



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week

This week is SASS recognition week. At Winston Hills Public School, we are very lucky to have an outstanding group of people who make up our SASS team. They are an important part of the school community and help make the school a great place to come to every day.

K-2 Sports Carnival

Congratulations to all our K-2 staff on their organisation and running of a fabulous athletics carnival last Thursday. What a great day with wonderful weather for the K-2 carnival at Gooden Reserve! While the successful running of such a day is indeed a team effort, particular mention must go to Mrs Rooke for her invaluable contribution to the day's success. It was also great to see so many parents, family members and friends support our K-2 students during the event. Well done everyone!

New Payment System

The school will be starting to use a new system to provide parents with information about accounts and payments. This system will email the information to parents. We are expecting to send the first email out towards the end of next week.

Tournament of the Minds Team

On Sunday the 27th August, our school entered its first Tournament of the Minds team. Tournament of the Minds provides students the opportunity to work collaboratively and creatively to solve problems. The team was Thomas Latimore, Daniel Chin, Zach Redwood, Parth Purohit, Sophie Hinchelwood, Zac Le Quesne and Talya Cohen. I would like to thank Mrs Brgudac and Mrs Bowmaker for all of their hard work in preparing our team.

Father's Day- Thank You

Last Friday was a great day for the dads, grandfathers and students of the school as we celebrated Father's Day. I would like to thank the parents who ran the Father's Day stall. I would also like to thank the teachers and staff who helped to cook and serve everyone at our Father's Day Breakfast. Thanks particularly to Miss O'Hegarty, Mr Astill, Miss Charalabidis, Miss Sheppard, Miss Armstrong, Mr Freney and Mr Verma for your organisation.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 8

Tuesday 5 September	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 6 September	Footsteps 3-6
Thursday 7 September	3-6 Assembly
	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	HPAF Rehearsal Day
	HPAF Performance Evening
	Term 4 Account Due
Friday 8 September	Summer PSSA Resumes

Week 9

Tuesday 12 September	K-2 Assembly
Wednesday 13 September	Footsteps 3-6
	Sydney West Athletics Carnival
Thursday 14 September	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	Pink Day

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 7 September	Term 4 Account Due
	Party Day Notes & Payment
	Healthy Harold Note & Payment
Friday 22 September	Spring Picnic Note & Payment
Friday 13 October	Tell Them From Me Survey

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Father & Son Camp Out Permission Note
- New Financial Management System

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

Sickness

The school has been hit with a wave of sickness over the past couple of weeks for both students and staff. As well as the normal winter colds, we have had a nasty strand of influenza reported. Whilst we usually encourage parents to send children to school, please, if your child is sick, keep them home until they are better.

Are You Moving In 2018?

If you are intending to leave the school this year, could you please notify the office on 9639 8518, as soon as possible (excluding year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2018.

P&C Meeting and Thank You

I would like to thank the P&C for providing the funds to purchase our new hall fan. This will no doubt make those hotter days more bearable. The next P&C Meeting will be held tonight at 7.30pm in the staff room. All welcome!

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3 and 5 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

Winston Hills Public School will be undergoing the online testing in Week 9 of this term.

Strategic Direction 2

Student Learning and Wellbeing

During Week 7 and 8, all staff will have been involved in a lesson study cycle focused on reading with their stage. Lesson study involves a team of teachers working together in a systematic cycle of planning, teaching, observing, refining and reviewing reading lessons. Reading is a main focus for our school and the lesson study cycle provides a valuable process for teachers to reflect on their practice in order to improve and maximise students' learning and success in reading.

Tell Them From Me: *Partners in Learning* survey

Winston Hills Public School will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

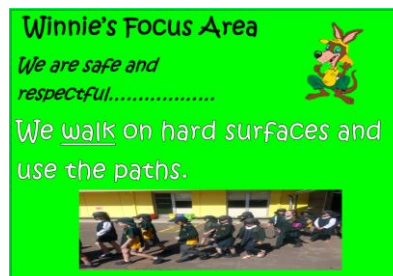
FROM THE DEPUTY Continued...

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. You can access the survey by following the link below on your computer or tablet:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rnwji>

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 7 & 8



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe, respectful and responsible when walking on hard surfaces and using the paths. Students will be reminded in the classroom and in assemblies to walk safely around the school using the paths. Posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

Friday 1 September

It was wonderful to see all the dads and grandfathers who attended our annual Father's Day breakfast last Friday morning, enjoying the delicious breakfast cooked, prepared and served by our lovely staff and mums.

A huge thank you to the amazing parent helpers at the Father's Day stall. It could not have happened without your hard work, time and effort.

We hope all dads and granddads had a marvellous day on Sunday!



Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Grand Final

Football (Soccer)

Senior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public Won 2-1

Netball

Senior A Vs Beaumont Hill Public School Won 12-7

Rugby League

Juniors Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School Lost 6-12

Congratulations to these teams and their coaches for making it into 2017 PSSA Grand Finals.

Melissa Johnston

Tournament of the Minds

On Sunday, Winston Hills Public School took part in our first ever Tournament of The Minds. The kids worked really hard, represented our school beautifully and should be proud of their achievements.



THE GREEN TEAM

Stage 1 Green Team have fun planting, watering, weeding, picking and eating produce from our garden.

The Children made a delicious salad to share with Mr Byrne and Stage 1 teachers.



Combined Athletics Carnival



On Friday, 25th of August, students from the Support Unit represented the school at the Combined Athletic Carnival. Students competed in a march-past, 100m running and walking races and egg and spoon, wheeler and beanbag events. Due to our student's excellent performance at the event, our school was overall runner-up. Everyone participated and tried their best with students receiving first, second and third ribbons for their efforts. A big thank you to all the parents for their help on the day and for Ms. Grewal for organising the event.



SCHOOL NEWS

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS REQUIRED FOR SPRING PICNIC

On Friday the 20th October,
Winston Hills Public will be holding
their first annual
women and daughters
'Spring Picnic'
Raising money for the
McGrath Breast Cancer Foundation
We are seeking suitable
Female orientated raffle prizes
for this event.
If you are able donate any new
products or other suitable items,
they can be left at the front office
of the school

Council Election Day



Saturday 9 September 2017

Outside School Hall

Please Show your support



Parents and Citizens Association

Our Children ~ Our Future

P & C Meeting Tonight

7.30pm

In the Staffroom



FATHER'S DAY

THE STAFF AT
WINSTON HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOPE THAT ALL THE FATHERS
HAD A WONDERFUL
FATHER'S DAY.
WE ENJOYED HOSTING
THE ANNUAL
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
AND CELEBRATING WITH
ALL OF YOU.

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 7 September – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 3R
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Tuesday 12 September – 2.00 pm
- KJ – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend



2-6 A & 4-6 F

