



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings will be held tonight and Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in your child's classroom this year. Teachers will provide details of class routines, homework, student expectations and general curriculum information.

School Disco

It was great to hear all of the stories from the disco and BBQ from Friday night. I would like to thank the P&C, parents and teachers for contributing to a great event.

Ethics Classes

This week is the start of scripture for the year and the introduction of Ethics classes as an alternative to non scripture classes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of parents who will be teaching these classes.

P&C

Last Tuesday evening was our first P&C Meeting for 2017. It was great to see some new faces and some returning faces. The P&C contributes greatly to the school community and I look forward to another year working together to make Winston Hills Public School the amazing place that it is.

Kiss and Drop Carpark

Over the past couple of weeks there have been a number of concerning incidents with parents and students not using the "kiss and drop" area safely. We have added fencing to improve the safety around the area, however, staff have had to speak to parents and students who have been doing the wrong thing just to save a couple of seconds. The last thing we want to see is a student injured.

Medical Health Care Plans

These forms have been sent home to parents of children who have been identified as having a medical condition. Your support in returning these documents ASAP would be appreciated.

If your child does have a medical condition that the school is unaware of, please contact us.

Change of Details

If you have changed your address, contact phone numbers, emergency contact details, court orders or any other details that you feel the school should be aware of, again, please contact the school so that we can update your child's records.

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 5

Tuesday 21 February	Parent Information Night - Support - Kindergarten & Stage 3
Thursday 23 February	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Scripture Classes Start SRC Induction 2.00-3.00pm Parent Information Night - Stage 1 & 2

Friday 24 February	Summer PSSA Starts K-2 AFL Sessions
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Week 6

Tuesday 28 February	Banking
Thursday 2 March	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm Assembly – Stage 2 & 3

WHAT'S DUE?

Tuesday 21 March	Special Swim Scheme 2017
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ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Chelsea's Challenge
- Special Swimming Scheme – Year 2 and Support

FROM THE DEPUTY

Banking

Student banking has started!

This is a great way to teach your kids important life skills as well as raising money for the school.

The Winston Hills Public School Student Banking team raised over \$1000 in 2016, with a bigger than ever number of students participating in this important program.

Please have a look at the dates included in this newsletter and start saving again in 2017.

AFL

AFL NSW/ACT will be running a clinic for K-2 students on Friday.

This will be an opportunity for every K-2 child to learn some new skills and in many cases try out a different sport.

The following Friday will see the start of an afterschool AFL program to be held on the bottom playground for all interested K-6 students.

A flyer with all the relevant information is included in this week's newsletter.

High School Information

At this time of year, parents of students in Years 5 and 6 will be starting to prepare their children for High School and may be finalising their decision on which High School to attend.

To assist parents in making this decision, all the local High Schools will be conducting open days.

The details are as follows

- Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School Open Day- Tuesday 14 March- 9:15am and 5:00pm
- Muirfield High School- March 2- 5:00pm
- Model Farms High School- Tuesday 28 February- 6:30pm

Applications for enrolment in Oakhill College for Year 7 2018 will close on Friday 17th March, 2017 and enrolment into Year 7, 2019 will close on Friday 18th August 2017. Interested parents are asked to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 98992288 or via email at registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

All Year 6 students will be receiving a High School Information Pack in the next few weeks, which will include an Expression of Interest form. This package will have details of your local High School and will provide parents with an opportunity to apply for out of area schools if needed.

TERM 1 ACCOUNTS

Due to Computer Issues

Term 1 Accounts

Will be sent out at a later date

Visitors to our School

To ensure our kids are safe and to make sure that all adults can be accounted for in an emergency, all visitors to our school who are not just dropping off or picking up their children at the normal start and finish times, are asked to sign in at the front office, wear a visitor's badge and sign out when leaving.

Your understanding in this very important procedure is appreciated.

Focus of the Week

This week we are teaching the children the importance of keeping the playground clean by reminding them where to eat at recess and lunch and where and when to dispose of their rubbish.

The routines and procedures related to these expectations have improved considerably over the last week and teachers will be handing out many Winnie awards to children "caught" doing the right thing at recess and lunch.

Student Leaders

The Student Leader Induction assembly will be on this Thursday in the new hall at 2:15pm.

Our SRC representatives, sport and technology leaders and Library monitors will be acknowledged at this assembly.

Invitations have been sent home.

The Band Captains will also be acknowledged at this assembly. The elections for these positions were completed yesterday, with the successful candidates being announced today. These invitations were sent home this afternoon.

Clean Up Australia

Friday 3 March will see our traditional Clean Up Australia Day, when all the students will be given an opportunity to clean up a designated area of the school. This links well with the National Clean Up Australia Day Program and teaches the children the importance of community service.

Parents are asked to ensure their children have gloves in their bag that day.

Parents wishing for their children to not participate are asked to contact their child's class teacher.

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 2 March– 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 5/6J
- Parents are welcome to attend

P & C NEWS

P&C

Our first P&C meeting for 2017 was held last week. A special welcome to the new families of WHPS that attended. Minutes are now available, please email whpspandc@gmail.com if you wish to receive a copy, alternatively all meeting minutes are available on the school webpage.

Who are we?

P&C committee is run by a volunteer parent committee who aim to promote the interests of the school. Important fundraising is also conducted at a P&C level with all monies raised being put back into our school for your child/ren to enjoy.

In all, the P&C works very closely with our school towards building a stronger school community – where all the children benefit.

Sub Committees also lay within WHPS P&C and are always looking for volunteers to join them. If you have any spare time and would like to become involved in our school as a P&C committee member or subcommittee volunteer level, we would love to hear from you!

SUB COMMITTEES	What-Uniform shop	When-Thursday's am or pm once per month	Who-Kellie and Irish	Where-kellieirishuniformswhps@gmail.com
	Book club	Various	TBC	Contact school office
	School banking	Wednesdays am	Micaela and Lynette	schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com
	School band (Years 3-6 only)	Monday and Wednesday afternoons	Band Committee	whpsband@gmail.com
	Fundraising committee	Various	Ali Buchan	<ali_baba@bigpond.com>

All members of the school's community are welcome to join the P&C. The annual membership fee is \$2.00*. Meetings are held on Tuesday evening's weeks 4 and 8 of each term, 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

Next Meeting

WHPS P&C AGM
Tuesday 14th March 7.30pm (school staffroom)

* Annual membership is \$2.00 and entitles you to be involved in the decision making of Winston Hills Public School P&C Association; membership is available at the next meeting or by contacting P&C committee at whpspandc@gmail.com

Sue Bryant
President

REMINDER
School Banking
Every Tuesday Morning



Welcome BBQ and Disco



Oh what a Night !



Winston Hills public school transformed into party central on Friday night. As the music boomed kids showed us their best dance moves. The night was a great success with just over 400 students attending. Again the Winston Hills kids were so well behaved. News of how much money we raised to come. Thank you to the parents and teachers who gave up their time to make the evening so memorable and to the P&C for supplying the free BBQ.

Easter Raffle



The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle at the end of Term one. Donations are required from WHPS families. Items such as chocolate eggs (please NO nut products), Easter gifts such as stickers, colouring in books or any item that would be suited to hampers are needed. These items can be dropped off to the Easter donations box in the school office. Last day for donations will be Friday 17th March.

Volunteers are also needed to meet together on:

Friday 3rd March

9-11am to prepare raffle tickets.

If you can spare the time please email me (Sue Bryant) at whpspandc@gmail.com or SMS on 040262339.

Thanks in advance for your support.
WHPS P&C.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2
7 April
9.30am – 11.00am

5/6K

With their Buddy Class KJ

