



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Evenings

It was great to see so many parents attend our Parent Information Evenings. On the Tuesday night I enjoyed getting around to the classrooms to introduce myself.

I would like to thank the teachers for giving up their time to provide these information sessions so that parents know a little more about what is happening within the classrooms this year.

New Staff Carpark

Over the next couple of weeks, a new staff carpark on Junction Road will be built. This may mean some disruption to traffic and that area for a couple of days.

Voluntary School Contributions

Each year, Winston Hills Public School asks parents to support the school through a request for school contributions. Annually, we ask parents to support their children's education through the payment of school contributions which is used to provide vital equipment and resources to enrich the educational experience for each student.

Whilst these contributions are voluntary, we rely considerably on them to provide valuable resources for the school. This year again we ask for a \$40.00 for a single student or \$50.00 contribution per family. This can be made by Cash, Cheque or using the online payment system (P.O.P)

I stress that payment of the school contribution is a matter by individual parents and carers to decide and is entirely voluntary. Our school would greatly welcome your contribution, as this will enhance the resources made available to all our students.

New Time For Parent And Teacher Interviews

Instead of having the Parent and Teacher interview times at the end of Term 2, this year we are looking at holding them early in Term 2. This will give both teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss progress earlier.

Please be aware that if you would like to make another time to speak with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment.

"Chelsea's Challenge"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that have worked so hard towards this event. I think this is a great example of how the school community supports each other and why Winston Hills Public School is such a great place.

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 7

Thursday 9 March

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Selective High School Test

Friday 10 March

Zone Swimming Carnival

AFL – 3.15 – 4.15pm

Week 8

Tuesday 14 March

School Banking

Wednesday 15 March

SW Regional Swimming Carnival

Thursday 16 March

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Teddy Bear's Picnic – Kindergarten

Friday 17 March

AFL – 3.15 – 4.15pm

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 14 March

Teddy Bear's Picnic Note

Friday 31 March

ICAS Permission Note & Money

Friday 31 March

Term 1 2017 Account Invoice

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Teddy Bear's Picnic – Kindergarten/Support
- ICAS Competition Permission Note (Years 2-6)
- NAPLAN – Letter to Parents (Years 3 and 5)
- MultiLit Program – Parent Helpers Needed
- Term 1 Account Invoice
- School Contribution 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Continued

Strategic Directions 2017

As part of the 2015-2017 School Plan, the staff have been working hard to determine the strategic directions that the school will take to improve student learning and teacher capacity. Some of the focuses include best practice for the teaching of reading, spelling and maths. The staff are also focusing on ensuring that impact is measured by the collection of data and evidence. Towards the second half of the year, the school community will be drawing up a school plan for the following three years.

P&C AGM Meeting- 14th March

Tuesday the 14th March is the AGM for the P&C. At this meeting the 2017 Executive will be voted on. I would like to thank Sue Bryant, Allan Dall, Ravin Randhawa, Ali Buchanan and Jeff Green, the 2016 P&C Executive, for their hard work. I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the hard working volunteers that are part of the different P&C committees.

Communication With The Principal

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

Mark Byrne
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

High School -Expressions of Interest

Today, Year 6 will be receiving their High School Expression of Interest documentation.

This information guide and form gives Year 6 students and their families an opportunity to indicate which high school(s) they would like to express an interest in attending in 2018. Parents can nominate their local high school or up to three out of area schools, in order of preference.

Most out of area school applications will require a portfolio. The school can assist in printing missing reports and teachers are happy to speak to prospective schools over the phone, however all teachers are not in a position to provide personal written references.

Parents considering enrolling in a private or independent high school are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest form for their local, in area school, to ensure appropriate transition to a high school, in the case where their family situation changes unexpectedly.

Information about local Catholic High Schools is available in the foyer of the school office.

Expressions of Interest are due back to the child's class teacher on Friday 17th March, 2017.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May this year, Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a series of examinations that provides important information to schools about what each student can do. The results also guide schools in making decisions about teaching and learning and Learning Support programs.

A note explaining the dates and providing more details will be issued to Year 3 and 5 students with this newsletter.

MultiLit- Volunteers needed

Many students at Winston Hills have benefited from the evidence based phonics program, Multilit.

For a number of years parents and the school's Learning and Support teachers have been coordinating this program that explicitly teaches all-important phonics and decoding skills, targeting children who are in need of extra support with their reading.

The program is very prescriptive and simple to administer and provides an opportunity for community members and parents to make significant difference to a number of our Year 2 and 3 students. Parents interested in assisting the school with this valuable program are asked to email me at ian.d.short@det.nsw.edu.au.

Easter Hat Parade

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the traditional K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 7th April, starting at 9:30am. This is a wonderful way to finish the first school term and join your child in this entertaining parade.

Hoping to see you all there!

AFL

A reminder that the after-school AFL clinics will commence this Friday.

A flyer with all the relevant information was included in last week's newsletter.

ICAS Competitions

The UNSW run an annual series of competitions for students from Years 2-12. This program provides an opportunity for students to compete in a challenging competition to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. This year we are planning on running the competitions before school, so as to not interrupt the day's lessons. More information and permission notes are included in this week's newsletter.

Ian Short
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 1

Cricket

Junior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	47-46
Senior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	49-46

Softball

Senior Boy s Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	9-3
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T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	18-13
Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	13-12
Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	9-18

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	10-1
Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	3-1
Senior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	1-0
Senior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School	Drew	1-1

Training

Boys & Girls Touch Football – Wednesday 8.15am
 Junior T- ball – Thursday 8.15am
 Cricket, Softball & Senior T- Ball – Friday 8.15am

Draws & Tables

Can be located on Castle Hill PSSA website
<http://castlehillpssa.wix.com/chpssa>

PSSA RESULTS – Round 2

Cancelled due to ground closures.

NO PSSA to be play Friday 10th March due to CHPSSA
 Zone Swimming Carnival.

Melissa Johnston

P&C AGM
Tuesday 14 March 2017
7.30pm
 In the School Staffroom
 All Welcome

PSSA Congratulations

Congratulations!

Damien Guild 5/6J and Toby Robinson 5/6R who have been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SW Boys AFL Trials. This will be held on Thursday 27th April, at Blacktown International Sport Park, Rooty Hill.

Congratulations!

Jesse Cameron 5/6D, Luke Urkanci 5/6J and Damien Guild 5/6J who have been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SW Boys Cricket Trials. This will be held on Thursday 16th March and 31st August, at Blacktown International Sport Park, Rooty Hill.

Congratulations!

Jesse Cameron 5/6D, Brodie Farrugia 5/6R and Kasra Manoonchehry 5/6F who have been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SW Boys Soccer carnival. This will be held on Monday 27th March, at Valentine Park, Meurants Lane, Glenwood.

Melissa Johnston

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Wednesday 8 March – 2.00 pm
- 2W – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 16 March – 2.00 pm
- Class Item –3/4M
- Parents are welcome to attend

*Stewart House
 Donation Drive
 2017*

*Envelopes for Donations
 will be sent home this week
 Stewart House thanks you
 for your support*

SCHOOL NEWS



Celebrate Harmony Day at Winston Hills Public School On 21 March 2017

On this day Australia celebrates cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We also would like to encourage all students to wear either:

- One **ORANGE** item of clothing to celebrate harmony in our school. Ideas might be **orange socks**, an **orange head band**, an **orange shirt** or an **orange hat**. The remainder of the uniform will stay the same with only one item being replaced by something orange.
Or
- Their Traditional National Costume

We will also be running a variety of activities in the classrooms to celebrate diversity, belonging and harmony in our school.

Have a look at the Harmony Day website for more information: <http://www.harmony.gov.au>.



Teddy Bear's Picnic Kindergarten Support K-4G & K-5M

Thursday 16 March 2017

What to Bring:
Picnic Lunch
Beach Towel
Teddy Bear

EASTER RAFFLE We Need Your Help



With the upcoming Easter Raffle this term we are calling on WHPS families to make a donation of any item that could be used in an Easter hamper. Eg chocolate, stickers, colouring in books etc.

Please drop your donation off
to the box in the school office
before **17th March**.

Also look out for your child's raffle ticket books that are being sent home this week. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 per raffle ticket book.

Good luck and thank you in advance for your support.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make mid-week dinner easy.

Serve a quick and easy veg-filled dinner your family will love, in just 15 minutes!

Pizza: spread wholemeal Lebanese bread with salt-reduced tomato paste. Top with sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, mushroom, artichoke, onion, olives) and reduced-fat grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven until cheese is lightly browned.

Find more 15-minute meal ideas at eatittobeatit.com.au. Recipes include:

- Tuna couscous salad.
- Asian noodle soup.
- Potato frittata.
- Spaghetti bolognese.
- Savoury toasties.

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.

P & C NEWS

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P&C AGM
TUESDAY 14th March 2017
7.30pm in the school
staffroom.

Our P&C meetings are a friendly forum where we discuss issues relating to the school and the work of our sub-committees involved in providing services to the school. We welcome all parents of WHPS, so if you can spare an hour or so we would love to see you there.

P&C committee roles are as follows

All positions will be declared vacant

President – Chairs meetings in weeks 4 and 8 of school term, plus any other special P&C meetings called. Supports the school principal as and when required in a range of activities. Attends P&C functions when able. Liaises with the parent body and other committee convenors on issues raised, either privately or at P&C meetings.

Vice-President (x2) – Attends all P&C meetings when able, chairs meetings in the absence of the president. Supports the P&C president and the school principal as required. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities. Attends P&C functions when able.

Secretary – Takes minutes at all executive and P&C meetings and circulates to attendees and P&C members. Handles correspondence as required after consultation with the executive committee. Maintains register of P&C financial members. Assists the president and vice presidents in their duties as and when required. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities

Treasurer – Receives and banks all monies from P&C fundraising and any other sources relevant to the P&C. Controls the bank accounts, maintains cheque books and deposits, and pays outstanding accounts after approval. Prepares a financial report for each P&C meeting and prepares the P&C accounts for auditing each calendar year, and arranges for the audit to be carried out in a timely manner. Attends all meetings and if unable to attend submits a financial report for the meeting. Liaises with treasurers of other P&C subcommittees and is an ex-officio member of these committees. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities

Sub Committees

BAND

A variety of positions are available on our band committee. These include:

- Band Convener
- Training Band Assistant
- School Band Assistant
- Performance Band Assistant
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Resource Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP

A variety of positions are available on our uniform shop committee. These include:

- Convener
- Assistant Convener
- Treasurer
- Minute Taker

SCHOOL BANKING

Positions available on our school banking committee include:

- Banking coordinator

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Positions available on our fundraising committee include:

- Fundraising Coordinator

BOOKCLUB

Positions available on our book club committee include:

- Book club Coordinator

P&C membership for 2017 is available to all parents and citizens for \$2.00 per person. By becoming a financial member of WHPS P&C allows you to propose motions, vote on motions and stand for elected positions. 2016 membership is still current until the conclusion of our AGM. Membership is available by completing a membership application at any of the P&C meetings or by emailing whpspandc@gmail.com and paying the \$2.00 membership fee.

REMINDER- If you have anything you would like to discuss at P&C, you must email me at whpspandc@gmail.com or drop me an SMS or phone call on 0402623391 prior to the meeting and in order for me to add your concern to our agenda.

Out of Area Committee Job Selection Committee

Sue Bryant
P & C President



3/4M Science

We are learning about the effects of the sun heating up objects and the transference of heat from one object to another.

These are some photos of our experiment with metal cutlery in various places in the nature area. The sun had been hot during the day so the concrete and metal areas heated up the cutlery by transferring heat. The other cutlery that was placed in open areas ended up remaining cold, even though the sun was out and it was hot outside.

