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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Appreciation Week

Last week was SASS Appreciation week. At Winston Hills Public School, we are very lucky to have an outstanding group of people who make up our SASS team. They are an important part of the school community and help make the school a great place to come to every day.



Father's Day – Thank You...

Last Thursday was a great day for the dads, granddads and students of the school as we celebrated Father's Day. I would like to thank the parents who ran the Father's Day stall.

I would also like to thank the teachers and staff who helped to cook and serve everyone at our Father's Day Breakfast. Thanks particularly to Mr MacSporran for his wonderful organisation of the event. We hope that all our dads had a great Father's Day.

LMBR- New Office System

Yesterday saw the start of a new software system introduced into the school's office. This replaces a system that has been operating in schools for over 20 years. One of the important changes to the system is the fact that it will be very important that payments for different activities are paid on time.

I would like to thank the office staff who have worked hard during this transition period.

A Busy End of Term

Schools are always busy places, however, the next three weeks will be extremely busy for the students of Winston Hills Public School. Some of the things happening include: Support Unit Camp; Stage 3 Camp; K-2 Athletics Carnival; Hills Performing Arts Festival; Proms Choir; and to top it all off, the School Fete. I would like to thank all of those people working in the background to organise these great experiences for the school community.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 8

Tuesday 6 September	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 7 September	Yarramundi Camp – Support Unit Gymnastics – Stage 2
Thursday 8 September	Yarramundi Camp – Support Unit Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Assembly – Stage 2 & 3 Mini Olympics – K-2
Friday 9 September	Yarramundi Camp – Support Unit Summer PSSA Resumes HPAF Rehearsal HPAF Performance Evening

Week 9

Tuesday 13 September	Last Day of Banking School Tree Day Gymnastics – Stage 3
Wednesday 14 September	Canberra Excursion – Stage 3 Gymnastics – Stage 2 Assembly – K-2
Thursday 15 September	Canberra Excursion – Stage 3 Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Friday 16 September	Canberra Excursion – Stage 3

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 14 October	Term 4 Accounts and all Notes
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ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 4 Accounts
- K-6 Teranga – Musica Viva Performance
- K-6 Life Education Program (Healthy Harold)
- Kindergarten Party Day – Rouse Hill Cinemas
- Y6 Robotics Boot Camp
- Stage 1 Party Day – Auburn Cinemas
- 1/6P & K-3G Party Day – Auburn Cinemas
- Stage 2 and 3 Party Day – Auburn Cinemas
- 1/6B & 3/6F – Party Day – Auburn Cinemas
- Spring Fete News
- Spring Fete Silent Action Items
- Rouse Hills Gardens – Support Unit

Congratulations

A big congratulations goes to Milla and Yasmin who recently represented Sydney West at the Girls' State Touch Football Championships. I would also like to especially congratulate Milla for being selected in the State team to compete at the Nationals in Perth.

Mobile Phone Use

Parents are requested to limit the use of mobile phone and wireless devices on school grounds. If spending extended time at the school with children, please turn off mobile phones or switch to flight/airplane mode.

Mark Byrne
Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY

School Plan Update

Strategic Direction 1 – Teacher Quality & Leadership

Over the next two weeks the teachers at Winston Hills will be engaging in technology workshops to further improve their skills at using iPad apps in the classroom. This is a major initiative for our school as we aim to embed future-focused learning into our teaching and learning programs. Workshops started yesterday with Ms Grant leading 5 sessions in the staffroom, each one differentiated to meet the learning needs of our teachers and support staff. See photos below.

Technology workshops will continue next week with a focus on teachers creating classroom tasks that redesign and transform learning. For more information on our model of technology implementation, please go to this link: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/videos/introduction-to-the-samr-model>.

I would like to thank Ms Grant for sharing her amazing expertise with the teachers. We are lucky to have such a motivated and talented educator on our staff.



Parent-teacher Interviews – 3/4C

Due to Mrs Coates being away during Term 2, parent-teacher interviews for 3/4C will be conducted Thursday, 22nd September (Week 10). Parents can book an appointment with Mrs Coates online. The booking site will be live from 8.00pm this Thursday 8th September until 8.00pm on Wednesday 21st September. A parent note accompanying this newsletter explains the simple process for booking an interview.

School Tree Day: Preparing for the School Fete

Our annual School Tree Day will take place next Tuesday, 13th September. Due to the many established plants and garden beds in our school, this year the students will be spreading the vast quantities of mulch we have in piles on our grounds. These have come from trees in the playground which have recently been cut down and chipped. The garden beds will soon be looking beautiful in preparation for the School Fete on Sunday, 18th September.

The Partners in Learning Parent Survey

Our school is 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.

This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives 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 usually take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open between **22nd August and 21st October**. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

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

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

A big thank you to all the dads who supported our annual Father's Day breakfast. We had almost 500 people enjoying a delicious breakfast which was cooked, prepared and served by our wonderful teachers and support staff.

Thank you also to the amazing parent helpers who worked tirelessly at the Father's day stall to ensure the students had lovely gifts. We hope all our dads and granddads had a great day on Sunday!



Have a great week ☺

David MacSporran
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CHPSSA ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Zone Athletics Carnival Track events were held at Blacktown Olympic Park, Rooty Hill. This year we had 31 students compete at the carnival under the extremely poor weather conditions. I was extremely pleased with their performance, sportsmanship and behaviour.

There were some outstanding performances on the day:

1 st 11yrs 100m	Lachlan Wood
1 st 11yrs 200m	Lachlan Wood
1 st 11yrs 800m	Lachlan Wood
2 nd Senior 800m	Yasmin Aloisio
2 nd Senior Relay	Zac Porter, Jy Windle, Lachlan Wood, Ajaiy Mohanraja
3 rd Junior Relay	Riley Christie, Christian Kim, Jayden Cillero. Zac Redwood
4 th 11yrs 100m	Jy Windle
4 th 12yrs 100m	Ajaiy Mohanraja
5 th 8yrs 100m	Amber Newell
5 th Junior 200m	Jayden Cillero
6 th 9yrs 100m	Zac Redwood
6 th 10yrs 100m	Jayden Cillero
10 th Junior 800m	Zac Le Quesne

I would like to thank the following who assisted in running events the day – Mark Byrne, Steve Freney.

Unfortunately, there are no field events results to report on yet.

The school would also like to wish Lachlan well in his qualifying events at the Sydney West Carnival on Wednesday 14th September.

SUMMER PSSA UPDATE

Summer PSSA will commence for our school in **Week 10**, Round 8. We unfortunately are unable to commit to rounds 6 & 7, because of our school commitments for the HPAF & Stage 3 camp.

These commitments will not go against team's placements on results tables. As points are awarded on games played per school.

BALL GAMES CARNIVAL CANCELLATION

Regrettably the Ball Games Carnival for 2016 has been cancelled. Sadly, this event will not be rescheduled

NSWPSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL REPRESENTATION, CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Milla Elaro 5/6KL.

She been has selected to represent NSW in the Girls Touch Football Team. This carnival will take place at Perth in October. We wish her and the team all the best.

Melissa Johnston


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get kids in the kitchen.



Image: expophoto.com.au

Involving children in preparing meals is a great way to get them eating more fruit and veg. Kids are more likely to eat something they've helped create!

To inspire budding chefs, let your children help you shop for fruit and veg and then add the produce to meals. You can even plant some herbs or veg at home for go-to ingredients.

For more information visit www.eatitbeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatitbeatit

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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REMINDER

P&C MEETING

Tonight

6 September

7.30pm

in the Staffroom

SCHOOL NEWS

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 14 September – 2.00 pm
- KB – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 8 September – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 4A
- Parents are welcome to attend

FOOTY FEVER MUFTI DAY YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER



Thursday 22nd September

On Thursday 22nd September (Week 10), our Year 6 students will be organising the annual “Footy Fever Mufti Day”.

This is the opportunity for all students K-6 to wear their favourite Football Team’s jersey, clothing or colours.

Please bring a gold coin donation to support this Year 6 fundraising event

Stage 3 Teachers

DEBATING

Round 4 versus Winston Heights PS

On the 1st August, our two debating teams travelled to Winston Heights Public School to debate topics on “Parents and Kids”. Both teams prepared and presented outstanding arguments, with Team 1 having their first win for the year and Team 2 their first loss. This was a fun debate as our students had many friends in the other team and audience.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Rebekah Stewart for her extra support and tuition, in preparation for these debates.

Our next debate is next Monday 12th September where our two teams will be debating each other on the topic of “Sport should be a compulsory component of homework”.

Ms McDonald, Mrs Stewart and the debating team



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The New System

We are now in the ‘new world’ of SAP and LMBR! Exciting, yet challenging times are ahead for all of us. Processing of your payments and our payments, means lots of changes. The school will no longer be processing cheques. The State Office will be issuing cheques for all activities and resources. Issuing of your receipts also takes a lot longer in the new system. There are many more sequences we also need to perform in order to have everything reconciled.

In the lead up to our new system, Mr Byrne has indicated in many newsletters and briefed the P&C, that your payments were to be received by their due date. Each permission note will emphasise that late payments cannot be processed after the due date. To ensure your child’s participation in each school activity, your support in making sure the activities and permission notes are received by the date indicated is extremely important.

SASS Recognition Week

Firstly, on behalf of all SASS (School Administrative & Support Staff), we would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who made our week so memorable and wonderful. Thanks were received from students, teachers and many parents.

To start the celebrations off, Morning Tea was enjoyed by SASS as well as the passing parade of students and teachers alike throughout the day.

Mr Byrne provided a delicious candle lit Chinese luncheon on white table cloths and enjoyed by all SASS. It was fantastic that we actually had a break together. This has never happened before! Mr Byrne’s efforts were really appreciated by each of us. And how could we not acknowledge Mrs Frame for her divine cake on Friday.

Last but not least, the most amazing presentation by our school Captains – Kai and Milla who presented a huge THANK YOU card signed by every student in the school!!!

All SASS, which also includes Tere Griffin, Chris Storath, Kim Moy, Merryn White, Mary Castle, Caitlin Lam, Jenny Dingli, Melanie Ward, Alison Gwynne and the irreplaceable Ivan Fidanza will receive a special copy of the card to keep as a memento of the occasion.

Judy Jones

School Administration Manager

Father's Day Breakfast



P & C NEWS

BAND NEWS

UNSW Competition

Well done to our bands who performed at the UNSW band festival on 21st August. The students behaved so well and were a credit to the school.

The results achieved were as follows:

- Training Band- Silver Award
- Intermediate Band- Bronze Award
- Performance Band- Silver Award

HPAF

Our Performance Band will be performing at the Hills Performing Arts Festival on Friday evening. Those attending are in for quite a treat!

All the information for parents was included in the original note, please email us if you cannot find this or need to confirm information. Children are required to be there at 6pm with their instruments, music and in band uniform. Band tees will be issued on the night.

Collection of Children from Band

To ensure the safety of our children we have had to implement some changes to the collection of children after rehearsals.

- Upon completion of rehearsal children will be led to the COLA where they are required to sit with their instruments until their parent comes to collect them.
- After school care kids will need to line up to walk to after school care as a group with a committee member.

We have had to facilitate this as too many children are running off without adhering to the guidelines in place.

School Fete

All of our bands will be performing at the school fete coming up this month. We believe the performances will be at the beginning of the day and we will confirm the times once we have this information.

Year 2 Students- SAVE THE DATE!

Our band information night will be held on 19th October. This night is for children interested in joining the band in 2017.

The night will explain to students and parents how the WHPS band program operates and will also allow students to try some instruments to see what they like and what they are particularly good at! This night will be open to all students in years 2 and above.

Oktoberfest

Once again our bands have been invited to perform at the local Oktoberfest held at the Lions Park. This year it is to be held on October 9, the times of the performance are still to be confirmed.

We are going to be asking the band students to design some fliers that can be distributed to our school community so that as many families as possible know to come and support our bands! Keep your eyes open for more news on this to come.

Siobhan Buchan
Band Coordinator

P&C

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

Future P&C Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday 1st November, 7:30pm
- Tuesday 29th November, 7:30pm

About our meetings:

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

Welcome Allan Dall as our new P&C secretary.

Have you "liked" our new P&C Facebook page yet? Be sure to check it out for all current news and events @ Winston Hills Public School 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)

FETE RIDES ARMBANDS

**Order via Direct Deposit - \$25 pre-paid
Send to:**

- Winston Hills Public School Parents & Citizens Association
 - BSB: 062-336
 - ACCOUNT: 10204489
 - REF: Family Surname & Class of Eldest
 - Notify whpsfete2016@gmail.com of your order
 - Non WHPS children can also order
 - *Closes: 15 September 2016*
- Armbands can also be purchased via:**
- Fete box in school office
 - Face to Face outside school hall 8.25-9.05am and 2.45-3.05pm this week only

Learning has meaning in 3-6F & 1-6SB



community access



local history excursions

