



# The Winston Whisper

## Winston Hills Public School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Father & Son Camp Out – A Great Success!

This was my first Father & Son camp out and I was amazed at the turnout. It was a great night enjoyed by everyone. I would like to thank Mr. MacSporran and Mr Freney for their organisation of the wonderful event. Thank you also to Mr Astill and a number of teachers and parents who helped out in various ways.

### School Direction for 2017

The staff are currently in the process of evaluating and planning the school's strategic directions for 2017. A major focus for 2017 is how the school can better "bump up" the learning of our mild to high performing students across all grades. With a reflection on current research, NAPLAN results over the past several years, staff and parent consultation, the school is reviewing the Stage 3 Enrichment Class for next year. Implementing programs across all grades within the school will be a key component of the school's strategic direction.

### Class Planning for 2017

We are currently in the process of working out class formations for 2017. An important part of this is knowing the numbers for each of the grades. I would like to thank the parents who have informed us that their children are leaving our school this year.

If you know of anyone who has moved into the area and are looking to enrol their children into our school for next year, please suggest that they do so ASAP to help with the planning process.

If you have any concerns or things that you think need to be considered for your child's placement for next year, please email me on [mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Year 2 to 3 in 2017

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who attended the information evening about what to expect when their children go to Year 3.

### Showcase Night- Tomorrow Night

I am looking forward to the Showcase Night tomorrow when our school performance groups will be singing, playing and dancing. Thank you to the parents, friends and family members who have purchased tickets for this evening of entertainment by our talented students.

### Help Lachlan Represent New South Wales

Lachlan has been selected to represent New South Wales at the PSSA National Athletics Championships. To help out with the cost, Lachlan is selling raffle tickets tomorrow before school and also at recess time.

The cost of a ticket is \$2 with prizes that include an Apple iPad Air. If you would like to help Lachlan represent our school and state, please send \$2 in tomorrow to buy a raffle ticket.

**Mark Byrne**

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 4

#### Week 6

Wednesday 16 November	Showcase Night – 6.30pm
Thursday 17 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Assembly – 3-6
Friday 18 November	PSSA Semi Finals

#### Week 7

Wednesday 23 November	Band concert – 6.30pm Assembly – K-2
Thursday 24 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

#### Week 8

Monday 28 November	Last day of Homework
Tuesday 29 November	Last Day for Banking Parent Thank You Night - 7.30pm

## WHAT'S DUE?

Wednesday 30 November	Bazaar Day Sausage Sizzle Order Bazaar Day Raffle Tickets
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## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

### Community Notices – Email Only

- Winston Hills Netball Club Registration
- Salvation Army – A Little Ray of Giving

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Keeping Our Kids Safe Around Schools

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour when arriving to and leaving school. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways, particularly at Taxi Bay.

Supervise your child very closely by holding their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the **Taxi Bay**
- when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them. Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

### Kindergarten Orientation 2017

Last Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November was the third and last Kindergarten Orientation for this year. The students enjoyed their classroom visit, while the parents were in the Hall for an informative presentation about School Zone Traffic. This was then followed by a school tour that was led by the Year 5 students. The Year 5 students did a brilliant job taking on this leadership role. A big thank you to the Year 5 students, Mrs Jefferies, Ms McDonald and all the wonderful staff that have helped make this a successful morning.

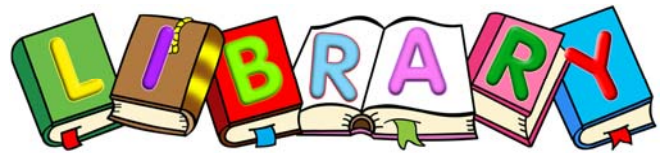
### Merit Awards

It has been so lovely to see all the students who have been bringing in their 10 class merits, to receive the next level of awards. I have had the pleasure to attend the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies in the past fortnight, with many of our students receiving Honour Awards, medals and banners. Once your child receives 10 class merits, please remember to send them in to me, so they can receive their next level in the next assembly.

### Dance-a-thon Winners – Pizza Party

KB and 5/6J are the winners from the Dance-a-thon that was held earlier this year. These 2 classes will be having their Pizza Party on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to both classes and enjoy your yummy pizzas!

**Wendy Kayello**  
*Deputy Principal (Relieving)*



## A Message from the Library

As the end of the year approaches it becomes necessary to stock-take all resources kept in the library.

Therefore, borrowing will cease on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016** and we are asking all students to return the books on loan by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**Books may be returned to the library's returns box before school or at lunch-time.**

The school will notify you if our records show that your child or children have books on loan, but in the meantime, it would be appreciated if parents could have a look and check to see if your child has any books hiding under beds, in cupboards or lost on bookshelves.

We realise that from time to time that books have already been returned and have somehow slipped back into the library without being scanned, so at the moment we are working to find as many of these books as possible.

## ASSEMBLIES

### Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 23 November – 2.00 pm
- KPB – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 17 November – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – Stage 2
- Parents are welcome to attend

## WHPS 2016 Showcase Night

**Wednesday 16 November**  
**Doors Open 6.00pm**

Infants, Primary & Support Unit  
Dance Groups

Beginner, Intermediate & Performance  
Bands

Proms & Senior Choirs

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 12

### Cricket

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### Softball

Senior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School Won 3-2  
Senior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School Drew 3-3

### T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School Won 27-4  
Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School Won 20-9

### Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Northmead Public School Won 4-2  
Junior Girls Vs Northmead Public School Won 2-0  
Senior Boys Vs Northmead Public School Won 6-3  
Senior Girls Vs Northmead Public School Won 4-1

## PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 13

### Cricket

Junior Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School Won 50-39  
Senior Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School Won 50 – 39

### Softball

Senior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Won 4-0  
Snr Girls Vs North Rocks Public School Lost 2-3

### T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills Noublic School Won 16-6  
Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School Lost 2-13

### Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School Lost 1-5  
Junior Girls Vs Jasper Road Public School Drew 2-2  
Senior Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School Won 11-4  
Senior Girls Vs Jasper Road Public School Won 10-2

### Training

Girls Touch Football & TBall– Thursday 8.15a  
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>

## SUPERMOON



## TEACHERS VS STUDENTS Newcombe Ball Year 6 Fundraiser



The annual Teachers vs Year 6 Newcombe Ball Game was played last Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. It was a resounding success. There was a lot of noise from all the students chanting in support of the students and only a few supporting the teachers. The spectacular outfits from some of our awesome teachers made for a very fun lunchtime. The teachers, once again, defeated the Year 6 students who put up a brave fight to the very end.

Great team spirit Winston Hills.



## Count Us In – Music & Sing Along



### Winston Hills Painted the New Hall in Song!

Last Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12:30pm all students and teachers from Kindergarten to Year 6 at Winston Hills participated in Australia's biggest school music initiative with more than 500 000 participating students from over 2100 schools nationwide. Music education has been proven to improve student's literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song 'Let it Play' at the same time, right across the country.

Lana Frank, Rebecca O'Hegarty and Raechel Webb



# Father & Son Camp Out 2016

It was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our annual Father and Son Camp Out on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. It was a raging success with 320 campers enjoying a memorable night of fun, excitement and very little sleep. The playground starting filling up with tents at 3.30pm and by 6pm it had been transformed into an official campsite. Tents of all shapes and sizes were pitched, from the very modest to the fully-equipped, with many tents sleeping more than one family. It was great to see dads catching up with each other while completing the manliest of duties: setting up a tent and preparing a campsite!

Thank you to our chefs for the night Mr Astill, Mr Byrne and Mr MacSporran. After dinner, there were organised games of soccer and cricket and the boys and dads had a great time. Following that was the presentation and raffle draw, with about 50 prizes won, including soccer balls, cricket kits and pool toys. Afterwards, all the boys were given glow sticks, resulting in hours of fun in the playground and in tents. The dads also won lots of prizes – vouchers, car cleaning products and others. Many of these were generously donated by families from our school. We were treated with fantastic weather (the best one in 10 years) as the dads and sons enjoyed each other's company into the evening, fuelled by cordial, ice-blocks and adrenalin. By this time most campers were in their tents - some tired; many still too excited to close their eyes. After a very brief and interrupted sleep, the sound of kookaburras and trucks on the M2 could be heard. It was 5.30am and time to get up! Another marathon barbecuing effort was needed to cook the bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast and thanks to the many dads who helped out with cooking, food preparation and clean up. Through the generosity of our community we raised money for Movember, helping men suffering from prostate cancer and depression. This is a great cause and one we support every year at the Father and Son Camp Out. A big thank you to all the families who donated money and prizes for the raffle. Your assistance is always appreciated and it helped make the night a great success. A special mention to Mr Byrne and Mr Astill for giving up their time and helping out all camp. Finally, thank you for all the positive feedback from the camp out over the last 10 years. It has grown into a wonderful community event and I have enjoyed giving fathers and sons an opportunity to experience a special night together.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr David MacSporran for helping and coordinating the event with me. Mr MacSporran initiated the event 10 years ago and has watched it grow from an original 65 fathers and sons to over 300. His positive attitude and hard work for this event has shown throughout the years turning it into the success that is it. I know Mr Mac will be back for this event next year to help.

**Steve Frenay**



# P & C NEWS

## ROBOTICS

### Year 6 Robotics Excursion

Last Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 61 Year 6 students spent the day at Macquarie University learning how to program LEGO Robots using computer software. It was an awesome experience. The students had to build and program the robots to move around the floor, turn, flash lights, sleep, spin around and even play music. All students learned so much from this experience and look forward to teaching other students about programming robots in the future. Definitely a memorable excursion.



Old Government House  
Parramatta Park  
Saturday 10 December 2016  
7.00pm to 9.00pm  
Gates Open 6.00pm  
Entry: Gold Coin Donation

Sausage Sizzle, Ice Creams,  
Candles, Drinks for Sale  
Bring a rug or low chairs for seating

**P&C Meeting**  
**Has been Changed - New Date**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**7.00pm**

**(Not 29th November)**

## P&C

### Kindy Orientation Morning Tea

Many thanks to Erin D, Sandra E, Christine T and Yuan C who assisted at last week's Kindy Orientation morning tea. The P&C of WHPS welcome all new families to our school and look forward to working with you in 2017.

### P&C Funds for 2016

During our P&C meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November it was voted on that \$20,000 of our funds raised throughout 2016 were donated to the school in order to purchase additional iPads. The remaining funds will be discussed at our next upcoming meeting which will now be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm in the school staffroom. All welcome!

### Change of Meeting Date

Due to the parent thank you evening, the next P&C meeting has been rescheduled. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December will now be the final meeting for 2016.

### P&C Facebook Page

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](mailto: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.

**Sue Bryant**  
**(P & C President)**



### Can you help?

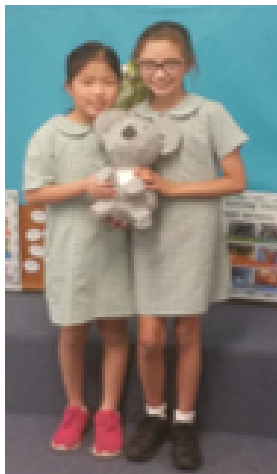
We are seeking volunteers to assist with a Charity Fundraiser Trivia/Games Night to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This event will raise funds for the Hogan family whose daughter Chelsea (a kindy student) is suffering from Leukemia.

If you have some spare time and can assist me in this working group please contact me as soon as you can on 0402623391 or [mswbryant@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mswbryant@optusnet.com.au).

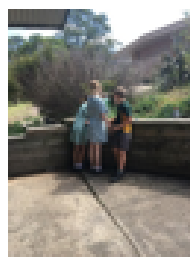
Thanks in advance for your support.

Sue Bryant

## 3A & 3K Presents



**Paper Mache'**



**Science this Term**

