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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

It was great to see everyone back for the start of what will be another very busy term. I am sure we are all looking forward to the many things happening this term, especially the Spring Fete.

Last Monday the staff spent the day involved in professional learning to support the school's strategic direction of improving how Mathematics is taught within our classrooms.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted this week to discuss the Semester 1 report. This is another great opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Athletics Carnival

The weather has not been kind to us this year and the double booking of the track by the council has not helped. The carnival will be held this Friday and this will unfortunately mean that we will not be involved in PSSA this week. This is the result of the limited availability of the track.

Castle Hill PSSA points tables are determined by points gained divided by games played so this decision, although regrettable, will not result in our PSSA teams dropping points. Yesterday the school held its Ball Games Carnival. It was great to see everyone having a fun time in the sun.

Education Week & Book Week Celebrations

Similar to last year, we are combining Education Week and Book Week. We have planned a wonderful 'Open Day' of activities for students and parents on Tuesday 2nd August. Mr MacSporran has included details about this day in his column. We are looking forward to the day.

Band Camp

This weekend is our annual camp for our band members. I would like to thank Siobhan Buchan and her committee for all of their hard work in organising the weekend. I would also like to thank the teachers who have given up their weekend time to help with the supervision of this program.

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.

P&C Meeting and Morning Tea

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staff room Tuesday the 9th August. We are also having a morning tea on the same day at 9.15am. This is an opportunity to have an informal chat about the things that are happening around the school

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 2

Tuesday 26 July

Stage 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Gymnastics – Stage 3

Wednesday 27 July

Banking Starts
Stage 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Opportunity Class Test
Gymnastics – Stage 2

Thursday 28 July

Stage 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Band Camp 29th → 31st

Friday 29 July

Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Week 3

Tuesday 2 August

Open Day
Book Character Parade / Book Fair

Wednesday 3 August

K-2 Assembly

Thursday 4 August

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm

Week 4

Monday 8 August

Zoosnooz Excursion 3A & 3/4C

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 22 July

Friday 22 July

Thursday 28 July

Term 3 Account Invoice

Kindergarten Calmsley Farm

Permission Note

Y3-6 Athletics Carnival

Permission Note

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Fete Day Volunteers

FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back!

I hope you and your family had time to relax and unwind over the school holidays. Term 3 is shaping up to be another fantastic term of teaching and learning at Winston Hills Public School. Our staff have been working extremely hard to provide the students with creative, engaging and rewarding learning experiences which meet their learning needs, challenge their thinking and support their wellbeing.

School Development Day – Monday, 18th July

Focus: Strategic Direction 2 – Student Learning

Our Term 3 school development day focused on sharing the findings from our Term 2 action research project on using evidence-based practices to improve student growth in numeracy.

This project was successfully trialled in a small number of classrooms and resulted in a significant impact on student outcomes. All teachers have now engaged with the research and findings from the project, and stage teams have planned a five- week unit of work based on this evidence.

Stage teams will be reviewing assessment data from these units later in Term 3 and engaging in more professional learning to further strengthen their teaching practice and improve our student results in Mathematics.

I look forward to sharing these results in upcoming newsletters.

Education Week – Week 3

Education Week is fast approaching and as part of our school celebrations, we are holding the annual Open Day and Book Character Parade, with the Book Week theme of 'Australia! Story Country'.

On Tuesday, 2nd August, students are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They will parade around Aria A starting at 9:30am

The annual school Book Fair will be held in the new hall from 8.30 – 9.00am and re-open after the book character parade until 12:15pm. Unfortunately EFTPOS is not available - cash only. Please come along and buy a book for your child. You may also like to donate a book to the school library.

8.30 – 9.00 am	Book fair in the new hall
9.30 am	Book character parade (3-6 playground)
10.30 am	Book fair in the new hall
11.00 am	Parent morning tea on the multi. court
11.30 – 12.15	Open classrooms – K-6

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) update

New Focus Area – 'We look after our belongings'



Our new focus area this fortnight is about the students looking after their jacket, hat, handball and pencil case. We will be teaching the importance of this in classrooms this fortnight, and discussing this focus area with the students at morning lines.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Monday, 25th – Thursday, 28th July

Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted this week in the library. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ask questions about their academic and social achievements. Please note that each interview is limited to 10 minutes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided while you are waiting in the library.

NSW All Schools Cross Country Carnival



Congratulations to Lachlan Wood (10th), Yasmin Aloisio (55th), Zac Le Quesne (54th) and Jesse Cameron (45th) who represented Sydney West at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Carnival last Friday, 22nd July. Each race had up to 90 runners from public, catholic and independent schools throughout NSW. Our 4 representatives performed at their very best on the day and we were extremely proud of their achievements – well done!

Winning House for Term 2

The winning house for Term 2 was Clarke. All students in Clarke received an ice-block and an extra 30 minutes play time with Winnie in the last week of term. A big thank you Winnie for showing us his amazing soccer skills!



Have a great week ☺

David MacSporran
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS - ROUND 10

Football

Juniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	2-1
Seniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	2-0
Open Girls Vs Murray Farm Public	Won	10-0

Netball Trials

Junior A's Vs Sherwood Ridge Public	Won	6-2
Junior B's Vs Carlingford West Public	Won	6-2

Senior A's Vs Northmead Public School	Won	7-3
Senior B's Vs Baulkham's North Public	Lost	1-3

Newcombe Ball

Juniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	62-50
2 sets to 1		
Seniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Loss	60-61
1 set to 2		

Rugby League

Juniors Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School	Loss	14-28
Seniors Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School	Loss	4-30


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
www.castlehillpssa.wix.com/chpssa

Melissa Johnston



Education Week
 Open Day
 Book Character Parade
 Book Fair

Tuesday 2 August
8.30 am to 12.15 pm

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 3 August – 2.00 pm
- 1B – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 28 July – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – Senior Choir
- Parents are welcome to attend



Hills Performing Arts Festival

Tickets for the Festival
go on sale

Friday 29 July 2016
 From 9.00 am
 Price – \$25

Ticketek Website
www.ticketek.com.au

Ticketek Call Centre
 Phone Bookings – 132 849

Penrith Panthers Reception Desk
 In person only (9am to 10pm daily)

REMINDER

The Date for the
 Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
 is now
Friday 29 July 2016

P & C NEWS

FETE NEWS

FETE MEETING TONIGHT!

Our next fete meeting is tonight! 7pm in the school hall, all welcome. Stall contacts volunteers this meeting is mandatory. See you tonight ☺



Upcoming fete meetings-

18th Aug, 7pm
1st Sept, 7pm

Bring in days reminders-

<p><u>ALL FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 2 25th-29th July <u>ANYTHING HAMPER</u> Especially <u>cellophane(clear) sticky</u> <u>tape and ribbon.</u></p>	<p><u>ALL FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 5 15th-19th August <u>WHITE ELEPHANT/BOOKS</u> NOTE Drop off point is infants sheds NOT school office</p>
<p><u>ALL FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 3 1st-5th August <u>LOLLIES GALORE inc</u> <u>MINI CHOCOLATE BARS</u></p>	<p><u>YEAR 4 FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 6 22nd – 26th August <u>CUP CAKES GOODIES</u></p>
<p><u>YEAR 1 FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 4 8th – 12th August <u>BOTTLES</u></p>	<p><u>YEAR 5/6 and SUPPORT</u> <u>UNIT FAMILIES</u> Term 3 Week 7 29th August- 2nd September <u>THINK DRINKS</u></p>

URGENT VOLUNTERS CALLOUT!

Look out for the hard copy note issued to your child today for details.

Our platinum sponsor-



Fete Committee
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P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 9 August 2016** **7.30pm in the staffroom**

Future P & C Meeting dates:

Tues 6th Sept, 7:30pm
Tues 1st Nov, 7:30pm
Tues 29th Nov, 7:30pm

About our meetings-

All parents and citizens of our school are most welcome to attend. Meetings generally run for approximately 1-1.5 hours. Discussions are held relating to past and present events, P&C funds allocations, and general business agenda items discussed.



**P&C invite all parents to join us for morning tea
with our Principal, Mark**

An informal chat.

Younger siblings welcome

Date: Tuesday 9th August

Time: 9:15 am

Place: Hall



A special thanks to our P&C fundraising team who have, with the help from our WHPS families raised \$2,000 from the Election Day BBQ and \$15,480 from our dance-a-thon.

Have you "liked" our new 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.

Sue Bryant
(P & C President)

P & C NEWS

P&C FUNDRAISING

Danceathon

Wow what a great effort, this years Danceathon raised \$15,000 of funds for our school. Individual and class prizes will be allocated this week.

Election Day BBQ

Our Election Day BBQ was a great success and we raised just over \$2,000 of funds for our school. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our stall by buying sausage rolls and drinks.

Thank you to IGA Mint Fresh for their donation of sausages for this event.

And last but not least our great volunteers who gave up some of their weekend, without their help it would not be possible. THANK YOU to Jen Harrison, Malcolm Greentree, Helen Walsh, Donna Plummer, Steve Emmett, Jeff Greene, Ali Buchanan, Tony Faisey, Michelle Sun, Angelina Ryan, and Sue Bryant

BAND NEWS

Band Camp

We are very excited about band camp coming up this weekend.

A few reminders:

- Children are due at 6pm sharp and once children have been signed in the program will start promptly.
- All medication needs to be given to Mrs Webb and ensure that a medication form is provided if not done already.
- The first meal provided is supper so children will need to have had dinner prior to arrival.
- No food is to be brought without prior approval, this includes lollies and snacks. Due to children with allergies this is a very strict rule this year.
- The final concert will be at 1pm on Sunday and band camp will close at 2pm.

Siobhan Buchan
Band Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

Term Dates

The Term 3 dates for school banking are:

Tuesday 26th July – 13th September 2016

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

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3-6 Ball Games Carnival Monday 25th July



