



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten Orientation

It has been wonderful to see the smiles of the new kindergartens at our school during their Kindergarten Orientation visits over the past three weeks. Our new kindies got a feel of what "big school" is all about, as well as allowing the teachers to get to know them better. A huge thank you to Mrs Jefferies and the Kindergarten teachers for their effort and organisation during these visits.

If you know of any families that have not already enrolled for 2018, please suggest that they do.



School Plan 2018-2020

All NSW Public Schools are currently undertaking the new planning cycle to develop the School Plan for 2018-2020, in line with the Department of Education's Strategic Directions.

The aim is to identify 3 key Strategic Directions for the School Plan 2018-2020, developed from the evaluation of what we have been doing and identifying our school priorities for the next 3 years. This process aligns with the Department's School Excellence Framework domains of excellence in learning, teaching and leading.

Band Try Out Night

Our school had the band try out night on Wednesday 18 October, for the 2018 Band program. A big thank you to the Band Committee for all their effort in organising this opportunity for the students.

Classes for 2018

We are currently planning the school organisation for 2018. It is very important for the school to know the numbers for each of the grades. A note was sent with last fortnight's newsletter asking parents who may be leaving next year, so we could determine accurate numbers. If you are taking an extended holiday, please send this information to the school so that your child can be included in next year's class formations.

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 4

Wednesday 1 November	Life Education Starts
Thursday 2 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
	Count Us In Song @ 12.30pm
	3-6 Assembly

Week 5

Tuesday 7 November	Y6 Fundraiser—Teachers vs Students
	K-2 Assembly
Thursday 9 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Friday 10 November	Father & Son Camp Out – 4.30pm
	Last PSSA Round

Week 6

Monday 13 November	Life Education Finishes
Wednesday 15 November	Showcase Night

WHAT'S DUE?

Wednesday 29 November	Games Day Sausage Sizzle Note
Thursday 30 November	2018 Term 1 Account
	2018 Swimming Carnival Note
	2018 A Special Evening Note
	2018 Moving into the Teens Note

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Games Day Sausage Sizzle Note K-6
- Showcase Sausage Sizzle Note K-6
- 2018 Healthy Canteens Menu
- Auskick Flyer

Notes for 2018

- Account Invoice – Term 1, 2018
- Swimming Carnival Permission Note—Yrs 3-6
- Interrelate – A Special Evening Program Note—Yrs 3-6
- Interrelate – Moving into the Teen Years – Year 6

Community News

- Christmas at Oakhill College
- Multicultural Food Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

Winston Hills Public School Sporting Star NSWPSSA Primary Athletics 2017

Congratulations to Lachlan Wood on winning the 100m, 200m and 800m with the following times:

- 100m 12.13 seconds,
- 200m 24.69 seconds &
- 800m 2:16.04

Lachlan's outstanding results have progressed him to the Pacific School Games, which will be held in early December in Adelaide for the 100m, 200m, and 800m events. We wish Lachlan all the best at these games.

Congratulations also goes to the relay team who finished 12th in state with a time of 54.88 seconds. We are very proud of Jake Christie, Jesse Cameron, Jy Wyndle and Lachlan Wood on their impressive result.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7:30pm tonight in the staffroom. The school's updated Wellbeing policy will be presented at this meeting.

Wendy Kayello
Relieving Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Life Education – Healthy Harold

Beginning this Wednesday 1st of November, students across K-6 will participate in the Healthy Harold Program. This program covers the health and drug education component of our curriculum. The information and skill based units for each stage focus on student interaction. Students will receive workbooks after their visit, which will be used in the classroom as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. There will be a session for parents to attend on Thursday 9th November commencing at 9:20am.

FROM THE DEPUTY Continued...

Selective High School Placement 2019

Selective High School Placement 2019 Applications have opened for Year 5 students applying for entry to Selective High Schools in 2019. All applications must be completed online before the closing date Monday 13th November 2017. Only online applications will be accepted. Applications can be submitted at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> All applicants will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 15th March, 2018. For more information regarding Selective High School Placement for 2019, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../selective-high-school.../year-5>. Limited number of Information booklets are available at the office – please see Mr Johnson or Ms Kayello.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible and respectful when using the bubblers and toilets. Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.



Honour Awards, Banners and Medals

When your child receives 10 merit awards, please send them in to me to receive the next level of achievement. They will receive an honour award, banner or medal in their next grade assembly.



Music – Count Us In!

To celebrate music education in Australian schools, our students, along with over half a million children from around Australia, will sing "Shine Together" this Thursday 2nd November in the school hall.

Lachlan Johnson
Relieving Deputy Principal

STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2017



Stewart House Clothing Bags will be distributed soon
Please return by Wednesday 6 December.
Drop off – K-2 COLA (outside Right Shed)

SCHOOL NEWS

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018

The WHPS 3-6 Swimming Carnival is on the 30th January 2018. With the closure of Parramatta Pool the event will be held at Waves, Baulkham Hills.

There has been a change to the carnival program with tabloids for **non-competitors**. Activities will now take place on the grass area, there be no water activities for **non-competitors**.

PSSA RESULTS – Round 9 & 10

Cancelled due to wet weather.

Melissa Johnston

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 7 November – 2.00 pm
- KC – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 2 November– 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 3W
- Parents are welcome to attend



Spring Picnic 2017



We held the Spring Picnic, our first Women and Daughters event, on Friday 20th October with great success, despite the rain. The afternoon was full of laughter, fun activities and lots of food.

We need to thank the many companies and families that donated prizes to the event and helped us raise so much money.

Lastly, to everyone that bought raffle tickets, donated money on Pink Day and bought tickets for the event, you helped raise



\$3,200



for the McGrath Foundation!





Thank You Book Club



Reading is indeed rewarding!

A BIG THANK YOU to our BOOK CLUB SUPPORTERS.....we spent our scholastic points and bought over \$1000 worth of more exciting , engaging books for our library!!!! We also bought book boxes to store teacher resources in and some comfy cushions to sit on while reading or doing work. A BIG thank you too to our parent helpers who run book club.



P & C NEWS



2017
Showcase Night
Wednesday 15 November 2017
At
Winston Hills Public School
New Hall
Tickets - \$5 each

*Return your order and money in a sealed envelope
to the office
Tickets will then be issued and given to your child*



After School AFL Auskick Centre
Starting 17 November 2017
to
8 December 2017
3.15pm to 4.15pm
Winston Hills Public School
To Register or for Further Information
Aflauskick.com.au
or contact
Renee Thorn on 0412 631 934

P&C

Parents and Citizens Association

Our Children ~ Our Future

Next P&C Meeting
TONIGHT

Tuesday 31 October 2018

7.30pm In the Staffroom

Guest Speaker

Lachlan Johnson

Presenting updated information regarding
Student Wellbeing at
Winston Hills Public School

All Welcome

Writers' Festival Excursion



Won the best new word award

“watalicious”

CLASSES OF THE WEEK – 1K & 1R

1K loves hands on learning!

We went on a nature walk & collected objects to make our own nature paintbrushes. Then we experimented with the different textures the leaves, grasses & flowers made with paint. We also enjoyed estimating & measuring how much water our water bottles held during our

Volume & Capacity lessons.



1R goes exploring!

The Polar Bears have been exploring 'built environments' in Science this term. We used the iPads to identify either built or natural environments within the school and take photos of these areas. The students used their investigative skills to discuss the purpose of these environments. We had a fantastic time!

