



# The Winston Whisper

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## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Welcome Back

It is always lovely to see the students come back full of smiles and ready to start a busy and fun Term 3.

Unfortunately there will be no report from the Principal Mr Mark Byrne as he is not well. He sends his apologies.

### Band Camp

A huge thank you to the staff who attended the Band Camp over the weekend, Mrs Webb, Mr Byrne, Miss O'Hegarty, Mr Astill, Ms Johnston and Miss Charalabidis and also to our fantastic parents, Siobhan and the committee members for another successful band camp.

### Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test for 2018 Year 5 entry will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**. The test is held **only on this day** and only in official test centres in NSW. There is no catch-up test.

**Time:** 9am

**Venue:** Model Farms High School, Gooden Dr, Winston Hills

### Literacy Enrichment Day

A half day Literacy Enrichment day will be held today and Thursday. Students have been nominated by their teachers to be part of these enrichment sessions.

Kindergarten and Stage 2 are on today, and Stage 3 and Stage 1 will be on Thursday 27 July. Students will be involved in literacy enrichment activities, with a particular focus on Writing. This will extend and enrich their writing skills through a variety of fun and challenging tasks. Nominated students will receive a letter to confirm their participation. Looking forward to seeing the students enjoy a fun and enriching session.

### Education Week – Week 3

As part of our Education Week school celebrations, we are holding the annual Open Day and Book Character Parade On Tuesday 1st August, with the Book Week theme of **'Escape to Everywhere'**. Students are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and will parade around starting at 9:30am in the 3-6 playground for all parents to see their amazing and creative costumes.

The annual school Book Fair will be held in the new hall from 8.30am – 9.00am and re-open after the book character parade until 12:15pm. EFTPOS is available. Please come along and buy a book for your child.

**8.30 am – 9 am** Book fair in the new hall

**9.30 am** Book character parade - 3-6 playground

**11.00 am** Parent morning tea - multipurpose court

Book fair in the new hall

**11.30 – 12.15pm** Open classrooms – K-6

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 3

#### Week 2

Wednesday 26 July

Opportunity Class Test  
Footsteps 3-6

Thursday 27 July

Uniform Shop Open 8.40 am  
Assembly 3-6

#### Week 3

Monday 31 July

Tuesday 1 August

Education Week / Book Week  
Open Day  
Book Character Parade / Book Fair  
Assembly K-2

Wednesday 2 August

ICAS English Competition 8.00am  
Footsteps 3-6

Thursday 3 August

Uniform Shop Open 8.40 am  
Uniform Shop Open 6.00 – 7.00 pm

#### Week 4

Monday 7 August

HPAF Combined Choir Rehearsal at  
Winston Hills Public School

Tuesday 8 August

P&C Meeting 7.30 pm

Wednesday 9 August

Footsteps 3-6

Thursday 10 August

Assembly 3-6  
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Education Week 2017 Flyer

## FROM THE DEPUTY Continued...

### ICAS – English Test

On Wednesday 2 August, will be the ICAS English test. Students will complete these tests in the new hall at 8:00am. A reminder note will be 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 test.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 1 and 2:



The PBL focus for this fortnight is about students taking care of our environment by putting their rubbish in the bin and recycle all that they can. Students will be taught the importance of this in the classroom, discuss this focus area in morning assemblies and posters emphasising this will be put up around the school.

**Wendy Kayello**  
Deputy Principal

SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

...to be SunSmart at the snow!

Surfaces such as snow can reflect up to 90% of ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Also, the atmosphere is thinner at high altitude and absorbs less UV radiation. UV radiation intensity increases by about 10–12% for every 1000m increase in altitude. This means you can get a double dose of UV at the snow and you need to remember to protect yourself!

**SunSmart tips at the snow:**

- Slap on a winter hat such as a balaclava, hood or a beanie with flaps to cover your ears.
- Slide on goggles or wrap-around sunglasses.
- Slap on some SPF30+ or higher, broad spectrum and water resistant sunscreen and lip balm at least 20 minutes before going outside. Re-apply every two hours.
- Take a break from the slopes during the middle of the day

Don't forget to be a SunSmart role model for your children and have a great winter!

**Health**

Western Sydney  
Local Health District

To help keep your kids safe,  
check your school's SunSmart  
status by heading to  
[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

## ASSEMBLIES

### Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 1 August – 2.10pm
- 2/3G – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 27 July – 2.10pm
- Class Item – 4C
- Parents are welcome to attend



## Open Day Book Character Parade Book Fair Tuesday 1 August 2017

The annual school Book Fair will be held in the new hall from 8.30am – 9.00am and re-open after the book character parade until 12:15pm. EFTPOS is available. Please come along and buy a book for your child.

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| <b>8.30 am – 9 am</b>  | Book fair in the new hall  |
| <b>9.30 am</b>         | Book character parade<br>- 3-6 playground                            |
| <b>11.00 am</b>        | Parent morning tea - multipurpose court<br>Book fair in the new hall |
| <b>11.30 – 12.15pm</b> | Open classrooms – K-6  |



Our first Book Club for Term 3  
will not go ahead due to Book Week.  
Parents and Children will have the opportunity to  
purchase books from our Book Week stall.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 10

PSSA Reminder: the balance of PSSA fees is now due;

- AFL, Rugby League & Netball \$30.
- Football (Soccer) & Newcombe Ball \$20.

### AFL

Juniors Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	18-13
Seniors Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	2-2

### Football (Soccer)

Junior Boys Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	1-0
Senior Boys Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	9-0
Open Girls Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	1-0

### Netball

Junior A Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	6-3
Junior B Vs Crestwood Public School	Won	11-2
Senior A Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	15-3
Senior B Vs Excelsior Public School	Drew	4-4

### Newcombe Ball

Juniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	1-2 sets 60-56
Seniors Vs Murray Farm Public School	Lost	1-2 sets 33-63

### Rugby League

Juniors Vs Northmead Public School	Won	48-18
Seniors Vs Northmead PS	won	44-20

### Training

Netball & Rugby League – Thursday  
AFL – Thursday afternoon  
Football (Soccer) & Newcombe Ball – Friday

### Draws & Tables

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

**Melissa Johnston**

## 2018 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

If you are a current family or know of any families who will be enrolling their Kindergarten child for 2018, please contact our office to collect your Enrolment Application Form and return this to the school by **1 September 2017**.

## DANCE - A - THON

Fundraiser



*We had another Great & Successful*

*Dance-a-thon*

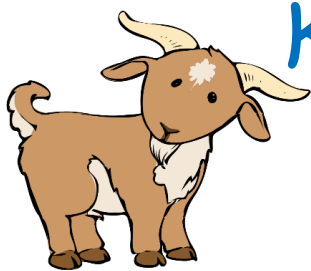
*Total Raised - \$16,075.15*

*Thank You*

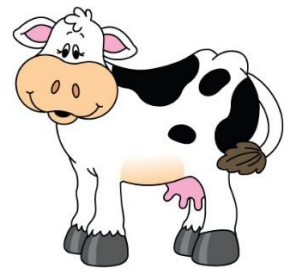
## Reminder P & C Meeting

**Tuesday 8 August**  
**7.30pm**  
**Staffroom**  
*All Welcome*





# Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Farm







# Band Camp 2017

Well what a weekend!

It started on Friday night with 6pm arrivals at Crusaders out in Galston. The camp is out in the bush, so we were surrounded by beautiful native trees, shrubs, flowers and animals. The students gave their Mum and Dad a quick kiss and a wave goodbye then we sorted ourselves into our cabins, made our beds and went to the big hall for a movie night. Boss Baby!

Everyone got to lie down with sleeping bags and pillows, most of us in our Pj's! We all had a bag of popcorn each and a great time. Once the movie was over, we had some supper and headed off to bed. (Well most of us!)

Saturday saw an early start with intensive tutorials and rehearsals for nearly all day, followed by activities in the later part of the afternoon. There was bush walking, low ropes and archery and in the night time our Year 6 students enjoyed their own private game of Laser Tag. It was "AWESOME" to say the least. The rest of the students enjoyed an evening of Trivia hosted by Miss O'Hegarty, who along with Mr Astill and Miss C did a fantastic job of putting it together. We also announced the winner of our T-shirt design competition which was Skyla Stewart from our Intermediate Band.

Sunday arrived and again we had a morning of intensive practice in order to get ready for our Mini Concert that we would perform at 1pm for our families.

The concert was great and we had the opportunity to showcase our hard work and skills that we had developed over the weekend.

We had a wonderful time and would very much like to thank the students for their great behaviour, Mrs Luther as our parent volunteer (it wouldn't be the same without her), the teachers (Mr Byrne, Miss O'Hegarty, Mr Astill, Mrs Johnston and Miss C) and of course our wonderful parent committee members (Siobhan - wouldn't happen without her hard work, Moonju, Sam, Kylie and Donna). Many thanks to all that made it happen, I am looking forward to next year!

**Mrs Webb**  
**Band Coordinator**





**3W**

**3W Arctic Wolves** worked together to design and make solar ovens. We melted chocolate using the power of the sun then ate them with the power of our mouths. We discovered that science is both fun and delicious.



**The 3R Rockin' Robins** have been working very hard in maths this year. Recently, we have been discussing mass and how we can use hefting to compare weights of two objects. We have then used scales to check the accuracy of our estimates.

**3R**