



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Band Camp

Two weeks ago we had 80 students attend our Band camp over the weekend. Although I wasn't able to be there for the performance, I did enjoy my time on the Friday and Saturday night. The students did an amazing job at representing our school. I would like to give a big thank you to the teachers (Ms Webb, Ms O'Hegarty, Mrs Johnston, Mr Astill and Ms Charalabidis) and the parents (Siobhan Buchan, Samantha Hinchelwood, Kylie Baker, Noelene Luther, Donna Plummer and Moonju Cho) for giving up their weekend to support this great program.

Education Week

The weather was very kind to us last week and it was great to see all of those smiling faces at our open day. All of the students and teachers looked great in their book parade costumes and it was good to see parents and grandparents visiting the classrooms. I know the students were excited to have you there.

Education Week was a busy time at Winston Hills Public School. We had visits from the fire brigade who spoke to the students about fire safety and read some books to them. The police visited and spoke to the students about cyber awareness. We also had a visit from an author and also a visit from a screen writer from Home and Away.

I would like to thank Mrs Limsoon and Mrs Kayello for all of their organisation for the week.

State Cross Country

A big congratulations to Luke Maguire (11th place), Jesse Cameron (43rd place) and Zac Lequesne (49th place) who represented the area at the State Cross Country championships at the start of the term. We are very proud of your efforts boys.

PSSA- Winter Season

This is the last week of the Winter season before the semi-finals begin. I would like to thank the coaches for giving up their time and the students for doing an outstanding job of representing the school. Thank you to the parents who have attended the games to encourage and support our teams.

Tournament of Minds

I would like to congratulate the students who are a part of our first ever Tournament of Minds Team. Tournament of Minds is a problem solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. The team is required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges.

I would like to thank both Ms Holland and Mrs Brgudac who have been working really hard to learn about the program and prepare our team for the competition for the first time.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 4

Tuesday 8 August	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 9 August	3-6 Footsteps
Thursday 10 August	3-6 Assembly
	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Friday 11 August	Last Round of Winter PSSA Sport

Week 5

Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths Competition 8.00am
	K-2 Assembly
Wednesday 16 August	3-6 Footsteps
	Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 2
Thursday 17 August	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 2
Friday 18 August	Winter PSSA Semi Finals

Week 6

Monday 21 August	Zone Athletic Carnival
	– Track & Field Events
	Primary Choir Preliminary Rehearsal

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 25 August	Father's Day Note & Money
Thursday 7 September	All Party Day Permission Notes
	K-6 Healthy Harold Note
	Term 4 Account Payment

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 4 Account 2017
- Father's Day Breakfast & Gift Stall
- Spring Picnic – Event for Women & Daughters
- K-6 Life Education Program – Healthy Harold
- Kindy & Stage 1 Party Day
- Stage 2 & 3 Party Day
- 4-6F & 2-6A Party Day
- K-4G & K-5SM Party Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

Support Unit for 2018

In 2018 Winston Hills will have the following support classes: AU (Autism), IM (Mild-intellectual disability) and two MC (Multi-categorical) classes. The newly introduced MC class will be replacing an IO class category and will cater for students that present with either AU, IO, severe intellectual disability or physical disability. If you would like to discuss the support unit classes at our school, please contact either Mrs Spink or myself. We look forward to the new students joining us next year.

P&C

At the last meeting, the P&C approved the spending of funds on the installation of a large fan within the school hall. This will help keep the students cool during the hotter months. The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staffroom **tonight**. All welcome!

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Education Week 2017

It was a wonderful week of fun and educational events at Winston Hills during Education and Book Week for 2017. A big thank you to Mrs Limson and Mrs Harvey for their efforts during the week, particularly with the Book Fair. \$9500 worth of books were sold, earning our school a \$3600 voucher from Scholastic to purchase new books for our library.

We have had firemen read books to K-2 students. Tim Harris came in and visited Stage 2. He is one of the most exciting new children's authors in Australia. Stage 3 had a Police Officer come in and chat to the students about cyberbullying. A very eventful week for our students at Winston Hills, and this could not of happened without Mrs Limson's hard work and organisation.

It was lovely to see all the parents and grandparents who joined us on the day for the Book Parade and Open Classrooms.



Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017



This year, Winston Hills Public School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program, we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

FROM THE DEPUTY Continued...

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

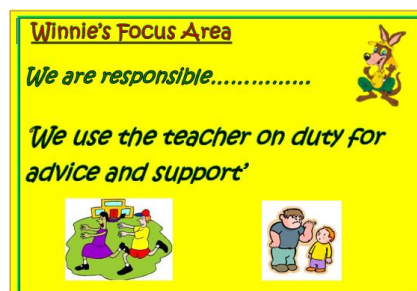
At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

ICAS – Mathematics Test

The final ICAS test will be Mathematics and that will be on next Tuesday 15 August. 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 3 and 4:



This fortnight's PBL focus is about encouraging and reminding students to see the teacher on duty for advice and support, which they may need when playing games with their friends at recess and lunch. Students will be reminded of this in the classroom and in assemblies, and posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

P&C Meeting Tonight
8 August 2017
7.30pm in Staffroom
All Welcome

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 Kellyville Public School	Won	25-20
Seniors Vs Kellyville Public School	Won	57-15

Football (Soccer)

Junior Boys Vs Northmead Public School	Won	3-1
Senior Boys Vs Northmead Public School	Won	4-0
Open Girls Vs Northmead Public School	Won	9-0

Netball

Junior A Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School	Lost	2-3
Junior B Vs Beaumont Hills Public School	Won	13-2
Senior A Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	16-9
Senior B Vs Excelsior Public School	Won	3-1

Newcombe Ball

Juniors Vs Northmead Public School	Lost	1-2
	sets	53-60
Seniors Vs Northmead Public School	Lost	0-3
	sets	39-63

Rugby League

Juniors Vs Beaumont Hills Public School	Won	32-20
Seniors Vs Beaumont Hills Public School	Won	52-26

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>

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 15 August – 2.10 pm
- 1H – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 10 August – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 4A
- Parents are welcome to attend



PRIMARY PROMS CHOIR

Preliminary Rehearsal

Week 4

Monday 21 August



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 1st September
8.00am – 8.50am

Cost - \$8 per family (cash)



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 1st September
Gifts range from \$2 to \$6

Children, please remember to
bring a plastic bag
to put your gift in



Book Character Parade 2017



SCHOOL BANKING

Dates

The dates for school banking in term 3 have been extended- they will now be from: **Tuesday 18th July to Tuesday 19th September (last week of term).**

Banking Volunteers

We currently have a position that needs filling and we'd love a parent/carer of banking students to join the team. The banking groups meet Wednesday mornings every 2nd week for 1 hour from 9.00am – 10.00 am. It's good fun and all training is provided. Babies and pre-schoolers are also welcome to come along. If you'd like to know more please email us below.

How to bank with the school:

- Place the deposit (cash or cheque) into the clear plastic window at the top of the wallet
- Fill out the deposit slip and stub
- Student hands the wallet to class teacher Tuesday morning
- Wallets are returned Wednesday for class collection
- Student numbers are allocated by the banking volunteers on the first day a student banks with the school
- If a child has banked at a different school a new student number will be allocated the first time they bank at WHPS
- Please ensure your child's class is written on the front of their wallet beside their name.

For more information about the School Banking Program visit the School Banking Website below:

www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

Micaela, Lynelle & Jodie

WHPS School Banking Co-ordinators
schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com

Year 6 Farewell Parent Committee 2017

Year 6 farewell is fast approaching. This year we are looking at having a Parent Committee (Year 6 parents) to assist with the organising, decorating and setting up the farewell. Interested parents will need to meet once a month on a Tuesday at 5pm in the staffroom from August until December. Ideally we would like to see around 10 parents volunteer. Should you be interested, please email Mrs Frame at Rachael.frame5@det.nsw.edu.au.

BOOK WEEK – What a Blast

Not only did we have a very successful Book Fair and Book Character Parade, but we had special people come to our school as well.

The Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 had a visit from the Firemen from Baulkham Hills station. Fireman Rod read the story "Piggy Wiggy Fireman" and spoke about how to keep safe during a fire emergency. To end the session, all the students had the chance to walk around the fire truck and "high 5" the other members of the team!



The highlight of book week for the Stage 2 students is the author talk. They met the author of "Exploding Endings", Tim Harris. He entertained them by talking about writing and how fun it can be, reading parts from his new book, showing off his drone flying skills (as part of his promo for his new book) and of course signing of books at the end.

On a more serious note, the Stage 3 students attended a cyberbullying talk by Snr Constable Liplyn. He explained the different forms of cyber bullying and gave advice on what they could do when they are being cyber bullied or if they know someone who is. He also shared some tips on how to keep themselves safe when using social media. Constable Liplyn commended the students for their outstanding behaviour and participation.

Rachelle Limson
Librarian

Introducing Year 6 Games Day (to replace Year 6 Bazaar Day)

Traditionally each year in November, Year 6 hold a Bazaar Day to raise funds for Year 6 Farewell. This year however, to streamline the process and make it a more active, efficient and healthy, Year 6 will be holding a Games Day. Like Bazaar Day, students in the school will be given a fun day to play games and visit stalls set up by the current Year 6 students. Cost of this day will be \$5 per student, payable with your Term 4 invoice. No additional funds will be required on the day, so students do not need to bring in money. Stalls will vary from hairspray to kicking competition, haunted house to egg and spoon races with the aim to maintain the fun exciting atmosphere that Bazaar Day has always attracted. A pre-order sausage sizzle will still be available at a cost of \$2 per sandwich. Order forms will be distributed closer to the event.

We look forward to having a fun and memorable day and thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Frame and Stage 3 teachers

5/6D Enjoyed Book Parade with their Buddies

