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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Skoolbag

Over the last couple of weeks the Skoolbag app has had some problems with their server. I have to apologise for the effect that this had on the publishing of our last newsletter. It wasn't brought to our attention until a week later.

If you are still continuing to have problems with the Skoolbag app, please email me on mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Dance-a-thon

Our Dance-a-thon was a huge success on Friday. Staff, parents and students had a fun time and we are hoping that it will raise lots of money for our school. I would like to thank all of the parents for their help on the day.

Semester One Reports – Go home Thursday 30th

Student reports are being sent home on Thursday 30th June. Teachers have worked extremely hard this term to assess student achievement and report student progress accordingly.

Parents Plus

Tonight is the last of the three parent information nights about how numeracy is taught within our school. In the first two sessions we have had a large number of parents who have attended. Tonight's session will look at patterns, algebra, fractions, decimals and percentages and will start at 6pm. I would like to thank Mrs Russell, Mr Frenay, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Kayello, Mrs Frame, Miss Sheppard, Mrs Webb and Mr MacSporran for giving up their time to support these nights.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017

If you are aware of any in-area children intending to enrol for next year (who haven't already done so), please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible to fill in enrolment forms.

Well done Ruby and Yasmin

Congratulations to Ruby and Yasmin who represented Sydney West at last week's State Football. You should be proud of your efforts.

P&C Meeting – Tonight

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staff room on tonight. All welcome!

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 8

Tuesday 14 June	Gymnastics K-2 P&C Meeting 7.30pm SW Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 15 June	Gymnastics K-2 Stage 2&3 Assembly ICAS Spelling – 8.00am Uniform Shop Open 8.40am HPAF Auditions Peer Support – 12.30pm
Thursday 16 June	
Week 9	
Monday 20 June	Kindergarten Sound Day Last Day of Banking for Term 2 Athletics Carnival – Years 3-6
Tuesday 21 June	Gymnastics K-2 K-2 Assembly Gymnastics K-2 Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Peer Support – 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 June	
Thursday 23 June	
Week 10	
Monday 27 June	Principal's Morning Tea – 10.30am

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 16 June	Athletics Carnival Excursion Pack
Friday 22 July	Taronga Zoo Excursion

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Spring Fete Calendar
- School Fete – We need your Help
- Gymnastics Permission Note – Years 3-6, Support
- Canteen Athletics Excursion Pack Order Form

Community News:

- Musical Performance – Power Up

FROM THE DEPUTY

School Plan – 2015-2017

Strategic Direction 1 – Teacher Quality & Leadership

As part of our focus on Teacher Quality and Leadership, in Term 2 and 3 we will be implementing a professional learning initiative to further build the capacity of our staff in the teaching of reading, based on the latest research from the Department of Education.

This initiative will also focus on methods to improve reading outcomes to those students with additional learning needs, using evidence gathered from our Planning for Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) school-based data.

A big thank you to Mrs Schimanowsky and Ms Spink for their dedication and hard work in coordinating this project.

I look forward to sharing the results from this initiative with the community and keeping you informed of other projects from our 2015-2017 School Plan in upcoming newsletters.

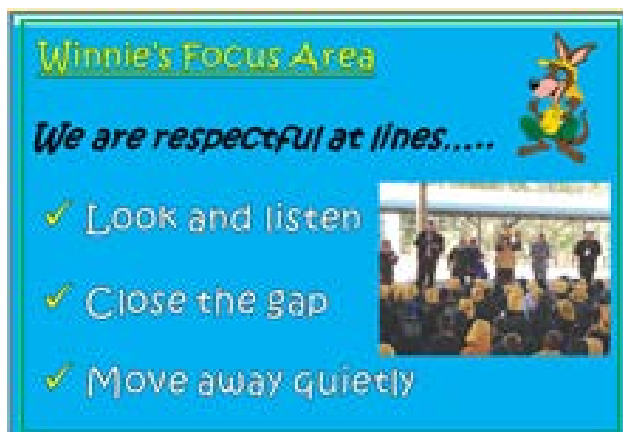
K-2 Big Games

The K-2 Big Games area started in the playground today. Big Games is a great place for students to be at recess and 1st half of lunch for a quieter playground experience on Tuesday and Wednesday. This area is designed for all students, but particularly those children who find it easier to engage socially in a smaller, structured environment. Ms Gwyne and students from the SRC will be working hard to ensure the Big Games area is a constructive and rewarding experience for our students.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) update

New Focus Area – 'We are respectful at lines'



Our new focus area this fortnight is about the students being respectful at lines by:

- ✓ Looking and listening
- ✓ Closing the gap
- ✓ Moving away quietly

We will be teaching the importance of this in classrooms this fortnight, and discussing this focus area with the students at morning lines.

ICAS Spelling Test

This Thursday, 16th June, we will be having the ICAS Spelling test. Participating students are asked to meet outside the new hall at 7.50am for a 8.00am start. I will send out a reminder through the 'Skoolbag' app and a hard copy note will be sent home on Wednesday.

Dance-a-thon

Thank you to the many parents who helped to make our Dance-a-thon a wonderful success. A special mention to Sandra Emmett and Ali Buchanan for coordinating our amazing helpers.

A reminder that all sponsorship money needs to be returned by Wednesday, 29th June. Please make sure the money is placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly labelled.



Sydney West Cross Country Carnival

Good luck to the following students who will be representing Castle Hill at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival this Wednesday, 16th June at Eastern Creek raceway:

Zac Le Quesne, Lachlan Wood, Luke Maguire, Jesse Cameron and Yasmin Aloisio.

We wish them all the best!

Have a great week ☺

David MacSporran
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 6

Football

Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	0-1
Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	1-0
Open Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	7-0

Netball Trials

Junior A's Vs Kellyville Public School	Won	9-1
Junior B's Vs Sherwood Ridge Public	Won	10-1

Senior A's Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	5 - 7
Senior B's Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Lost	5 - 7

Newcombe Ball

Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	63-46 3 sets to 0
Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	35-63 0 set to 3

Rugby League

Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	24- 18
Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	14-4

PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 7

Football

Juniors Vs Winston Heights Public School	Lost	0-1
Seniors Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	1-0
Open Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	7-0

Netball

Junior A's Vs Oakhill Drive Public School	Won	17-0
Junior B's Vs Beaumont Hills Public School	Won	7-0

Senior A's Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	6 - 2
Senior B's Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	13 - 3

Newcombe Ball

Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	63-22 3 sets to 0
Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	57-63 0 set to 3

Rugby League

No game played

Training

Football – Friday 8.15am
Netball – Thursday Snr 8.00am Jnr 8.15am
Newcombe Ball – Friday 8.30 am
Rugby League – Thursday 8.15am

Draws & Tables

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

Congratulations

Update - Girls Football Competition

Congratulations to Yasmin Aloisio (5/6M) and Ruby Burdack (5/6J) who last week represented Sydney West in the NSW PSSA girls football competition. The girls travelled to chilly Albury to take part in the competition. They played 5 games altogether in the pool rounds, winning 4 out of 5. This meant that the girl's team qualified for the semi finals.

Unfortunately the girls didn't make it to the final. However, finishing 4th in the state is a wonderful achievement. The girls played with pride, team work and commitment and should be proud of their high achievement.



Steve Freney

PSSA Football Coach

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL EXCURSION PACK

21 June 2016

Your child has received an order form today for an excursion pack for the 3-6 Athletics Carnival next Tuesday 21 June.

Order forms and money are due back to the canteen by this Thursday 16 June. Apologies for the short turn around.

Please note there will be no canteen facilities at the carnival.

Thank you
Canteen Staff

SCHOOL NEWS

BAND NEWS

Bunnings Fundraiser

We are holding our first fundraiser for 2016. This will be held at Bunnings Seven Hills on Saturday 25 June.

We are still seeking some volunteers and some more bakers! Any help on the day and baking is much appreciated as all funds go directly back in to our band program. Don't bake? How about purchasing some pre made baked goods or making some lolly bags to sell at our cake stall?

All fundraising helps the band program to keep the band fees as low as possible!

We invite the whole school community to stop in and say hi and purchase some yummy baked goods and an awesome sausage sizzle!

Band Camp

We are so excited that band camp is getting closer. The preparation and organising is well underway and we know the kids are looking forward to camp on July 29-31.

General Meeting

The term 2 general meeting has been locked in for Wednesday 29 June at 6pm in the new hall.

We invite all band parents to this meeting.

Save the dates...

Please mark the following dates in your diaries, more information will be available closer to the times:

Saturday 25 June - Bunnings Fundraiser

Wednesday 29 June- Band Meeting 6pm New Hall

Friday 29 July-Sunday 31 July- Band Camp

Sunday 21 August- UNSW Festival Band Competition

Sunday 18 September- WHPS Fete

Facebook Page

Did you know we are on Facebook? Please pop on over and like our page to keep up to date with latest news, reminders and even the odd photo!

WHPS Band - don't forget to check it out

Siobhan Buchan

Band Coordinator

P&C FUNDRAISING

Dance-a-thon

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at Danceathon, hoping you enjoyed the music and dancing. Now the dancing is done please send in sponsorship money quickly to be in the running for some great prizes. Please remember money must be in by Wed 29 June.

Election Day BBQ

Will be held on Saturday 2 July, come along and vote and grab a sausage roll. We need volunteers for 1-2 hours through the day (7.30am- 2.00pm) if you can spare 1-2 hours please call Sandra on 0432 945 367 to volunteer.

P & C NEWS

Next P & C Meeting will be held **TONIGHT** 7.30pm in the staffroom.

For those of you attending the MATHS information evening, the P & C meeting will follow commencing at 7.30pm.

Supper provided tonight!

NOT YET A P&C MEMBER?

Memberships can be applied for at the P & C meeting or by completing a membership form and making \$2 payment through the school office.

URGENT PLEA - WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are currently seeking a secretary to join the committee. If this position interests you, I strongly encourage you contact me asap at whpspandc@gmail.com

Secretary – Takes minutes at all executive and P&C meetings and circulates to attendees and P&C members. Handles correspondence as required after consultation with the executive committee. Maintains register of P&C financial members. Assists the president and vice presidents in their duties as and when required. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities

Thank you and welcome Jeff Green who was elected as our vice president(#2) at last month's meeting.

P&C SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all the parents that completed the on line P&C survey last month. These results have been collated and will be presented at tonight's meeting. Can't make the meeting? But interested to hear of outcomes, please drop me an email at whpspandc@gmail.com

ALL P&C NEWS can now be located in one easy to find place on our school webpage. Be sure to check it out!

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.

Sue Bryant

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 22 June – 2.00 pm
- KJW – will host the Assembly

Stage 2 & 3 Assembly – Years 3,4,5 & 6

- Thursday 16 June – 2.00 pm
- 5/6F – Class Item
- Parents are welcome to attend

P & C NEWS

FETE NEWS

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016



WINSTON HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL
SPRINGFETE

Major Sponsor

A huge thank you and welcome to Jaime Benjamin Harcourt's Hills Living Real Estate who has come on board as our fete sponsor.



Fundraising:

Richard and his team at Mintfresh IGA has been a great support to us as we prepare for our fete. We thank Mintfresh IGA for providing us the opportunity to raise money at the recent Market fresh day on Saturday 16/4/16. A total of \$530 was raised which will go towards our fete funds.

Thank you WHPS families!

A huge thanks to each and every family who has shown their support in so many ways. A special thanks to those that have donated to our fete by donating goods and services such as gift vouchers, new products, vouchers etc.

We are still taking donations, if you know of anyone or you are willing to make a donation big or small we would love to hear from you asap.

Look out for Notes Regarding Term 2:

Today your child will have received a copy of two fete notes. A fete calender which outlines a weekly scedhule from now until fete day! These include a schedule of BRING IN items with all details outlined on the note. The second note is a Volunteer call out note, asking that each family participates in one job come fete day. Just as we say, many hands make lighter work. Remember all fete correspondence is to be returned to the school office and placed in the "fete" box in the foyer (please do not return to the classroom teacher). Thanks in advance for your support.

Next Meeting:

- THURSDAY 30th JUNE 7pm in the hall. (Usually finish by 8.30/9pm) Feel free to wear your winter woolies!!!! Slippers, PJs anything to keep you warm ☺ All welcome!
- TUESDAY 26th JULY 7pm in the hall. COMPULSORY for all stall contact/co ordinators to attend.
- WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST 7pm in the hall.
- THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 7pm in the hall.

Don't forget to jump on line and "like" our fete facebook page at Winston Hills Public School Spring Fete to keep up to date with all events and news.



Need to contact us?

Feel free anytime to drop us an email at:

whpsfete2016@gmail.com

We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions too ☺

Sue Bryant and Fete Committee

HIGH SCHOOL LINKS - 2016

It has been another fun year. Thanks to Model Farms High School for providing us with a great learning experience. Over a 4 week program, the students enjoyed woodwork, Cooking, Art and Science.



4R Witches and Wizards of Hogwarts

Class of the Week



4R has been really busy this year. We have become:

- expert writers
- connoisseurs of excellent texts
- efficient mathematicians
- champion spellers
- avid historians
- keen scientists
- creative artists
- happy learners, and
- wonderful wizards and witches.

