



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Thank You Evening

Last Tuesday night we held our Parent Thank You Evening. It was great to see so many faces at what was a great opportunity to get together. On behalf of the staff of the school I would again like to say how much we appreciate the support that we continue to get from the school community. Effective partnerships with the school community results in positive outcomes for the students of Winston Hills Public School.

School Plan 2018-2020

Tonight I will be presenting the draft school three year plan at the P&C meeting. This lays out the strategic directions for the school. I will also be holding an information and feedback session for parents this Friday at 2:30pm in the staff room.

Busy Time of the Year- Assemblies

Over the next three weeks we have a number of events where we get to acknowledge and recognise the students at Winston Hills Public School. They include:

- Wednesday the 6th of December is the Years 3-6 Presentation day.
- Friday the 8th of December is the K-2 Christmas Concert.
- Monday the 11th of December is our final Recognition Assembly and Principal's Morning Tea.
- Wednesday 13th of December is the 3-6 Special Awards Presentation.

I look forward to celebrating these events with the school community.

After School Chinese Language Classes

Next year the school is looking at providing students with an opportunity to be involved in Chinese Language Classes. The classes will run next year during the week and also a possibility of weekends depending on interest. If you are interested please contact The Hills Chinese School on 0411 085 882 or email hillscommunitycollege@gmail.com

Classes for 2018

The school is currently in the process of planning for 2018. The number of classes a school has is based on the number of students who are enrolled. It is extremely important that if your child is in K-5 and is leaving the school this year that we are aware of this so that we can take this into consideration with our planning.

Well Done Damien

A big congratulations to Damien Guild who represented the Area at the State Cricket Championships last week. Damien opened the batting for the team in the final which is a great achievement for a Year 5 student.

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 8

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

Week 9

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| Monday 4 December | Last Day of Band |
| Tuesday 5 December | High School Orientation Day Support Unit Christmas Party Presentation Assembly – 9.30am Band Thank You Party Day 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 6 December | Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Year 6 Farewell – 5.30 – 9.30pm K-2 Christmas Concert |
| Thursday 7 December | |
| Friday 8 December | |

Week 10

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| Monday 11 December | K-6 Recognition Assembly 9.30am Principal's Morning Tea Reports Sent Home |
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WHAT'S DUE?

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| Thursday 30 November | 2018 Term 1 Accounts & Notes |
| Wednesday 6 December | Last Day for Stewart House Bags |

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Games Day Note

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

Student Reports – Semester 2

Your child's Semester Two report will go home on Monday 11th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks. Some important points for parents to remember are:

- **SOUND** is the expected achievement level that most students should achieve in all learning areas.
- The reports are a **POINT IN TIME** report. This means that we only report on what has been taught and assessed over Term 3 and Term 4 (Weeks 1-7). So, it is possible that your child has performed differently during this reporting period and may receive a different level to Semester One reports.
- We do not schedule parent—teacher interviews at this time. However, should you have any concerns about your child's report, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any issues.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Presentation Assembly Years 3-6

On Wednesday 6 December at 9:30am, will be our Presentation Assembly in the school hall. Quite a few of our 3-6 students will be acknowledged for their achievements throughout the year. Awards will be presented for Class Certificates, Citizenship, Dux, Principal's Encouragement, Prefect and School Captain induction. There will be 10 school leaders inducted for 2018. They will consist of two School Captains, two Vice Captains and six Prefects. Invitations to award recipients have been sent home last week.

Special Awards Assembly Years 3-6

This will be on Wednesday 13 December commencing at 9:30am in the school hall. It is the annual Special Awards Assembly where certificates of appreciation will be presented to the Year 6 Band Members, House Captains, Technology Leaders, 2017 Yr 2-6 SRC Members, PSSA trophies and the 2018 House Captains. Certificates will also be presented to the students with 100% attendance in 2017. Invitations to award recipients have been sent home last week.

Principal's Morning Tea

The students who have received 50, 100 and 150 merits awards during assembly this term, will also receive an invitation next week to the last Principal's Morning Tea of 2017. This will be held on Monday 11 December from 9:30am for the presentation of the certificates during the assembly and 10:30am for the morning tea in the school hall.

2018 Leadership Speeches

Last Friday we had our 2018 Leadership Speeches in the school hall. The nominated students delivered their fantastic speeches to Year 2 – 5 students as to why they would make a great school leader. 10 students have progressed through the process for Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2018. They will be inducted at our Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday 6 December.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 8 & 9



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe in the playground by playing the right game in the right place. Students are reminded of this focus area to ensure all students are safe and everyone receives equal access to playground areas.

Playground rules:

- Only handballs on concrete surfaces
- Footballs, soccer balls and running games on grass
- Soccer balls and basketballs on Area B (no footballs)
- Skipping on concrete/Area A (not Area B)

Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Visual Arts Enrichment Days

Over the past fortnight, nominated students were involved in a Visual Arts enrichment session. Students learnt about different textures, used a variety of tools and created amazing artworks.



Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 12

Cricket

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|-------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Junior vs Jasper Road Public School | Lost | 49-56 |
| Senior vs Jasper Road Public School | Won | 74-54 |

Softball

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| Senior Boys vs Winston Heights Public | Won | 8-4 |
| Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public | Drew | 4-4 |

T-Ball

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| Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public | Lost | 13-20 |
| Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public | Won | 23-6 |

Touch Football

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| Junior Boys Vs Northmead Public School | Won | 9-1 |
| Junior Girls vs Northmead Public School | Lost | 1-2 |
| Senior Boys Vs Northmead Public School | Won | 8-3 |
| Senior Girls Vs Northmead Public School | Won | 3-1 |

PSSA RESULTS – Round 13

Softball

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| Boys Vs Northmead Public School | Lost | 0-3 |
| Girls Vs Northmead Public School | Won | 4-3 |

Tee-Ball

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| Boys Vs Northmead Public School | Won | 10-7 |
| Girls Vs Northmead Public School | Lost | 10-21 |

PSSA RESULTS – Semi Finals

Cricket

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| Senior Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School | Won | 67-55 |
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Touch Football

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| Junior Boys Vs Samuel Gilbert Public | Won | 2-1 |
| Senior Boys Vs Sherwood Ridge Public | Won | 3-1 |
| Senior Girls Vs Sherwood Ridge Public | Lost | 2-5 |

Training

Boys Touch Football – Wednesday 8.15am
 Junior T- ball – Thursday 8.15am
 Cricket & softball – Friday 8.15am

Melissa Johnston



LAST BOOK CLUB OF THE YEAR

Due Date
 This Thursday
 30 November 2017

SCHOOL ACCOUNT REMINDER

**REMINDER: TERM 1 2018 ACCOUNTS
 NEED TO BE FINALISED BY THIS THURSDAY,
 30TH NOVEMBER**

Thank you to families who have sent in their payments and finalised their accounts for the school year. For those who haven't paid yet, please check your emails for statements to see what is owing and finalise payment by the due date.

There are still some outstanding Term 1 2017 fees for Workbooks, Resource Levy and Zip Tales. These items are purchased on your behalf, at a reduced cost to support your child's classroom learning. The Resource Levy is a cost in lieu of additional text books and other learning resources.

If your child is participating in the Swimming Carnival next year (Tuesday, 30th January 2018), please ensure that your Term 1 2018 account is paid and that permission notes are returned to the class teacher by the due date as final numbers are required by the end of this week.

Tere Griffin

Rel. School Administration Manager



The Green Team from Stage One were so excited to make Mr Byrne a tomato sandwich with tomatoes they have grown from our school garden.

SCHOOL NEWS

K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



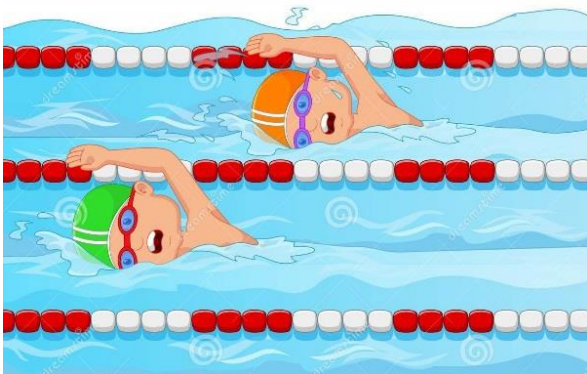
Please come along and join us for our K-2 Christmas Celebration to be held under the Primary Shade-port on Friday 8th December, beginning at 9.30am. We hope to see lots of parents, grandparents and friends dressed in Christmas clothes ready to sing and dance with us all.

'GIVING TREE K-6'



On Friday 8th December as part of the K-2 Christmas Concert, the children are asked to bring along a present to go under the 'Giving Tree'. The presents will be collected by the Salvation Army for distribution to children in the local area. The Salvation Army requests that presents not be wrapped but would be very grateful to receive any donations of gift wrapping or cards.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2018

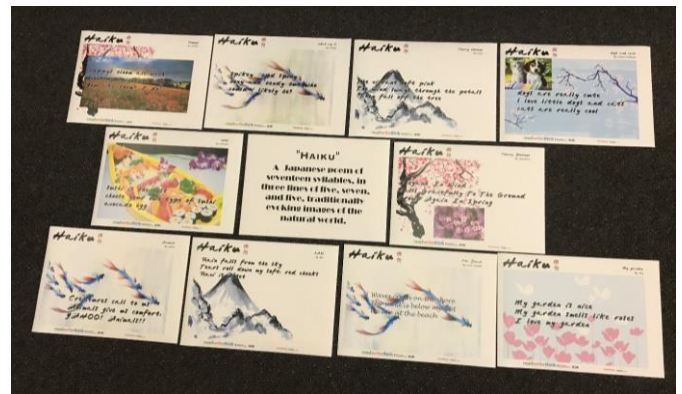


The Swimming Carnival will be held at Waves Aquatic Centre, Baulkham Hills on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

Permission notes, events nominations and money to be returned by **Thursday 30th November 2017.**

There's more to your library

In the library, the stage 3 students have been learning about one of Australia's neighbouring country, JAPAN. We have learnt that Japan translates as "land of the rising sun". Japan is famous for many things like technology, manufacturing, sushi and the "haiku". The students created their own haiku using an interactive haiku maker from Read, Write and Think.



ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 30 November – 2.00 pm
- Item – School Choir
- Parents are welcome to attend

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

DUE:
WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017
PLEASE PLACE YOUR BAGS
OUTSIDE THE FIRST SHED
UNDER THE INFANTS
SHADE PORT.

THANK YOU



P & C NEWS



Sydney BeiDa

Community Language College



After School Chinese Language Classes

Enroll now to gain a place!

www.thehillschineseschool.com.au

Location:

Winston Hills Public School
Hillcrest Ave, Winston Hills NSW 2153

Time:

Weekdays:

After School Classes **3.15 pm to 5:30 pm**

Weekend: Sunday classes

Every Sunday between 9.00am to 12.00pm

Classes:

Chinese Mandarin (year K-year 12)
Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing,
Conversation classes for children and adults
Lego Robot Computer programming

Contact Number:

0411 085 882 (Mary)

or Email:

hillscommunitycollege@gmail.com

P&C

Parents and Citizens Association

Our Children ~ Our Future

REMINDER

P&C Meeting Tonight

28 November 2017

7.30pm

Staffroom

All Welcome

Showcase Night 2017 ★



Showcase night 2017 was a huge success! Students from K-6 involved in dance, choir and band displayed their wonderful talent. All groups performed extremely well, showing off all their hard work. Thank you to all the teachers who dedicated their time to the performance groups throughout the year, and to those who helped out on the night. Thank you to those who attended our sold out performance. We thank all the families for their continued support for our creative arts programs.



REMINDER



LAST BANKING DAY
Tuesday 12 December 2017



CLASS OF THE WEEK 5/6J

