



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Big Thank You For Our Big Fan

In the past, the school hall on a hot day was not necessarily the best place to be. This has all changed due to the purchase of our big fan by the generous P&C. With it set on just 50%, we had to take the artwork off the wall as they blew away.



Road Safety

Over the past couple of weeks, I have had two troubling things reported to me about student road safety at the end of the school day. The thing that troubles me the most about the reports are that on both occasions the students were either with a parent or encouraged by the parent on the other side of the road. As part of the curriculum, our students learn about the importance of road safety. We ask parents to reinforce this important message.

Hills Music Festival

The Hills Music Festival was an amazing event that showcased our students and their many talents. I have been to the festival for the past 13 years and every year I am amazed at the talent of the students. I would like to thank Mrs Calabrese and Mrs Russell for their leadership. I would also like to thank, Miss Armstrong, Ms Ward, Mrs Webb, Miss O'Hegarty, Miss Charaladis, Miss Rodricks, Mrs Vaughn, Ms Johnston, Mr Astill and Mr Freney for doing a great job preparing the items.

Primary Proms

Last night I was lucky enough to see our Stage 2 Choir take part in the Primary Proms concert that was held at Sydney Town Hall. The students had a great time being part of a large choir and performing in an amazing venue. I would like to thank Ms Webb, Miss Rodricks and Miss Frank for their involvement in this project.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 10

Thursday 20 September	Footsteps 3-6 3-6 Assembly Uniform Shop Open - 8.40am Footy Fever Mufti Day Fundraiser
Friday 21 September	Last Day of Term

TERM 4

Week 1

Monday 9 October	Students Return to School
Wednesday 11 October	Kindergarten 2018 - Parent Information Meeting 7.00pm in Hall
Thursday 12 October	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 22 September	Spring Picnic Event
Friday 13 October	Father & Son Camp Out
Friday 20 October	Graduation Bear/Ball

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Footy Fever Mufti Day Note
- Graduation Bear Order Forms (Year 6 Only)
- Calendar – Term 4 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

Recognition Assembly

Yesterday we held our Term 3 Recognition Assembly. This is always a great opportunity to recognise students' excellent behaviour and also achievements in a range of areas of the school. It also provides our bands, choirs and dance groups an opportunity to perform in front of the whole school. I would particularly like to congratulate our training band on their first official performance.

Congratulations

I would like to give a big congratulations to the students who competed last week at the Area Athletics Carnival. Ms Johnston has included a report of results for the carnival and I thank her for her coordination. I particularly would like to congratulate Lachlan Wood who broke two long standing records in both the 100m and 200m.

Facebook

Thank you Mrs Frame for all of her hard work with keeping the community informed through the use of Facebook. It is always good to see the photos that show the range of activities that happen at the school. We do ask parents to avoid using the private messaging service as a method to make enquires as they can be better answered if an email is sent through.

Are You Moving In 2018?

If you are intending to leave the school this year, could you please notify the office on 9639 8518, as soon as possible (excluding year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2018.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

NAPLAN Online – School Readiness Test

Last week Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN School Readiness Test. The sessions were administered without any major issues. This was not to assess the students but more about testing our school's technological capabilities, to get ready for NAPLAN Online from 2018.

Principal's Morning Tea

Congratulations to the students who received their Medal Certificates at the Recognition Assembly yesterday. These students received a Bronze medal for 50 merits or a Silver medal for 100 merits during the term. The students enjoyed a delicious morning tea that was served by our girl Prefects. A fantastic achievement – Well Done!



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Today is the last day for the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Thank you to our wonderful school community for their support in this Earn & Learn program. A huge thank you must go to Ali Buchanan for her endless effort in collecting the stickers from our local Woolworths and sticking those stickers on the sheets. It was very much appreciated. The stickers will be counted and submitted, to be able to get new educational resources for our school.



Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning Survey

Winston Hills Public 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 valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers.

If you have not completed the survey already, you can access the survey by following the link below on your computer or tablet:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rnwj>

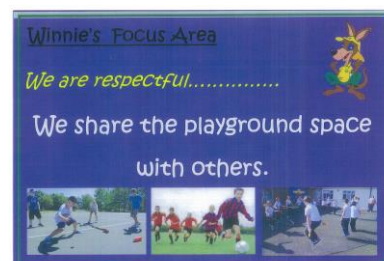
We would really appreciate your support and feedback.

Survey closes on Friday 13 October at 3pm.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 9 & 10



This fortnight's PBL focus is about sharing the playground space with others. Students are reminded to be safe, responsible and respectful on the playground by sharing the space with other students. Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

On Thursday 21 September, the Sport House with the most Winnies this term will receive an extended lunch, where they will meet Winnie himself and enjoy a Kanga Pop ice block.

Have a safe and happy holiday with your family.

Wendy Kayello
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.

Track Results:

1 st	800m Snr	Lachlan Wood
1 st	200m Snr	Lachlan Wood
1 st	100m 10yrs	Kayla Walsh
1 st	100m 12yrs	Lachlan Wood
1 st	1500m 12yrs	Lachlan Wood
1 st	100m 10yrs	Zac Redwood
1 st	Snr Relay	Jake Christie, Lachlan Wood, Jesse Cameron, Jy Windle
2 nd	100m 12yrs	Jake Christie
2 nd	200m Jnr	Zac Redwood
2 nd	200m Jnr	Kaylah Walsh
2 nd	200m Snr	Jake Christie
2 nd	1500m 12yrs	Luke Maguire
3 rd	1500m 10yrs	Zac Le Quesne
3 rd	800m 11yrs	Caleb Kirkegard

Field Results:

1 st	Jnr High Jump	Zac Redwood
1 st	Jnr Long Jump	Zac Redwood
1 st	Jnr Discus	Ravi Soni
2 nd	Snr Long Jump	Lachlan Wood
2 nd	Jnr Discus	Matilda Tuyau
3 rd	Snr Shot Put	Luke Urkanci
3 rd	Snr High Jump	Jy Windle

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

The school would also like to wish the following well in their qualifying events at the Sydney West Carnival on Wednesday 13th September:

- Lachlan Wood
- Zac Redwood
- Jake Christie
- Jy Windle
- Jesse Cameron
- Ravi Soni
- Luke Maguire
- Kayla Walsh
- Matilda Tuyau

CHPSSA ZONE - Congratulations

Lachlan Wood 5/6F - Snr Boy Age Champion
Zac Redwood 4C - Jnr Boy Age Champion

SWPSSA AGE CHAMPION Congratulations

Congratulations! Lachlan Wood 5/6F

- For his outstanding achievements at the SW Athletics Carnival.
- Apart from placing well in his heats and finals, Lachlan broke the 12yrs 100m record and the 12yrs 200m record.

Congratulations! Damien Guild 5/6J

- He has been selected to represent SWPSSA at the NSW PPSA Championship Carnival. This carnival will be held from *Monday 20th November to Thursday 23rd November, at Orange.*

Congratulations! Luke Maguire 5/6D

- *He has been selected to represent SWPSSA at the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Gala Day. This carnival will be held in October, at the Ruth Everuss Centre, Auburn.*

Melissa Johnston

ACCOUNTS

Account Reminders

We have had a positive response to the new accounts system. Thank you to those families who have responded to the emails and finalised their accounts. Families who still have outstanding accounts, we ask if you could please check your emailed statements to see what is owing and finalise payment as soon as possible.

As with any new software, integration into an existing system may not always run smooth. Some families may have received anomalies in their statements, we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are working towards rectifying the issue.

Once again, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Tere Griffin

Rel Administration Manager

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 10 October – 2.00 pm
- 1H – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 19 October – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 3W
- Parents are welcome to attend

Longneck Lagoon



P & C NEWS

Thank You P&C Stage 2 iPads



Stage 2 students using the iPads that were kindly donated by our wonderful P&C. They are a valuable part of our everyday teaching and learning.



An Apology from Bookclub

Unfortunately, some Book Club pamphlets were incorrectly dated this month noting the closing date as the 16th September. The correct closing date was Monday 11th September.

We apologise to those children and parents who may have missed out ordering Book Club from this issue.

A Huge Thank You to
*Fred, Jackie, Karl, Michelle, Marika,
Karl, Shirley, Amy, Chris, Ravin,
Karen and Matt*

*Also to those who purchased a
sausage sandwich & drink*



**We raised
\$1320
at the recent Election Day BBQ**

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to have a fruity breakfast on the go.

Smoothies are a great way to add a fruit or veg boost to your morning and are a great breakfast on the go.

Banana Smoothie
Serves 2.

Ingredients:
2 cups reduced fat milk
1 ripe banana
1 tsp cinnamon
½ cup natural yoghurt
1 tsp honey (optional)

Method:
Mix in a blender until smooth.

Top tips:
• Store chunks of over-ripe banana in zip-lock bags in the freezer, ready to use when needed in a smoothie.
• Smoothies can be frozen to keep cold and fresh in the lunch box.

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

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4A's Abstract Artwork

