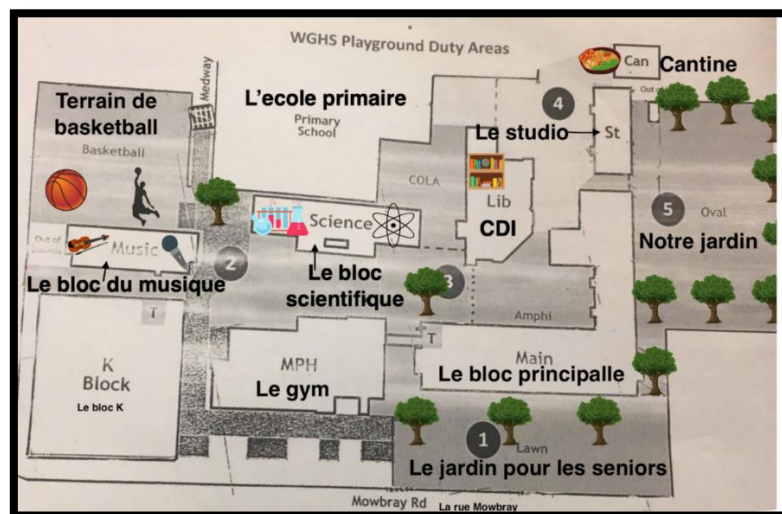
17 and 18 Years

YEAR 9 FRENCH

Miss Bunyan, French Teacher

Students in Year 9 French recently completed a creative and realistic task, which was writing an email in French welcoming French students to our school. The students also included their timetable in French and a bilingual map.

Here are some of their excellent maps to enable French students to find their way around our school:



YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS - SEMESTER 1

Ms Marie Drougas, Visual Arts Teacher

This semester, the unit of work is “REPRESENTATIONS of the MODERN (paths to abstraction in nature), investigating modernist sculpture”.

The artwork the girls are producing exemplifies 5 weeks of preparation and design, which is a consequence of refinement, persistence and dedication.

The photographs show that all students are working at different stages and with a range of media such as clay, resin, wire and wax.



ANNUAL MUSICAL TOUR FOR YEARS 7-11

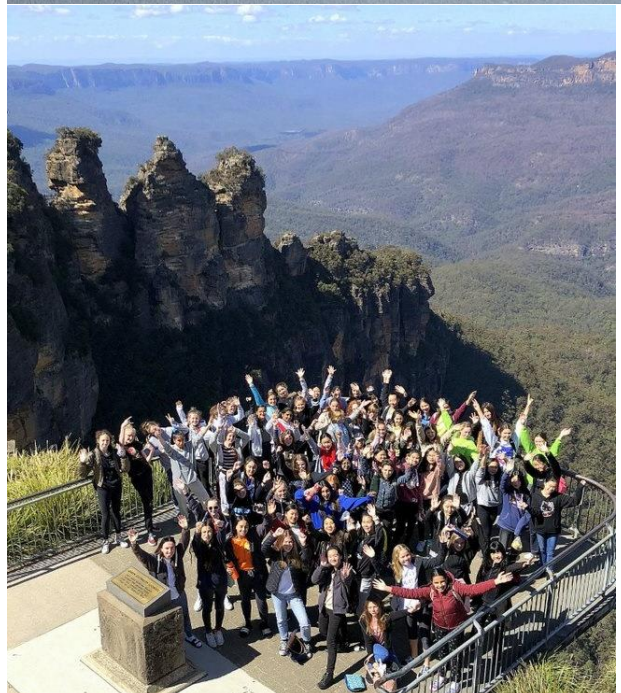
Mr Clem Burgmann, Head Teacher Music & Administration

In two weeks' time, 70 WGHS students will be setting off over the Blue Mountains for a four-day Regional Music Tour. With representatives from Years 7 to 11, we are visiting six primary schools across the NSW Central West region for performances and workshops, as well as a public performance or two along the way. Tours like these are always heaps of fun and a great opportunity for students to get to know each other really well, while improving as musicians and experiencing a very different part of the state. With last year's tour cancelled due to Covid, this is our first trip since 2018 and everyone involved is very excited!

To give you a taste of tour life, on the next page are a few pictures from last time, when our current Year 11s were in Year 8.

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2018 REGIONAL MUSICAL TOUR – OUR YEAR 11s IN YEAR 8



YEAR 9 HISTORY – WORLD WAR ONE SOURCE BOX

Isla D (9)

This term, Year 9 is taking on another one of history's most interesting subjects, World War One.

We are learning about the different soldiers and countries involved in the conflict, investigating the nature of warfare on the Western Front and the battle of Gallipoli.

Our teachers have introduced us to several artefacts such as the Dead Man's Penny, an engraved ammunition shell, a modern replica of the German soldier's helmet and many more. These presentations of sources have helped us to further understand our task as we are researching a chosen theatre of the war and working towards creating our very own source box to showcase the outcome of our learning.



Studying WW1 artefacts



DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER HIKE – YEAR 11

Jessica T (11) and Sheridan L (11)

On 22-24 May, eight Year 11 students completed a 35km Silver qualifying hike at Berowra, along the Great North Walk, starting at Berowra Station and ending at the Hawkesbury River Station.

On the first day, we arrived at Berowra Station and hiked 8km along walking tracks listening to music through the speaker and ended at Berowra Heights in time to watch the sunset over the National Park. We ended the night with a campfire while cooking dinner and reflecting on our day of hiking.

On the second day, we hiked 15km from Berowra Heights to Brooklyn Dam on the Great North Walk. We took fire trails and walking tracks and had to climb up some metal staples in the rock faces. We ended at our campsite looking out to Brooklyn Dam under the mountains with our campfire again.

On the third day, we hiked about 7km but it was all off-track so we lined up at the bottom of Peats Ridge and made our way through the thick bush, using ropes slung over trees to climb up rock faces, up to the amazing view at the top of the Hawkesbury River below us.

Overall, it was an amazing weekend filled with unforgettable memories. Thanks so much to Mr Zapf and Boomerang Adventures for organising and joining us on the hike. Well done to the Year 11s who completed Silver Duke of Edinburgh.

See photos on next page

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER HIKE – YEAR 11 CONTINUED



FROM THE OFFICE

Ms Sharon O'Connell, School Administration Manager

Student Statement of Accounts will be emailed within the next week. Please look out them.

YEAR 11 FIRST AID

Ms Narelle Best, Head Teacher, PDHPE

On Thursday 13 May, thirty very keen and capable Year 11 PDHPE students engaged in some serious First Aid Training to gain their Senior First Aid Certificates. Girls bandaged and splinted while following the magical DRCABCD action plan.

As the girls were examined on a number of First Aid emergencies, they worked through a number of different scenarios culminating in a CPR showcase of timing and precision.

We thank the NSW Royal Lifesaving Society for running us through our paces and educating us on how to show confidence and competence in administering First Aid ... we all feel very empowered and equipped to support those in need.



SPORTING CELEBRITIES – YEAR 8

Ms Narelle Best, Head Teacher PDHPE

A big shout out and well done to Jemma M (8) and Bianca S (8) who are not only part of the Norths 13 State Netball team but were chosen to be filmed in the Origin Australia commercial. These ads are playing during weekend netball matches on Chanel 9. We think they do their team and themselves very proud.

Well done girls!!

Please see links below.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8I1LRjC5NmA>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S836xrwnD2Y>

MULTICULTURAL DAY SIGN-UP REMINDER

Mr Palmer, Head Teacher Social Sciences

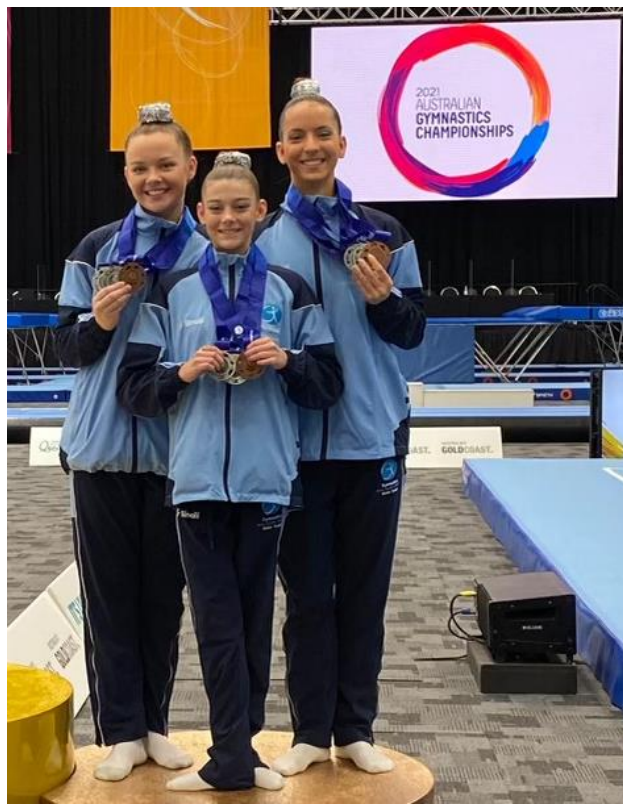
Multicultural Day will be on Friday 25 June, the last day of term from 12.30pm to 1.45pm. It is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many cultural backgrounds of the Willoughby Community. It is designed to assist all students to feel included and valued, to share knowledge and grow understanding.

Students are now registering their stalls. Family members are encouraged to assist on the day at school. For more details about how stalls will be run please see this [link](#).

3RD AT AUSTRALIAN GYMNASTICS COMPETITION – Year 8

Ms Narelle Best, Head Teacher PDHPE

Shayla A (8) recently represented NSW at the Australian Gymnastics Competition. Her trio received 2 silver medals and a 7th place in Level 8 acrobatic gymnastics receiving overall 3rd place (bronze medal). Congratulations!



CHARITIES DAY IS NEXT THURSDAY

Prefects

Charities Day is on Thursday 3rd June. Year 12 will be running stalls and we encourage everyone to participate by dressing up, playing games and purchasing food, drinks, jewellery and clothing.

If you haven't done so already, please ensure you bring \$10 to school to cover the cost of a ticket for the sausage sizzle, secret entertainment and a game. The \$10 will be collected by the Prefects in Home Room on Monday. All proceeds will go to our amazing Charity ReachOut; the most accessed online mental health service for young people and their parents in Australia.

Also, remember that the theme for this year is Hollywood Celebrities. So Dress-up and look glamorous for the cameras!! (All clothing/costumes should be appropriate to wear in a school setting including safe footwear ie no heels are to be worn.)

HOUSE POINTS FROM ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Ms Harris, PDHPE Teacher

Fry: 641
Nightingale: 640
Browning: 401
Cavill: 424



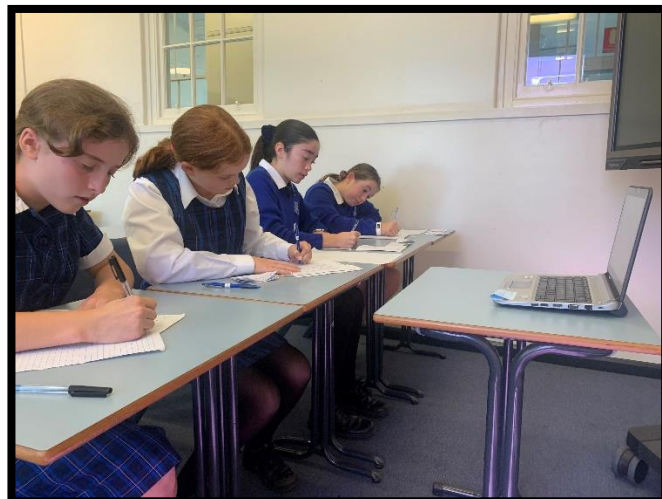
The House Captains

YEAR 7 DEBATING

Ms Caitlin Rudd, English Teacher

The Year 7/8 Debating team competed against North Sydney Girls High School on Wednesday 26 May in their first debate of the season.

The debate was conducted on Zoom, and WGHS took the affirmative position on the topic 'We should ban single sex schools.' Both teams made strong and compelling arguments, but WGHS came out with a win. A fantastic result. Well done, girls!



YEAR 10 TVET EXPLAINED

Ms Morris, Careers Advisor

If your daughter/ward is looking to use a Vocational, Education and Training course as part of their school plan for the HSC there are TAFE information sessions available online. Vocational Training is usually delivered by TAFE and are called TVET courses. (TAFE delivered VET courses)

DET

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/career-learning-and-vet/vocational-education-and-training>

TAFE

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/study/types-courses/tvet>

Some of these courses are deemed ATAR eligible by NESA, meaning students must complete all work and Workplacement hours, and sit the HSC exam for this subject. There are some rules around this regarding the calculation of these courses with students' other subjects.

Remember this is an externally provided course and the school does not teach your child/ward. These courses are delivered off-site or online by TAFE teachers usually on a Tuesday afternoon 2-6pm and contribute to the students HSC units. Depending on the WGHS school timetable and subject selection, there may be clashes that also arise with offerings at this time.

The school will interview interested students also to see whether the course is suitable for the student's skill level and goals for the HSC.

If you would like to join one of the session created and run by TAFE please click and register with their website and teams.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10 IN TERM 4

Ms Rana Morris, Careers Advisor

Work Experience for Year 10 will be going ahead this year, albeit later than usual - Term 4, Week 9 (Monday to Friday) 29 November – 3 December 2021. The decision to delay this year's Work Experience has happened to allow Business and industry more time to regroup and organise staff after a year of significant change and COVID Restrictions.

I have posted all the forms and guidelines required for Work Experience by the DET on to students GOOGLE Classroom page and have asked them to share them with you. Alternatively you can find the information:

- on the DET 's webpage:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/career-learning-and-vet/workplace-learning/guides-and-forms>
- and in the information note being sent home with students and emailed to parents and carers.

Typically you will need to read the Parent/Carer Guide and complete and sign the Student Placement Record (SPR) section.

The Host employer will need to be issued with the Employer Guide , the Students Placement Record and the Certificate of Insurance.

Parents and students, please submit the Work experience forms as soon as they are completed to ensure administration of the program runs smoothly. It is vital that all paperwork submitted is accurate to enable the Department's insurance to correctly cover students and their activities.

There are no scheduled lessons for the work experience week and we envisage that all students will be placed at a workplace or volunteering agency. Teachers will contact students via telephone or visit the workplace where possible to check on their progress.

If there are problems before, during or after the work placement, please contact Ms Morris at School Monday - Friday. An information note will be given to students next week.

YEAR 11 IN FIRST GRADE!

Ms Best, Head Teacher, PDHPE

Last year, Kinjal K (11) was selected in the NSW Metro U15 Team to play in the National Championships in Canberra in February. After the tournament, Kinjal was selected in the Cricket Australia X1 squad of 14 players as a wicket-keeper/ batsman. Unfortunately, due to Covid the National Championships were cancelled.

Throughout the season, Kinjal played First Grade for Gordon and last month she was announced as the leading wicket-keeper for the competition and was named in the First Grade Team of the Year.

Now that the season is over, the whole process of selections for NSW and First Grade will start again in July.

"So far, my cricketing experience has been amazing with plenty of wonderful opportunities" Kinjal

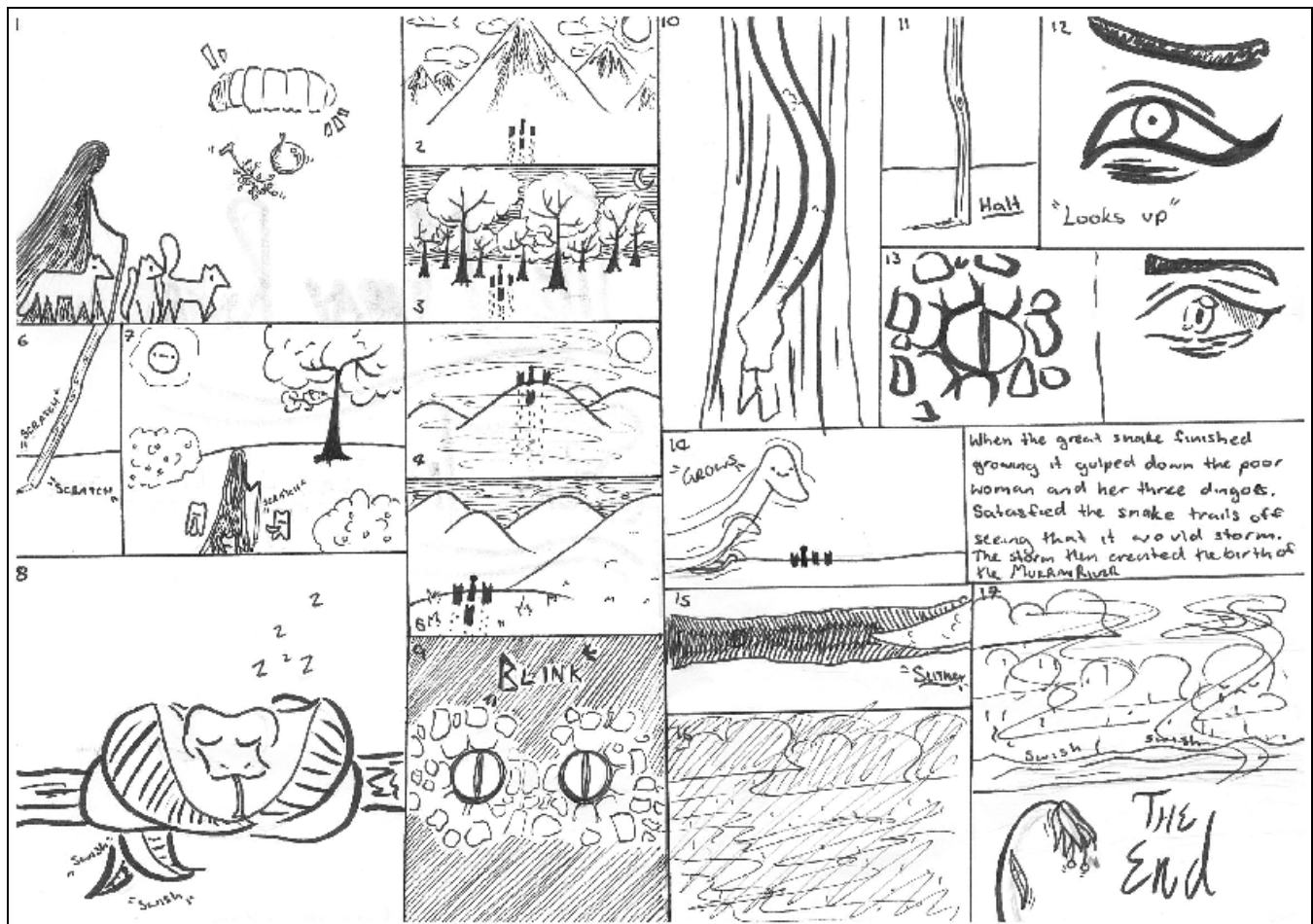


YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY

Mr Ismal, Geography Teacher

This term Year 8 Geography has been studying the Murray Darling Basin. Students were asked to research and present their findings. Roselyn D took a creative approach. She found the following Aboriginal Story and illustrated it:

"An old women was walking with her three dingoes. She was looking for grubs and berries. She walked a long way over hills, mountains, forests, bushland and across a flat plain. As she walked she dragged a stick behind her. The stick dragged and scratched the ground making a track along the ground. Nearby there was a snake with many colours sleeping down the hill. The snake woke up because of the sound. The snake came slithering down the hill toward the women, it was angry! The movement of the snake created a deep track. Soon after it rained and rained and the track filled with water. This eventually formed the Murray River."



SUCCESSFUL BAKE STALL TODAY

Ms Cheryl Bloomfield, Head Teacher TAS

Congratulations to all the students who organised the bake sale today to raise money for the new Chicken Coop and Laying Hens. We raised \$885.70.



FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

Thursday 3 June, 6:00pm

Free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers



Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

The two-hour session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- how learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

6:00pm – 7:15pm
Thursday 3 June 2021
Online via Zoom

Find out more at
www.helpinglearnerdrivers.eventbrite.com.au



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