



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Chelsea's Challenge

Saturday was an amazing night for Winston Hills Public School's Community. It showed how much our community cares. I would like to thank all of those parents and staff who worked tirelessly to make Saturday a great night. Thank you to the parents, staff and community members who made the night a sell-out.

Congratulations Mr Short

Congratulations goes to Mr Short who was recently successful through the department's merit selection process gaining the Principal position at Vardy's Road Public School. Mr Short has spent a number of years as an important part of the Winston Hills Public School community.

The school has a large number of different programs and practices that were initiated and embedded into Winston Hills Public School's culture as a result of Mr Short's tireless efforts. I would personally like to acknowledge the outstanding support that Mr Short has provided me this year. I will miss his experience and insight.

Mr Short will be taking up his new role at the start of Term 2
(Please note: The position is currently in the appeals period)

Get Well Soon

I would like to wish Mrs Stewart a speedy recovery. We are expecting Mrs Stewart back soon. I would like to thank Mrs Kennedy for doing a great job while Mrs Stewart has been away. I would also like to thank our support teachers who have also provided the class with extra support during this period.

Well Done

Congratulations to Olivia Maguire, Luke Maguire, Ben Pentland and Ketiza Faisey who represented the Castle Hill PSSA Zone last week at the area championships. Some great results by all, with Olivia progressing onto the State titles.

P&C AGM Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting and regular general meeting were held last week. Thank you to all the keen parents who attended.

Congratulations and thank you to the parents who were elected to the following positions for the P&C this year:

- President Sue Bryant
- Vice President Ali Buchanan / Jeff Green
- Secretary Allan Dall
- Treasurer Ravin Randhawa

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 9

- Wednesday 22 March Assembly – K-2
- Thursday 23 March Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
- Friday 17 March AFL 3.15 – 4.15pm

Week 10

- Monday 27 March Swimming Scheme (all week)
- Tuesday 28 March School Banking
- Thursday 30 March Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
- Friday 31 March Assembly – Stage 2 & 3
- Summer PSSA ends
- AFL 3.15 – 4.15pm

Week 11

- Monday 3 April Swimming Scheme (all week)
- Tuesday 4 April K-6 Recognition Assembly
- Thursday 6 April Principal's Morning Tea – 9.30am
- Friday 7 April School Photo's Day
- Uniform Shop 8.40am
- Last day of Swimming Scheme
- Last day of Term
- Easter Hat Parade – K-2

WHAT'S DUE?

- Friday 31 March Easter Raffle Tickets
- ICAS Competition Permission Notes
- TERM 1 Accounts
- School Photo Envelopes
- Tell them from me Survey Note 4-6
- Monday 3 April Stage 3 Milson Island Deposit Due

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Stage 3 – Milson Island Permission Note
- Notification of Measles and Chickenpox
- School Photo Envelopes
- Tell them from Me Survey Years 4-6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued

Parking Concerns

It is extremely important that we all follow the parking restrictions that are around the school. They have been put into place to ensure that our children are safe.

Both local parking rangers and police are regular visitors to the school and they do issue infringement notices for people who are illegally parked.

Social Media

I would like to remind parents that the Winston Hills Parents page on Facebook is not administered or endorsed by the school or the P&C.

Please feel comfortable to call, email, or come into our school to chat with me, if you do have concerns or suggestions. My email address is mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

FROM THE DEPUTY

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in 2016. Asking students to complete the survey allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours and participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 31st March**.

High School – Expressions of Interest- Reminder

A reminder to the Year 6 parents that the High School Expressions of Interest were due in last Friday. Every Year 6 parent is asked to return this form as soon as possible. Parents intending to send their child to a private or independent High School are also asked to submit an EOI. Most schools are asking for student portfolios to accompany any out of area applications and Crestwood High School is asking for proof of address. If you need to make add attachments to your child's Expression of Interest that has already been submitted to the school, simply send in the extra attachments and we will include the attachments with the EOI upon submission.

Please note that Winston Hills cannot write personal references, however teachers are happy to speak with the High schools over the phone if necessary. Please feel free to ring me at school if you have any questions about what needs to be included in the portfolio.

Photos

The School Photo Day is fast approaching with the big day being scheduled for Tuesday 4th April. Photo envelopes and notes have been sent home today. Please complete the notes and return to your child's teacher(s) by Friday 31st March.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia. This gives us the opportunity to share the importance of diversity with others in our school and community and to promote the message "Everyone Belongs".

It was great to see so many kids attend school today with an item (or more than 1 item) of orange clothing.

With the PBL focus for this week being, "Be respectful- Include others in your game", the all-important message of inclusion is being celebrated at Winston Hills.

Winston Winners

Congratulations to Lachlan Wood who on the weekend won 4 gold medals at the State Little Athletics Carnival, with significant improvements on his personal best times. A huge achievement. Well done Lachlan!

Farewell again!

At the end of 2015, I accepted an opportunity to be Relieving Principal at Ellison Public School, with the intention of applying for a permanent Principal's position at Ellison or another school.

Last week I was informed that I was successful in gaining the Principal's position at Vardy's Road Public School.

I feel privileged to be given this opportunity and also very grateful that I have been lucky enough to be working at Winston Hills Public School for so long (and so many times). The staff, community and kids at Winston Hills have made my time here truly memorable.

Thank you for all your support over the years and I hope to see you all over the next few weeks as with a heavy heart, and a sense of excitement, I once again leave Winston Hills for another adventure, knowing what a community based school that is truly student centred can achieve. Thankyou!!

Ian Short
Deputy Principal

K-2
EASTER HAT
PARADE
Friday 7 April 2017



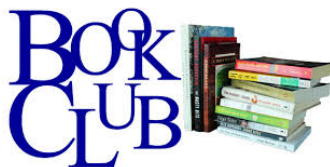
SCHOOL NEWS

Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 10th March, 29 students represented our school at the Waves Pool, Baulkham Hills competing against 17 other schools in our PSSA zone. Outstanding results were achieved by all, in their events. A special mention to the following students, Luke Maguire under 12's Age Champion and Ben Pentland runner up under 12's Age Champion.

Congratulations and good luck to Luke Maguire 5/6D, Ben Pentland 5/6R, Olivia Maguire 4A and Ketzia Faisey 3W who qualified for the PSSA Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the Wednesday 15th March 2017.

Melissa Johnston



ON LINE ORDERS ONLY

at

www.scholastics.com.au/LOOP

or

add the (free) LOOP App from your App Store

Issue 2 is due

Thursday 23 March 2017



Go4Fun is a health lifestyle program for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their families.

Programs run during school term and are lead by trained, qualified health professionals.

ALL FOR FREE

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 22 March – 2.00 pm
- 2J – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 30 March – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 5/6K
- Parents are welcome to attend


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to serve dinner in a flash.

A stir fry is a quick and easy dinner, perfect on school nights for busy families.

And it includes a range of colourful, healthy vegetables.

Pick and choose your favourite combination of sliced fresh veg – capsicum, zucchini, sugar snap peas, green beans, bok choy, celery, mushroom, onion, carrot and cabbage work well. Go vegetarian, or add sliced lean chicken, pork or beef.

Mix 2 tsp reduced salt soy sauce, 1 tbsp honey, 3 tbsp water and 2 tsp cornflour in a jug for the sauce.

Prepare noodles according to packet directions.

Cook veg in a hot pan or wok, add sauce and stir to thicken. Remove from heat and serve over noodles.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS



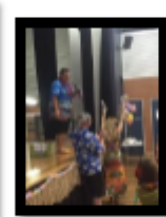
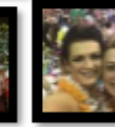
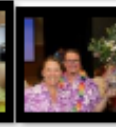
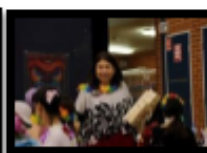
Photo Day
is on
4 April 2017

Photo
Envelopes
Sent home with
your child today

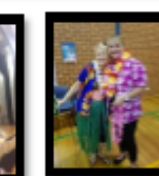
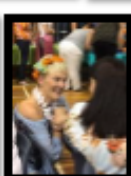
**FAMILY PRE-PAID ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**



Chelsea's Challenge Trivia Night



A Huge Thank You to our Wonderful Winston Hills Public School Community
We raised \$20,000 for Chelsea's Challenge



P & C NEWS

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The P&C is pleased to announce the official conclusion of another year with the P&C AGM held in the school staffroom on Tuesday 14th March 2017. We had an excellent turnout for the AGM and attendee numbers at all P&C meetings continue to grow. The P&C would like to thank the school community for their ongoing contributions.

Parents and Citizens are welcome to join the P&C and attend P&C Meetings. Membership application forms are available at our meetings or via email and should be returned with your annual membership fee of \$2 in order to become a financial member.

Following the elections held at the Annual General Meeting we are pleased to announce the WHPS P&C Executive and Sub-Committee members for 2017 as follows:

P&C Executive

President:	Sue Bryant
Vice Presidents:	Ali Buchanan, Jeff Greene
Treasurer:	Ravin Randhawa
Secretary:	Allan Dall

Uniform Shop

Convenor	Irish Lewis
Co-Convenor	Kellie Bramble
Minute Taker	Belinda Schuster
Treasurer	Janine Cameron

Band

Convenor	Siobhan Buchan
Financial Manager	Donna Plummer
Secretary	Kylie Baker
Training Band	Leona Bibb
Intermediate Band	Moonju Cho
Performance Band	Samantha Hinchelwood
Teacher Liaison	Raechel Webb
Resource Librarian	Sonia Figueira

Fundraising

Coordinator	Ali Buchanan
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Bookclub

Coordinator	Lee Folo
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P&C Sub-Committee Compliance

All sub-committees operate under the auspices of the P&C Association and are required to report in writing on their activities to each general meeting of the P&C Association. This ensures we comply with P&C Associations Incorporation Act and associated regulations.

Each Executive Committee Member and Sub-Committee member will soon receive a welcome email from the P&C with details on the requirements of your role. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email whpspandc@gmail.com and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

School Banking

Whilst a Coordinator was elected to the School Banking Subcommittee at the AGM, a casual vacancy for the School Banking Coordinator's role has arisen after the P&C AGM.

An election will be held to fill the vacant School Banking Coordinator Role at the P&C General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th May 2017.

Should you wish to nominate to fill the casual vacancy, you must be a financial member of the WHPS P&C for 2017. If you are unable to attend the P&C Meeting for the election, you must confirm in writing via email to whpspandc@gmail.com your willingness to accept the position if elected at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Should the P&C receive multiple nominations for the same position a vote will be held at the meeting to determine the successful nominee.

Agenda Items

If you have anything you wish to discuss at the P&C meeting, please email whpspandc@gmail.com at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the item can be added to the agenda.

Sue Bryant P&C President

Easter Raffle Tickets



**Last day to return Raffle Tickets and Money
to the box in the school office is
31 March 2017**

REMINDER

**ICAS COMPETITION
Permission Note**

**Needs to be Returned By
Friday 31st March**



2/3 Green Sea Turtles



Enjoying
AFL
Puzzles
Problem Solving
and
getting to know each other

