



# The Winston Whisper

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Father & Son Camp Out – A Great Success!

I was amazed at the great turn out at this year's Father & Son camp out. It was great to see all of the 350 boys, dads, grandparents, uncles, cousins and even mums participate to make it an enjoyable night. I particularly liked seeing the kindergarten students attend their first camp out. I would like to thank Mr Freney and Mr Astill for their organisation of the wonderful event. Thank you also to Mr Johnson, Miss O'Hegarty, Miss Charalabidis, Miss Rodricks and a number of teachers and parents who helped out in various ways.

### Parent Thank You Night

Next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we will be holding a "Thank You Evening" to show our appreciation for parents who have helped this year. Please RSVP by clicking on this link if you are able to attend. The evening will start at 7:30pm. Please Note: Parents are asked not to bring their children on the night.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73TC9SK>

### School Plan for 2018-2020

The staff are currently in the processes of evaluating and planning the school's strategic directions for the next three years. In the next couple of weeks, I would like to provide parents another opportunity to provide feedback. More information will come soon.

### Class Planning for 2018

We are currently in the process of working out class formations for 2018. An important part of this is knowing the numbers for each of the grades. I would like to thank the parents who have informed us that their children are leaving our school this year.

If you know of anyone who has moved into the area and are looking to enrol their children into our school for next year, please suggest that they do so ASAP to help with the planning process.

If you have any concerns or things that you think need to be considered for your child's placement for next year, please email me on [mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Timely Reminder- Road safety around the school

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the students and staff at Banksia Road Public School. The first month of my teaching career was spent at this school. Each week I see a number of stupid decisions made by drivers around the school. I would like to take this opportunity to particularly mention the kiss and drop zone that was originally built to provide a drop of point for support unit students.

This is not an area where cars can be parked. For the safety of our students, please be mindful of this.

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 4

#### Week 6

Wednesday 15 November	Showcase Night
Thursday 16 November	3-6 Assembly Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Friday 17 November	PSSA Semi Finals

#### Week 7

Tuesday 21 November	K-2 Assembly Parent Thank You Evening 7.30pm
Thursday 23 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

#### Week 8

Tuesday 28 November	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 29 November	Year 6 Games Day
Thursday 30 November	3-6 Assembly Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
Friday 1 December	PSSA Finals Combined Band and Choir Christmas Community Concert

## WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 16 November	Year 6 Farewell Note
Wednesday 29 November	Games Day Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 30 November	2018 Term 1 Accounts 2018 Swimming Carnival Note 2018 A special Evening Note 2018 Moving into the Teen Years

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Primary Ethics – Teachers required

### Community News

- Winston Heights Public School Twilight Market
- Northmead Uniting Church Christmas Fun Day
- Baulkham Hills Sports Netball Club Information Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

### Showcase Night- Tomorrow Night

I am looking forward to the Showcase Night tomorrow when our school performance groups will be singing, playing and dancing. Thank you to the parents, friends and family members who have purchased tickets for this evening of entertainment by our talented students. We hope that money raised will go to putting performance curtains within our hall.

### Well Done Liam and Luke

A big congratulations to Liam Condell who has been selected as part of the Pulse Junior Drama Ensemble. This is an amazing achievement and we wish him all the best. Maybe an Academy Award will be heading Liam's way in the near future.

Another great sporting achievement this week for Luke Maguire who represented the Area at the State Water Polo carnival. We are very proud of this achievement.

**Mark Byrne**

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## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Keeping Our Kids Safe

As pedestrians and bike riders, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour when arriving to and leaving school. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways, particularly if they ride their bike to school.

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

### Life Education

Another fabulous year having the Life Education van at our school for our students to experience the educational lessons and resources. Life Education's aim is to empower students to live a safe and healthy life through education, by instilling confidence in the students to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future. The wonderful educators Sally and Angela delivered these life education lessons, and we look forward to seeing Healthy Harold again in 2018.



### Count Us In Song

On Thursday 2 November, students from K-6 sang beautifully in the annual Count Us In song 'Shine Together'. Count Us In is Australia's biggest school initiative. This year, more than 650,000 students from over 3,000 schools participated nationwide. It was great to be part of Count Us In 2017.



### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 6 & 7



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe, respectful and responsible when moving to lines after recess and lunch. Students are reminded to start moving to their class lines when the music starts, so they are ready for class when the bell rings. 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.

**Wendy Kayello**

**Deputy Principal**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 11

**Cricket** - Bye

**Softball** - Bye

**T-Ball** - Bye

**Touch Football**

Junior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	3-2
Junior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Lost	3-4
Senior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	8-1
Senior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	7-2

**Training**

Boys & Girls Touch Football – Wednesday 8.15am

Junior T- ball – Thursday 8.15am

Cricket & softball – Friday 8.15am

*Melissa Johnston*

## Winston Hills Superheros

Big congratulations to the Support Unit for their efforts at the Arts Alive Film Festival. They did an amazing job and should be very proud of all their hard work. On the day, the short film received an award for Best Super Hero Entry. Well done everyone!



## ASSEMBLIES

### Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 21 November – 2.00 pm
- KPB – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 16 November – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – All Support Unit Classes
- Parents are welcome to attend

## UNIFORM SHOP – Open 2017

- Thursday 16 November – 8.40am
- Thursday 23 November – 8.40am
- Thursday 30 November – 8.40am
- **Thursday 30 November – 6.00 – 7.00 pm**
- Thursday 7 December – 8.40am
- Thursday 14 December – 8.40am **LAST DAY**

**2018**

- The Uniform Shop will re-open in 2018 on Thursday 1 February 8.40am and 6-7pm

## IMPORTANT NOTICE YEAR 3-6 4-6F & 2-6A

## Party Day

**Has a New Date  
Tuesday 12 December**

Not Thursday 14 December  
as previously stated

*A Note will be going home soon  
regarding the change of date*

*Thank you*



# FATHER & SON CAMP OUT



Our annual Father and Son Camp Out on Friday 10th November was a raging success with 350 campers enjoying a memorable night of fun, excitement and very little sleep.

The playground-starting filling up with tents at 4.00pm and by 6.00pm it had been transformed into an official campsite. Tents of all shapes and sizes were pitched, from the very modest to the fully-equipped, with many tents sleeping more than one family.

It was great to see dads catching up with each other while completing the most manly of duties: setting up a tent and preparing a campsite!

Belinda Schuster, Mr Johnson, Mr Byrne, Mr Astill and Miss O'Hegarty volunteered as chefs for the night and did a fantastic job of cooking our feast. After that was the presentation and raffle draw, with about 50 prizes won, including soccer balls, cricket kits and pool toys. Afterwards, all the boys were given glow sticks, resulting in hours of fun in the playground and in tents.

The dads also won lots of prizes – clothing and movie voucher. Many of these were generously donated by families from our school.

It was a clear night and the boys ran themselves silly until after midnight, fuelled by cordial, ice-blocks and adrenalin. By this time most campers were in their tents - some tired; many still too excited to close their eyes. After a very brief and interrupted sleep, the sound of kookaburras and trucks on the M2 could be heard. It was 5.30am and time to get up!

Another marathon barbecuing effort was needed to cook the bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast and thanks to the many dads who helped out with cooking, food preparation and clean up.

Through the generosity of our community we raised over \$500 for Movember, helping men suffering from prostate cancer and depression. This is a great cause and one we support every year at the Father and Son Camp Out.

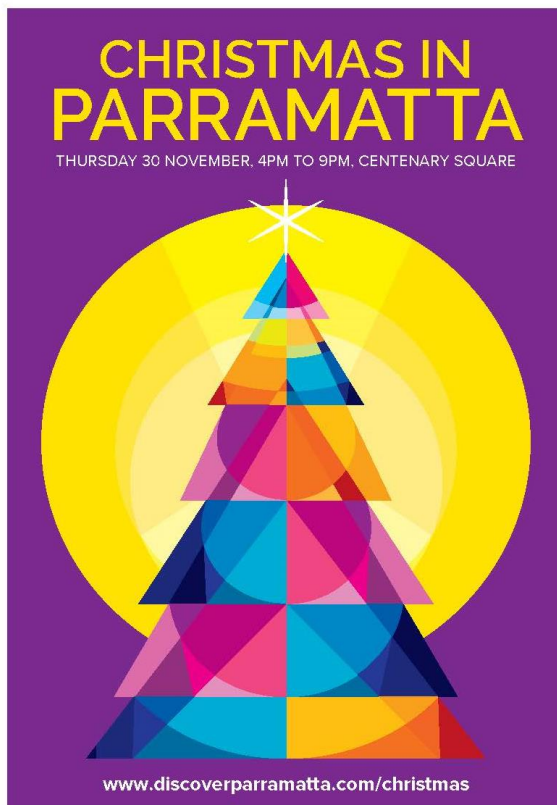
A big thank you to all the families who donated money and prizes for the raffle. Your assistance is always appreciated and it helped make the night a great success. A special mention to Mr Johnson, Mr Byrne, Mr Astill, Miss O'Hegarty and all the staff who gave up his time and volunteered to assist in the set up.

Finally, thank you for all the positive feedback from the camp out over the last 11 years. It has grown into a wonderful community event and I have enjoyed giving fathers and sons an opportunity to experience a special night together.

***Steven Freney***



# P & C NEWS



**30 November, 4pm to 9pm**  
**Centenary Square, Parramatta**

**Celebrate Christmas in Parramatta with FREE entertainment and activities for the whole family, including:**

- PJ Masks stage show and meet & greet opportunity
- MC Nay Nay from ABC Kids
- Performances from local school choirs and community groups
- Arts and crafts workshops
- Cookie decorating
- Virtual Reality sleigh ride
- Quality food and market stalls
- Special visit from Santa
- Photo with puppies from Doggie Rescue
- Carols by Candlelight
- Interactive Christmas Tree Spectacular
- Fireworks finale

**Come and meet PJ Masks!**

For the full program, visit  
[www.discoverparramatta.com/christmas](http://www.discoverparramatta.com/christmas)

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## P&C

**THANK YOU** to Mr Lachlan Johnson for presenting the WHPS Wellbeing Policy at our last P&C meeting. A follow up parent forum for those in attendance at the meeting was also held last Friday.



## CAN YOU HELP?

The P&C committee are in search of a book keeper who can assist with the end of year auditing of our P&C and P&C subcommittee accounts. You must not be an office-bearer of the association. You do not have to be a qualified professional, however, you must have an understanding of financial management and bookkeeping and issues of probity.

Please contact the P&C at [whpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:whpspandc@gmail.com) if you are able to assist us.

Each year we are ever so grateful for the support and dedication we receive from our P&C volunteers. In 2017 we would like to especially thank the following P&C committee and subcommittee volunteers:

*Sue Bryant, Ali Buchanan, Jeff Greene, Allan Dall, Ravin Randhawa, Irish Lewis, Kellie Bramble, Janine Cameron, Belinda Schuster, Lee Folo, Micaela Ashton, Siobhan Buchan, Samantha Hinchelwood, Donna Plummer, Kylie Baker, Moonju Cho,*

# Thank You

You are warmly invited to attend the parent thank you evening on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Next P&C meeting will be on TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

**Sue Bryant – President**



