



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Farewell Mr MacSporran

At the end of last term Mr MacSporran was successful through the D.E Merit Selection process, gaining the Principal position at Yates Avenue Public School. Mr MacSporran has been a big part of the Winston Hills Public School community for almost a decade.

The school will miss his open, honest and passionate commitment to the students, staff and community. Mr MacSporran is someone who assisted and supported where ever needed as he made significant impact on many of the school's programs. His departure will leave many holes to fill.

I would personally like to acknowledge the outstanding support that Mr MacSporran has given me in my first year as Principal of Winston Hills Public School.

Mr MacSporran will be taking up his new role within a fortnight and the school is currently in the process of merit selection for his replacement. For the remainder of the year, Mrs Kayello will be relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Luther will take 5/6KL 5 days a week.

Ms Spink

Congratulations to Ms Spinks who has been appointed as an instructional leader at Toongabbie East on a part time basis for the remainder of the year. Ms Spink will still be working at Winston Hills Public School on Thursdays and Fridays. This will be a great experience for Mrs Spink.

ARPANSA Wi-Fi In Schools Measurement Study

Last term Winston Hills PS took part in a study that focused on the measurement of the radiofrequency (RF) and electromagnetic energy (EME) levels resulting from the use of Wi-Fi networks within the school.

This study was conducted by two scientists from Melbourne who are employed by the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA).

The result from the study showed that the maximum RF EME level found within the school was at 0.084% of the general public exposure limit stipulated in the Australian Standard and that the average level due to Wi-Fi found was 0.011% of the limit. The RF EME exposure to the students at Winston Hills Public School *"as a result of the Wi-Fi networks is much lower than the limits in the Australian Standard"*

This study of Winston Hills Public School is part of a nationwide project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information about the study.

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 2

Wednesday 19 October	Kindergarten 2017 1 st Class Visit Uniform Shop Open 10am–12 Noon
Thursday 20 October	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Assembly – Years 3-6

Week 3

Tuesday 25 October	Kindergarten 2017 2 nd Class Visit
Wednesday 26 October	Assembly – K-Year 2
Thursday 27 October	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Week 4

Tuesday 1 November	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 3 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm Count Us In Sing Assembly – Y3-6
Friday 4 November	Father & Son Camp Out 4.30pm

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 21 October

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Monday 24 October

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Term 4 Accounts & Notes

Graduation Bears & Balls (Year 6)
Student Leadership 2017
Self Nomination Form
Father & Son Camp Out Note

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Ticketing Notes for 2016 Showcase Night
- Year 5 – Student Leadership 2017 Self Nomination
- Student Leadership 2017 – Parents/Caregivers
- Important Notice – School Invoices

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued

Kindergarten 2017

It was great to see the large number of new parents attend our information night for Kindergarten 2017, last Wednesday night. I would especially like to thank the amazing team of Kindy teachers and Mrs Storath for their attendance. Tomorrow will be the first day of visits by our new kindies. If you know of anyone who has not yet filled out their enrolment form for next year, please let them know.

Support Unit for 2017

In 2017 Winston Hills will have the following support classes: AU (Autism), IM (Mild-intellectual disability), IO (Moderate intellectual disability) and MC (Multi-categorical). The newly introduced MC class will be replacing an IO class category and will cater for students that present with either AU, IO, severe intellectual disability or physical disability. If you would like to discuss the support unit classes at our school, please contact either Ms Spink or myself. We look forward to the new students joining us next year.

Octoberfest

I would like to thank the band for doing a great job on representing our school at the Lion's Club Octoberfest that was held on the last day of the holiday. I would also like to thank Mrs Webb for helping on the day

Mark Byrne

Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Farewell Winston Hills

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my time at Winston Hills will soon be coming to an end. I have been appointed Principal of Yates Avenue Public School, Dundas and will commence my duties on Monday 31st October.

I have been a proud teacher at Winston Hills for nine and half years and feel privileged to have worked with such a talented, hardworking and enthusiastic group of teachers, students and parents.

I would like to thank the community for their wonderful support over the years and for providing me with lasting memories of a special school that will always be close to my heart. ☺

Father and Son Camp Out – 10 Year Anniversary: Friday 4th November

This year we celebrate 10 years of hosting the Father and Son Camp Out. Since 2007, this event has been enjoyed by thousands of fathers and sons in the Winston Hills community, and resulted in lasting memories and many laughs!

This year's camp out will be on Friday, 4th November starting at 4.30pm. Please pay the \$25 in cash by next Monday, 24th October. Mr Freney and I look forward to seeing you there!



**Father/Son
CAMPOUT!**

Honour Awards, Banners and Medals

If your child has recently submitted 10 merit awards, they will receive their honour award, banner or medal at the next assembly for their grade. See below for Term 4 assembly dates:

K-2 – Wednesday at 2.15pm in Weeks 3, 5 and 7

3-6 – Thursday at 2.15pm in Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8

Unfortunately, due to the large number of students receiving awards at each assembly, it is not possible to contact parents in advance to inform them if their child is receiving an award.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) update

New Focus Area – 'We take care of our environment'



Our new focus area this fortnight is about the students placing rubbish in the bin, recycling all they can and composting all fruit and vegetable scraps. We will be teaching the importance of this in classrooms this fortnight, and discussing this focus area with the students at morning lines.

The Partners in Learning Parent Survey –

Closes Friday, 21st October

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement.

This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This feedback will help us to make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6hr4t>

Student Leadership 2017

This week, we begin the process of electing our student leaders for 2017. Accompanying this newsletter is a self-nomination form for Year 5 students, including criteria for those students nominating for school prefect. A timeline is also included so parents are aware of the process we will be following throughout Term 4. Self-nomination forms need to be returned to your child's class teacher by Monday, 24th October. Please speak to Mrs Kayello or Mrs McDonald if you have any questions.

Have a great fortnight ☺

David MacSporran

Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 8

Cricket

Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Loss	52/56
Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Loss	36-63

Softball

Senior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	4-7
Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	13-15

T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	16-20
Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	23-43

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Excelsior Public School	Won	5-1
Junior Girls Vs Excelsior Public School	Lost	1-2
Senior Boys Vs Excelsior Public School	Won	17-1
Snr Girls Vs Excelsior Public School	Won	5-0

PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 9

Cricket

Juniors Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	63-29
Seniors Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	48-49

Softball

Senior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Lost	4-10
Senior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	14-9

T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	18-11
Junior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Lost	14-18

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	3-2
Junior Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	4-2
Senior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	1-5
Senior Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	6-1

Training

Girls Touch Football & T-Ball – Thursday 8.15
Boys Touch Football, Softball and Cricket – Friday mornings
at 8.15am

Draws & Tables

Can be located on Castle Hill PSSA website
<http://castlehillpssa.wix.com/chpssa>

STAGE 3 BAZAAR DAY

White Elephant Store Donations

DONATIONS NEEDED

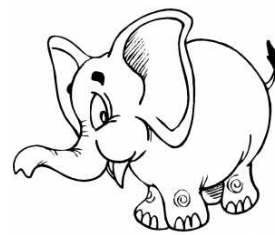
This year's Bazaar Day is fast approaching and preparations have started for our Year 6 students.

When Spring cleaning around your homes, we would ask that any books, DVD's, games, toys & etc that no longer have merit be donated towards the White Elephant store on Bazaar Day.

Students can start to bring in their donations in a plastic bag and be left outside the shed in the K-2 Cola.

Please Don't send any broken, soiled or damaged items

We thank you and appreciate any donations.



Regards,

Year 6 Students and Teachers

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 26 October – 2.00 pm
- 2B – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

Stage 2 & 3 Assembly (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

- Thursday 3 November – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 3/4C
- Parents are welcome to attend

SCHOOL NEWS



YMCA

Are you needing care over the Christmas School Holidays?

Why not check out YMCA

We are located on the school premises

Get in quick, limited spots available

Website:

www.ymcansw.org.au (Winston Hills)

Email:

Oshc.winstonhills@ymcansw.org.au

Phone:

0429 388 359

SCHOOL BANKING

Term 4 Dates

School Banking re-commences:

Tuesday 18th October and ends 30th November to allow time for the banking wallets to be returned prior to the end of school.

Rewards

Any rewards earned at the end of Term 2 will be distributed to students when banking recommences from Term 3 week 2 onwards.

For more information about the School Banking Program visit the School Banking Website below:

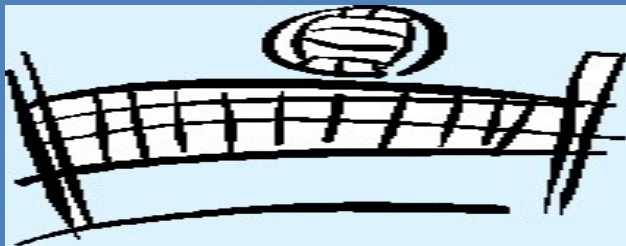
www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

Micaela and Lynelle

WHPS School Banking Co-ordinators

schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com

YEAR 6 STUDENT VS TEACHER GAME



Tuesday 8th November

The battle for Newcombe Ball supremacy

Time: Lunch time

Where: Area B

Cost: Gold coin donation to watch the game

P & C NEWS

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On behalf of the fete committee of 2016 we wish to send a special thank you to the following people-

Jamie Benjamin- Major Sponsor
Winston Hills Mall
Winston Hills Lions Club
Big Mummer Party Bus
Northmead Bowling Club
Anytime fitness Winston Hills
Celebrate Photography
Ross from Aussie Parramatta
Mintfresh IGA

All other local businesses who donated their products and/or services.

Local performers
Market stall holders

School volunteers who attended our meetings, baked yummy treats, donated goods, co-ordinated stalls, worked on stalls on fete day the list goes on.... Thank you!

Very special thanks also to Sue Bryant and Amy McGuckin who led the team, and to Mr Byrne and the amazing Ivan and WHPS office staff who were always willing to assist us.

Last but not least thank you to all that braved the weather and attended on the day, be sure to check out footage of the event on our facebook page.

We are excited to announce that

\$30,000.00

was raised!!!!

Did you know WHPS families have raised \$52,000 in 2016!!!!

Where will this money be spent? We would love to hear your thoughts on where this money should go and invite you all to attend the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 1/11/16 7.30pm where an outcome will be discussed, alternatively you can share your thoughts via email @ whpspandc@gmail.com

We also value your thoughts and feedback re fete day. Should you wish to let us know your thoughts please drop us an email at whpsfete2016@gmail.com

Next P&C meeting will be held

Tuesday 1 November 2016

at 7.30pm

in the staffroom.



Have you "liked" our P&C facebook page yet? Be sure to check it out for all current news and events @ Winston Hills PS P&C

If you have anything you would like to discuss at P&C, you must email me at whpspandc@gmail.com or drop me an sms or phone call on 0402 623 391 **prior to the meeting** and in order for me to add your concern to our agenda.

The P&C committee warmly welcomes all new families commencing in 2017. We look forward to working with you next year

Sue Bryant
(P & C President)

TAXI BAY RULES Reminder

- No students to be dropped off in the morning before 8.30am
- Only students from the Support Unit can be dropped off in the Taxi Bay between 8.30am – 8.55am.
- Other students may be dropped off between 8.45am – 9.00am
- A member of staff must be present before children are allowed to leave vehicles.
- Only students in the Support Unit may use the Taxi Bay in the afternoons.
- Parents need to stay in their cars in the Taxi Bay at all times. A staff member will walk your child to your car
- All students must enter and exit cars on the kerb side only
- No overtaking other cars in the Taxi Bay unless directed to be staff

banana-tastic

Kinder Monkeys

