



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten Orientation

It has been great to see the happy faces at our school's Kindergarten orientations over the past three weeks. This gives the students a taste of "big school" and helps the teachers get to know them better.

Monday the 7th of November is the last of our official orientation sessions. If you know of anyone that is enrolling next year and has not done so, please suggest that they do.

Band Try Out Night

On Wednesday the 19th of October, we had our try out night for the 2017 Band program. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Band Committee for all of their hard work in organising this great experience for the students of our school.

School Invoices

With the new finance system being implemented within the school at the end of Term 3, it is important to remind parents that due dates for all future payments need to be kept to. The office staff need to finalise numbers with venues before excursions which will mean no late payments will be included. If financial assistance or an extension of time is required, please do not hesitate to contact the office before the due date.

Classes for 2017

The school is currently in the planning process for next year. An important part of the process is determining numbers. A note will be sent home today asking for people leaving the school next year to return so that we can determine accurate numbers. If you are taking an extended holiday, we are also asking for that information so that your child can be included in class formations.

Winston Hills Public School Sporting Stars



Over the last fortnight we have had some amazing sporting achievements by the students at our school. Last week Milla, travelled to Perth to represent New South Wales at the Girls Touch Championships. Milla's team went down in the final to Queensland and Milla was awarded the "Coaches Player" award.

Lachie Woods represented Sydney West at the State Athletics Championship with some very impressive results. He came 3rd in the 200m, 2nd in the 800m and 4th in the 100m which will mean he will now be part of the New South Wales team to compete at the National titles. A special mention is the fact that Lachie produced personal best times in all three events.

We are very proud of these two outstanding students.

Mark Byrne
Principal

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 4

Tuesday 1 November
Thursday 3 November

P&C Meeting – 7.30pm
Assembly Years 3-6
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
Count Us In Sing
Father & Son Camp Out – 4.30pm

Week 5

Monday 7 November
Tuesday 8 November

Kindergarten 2017 3rd Class Visit
Y6 Fundraiser

Teacher vs Student Game

Wednesday 9 November
Thursday 10 November

Life Education Starts
Assembly K to Year 2
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Year 6 Robotics Excursion
Year3 2017 Parent Information Night

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 4th November

Year 6 Graduation (Year 6 only)
Year 6 School Book (Year 6 only)

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Bazaar Day Sausage Sizzle
- Planned Leave for 2017
- Bazaar Day Raffle Tickets & Donations Request

FROM THE DEPUTY

Count Us In

On Thursday 3rd November, all the students from Winston Hills will participate in the annual 'Count Us In' singing. Over 500,000 students from 2,100 schools around Australia will all be singing together. The song 'Let It Play' will be sung by our wonderful WHPS students.

Life Education – Healthy Harold

On Tuesday 8th of November, student K-6 will participate in the Healthy Harold Program. This program covers the health and drug education component of our curriculum. The information and skill based units for each stage focus on student interaction. Students will receive work books after their visit, which will be used in the classroom as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. There will be two sessions for parents to attend on Monday 21st November (K-2 parents) and Tuesday 22nd November (3-6 parents) commencing at 2pm.



Selective High School Placement 2018

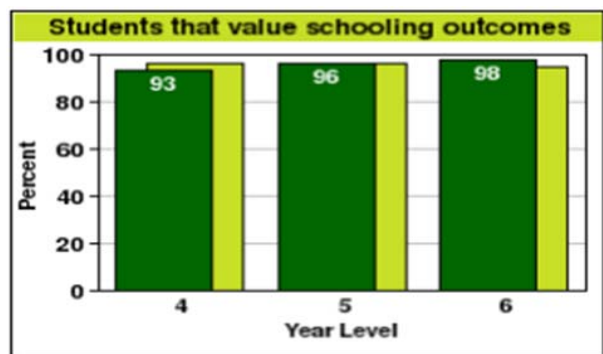
Applications have opened for Year 5 students applying for entry to Selective High Schools in 2018. All applications **must** be completed online before the closing date **Monday 14th November 2016**. Only online applications will be accepted. Applications can be submitted at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. All applicants will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on **Thursday 9th March, 2017**. For more information regarding Selective High School Placement for 2018, please visit: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsn/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement/year-7-placement/primary-schools>. Limited number of Information booklets are available at the office.

Tell Them From Me – Student Survey

Students from Year 4 to Year 6 completed an online survey about our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning. The responses from the students are shown below.



- In this school, 91% of students had positive behaviour. The NSW Govt norm for these years is 83%.
- 94% of the girls and 89% of the boys in this school with positive student behaviour at school. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 91% and for boys is 75%.



- 96% of students in this school valued School Outcomes. The NSW Govt norm for these years is 96%.
- 96% of the girls and 96% of the boys in this school valued School Outcomes. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 97% and for boys is 94%.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal (Relieving)

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 9th November – 2.00 pm
- KM – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA Results – Round 10

Cricket

Jnr's Vs Crestwood PS won 51-40

Snr's Vs Crestwood PS won 4/63-7/36

Softball

Snr Boys Vs Jasper Rd PS lost 12-29

Snr Girls Vs Jasper Rd PS lost 17-23

T-Ball

Jnr Boys Vs Jasper Rd PS won 6-5

Jnr Girls Vs Jasper Rd PS won 3-2

Touch Football

Jnr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 3-4

Jnr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 9-1

Snr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 2-1

Snr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 9-0

Training

Girls Touch Football & TBall– Thursday 8.15

Boys Touch Football, Softball and Cricket – Friday mornings at 8.15am

Winston Hills SHOWCASE

TICKET SALES

Our SHOWCASE night is fast approaching and tickets are almost sold out. Don't miss out on this CAPA event for 2016!

Tickets will still be available until Week 5. Last day for sales is next Wednesday 9th November.

Winston Idol

Our Annual Winston Idol is coming!

All children who wish to participate in either category A (have training/lessons outside of school) or Category B (Amateur – no training/lessons) can put their name down on the sign on audition lists outside the library door (Stage 2), or upstairs notice board (Stage 3).

Auditions will begin in week 6 in your Stage.

The Winston Idol Final Showcase will be held Monday 12th December in the school hall.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

BAND NEWS

2017

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent band try out night. We are ecstatic to see so much interest and believe that the band program is going to continue to move forward in leaps and bounds.

To all students that submitted an expression of interest form please keep your eye open this week for placement offers that will be going home with your children.

By now all existing band students should have their placement offers for 2017. Can you please return the note ASAP so that planning for 2017 can start.

We have also issued a copy of the 2017 Band handbook to each student as there are a few changes to the band program commencing next year.

If you do not get this or require a soft copy please do not hesitate to contact us.

Showcase night

A friendly reminder that if you have not already done so, please return your permission notes.

We will be having a toasted sandwich and cake stall as a fundraiser on the night.

We would love some bakers to help with this and will gladly accept cupcake donations.

Similarly, we will need a handful of volunteers to assist with the stall.

To all other parents, the night can be a rush for many so why not make life easier for yourself and buy the kids a toasted sandwich for dinner! Cakes and drinks also available for light refreshment. Please support our band program!

Band Meeting

Our band meeting is being held tomorrow night at 6pm in the new hall.

As previously advised we will be having a special item of discussion with regards to the 2017 committee.

We invite all band parents to attend.

2017 Committee

A number of members of our current committee will be stepping down after this year. We thank them for all their hard work both this year and previous years.

Accordingly we are looking for new committee members.

The band program is run by volunteer parents and this year we have been blessed by Mrs Webb's assistance for which we are extremely grateful.

The more volunteers we have and the more jobs that can be shared will ultimately reduce the workload for all volunteers. Without a volunteer committee unfortunately the band program may be jeopardised.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss the various roles available.

Siobhan Buchan
Band Coordinator

FAREWELL MR MACSPORRAN

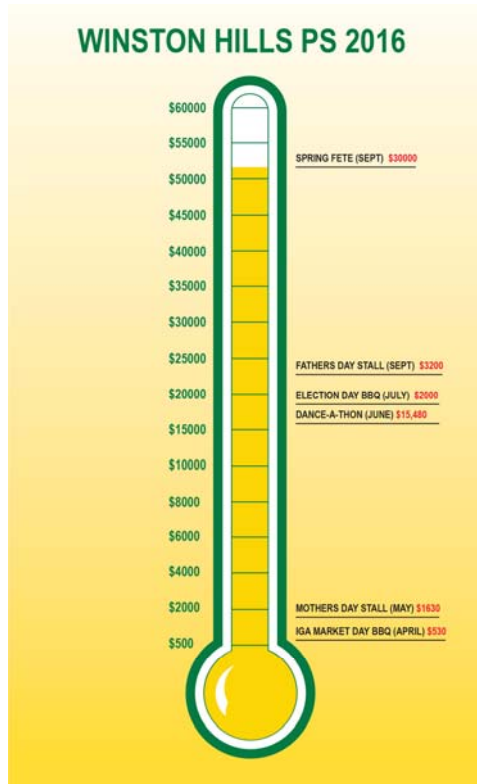


P & C NEWS

P and C News

Thank you WHPS families! A total of \$52,000 has been raised in 2016.

Where will this money be spent? Why not head to the **P and C meeting tonight 7.30pm in the staffroom** to have your say.....



Love to bake?

The P&C are in search of bakers who could provide a small plate of baked goods to help welcome our new WHPS families at their orientation morning tea on Monday 7/11/16.

If you can assist please sms Sue on 0402623391 or email whpspandc@gmail.com asap

Thanks in advance for your support.

Having a party? Need showbags and or sand art kits?

We have a number of brand new showbags and sand art packs left over from our fete day. If you are interested in purchasing these for a small fee please contact us via email asap. whpsfete2016@gmail.com

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 0402623391 **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)

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.

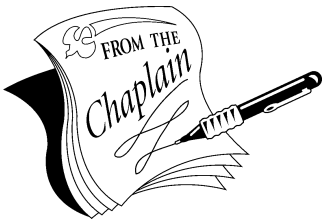
Students can start to bring in their donations in a plastic bag and be left outside the shed in the K-2 Cola.

Please Don't send any broken, soiled or damaged items
We thank you and appreciate any donations.

Regards,

Year 6 Students and Teachers

Chaplain's Corner



Hello!

I would like to introduce myself to you...

... My name is Ms Marlicia Travis and I am the new school chaplain. I have been appointed to this role to support the social, emotional and physical needs of students and families and to assist in building resilience, all under the umbrella of education.

If you have anything that you would like to discuss with me about your child or other areas of concern to do with the mentioned topic areas above, then please contact the school and book an appointment to see me. I am here at school most days.

I am delighted to be working here at Winston Hills Public School and look forward to getting to know everyone. Feel free to say hi on the playground in the mornings or afternoons if you see me.

Enjoy term 4 and stay cool,

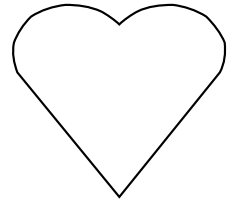
Marlicia Travis

Chaplain

Quote of the day!

Friends are medicine for a wounded heart and vitamins for a hopeful soul

Steve Maraboli



Lets's talk about friendship

Why do we need friends?

There are many reasons why we all need friends. We all have moments where we struggle with things in life. It could be our homework. It could be relationships with family or others. It could be just a feeling of loneliness that we might have if we don't feel like we have any friends. Sometimes we may feel like we don't need friends. And sometimes we may feel like no one wants to be our friend. We can tell ourselves stories about why people don't like us. Or we can tell ourselves that we are a great friend to others. When we really believe that we are a great friend then we can focus on what we can give to others instead of focusing on what they give to us. This can really help us to feel good about ourselves. It also helps us make others feel good. When we feel good we have hormones flowing through us that make us feel that way. When we don't feel good we don't have those hormones flowing through us. Our actions can actually change the chemistry in our bodies and make us feel differently. This is why when we spend time with great friends we often feel good.

May I encourage you to feel good and focus on building great friendships with your school friends and others. Parents can get to know other parents in the school. Students can focus on being kind to others and finding ways to make them feel happy. If you like experiments this is a great one to do. Why don't you focus on being a great friend throughout term four and then see how good you feel because of it.

