



# The Winston Whisper

## Winston Hills Public School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome Back To School

I would like to welcome the community back to the start of the new school year. It was great to see the new Kindergarten students and parents join us last Thursday. The Year 1 to 6 students started in their new classes yesterday and seemed to settle in very quickly. I would like to thank the staff for working hard to form these classes.

### Staffing 2017

Page 3 of this newsletter is the list of teachers and classes for this year. I would like to welcome the new staff to our school. Mr Lachlan Johnson was appointed as Assistant Principal to the school and will be supervising Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). I would also like to welcome Miss Kylie Mason (Year 1), Miss Louise Holland (Year 1) and Mrs Eironn Meale who have been appointed to Winston Hills Public School. Welcome also to Miss Liz Talarico who has also joined our staff for this year.

A big congratulation to Mr Steve Freney and Mrs Laura Barnett who have been successful in being permanently appointed to the school.

A big welcome return to Mr Ian Short. I feel extremely lucky to have the support of someone with so much experience and a strong understanding of the culture of Winston Hills.

### School Calendar 2017

Accompanying the newsletter today, is a copy of the Term 1 school calendar for 2017. Parents are asked to check the fortnightly newsletters for updates and confirmation of school events.

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who had a great day at school swimming carnival last week. A big thank you to all of the parents who came and supported their children on the day. Although holding the carnival on the first day of the year was not ideal, when we booked the carnival 12 months earlier, we could not be guaranteed that the Parramatta Pool would still be operational any later, due to its planned demolition. I would like to thank all of the staff for ensuring the students had a great time on a hot day.

I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Johnston, Mr Freney and Ms Russell in organising the carnival over the Christmas break.

### Big Thank You

The school is currently in the process of ordering \$20000 worth of iPads to help support learning in all classes.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to the P&C for their very kind donation. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we can publish some photos of the students using them.

**Mark Byrne**

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### Week 3

Thursday 9 February

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

#### Week 4

Monday 13 February

Homework Starts Years 1-6

Tuesday 14 February

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 15 February

3-6 AFL Talk

Thursday 16 February

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Friday 17 February

Summer PSSA Sport Starts

Footsteps Disco

K-2 – 4.30pm

Years 3-6 – 5.45pm

#### Week 5

Tuesday 21 February

Parent Information Night  
(Support, Kindergarten & Stage 3)

Thursday 23 February

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Scripture Starts

SRC Induction 2.00-3.00pm

Parent Information Night

(Stage 1 & 2)

Friday 24 February

Summer PSSA Starts

K-2 AFL Sessions

## WHAT'S DUE?

Tuesday 14 February

BBQ / Disco Note

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 1 Calendar
- P&C BBQ / Disco Note

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another exciting year. It was great to see all the kids and teachers returning to last week with smiles and just a few butterflies. It was also exciting to watch the kids move to their new class lines today with eager anticipation. Many thanks to all of you for welcoming me back in the typical Winston Hills friendly manner. It is great to be back at Winston Hills. In many ways it is like coming home. I am looking forward to another big year at Winston Hills.

### Awards System

Already students have greeted me at my office with piles of certificates to collate or news of receiving some merit awards in the first few days.

Just a few helpful hints in how the merit award system works. Merit awards are handed out by class teachers for safe, respectful and responsible behaviour and accrued over time by the children. When children reach one of the milestones listed below, they can bring the last 10 merit awards, with their last honour certificate, to their teacher or my office.

Please ensure certificates are submitted at least a day before the assembly, to ensure that certificates and awards are ready on time.

### Award Levels

10 Awards = Honour Certificate

20 Awards = Honour Certificate

30 Awards = Small Banner

40 Awards = Honour Certificate

50 Awards = Bronze Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal

60 Awards = Honour Certificate

70 Awards = Honour Certificate

80 Awards = Large Banner

90 Awards = Honour Certificate

100 Awards = Silver Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal

110 Awards = Honour Certificate

120 Awards = Honour Certificate

130 Awards = Small Banner

140 Awards = Honour Certificate

150 Awards = Gold Medal and Morning Tea with the Principal

### Being Responsible

The students have started collecting their Winnie Award House Points and placing them in the appropriate coloured house bins. The focus area for this week involves walking around the school responsibly and from day 1, teachers have noted kids walking quietly and in their class lines. Keep up the good work kids!

### Car Park Safety

Winston Hills like many schools has a limited number of parking spaces close to the school gate.

The combination of this issue with the usual busy morning and afternoon schedules, often tempts many of us to park or stop our cars illegally.

Parents are reminded for student safety to refrain from parking in the school carparks or in front of neighbours, driveways.

Many thanks in anticipation of your understanding in relation to this safety issue.

### Winston Winners

Congratulations to new student leaders who have already been rising to the occasion when given a variety of tasks as part of their leadership role. Well done kids!

### Parent Information Nights

The traditional Parent Information Nights will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

Teachers from the Support Unit, Kindergarten and Stage 3 will be holding their sessions on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 will be asked to attend on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

More information will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, please pencil these important nights into our diary.

**Ian Short**

**Deputy Principal**

## An Afternoon Tea for Mrs Luther

On behalf of WHPS P&C along with WHPS band we invite all past and present students and their families to a special afternoon tea to say thank you for many years of service with our school bands.

WHEN- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

WHERE- New school hall

TIME- 4.00pm-5.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



# CLASSES & TEACHERS 2017 – Term 1

CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS NAME	TEAM LEADER
EARLY STAGE ONE			
KINDER	Mrs Amanda Jefferies	KJ	Mrs Amanda Jefferies
KINDER	Mrs Effie Charalabidis	KC	
KINDER	Miss Mia Sheppard	KS	
KINDER	Mrs Laura Barnett (Wed/Thur/Fri) Mrs Jill Parnis (Mon/Tue)	KPB	
STAGE ONE			
KINDER / YEAR 1	Miss Krystle Babik	K/1B	Mr Lachlan Johnson
YEAR 1	Miss Kylie Mason	1M	
YEAR 1	Mrs Monica Kazmierski-Wilson (Mon/Tu/Wed) Mrs Hayley Kitchener (Thur/Fri)	1K	
YEAR 1	Mrs Rebecca O’Hegarty	1R	
YEAR 1	Miss Louise Holland	1H	
YEAR 2	Mrs Raechel Webb	2W	
YEAR 2	Mrs Rebekah Stewart	2S	
YEAR 2	Mr Lachlan Johnson	2J	
STAGE TWO			
YEAR 2 / YEAR 3	Mrs Glenda Rooke	2/3G	Mrs Jacqui Coates
YEAR 3	Miss Melanie Robinson	3R	
YEAR 3	Mrs Karen Whittingham (Mon/Tue/Wed) Mrs Cat Wood (Thur/ Fri)	3W	
YEAR 3 / YEAR 4	Mrs Tracey McDonald	3/4M	
YEAR 4	Mrs Jacqui Coates	4C	
YEAR 4	Mr Riley Astill	4A	
STAGE THREE			
YEAR 4 / YEAR 5	Miss Lisa Rodricks	4/5R	Mrs Wendy Kayello
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mrs Rachael Frame	5/6D	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mrs Melissa Johnston	5/6J	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mrs Wendy Kayello	5/6K	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mrs Stephanie Russell	5/6R	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mr Steve Freney	5/6F	
SUPPORT CLASSES			
YEAR K-6 IO/IM	Miss Courtney Armstrong	2-6A	Ms Sarah Spink (Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur) & Miss Lana Frank (Fri)
YEAR K-6 IO	Ms Sarah Spink (Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur) Mrs Eironn Meale (Fri)	K-5SM	
YEAR K-6 MC	Mrs Teji Grewal	K-4G	
YEAR 3-6 IM	Miss Lana Frank	4-6F	
SUPPORT STAFF			
ESL	Mrs Belinda Harvey (Mon – Thurs)	Mr Ian Short	Mr Ian Short
Reading Recovery/RFF	Mrs Kylie Brgudac		
Learning & Support	Mrs Lucia Schimanowsky (Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri)		
Teacher Librarian	Miss Bronwyn Hardey-Grant Mrs Kerry Wood (Thur/Fri)		
SLSO Support Unit	Mrs Mary Castle, Ms Caitlin Lam, Mrs Merryn White, Mel Ward	Ms Sarah Spink	
SLSO Integration	Mrs Jenny Dingli, Mrs Wendy Dawson, Mrs Sally Lattimore	Mr Ian Short	
School Counsellor	Mrs Lien Tan (Tue)	Mr Mark Bryne	Mr Mark Bryne
Student Welfare Officer	Mrs Katie Gardiner		
School Chaplain	Mrs Marlicia Travis (Mon/Tue 1/2)		
Office Administration	Mrs Judy Jones (Manager), Mrs Tere Griffin, Mrs Chris Storath, Mrs Kim Moy		
GA	Mr Ivan Fidanza		
Deputy Principal	Mr Ian Short		
Principal	Mr Mark Bvrne		

## P & C NEWS

## in the Staffroom

## SCHOOL BANKING

***Micaela and Lynelle***

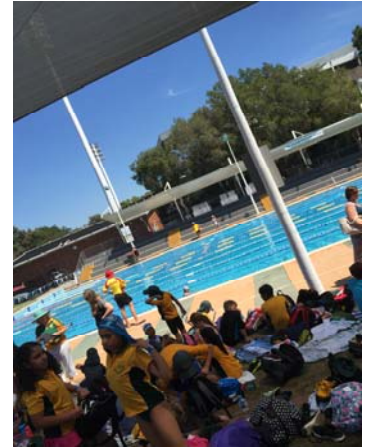
## CAN YOU HELP?

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Contact Ali Buchanan on 0415 216 993**



# Swimming Carnival 2017



Our School Swimming Carnival was at Parramatta Swimming Pool on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. All the competitors were pumped for their events. Mrs Stewart did a fantastic job of motivating their troops for their events and enthusiastic cheering their houses, throughout out the day.

Whilst some students competed in competitive events, others participated in a water tabloid session. Thanks to all students, staff and parents for making the carnival a success, especially with the extreme heat. Ribbons will be handed out in the primary assembly, Thursday Week 4. Qualifiers will represent WHPS at the CHPSSA Zone Carnival to be held at Waves Swimming Pool Baulkham Hills, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**There will no finals night. Event placing will be based on competitor's times from event heats.**

Melissa Johnston

