



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Changes To The Office

The new computer software program that the school office uses will "Go Live" on September the 5th. This program called LMBR will mean many changes to the processes for the day to day running of the office. As part of the introduction of the program, no payments will be accepted at the office between Wednesday 31st August and Monday the 12th of September. During this time the school's bank accounts will be rolling over to the new system. Our administration staff are doing an exceptional job in completing the numerous tasks as we roll into a new way of working.

NAPLAN Results

The results from the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN assessments that was carried out earlier in the year will be sent home tomorrow. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions relating to the report.

URGENT - Kinder Enrolments for 2017

Our 2017 Kinder Orientation program commences early next term. 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 and receive information about Kindergarten Orientation. Information will sent home to those who have already enrolled for next year over the next couple of weeks.

Olympic Thank You

Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed watching the Olympics. Students from our school have been sending Edwina Tops- Alexander (Equestrian) messages of support. Edwina has sent the following message to the school- "I would like to thank Winston Hills Public School for all your support during my Olympic campaign! Your support has meant a lot to me! My result was 9th in the final due to knocking down a rail! Very disappointing but my horse Tequila couldn't have done a better job. She was flying and she gave maximum effort every round. I leave Rio with mixed feelings but one thing I know for sure Tequila is true champion. That's Sport! Thank you so much."

Upcoming Fete

The big day is fast approaching. I would like to thank all of those people who have been working hard behind the scenes for the big day. I know that the 18th September will be a great day for our school community.

Mark Byrne
Principal

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 6

Tuesday 23 August	Gymnastics – Stage 3
Wednesday 24 August	Gymnastics – Stage 2
Thursday 25 August	Assembly – Stages 2 & 3
	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	School Tree Day - Postponed
	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 26 August	- Field Events & Ball Games

Week 7

Tuesday 30 August	Gymnastics – Stage 3
Wednesday 31 August	Assembly – K-2
	Gymnastics – Stage 2
Thursday 1 September	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
	Father's Day Breakfast
	Father's Day Stall
Friday 2 September	K-2 Mini Olympics Carnival

Week 8

Monday 5 September	Primary Proms Rehearsal
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WHAT'S DUE?

Monday 29 August	Father's Day Breakfast Note
Friday 2 September	K-2 Mini Olympic Permission Note
Thursday 15 September	Spring Fete Ride Armbands Order

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- K-2 Mini Olympic Permission Note
- Father's Day Breakfast & Gift Stall
- Spring Fete News
- Spring Fete Ride Armbands Order Form
- Tell them from Me: Survey

Community News

- Kidtopea Festival

FROM THE DEPUTY

School Plan Update

Strategic Direction 1 – Teacher Quality & Leadership

Over the last 2 weeks the staff have been participating in Peer Observations. This has involved teachers observing each other's practice in the classroom and learning from one another in the areas of guided reading, phonics, mathematics, technology and learning support for students with additional needs in reading.

This process has focused on teachers addressing their professional learning goals, building teacher capacity and offering feedback to peers. It is yet another way that teachers at Winston Hills PS are seeking to continuously improve their skills and provide our students with the highest quality teaching and learning experiences.

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall – Thursday, 1st September

All dads are invited to come and celebrate Father's Day with their child at school on Thursday, 1st September.

Breakfast will be served from 8.00am – 8.50am. There will be a sausage on a roll with tea or coffee for the dads, and a sausage on a roll with orange juice for children.

The cost of this breakfast will be \$8 per family. **No cheques or online payments will be accepted for this event.** Please note that the breakfast is only for dads and their children attending school.

The Father's Day stall will be open from 9.00 – 11.00am for students to purchase gifts for their dads. Gifts will range from \$2 - \$6. Students are asked to bring a plastic bag to keep their gifts safe.

For organisation and catering purposes, the last day for ordering will be Monday, 29th August. No orders will be taken after this date.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) update

New Focus Area – 'We walk on hard surfaces'



Our new focus area this fortnight is about keeping our students safe by walking on hard surfaces. We will be teaching the importance of this in classrooms this fortnight, and discussing this focus area with the students at morning lines.

SRC Fundraiser – Kids with Cancer Foundation

Last week we raised over \$700 from our mufti day, organised by the SRC. This money will be donated to the *Kids with Cancer Foundation*. Thank you to all families for supporting this wonderful cause.



The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

This survey will help our school understand the parents' and carers' perspective on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **22nd August and 21st October**. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Follow this link below on your computer or tablet:

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

REMINDER - 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 3 assembly dates:

K-2 – Wednesday at 2.15pm in Weeks 5, 7 and 9

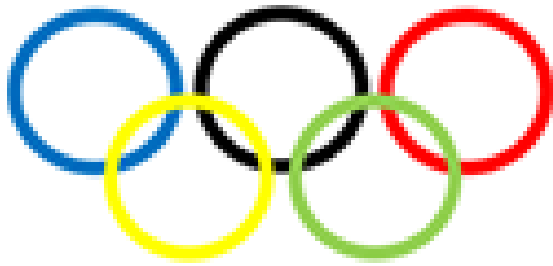
3-6 – Thursday at 2.15pm in Weeks 4, 6 and 8

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.

Have a great week ☺

David MacSporran
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



K-2 MINI OLYMPICS

Friday 2nd September 2016
Gooden Reserve
Baulkham Hills
Starting at 9.30am

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
(Be comfortable - Bring a Chair)

Our carnival will involve all children participating in the spirit of good sportsmanship as each child represents their class and an Olympic Country.

Make sure your child is at school by
8.45am

Bring Recess, Lunch and two water bottles clearly marked with their name.

Please send healthy snacks as we are promoting a healthy lifestyle for our carnival

Permission Notes send home today with your child

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017

If you have a child for Kindergarten next year please collect Enrolment Form from Office ASAP

PSSA - Semi-Final Results

Football

Seniors Boys Vs Samuel Gilbert Public	Drew	0-0
Open Girls Vs Glenhaven Public	Won	6-0

Netball

Junior A's Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	5-3
Junior B's Vs Jasper Road Public	Won	6-2

Senior A's Vs Kellyville Public	Loss	5-8
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PSSA - Grand Final

Football

Seniors Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	2-0
Open Girls Vs Sherwood Ridge Public	Won	2-1

Netball

Junior A's Vs Jasper Road Public	Won	12-8
Junior B's Vs Murray Farm Public	Won	10-8

Congratulations to the Finalists for their outstanding results and the other students that played PSSA, for their commitment and behaviour throughout the season. Thank you, to all the PSSA coaches and parents for their support throughout the winter competition.

Melissa Johnston



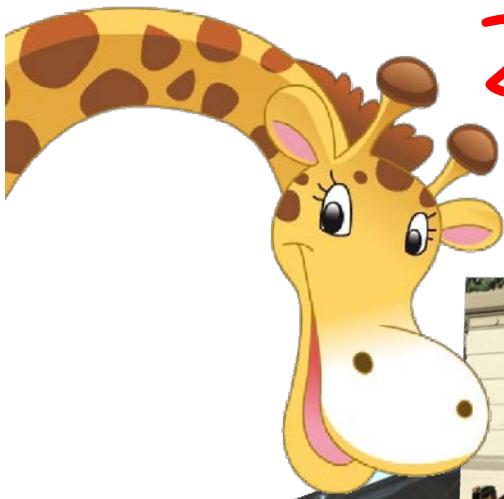
Hillcrest Preschool

Enrolling Now for 2017

Children aged between 3 and 5 years old
Our centre can receive childcare benefits and also childcare rebates for all children attending the centre.

Please contact Penny or Melissa
on 9639 9381

ZooShooz Stage 2



P & C NEWS

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 31 August – 2.00 pm
- 1GG – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 25 August – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 5/6J
- Parents are welcome to attend



REMINDER

ORDER FORMS FOR
FETE RIDE ARMBANDS
Sent home today


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to serve spring salads.

Spring brings sunshine ... and salads!

A salad is a great way to enjoy a light and lovely meal packed full of veg. Enjoy as a side dish or add some lean meat, fish, cheese or hard-boiled egg and make a meal of it.

Here are five of our spring salad favourites (for full recipes go to eatittobeatit.com.au):

- Tabbouleh.
- Thai beef salad.
- Asian chicken salad.
- Basic garden salad.
- Mixed bean salad.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.


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P&C FUNDRAISING

Father's Day Stall:

Will be held on Thursday 1st September. We will have a range of gifts from \$2 to \$6. Please send a plastic bag along so your child can carry the gift home.

FETE NEWS

Reminder: Bring in Days

- **Year 4 Families**
Term 3 – Week 6 (22nd – 26th August)
CUP CAKES GOODIES
- **Year 5/6 and Support Unit Families**
Term 3 – Week 7 (29th August – 2nd September)
THINK DRINKS
- **All Families**
Term 3 – Week 8 (5th – 9th September)
OOPS I FORGOT



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday 1st September
8.00am – 8.50am

Cost - \$8 per family (cash)
(Note sent home today with your child)



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 1st September 2016
Gifts range from \$2 to \$6

**We BUMP UP OUR
LEARNING**



**Reading Groups in
action**



Our Art Work

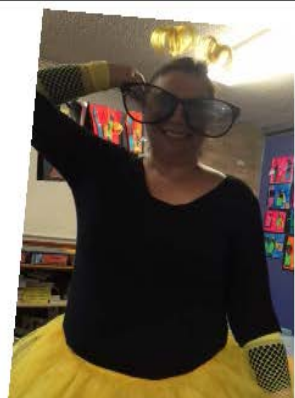
**A day in the
life of 2B**



Cranky Bear from 'The very Cranky Bear'



Esteban and Maroon Crayon from 'The Day the Crayons came home'



Mrs Buyruk looking her best



Easter Hat Parade

