



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You

I would like to thank the school community for their support of Mrs Robinson. Last week she lost her house in a fire. I know that she appreciates everyone's kind thoughts.

Years 3–6 Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday 6th June, students from Years 3-6 participated in the annual Athletics Carnival at Gooden Reserve. We were very lucky to get this event in before the wet weather hit. A BIG thank you to Ms Johnston who organised the carnival, and to the many staff and volunteer parents who helped to make it such a great success. A school team will be selected to take part in the zone carnival in Term 3.

Dance-a-thon

Just over a week ago we held our Dance-a-thon which was a huge success. Staff, parents and students had a fun time and we are hoping that it will raise lots of money for our school. I would like to thank all of the parents for their help on the day.

Semester One Reports – Go home Wednesday 28th

Student reports are being sent home on Wednesday 28th June. Teachers have worked extremely hard this term to assess student achievement and report student progress accordingly.

Synergy

I am looking forward to watching our dance groups perform tomorrow night. The girls and boys have been working extremely hard towards this big event. Thank you to Mrs Calabrese, Ms Johnston, Miss Armstrong and Miss Frank for all of their hard work in preparing the students. I would also like to thank Mrs Wood for her generous time in making the outfits.

Still Concerns over School Parking

It was disappointing to hear on Friday that one of our students was close to being knocked over by a car after school. This happened down near the back gate.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2018

If you are aware of any in-area children intending to enrol for next year (who haven't already done so), please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible to fill in enrolment forms.

P&C Meeting – Tonight

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staff room tonight. All welcome!

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 8

Wednesday 14 June

Synergy Dance Festival
SW Regional Cross Country
Footsteps K-2
ICAS Spelling – 8.00am
Thursday 15 June
Synergy Dance Festival
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
3-6 Assembly – Athletic Awards
Peer Support
Friday 16 June
ICAS Writing Competition 8.00am

Week 9

Monday 19 June

Tuesday 20 June

Wednesday 21 June

Thursday 22 June

Friday 23 June

Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island
Assembly K-2
Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island
Footsteps K-2 **CANCELLED**
Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island
Reports Sent Home
Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island

Week 10

Monday 26 June

Tuesday 27 June

Wednesday 28 June

K-6 Recognition Assembly
Principal's Morning Tea
Footsteps K-2
Footsteps K-2

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 16 June
Thursday 22 June

Thursday 29 June

Dance-a-thon Card & Money
Term 3 Account
Calmsley Farm Permission Note
Longneck Lagoon Permission Note
Stage 2 Bush Camp Final Payment

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dance-a-thon

Thank you to our wonderful P&C Fundraising Team for another fun and successful Dance-a-thon. I visited many classrooms and it was definitely enjoyed by all.



Dance-a-thon money is now due. Please send money in to the office in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you to all the students who have already brought in their Dance-a-thon money so promptly. Don't forget.... 2 classes could win a PIZZA PARTY (one class from K-2 and one from 3-6) if they are the first class to return all their Dance-a-thon money.

ICAS – Spelling and Writing Test

This week there will be two ICAS tests, Spelling on Wednesday 14 June and Writing on Friday 16 June. Students will complete these tests in the new hall at 8:00am. A reminder note has been sent home with the participating students. It is very important that students arrive at 7:50am to ensure they have enough time to complete the tests.

Stage 3 Milson Island Camp

Next week, Stage 3 students will be going to Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. This 5-day camp will have students working in teams, paddling a canoe and challenging themselves on the flying fox and giant swing in a vibrant, safe and fun learning experience for both students and teachers. Mrs Frame, Mr Freney, Ms Johnston, Mrs Russell, Miss Talarico, Mr Verma, Miss Frank with Ms Lam and Ms Ward, will be accompanying the Stage 3 students on this fun camp.

Mathematics Enrichment Day

This Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding a K-6 Mathematics Enrichment Day. Students have been nominated by their teachers to be part of the enrichment sessions.

Kindergarten and Stage 3 will be on Wednesday 14 June, and Stage 2 and Stage 1 will be on Thursday 15 June. Students will be involved in half-day mathematics enrichment activities, where students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams and various mathematical concepts that are part of their curriculum to challenge and extend their thinking. Nominated students will receive a letter to confirm their participation. Looking forward to seeing the students busy and challenged on these Mathematics Enrichment Days.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 20 June – 2.00 pm
- 1K – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 15 June - 2.00 pm
- Athletics Awards
- Parents are welcome to attend

DEBATING

Premier's Debating Challenge



The Debating team have participated in their second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Jasper Road Public School. Both the Year 5 and 6 teams were strong and delivered their content convincingly. It has been exciting to watch their skills in rebutting develop, particularly when the topics deal with current affairs. The Year 6 teams won their debate when discussing the detriments of social media use for children. The Year 5 team lost their debate, arguing that children should be banned from viewing violence in TV shows and games. We look forward to our next debate in Term 3.

Miss Lisa Rodricks
Debating Co-ordinator

DANCE-A-THON 2017



SCHOOL NEWS

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to swap out sugary lunch box snacks.

Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

*M. Herron. 2016. Kids' lunchbox snacks. CHOICE [ONLINE]. 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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Eat It To Beat It



kindergarten enrolment

2018
Kindergarten
Enrolling NOW

SCHOOL BANKING
Last Banking for Term 2

P&C



**A special thanks to all the volunteers
that assisted at our annual
Dance-a-thon!!!!**

SCHOOL PHOTOS- feedback needed!!

MSP photographers are very eager to hear of feedback both positive and not so positive regarding the 2017 school photos. Please send any feedback to whpspandc@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING- TONIGHT

Tuesday 13th June 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome. On the agenda will be the proposals to use our P&C funds and feedback from our school community in regards to the 2017 school photos.

ALL P&C NEWS can now be located in one easy to find place on our school webpage. Be sure to check it out!

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.

Sue Bryant
President

REMINDER
P&C Meeting TONIGHT
Tuesday 13 June - 7.30pm
In the Staffroom
All Welcome

Handy Sites for Parents



English A to Z: Do you need to brush up on your adverbs and adjectives? Are you having trouble explaining English grammar to your child? Our **English A to Z** has more than 350 definitions of commonly-used English terms from primary and high school. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum, with graphic illustrations and help sheets to help you.



Maths A to Z: Is your child learning maths in a completely different way to the way you were taught? With nearly 300 definitions, our **Maths A to Z** will help you to understand what is happening in your child's classroom. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum, with graphic illustrations, help sheets and 'how to' videos to help you support your child.



Technology A to Z: Technology is changing at an ever-increasing pace and - as a parent - it is not always easy to keep up with the latest trends and terminology. Our **Technology A to Z** explains these terms in language that you can understand.



Spelling Bee: Does your child need to practise their spelling? Our **Spelling Bee** game provides hours of spelling fun for children of all ages. There are three levels of difficulty and a leader board to track progress and improvement. Children can even create their own games with their weekly spelling words. Multiple lists can be created so more than one child can practise their spelling.

The **Spelling Bee** game is powered by words from Australia's national dictionary, the Macquarie Dictionary (Macquarie Dictionary (C) Macquarie Dictionary Publishers, 2012).



Maths Monkey Times Tables: If your child needs help with their times tables, then the **Maths Monkey Times Tables** challenge is sure to be a winner. Your child has to get the most number of correct answers before all of the bananas fall. Children can choose which number they want to practise and there is also a random game to keep them guessing.

4C

Had a busy week with the Athletics Carnival and Dance-a-thon

