



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Adrienne Scalese, Principal

It has been a very exciting start to my role as Principal of Willoughby Girls High School and to the start of Term 2. Several new enrolments have started, and I would like to welcome these students and their families to our community. If my welcome to the school is anything to go by, it will not take long for these students and their families to feel like they have always been at Willoughby.

Over the last two weeks, I have been able to see the array of ways that students can engage in curricular and extracurricular activities, and I have been most impressed by the enthusiasm of the many participating students. Willoughby offers so many opportunities for our students and I encourage all students to participate.



The Cross Country race today

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held on Tuesday 17 March in K Block and I am looking forward to meeting and working with parents. Involvement in the P&C provides opportunities for parents to hear about the wonderful opportunities offered at Willoughby and to build connections as we work in partnership to support all students. I have invited some of our Prefects to join us to discuss our upcoming Charities Day. It would be great to see many parents there.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our cross country carnival was held today with all students attending participating with enthusiasm. There was a definite buzz and an extra spring in each step of our runners as they were spurred on by the support of their peers and staff in attendance. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to the PDHPE faculty for their organisation of such a successful event.

NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOLS MUSIC SPECTACULAR

Last night I had the privilege of attending the North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular at Chatswood RSL, and what a spectacular evening it was. As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to have so many talented musicians who performed exceptionally well. There was an energy amongst our students as they performed live with the audience responding through applause at every opportunity. My sincerest thanks to all students who performed, all parents who assisted in the transportation of instruments, our Music staff for their support and attendance, our P&C for their ongoing commitment to our Band Program and to all parents and community members in the audience. I look forward to attending many more events like this.

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WGHS P&C



Facebook.com/wghspandc
secretary@wghspandc.org.au



Next P&C Meeting will be held:
Tuesday 17 May 2022 - 7pm at school, K Block

- ✓ 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) or online
- ✓ Any queries or matters to be raised can be raised via the Secretary at the above email address at any time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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UPCOMING ALL SCHOOL EVENTS

Two of the most fun days on the Willoughby calendar are happening this term; the Athletics Carnival on 16 May and Charities Day on 27 May. For both these events students dress up; house colours for the Athletics Carnival, and the theme for Charities Day is "Heroes versus Villains". The Prefects will provide more information about Charities Day soon.

Thank you again for my very warm welcome to Willoughby Girls.

Mrs Adrienne Scalese
Principal



The Prefects are organising some exciting things for our whole school Charities Day on Friday 27 May. It's a day of fun not to be missed!



TERM 1 2022 CALENDAR*

Saturday 7 May

Northbridge Fireworks – Jazz Ensemble 6pm

Monday 9 May

Winter School Uniform

Y10 Peer Support Training

Y12 Parent Teacher Night 4-7pm - online

Tuesday 10 May

Combined Choir excursion

Wednesday 11 May

Y10 Peer Support Applications close

Saturday 14 May

North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular final

Monday 16 May

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 17 May

P&C Meeting 7pm – K Block

11,12,13,17 May

Y7 & Y9 NAPLAN

24 & 25 May

Y7 Camp (both days, not overnight)

Friday 27 May

Charities Day

Monday 30 May

Y11 PDHPE First Aid Training Day

Thursday 2 June

Y7 Learning Conferences (Students and Parents)

Friday 3 June

Zone Athletics carnival

Tuesday 7 June

Environment Assembly

Monday 27 June

Silver Assembly

Friday 2 July

Last Day of Term 2

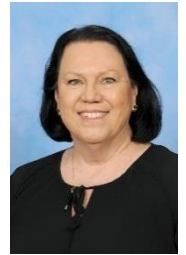
Tuesday 19 July

First Day of Term 3

**Subject to changes due to Covid restrictions*

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mrs Jennifer Watts, Deputy Principal - Wellbeing



YEAR 10 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

This week our Year 10 students began a three-week YAMS - "Youth Aware of Mental Health" initiative. This is a school-based program conducted by the Black Dog Institute for young people which focuses on raising student awareness of mental health and discussing strategies for dealing with mental health issues. Topics include dealing with relationships with peers and adults, changes in mood, to feeling sad or facing a stressful situation. As a group, the students reflect on how they might feel if faced by such events and discuss how to handle real-life situations.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM STARTS MONDAY

Students should wear winter uniform from Monday 9 May.

The Junior (Y7-10) winter uniform is:

- A-line pinafore tunic in school check
- Long sleeved white blouse with collar (Knit or other style shirts are NOT acceptable)
- Royal blue jumper with V-neck and school crest
- Junior blazer with school crest
- Short white socks covering the ankle or black stockings (with black socks if desired)
- Black laced college shoes
- Royal blue pants (optional)
- White skivvy (optional) under white blouse with long sleeves
- Navy or black scarf (optional)
- Navy or black gloves (optional)
- Black school coat (optional)

The Senior School Uniform (Y11 & 12) is:

- Royal blue skirt
- White blouse with collar and school letters. (Knit or other style shirts are NOT acceptable)
- Senior blazer with school crest
- Short white socks covering the ankle or black stockings
- Black laced college shoes (Sandshoes, sandals, boots, shoes with higher heels and sneakers are NOT permitted for safety reasons, eg Technology Rooms, Science Laboratories)
- Royal blue pants (optional)
- White skivvy (optional) under white blouse
- Royal blue jumper with V-neck and school crest
- Navy or black scarf (optional)
- Navy or black gloves (optional)
- Black school coat (optional)
- Tie (Year 12 Prefects only)

Uniforms can be purchased from Noone Imagewear, Ground Floor 328 High Street, Chatswood.

SCHOOL TOURS HAVE RESUMED

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we are excited to offer small group Guided Tours of the school. If you have a daughter who is hoping to start at Willoughby next year, and would like to organise a tour, or if you **have any questions about enrolment or would like to organise an On-Site Tour, please contact us on 02 9958 4141 or email willoughbg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

We also have a virtual tour online where you can meet and hear from teachers and students and find out about opportunities for your daughter, subjects, extra-curricular activities and more. [Click here.](#)



DISTRIBUTION OF RAT TESTS FOR COVID 19

This term, we have distributed the next batch of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) for Covid 19 testing to the following students:

- Years 7,8,9 and 10 (Term 1 allocation)
- Years 11 and 12 (Term 2 allocation)

If your daughter did not receive her allocation, please ask her to visit the School Office.

We are receiving these tests on an adhoc basis from the government suppliers and aim to distribute them as soon as we receive them. Years 7-10 will receive their allocation for Term 2 in the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks to our administration staff who have been managing the distribution process.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Ms Janet Atchison, Deputy Principal – Curriculum & Assessments



WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY ASSESSMENT TASK

On Tuesday 3 May, every student from Years 7-11 completed a Literacy Assessment task. Part of the collected data will be used for the annual EAL/D survey. This is one of our strategies to ensure no student's learning is overlooked. These tests are being assessed by our EAL/D teachers who will offer additional assistance to students who could benefit from their expertise.

YEAR 12 FEEDBACK WEEK

Our Willoughby girls are very lucky. Every year, they participate in Feedback Week which is the opportunity to practise sitting exams under exam conditions, and then be given feedback by teachers on what they should work on to improve their answers when they next sit exams such as the Trials and the HSC exams, as well as their exam techniques and revision plans.

This year we held 44 exams. Most were in the hall. Well done to the Year 12 students and thank you to the teachers who created the exams and are now marking them and providing detailed feedback.

Below are some photos of students before their exams.



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HSC TIMETABLE

The [2022 HSC Timetable](#) has been released by NESA.

MINIMUM STANDARD TESTING – YEARS 11 & 12

For all students who have not yet completed their compulsory Minimum Standards tests in Writing, Reading and Numeracy, please see Ms Atchison to register for a test. All catchup test sessions are held on Tuesday mornings (period 0) and afternoons (period 7) in Room 5.

NAPLAN – YEARS 7 & 9

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. All Students in NSW in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in these annual tests in Writing, Reading, Conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.







WGHS students will complete NAPLAN on the following days:

- Wednesday 11 May - Year 9 Writing
- Year 7 Writing
- Year 7 Reading
- Thursday 12 May - Year 9 Reading
- Year 7 Language
- Friday 13 May - Year 9 Language
- Year 7 Numeracy
- Tuesday 17 May - Year 9 Numeracy

All students are required to bring their head sets and fully charged laptops, with the locked down browser installed on these days.



Device requirements

	Screen	Must measure 24.6cm (9.5in) diagonally (NB - iPad mini and iPad2 not supported)
	Keyboard	Physical keyboard for laptops and desktop computers; optional for touchscreen and tablets
	Pointing device	Mouse, trackpad, touchpad or touch screen
	Hearing device	Headphones, earphones or earbuds are essential for the tests
	Security	The device needs to be secured.
	Network	Internet connection

EALD INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday 3 May, we held an information session for all parents of EAL/D Students by zoom. The aim of the session was to provide parents with detailed information about the EAL/D programs our school has to offer and how their daughters can benefit from these programs in the short and long term. The aim of the session was also to establish a closer connection with the community of parents to ensure regular and effective two-way communication with the school. Following the formal presentation, parents went into break out rooms to discuss these EALD opportunities in their mother languages of Chinese and Japanese.

If you would like more information, particularly if other language interpreting is required, please contact Ms Dragoi (EAL/D teacher) or Ms Atchison via the school email.

PROTOCOL FOR EMAILING THE SCHOOL

The Administration Team

If you need to email the school please title the email with the student's first name, surname and Home Room. This makes it a lot easier for us to deal efficiently with enquiries and absences.

Thank you so much for your assistance.



CROSS COUNTRY TODAY

Ms Narelle Best, Head Teacher PDHPE

Today, 6 May, a glorious Friday afternoon, we staged our School Cross Country Carnival at Bicentennial Park.

This featured Year 7 and 8 predominately with some invited runners from Years 9-12.

Was wonderful to enjoy some outdoor time together and see so many students being active and embracing the opportunity to run. Year 7 and 8 made the most of it, enjoying their recreational picnics – fueling for their big race!!

A big congratulations to all who competed, but especially to the following girls who were our age champions:

12 Years – Chloe D

13 Years = Avani B

14 Years = Pin Pin M

15 Years = Francis K

16 Years = Zoe B

17 Years = Annabelle W

18 Years = Aurelia H

The fastest time of the day for all age groups was Pin Pin M with a time of 13:24

House Points awarded

1st Browning – 374

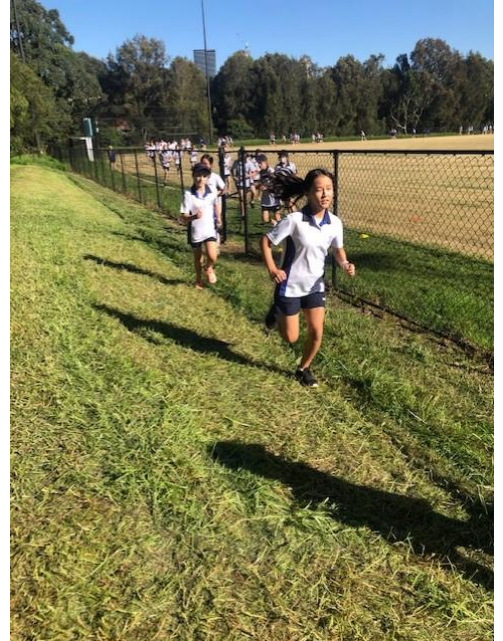
2nd Fry – 364

3rd Cavell – 338

4th Nightingale - 304

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Y12 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS REMINDER – 9 MAY

Mr Adam Noronha, Head Teacher Social Sciences

Year 12 Parent-Teacher Interviews are on **Monday 9th May from 4pm - 7pm**. Bookings can be made via the Sentral Parent Portal. Bookings can be made until 11am, Monday 9th May.

Interviews will be conducted online via zoom and each meeting will run for 5 minutes. Links to each teacher will be attached with your schedule.

If you have difficulty finding the teacher's zoom link please refer to your child's Google Classroom or other online learning platform as they have been posted there as a back-up.



YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY

Ms Kirsty Stringer, Technological & Applied Studies Teacher

This term, Year 7 Technology students have been busy in the kitchen developing their food preparation skills. So far, they have made a turkey wrap, berry pancakes, cheese and chive scones and the ever-popular apple pie!

"I learnt many things this term, but one of the most important things was to always clean up after you are finished and how helpful it is working with another person." [Charlie M](#)

"I loved making pancakes because we got to flip them and my partner and I did not burn any either! We took flipping the pancakes in turns. It was really fun!" [Amelia S](#)



Berry Pancakes by Charlie M



Turkey wrap by Nina H



Cheese Scones by Mikayla P and Millie S

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REMINDER – 16 MAY

Mr Andrew Reid, PDHPE Teacher

Only ten days until our Athletics Carnival! We are looking forward to a fun filled day of running, throwing, jumping and cheering on our peers. Don't forget to wear your house colours!

Date - Monday 16th May (week 4)

Time - Leave school 9am on buses (from Keary street). Return to school by 3pm

Location - Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen



BROWNING

CAVELL

FRY

NIGHTINGALE

YEAR 7 PROJECT BASED LEARNING (PBL)

Ms Kirsty Stringer, Technical & Applied Studies Teacher

Year 7 has started a new Project Based Learning program this year.

The students have been set many challenges and tasks throughout Term 1 in order to develop their ability to work collaboratively, present in front of a class confidently and solve problems as a team.

In Term 2, they are working towards solving a problem or question in response to the challenges of joining a new community. We look forward to sharing what they come up with.



Some quotes about Year 7 PBL from Year 7 students:

I think my greatest achievement in PBL has been collaborating with new people. I have enjoyed getting to work with new people and making new friends. - Emi S

My greatest achievement is the egg drop challenge because the group I was in made a successful parachute for the eggs to survive in. - Nina H

The most interesting thing I've learnt was how to improve presentation skills, it's probably the most important thing I've learnt so far". Chloe, M

The most interesting thing I have learned in PBL this term is how to create a good presentation and how to become a more confident presenter. Eleanor V

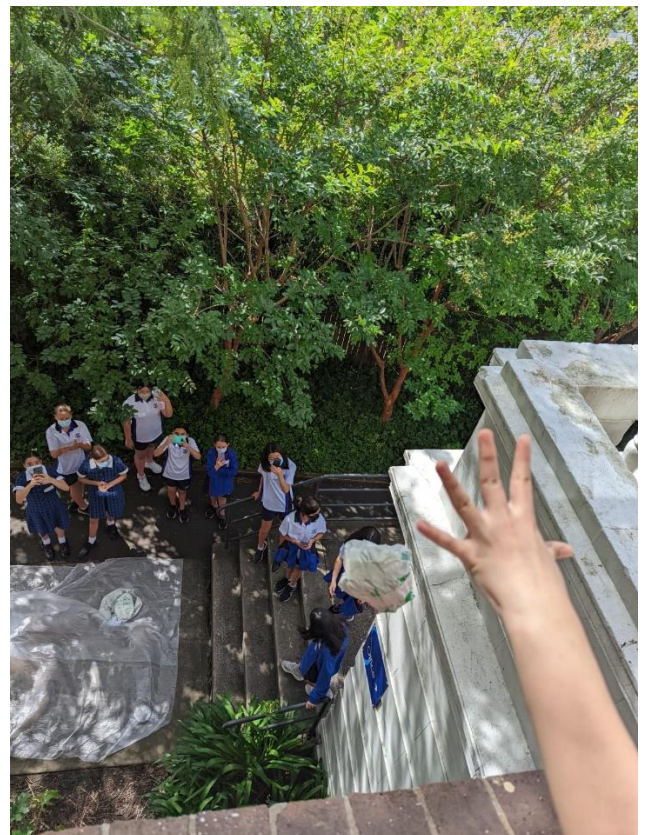
I enjoy working with people and learning how to solve problems. Amelia S

The most interesting thing I have learnt in PBL is to not be afraid to shout out my feelings and opinions. Eisha K

What I enjoyed working on the most so far is making new friends, learning about them and doing all sorts of different collaborative activities. Emily P

I enjoyed doing the "My new friend" activity because we got to get to know more people and not feel left out. - Mikayla P

I enjoyed the "New friend" project because I'm actually really good friends with that person now and know the basics of her. - Chloe D



In Term 1, students worked on solving a problem together – how to ensure an egg didn't break when dropped out a window at the top of the school using only limited resources provided to them.

SPECTACULAR MUSICAL RETURN

Mr Clem Burgmann, Head Teacher Music

On Thursday 5 May, after a three-year wait, the school's musicians finally returned to Chatswood RSL Club for our heat in the North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular. This 'annual' event hasn't been held since 2019 due to Covid, so for many of our students and their parents it was their first experience of one of the biggest events on our musical calendar. Five ensembles and four Year 12 soloists graced the stage, and the large audience was very appreciative of the performers' quality and enthusiasm.

It was great to hear the Year 7/8 Wind Ensemble, under their new conductor Laura Power, playing with real confidence despite it being their first performance together. The Senior Vocal Ensemble, who have been hit harder by Covid restrictions than anyone else, created a beautiful sound in "Sing Gently". Chamber Ensemble continues to surprise us year after year – this time with a baroque concerto featuring Amelie Z in Year 7 on solo mandolin! Their Irish jig in John Ryan's Polka was a real highlight too.

Senior Wind Ensemble have a great 'ensemble' sound, despite all those zoom rehearsals over the past two years, and it's great to hear how our most experienced musicians make things work in such a small number of rehearsals. The night ended on a high with Jazz Ensemble, and Charli R in Year 12 really getting the feet tapping with her take on Michael Bublé's "Haven't Met You Yet".

As always, our Year 12 soloists shone brightly – Abbey T was in her element with an amazing musical theatre performance; McKenzie R brought some cool jazz vocals to the room; Alisia Y showed her virtuosic piano skills; and Abby C played the Saint-Saëns cello concerto with real power.

At the end of the night, the adjudicators chose Chamber Ensemble, Senior Wind Ensemble and Abby C to represent us at the final of the Music Spectacular, which will be held on Saturday 14 May at Killara High School.

Congratulations to those performers, and to everyone who took part on Thursday evening. Thank you also to the many families who volunteered their time and their cars to transport a huge amount of equipment to and from the venue from school – we literally couldn't have done it without you!

The Jazz Ensemble is performing on Saturday 7 May at Northbridge Oval fireworks. The other performance coming up this month is the WGHS Primary Schools Showcase, which involves all of our ensembles, plus some local Primary Schools, on [Tuesday 31 May](#). We look forward to seeing you there!



YEAR 9 WELL BEING DAY

Mr Daniel Yeung and Mrs Karen Tilson, Year 9 Year Advisors

On Thursday 5 May, Year 9 had a wellbeing day. The day began with an inspirational talk by a guest speaker Luke Kennedy, who spoke about resilience and the need to think carefully about our behaviour and actions.

Natasha, the Student Support Officer (SSO) at WGHS then spoke to the students about the importance of maintaining good sleeping habits in order to get enough sleep. She provided some tips to ensure that all of the students at the school are mindful about prioritising sleep.

The final two sessions of the day involved a workshop by “Backflips against Bullying” and a presentation on self-defence. The “Backflips against Bullying” session involved three speakers who performed a variety of different scenarios that dealt with bullying, whilst also throwing in some gymnastic tricks which kept their audience very entertained. A special mention should go to Niamh G who was a willing audience participant in one of the role play sections.

The final session of the day was an interactive activity where the students learned some self-defence strategies to help them protect themselves.

It was really great to see all of the year group engaged and actively involved throughout the day. We hope that they enjoyed the activities and learned some valuable skills and tips.



WGHS HOCKEY STARTED THIS WEEK

The WGHS Field Hockey season started this week. We have two mixed teams playing in the WHA competition at Curl Curl on Saturdays, and training at the school on Tuesday mornings. This season runs across Terms 2 and 3.

WGHS also fields teams in a summer Indoor and Social competition, in Terms 1 and 4, and warmly welcomes new players from any year. No previous experience necessary!

Our teams are of mixed ages so it is a good chance for younger students to get to know older ones. We have a friendly team spirit with older players mentoring younger ones. If anyone is interested in joining the teams, please email wghshockeyclub@gmail.com



YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS – IN SUBURBIA

Mr Francesco Maltese, Head Teacher Visual Arts

Year 9 Visual Arts students have been exploring suburbia for the theme of their paintings this semester. To develop their understanding, they have researched contemporary artists who represent suburbia in their artworks and how this connects to the history of landscape painting in Australia.



ANZAC DAY

On the first day of term, to commemorate Anzac Day we rolled out activities in Home Rooms.

Students were asked to share any Dawn Service / ANZAC Day experiences from the weekend. We then had one minute's silence as we listened to the Last Post.

Our History Teacher, Mr Zapf is one of Australia's amazing war veterans.



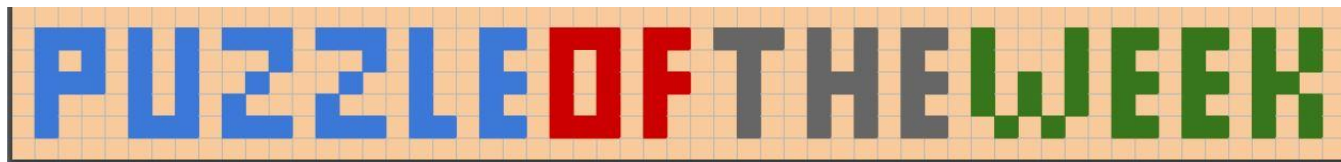
Centre: Our War Veteran: Mr Zapf

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Ms Helen Soar, Mathematics Teacher

Puzzle of the Week continues this term, everyone is encouraged to register as a user, parents included!

www.puzzleoftheweek.com



NEW CANTEEN MENU

Beck Brown, Canteen Manager

We are excited to let everyone know that we have a [new canteen menu](#) for Term 2.

What are the new items?

- *We have amazing homemade soup for winter
- *The crazy new TIK TOK Wrap
- *Popcorn Chicken soba noodle salad
- *Jaffles
- *Mac N Cheese
- * Pulled pork burger
- * Vege burger

What are the most popular items?

- *Ultimate fav is the butter chicken
- *Garlic bread
- *Hashbrowns
- *Toasted banana breads
- * Soup is well liked
- * The girls love the daily specials and especially sprinkle donut Thursdays



CHARITIES DAY – 27 MAY

Maddie H, Prefect

Charities Day is on its way! We've got a date set and our Year 12s are hard at work getting some amazing food, drinks and games together for everyone to enjoy. Charities Day will be occurring on Friday the 27th of May in an epic battle of Heroes versus Villains, with our teachers as wonderful sidekicks. All proceeds from this day (including the \$10 donation we'll be collecting for your sausage sizzle, drink and a game!) will be going to the Bravehearts Foundation, who raise money for child sexual assault survivors. Thank you in advance to the local community businesses for generously contributing prizes and support. Get excited for an amazing day of fun!

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LOCAL CHARITY EVENT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Ms Rana Morris, Acting Head Teacher Wellbeing

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NORTHERN BEACHES PRESENTS

STRONGER THAN YOU THINK

AN EMPOWERING PERSONAL SAFETY EVENING FOR GIRLS & WOMEN

JOIN INSPIRATIONAL GUEST PRESENTER MEL THOMAS

A champion martial artist, local Northern Beaches resident and domestic violence prevention expert.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE EVENING:

- Practical tools, techniques, scripts and strategies to cope with everyday situations that don't feel right.
- Learn how to replace fear with confidence.
- Learn how to trust your instincts and make smart choices.
- Use the power of your voice to diffuse dangerous situations.
- Fight back when needed.

100% of all money raised will go to 'Women & Children First,' a not-for-profit community-based service for women and vulnerable families escaping domestic violence.



<https://www.trybooking.com/BZEGC>

26 MAY 2022
6:45PM – 8:30PM
FORESTVILLE RSL
\$35 ADULTS . \$15 STUDENTS

Teaching a learner driver?



Transport for NSW is inviting the community to attend free 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers' workshops delivered online by Hunter's Hill Council and Lane Cove Council

The free workshop supports parents and supervisors of learner drivers to be confident and effective teachers. Topics include information about licence conditions for learner and P-plate drivers, tips for using the learner driver log book and the importance of providing constructive feedback.

6:00pm – 7:15pm
Thursday 19 May 2022
Online via Zoom

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



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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

TO ALL THE MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS
OF WILLOUGHBY STUDENTS

