



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back To School

I would like to welcome the community back to the start of the new school year. It was great to see the new Kindergarten students and parents join us last Friday. The Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly. The Year 1 to 6 students started in their new classes yesterday and I would like to thank the staff for working hard to form these classes.

This year the school has increased in numbers and as a result we will now be 25 mainstream classes.

Staffing 2018

Attached to this newsletter is the list of teachers and classes for this year. I would like to welcome the new staff to our school. They include: Miss Nettleton (Kinder), Mrs Nguyen (Year 1), Miss Ferro (Year 1), Mrs Kammerer (Year 2), Miss Youhanna (Year 2), Mrs Malvicino (Year 3). I would also like to welcome back Mrs Lorenz, Mrs Bolst, Mrs Ta and Mrs Tyler.

During this term, the Stage 3 Assistant Principal position will be filled and I would like to thank Mrs Frame for continuing to do a great job in leading that team.

School Calendar 2018

Accompanying the newsletter today, is a copy of the Term 1 school calendar for 2018. Parents are asked to check the fortnightly newsletters for updates and confirmation of school events.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who had a great day at the school swimming carnival last week. A big thank you to all of the parents who came and supported their children on the day. Although holding the carnival on the first day of the year was not ideal, it was a good way to start the year.

I would like to thank all of the staff for ensuring the students had a great time on a hot day.

I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Johnston, Mr Freney, Ms Russell, Mr Astill and Mr Verma in organising the carnival over the Christmas break.

A big congratulations goes to Tom Pentland, Skyla Stewart and Ketzia Faisley who represented the school at the Hills Under 12 Development Meet. A great effort.



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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 3

Tuesday 13 February

Interrelate Evening Sessions

Banking Starts

Thursday 15 February

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Friday 16 February

Summer PSSA Starts

Week 4

Monday 19 February

Homework Starts Yrs 1-6

Tuesday 20 February

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 21 February

Parent Information Night

Thursday 22 February

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

Parent Information Night

SRC Induction – 3-4pm

Scripture Starts

NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE?

Tuesday 27 March

Special Swimming Scheme

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Special Swimming Scheme 2018 Yr 2 & Support Unit
- Term 1 Calendar

Community News

- Canteen News 2018
- Canteen Menu 2018
- ThinkUknow
- Joey Scout Open Night
- Grasshopper Soccer
- Greek Food Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont....

Before and After School Supervision

To ensure student safety, it is important that students are only at school when there is supervision provided. Just a reminder that supervision by teachers starts from 8:30am before school and there is no supervision provided after school. If there is an emergency, please contact the school and we will ensure that your children are safe.

After School Chinese Language Classes

This year, the school is looking at providing students with an opportunity to be involved in Chinese Language Classes. The classes will run during the week and also a possibility of weekends depending on interest. If you are interested please contact The Hills Chinese School on 0411 085 882 or email hillscommunitycollege@gmail.com

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

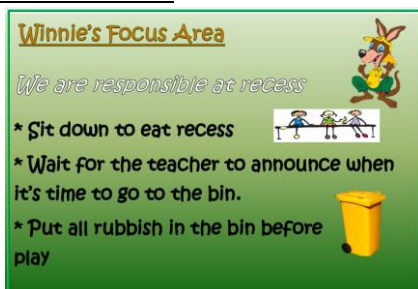
FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to an exciting 2018. It is always so wonderful to see all the students and staff returning with smiles on their faces waiting in anticipation to find out who their teacher will be. All students are now in their 2018 classes. I have visited a few classes already and students seem happy and ready to learn.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 1 & 2



We start this year's PBL focus with being responsible at recess. Students are reminded of this focus to ensure all students sit down at recess when they are eating, wait for the teacher to announce when it is time to place their rubbish in the bin and head off to play with their friends.

I have already seen how responsible WHPS students have been with this PBL focus. Keep up the fantastic work!

Awards System

Merit awards are handed out by class teachers for safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. When students reach one of the milestones listed below, they can bring the last 10 merit awards to my office. ***Please do not send in merits that have already been submitted and stamped with the school crest at the back.***

FROM THE DEPUTY Cont...

Please ensure certificates are submitted two days before their assembly, to ensure that certificates and awards are ready on time.

Award Levels

- 10 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 20 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 30 Awards = Small Banner
- 40 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 50 Awards = Bronze Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 60 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 70 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 80 Awards = Large Banner
- 90 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 100 Awards = Silver Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 110 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 120 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 130 Awards = Small Banner
- 140 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 150 Awards = Gold Medal and Morning Tea with the Principal

Car Park Safety

Winston Hills like many schools has a limited number of parking spaces close to the school gates.

The combination of this issue with the usual busy morning and afternoon schedules, often tempts many of us to park or stop our cars illegally.

For the safety of your children and other students, parents are reminded to refrain from parking in the school carparks or in front of neighbours' driveways.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding in relation to this safety issue.

2018 Leaders

Congratulations to our new School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects, who have already been rising to the occasion when given a variety of tasks as part of their leadership role. They have been wonderful leaders to our new Kindergartens and have been raising and lowering the flag every day. Well done leaders.

More leadership opportunities for 2018 will be:

- 2 SRC students per class Years 2-6
- 2 Class Captains per class Years 1-6
- Library Monitors Years 3-6
- 2 Technology Leaders per class Years 5 & 6

These leadership roles are for the entire school year, and their class peers and teacher/s will vote in students. They will receive a badge in Week 4 Assembly on Thursday 22 February at 2pm for their induction. Parents will receive an invitation in the next week or so if their child will be receiving a badge.

Parent Information Nights

Parent Information Nights will be held on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 February.

Wednesday 21 February

- 5:30pm – Support Unit & Kindergarten
- 6:30pm – Years 5 and 6

Thursday 22 February

- 5:30pm – Years 3 & 4
- 6:30pm – Years 1 & 2

More information will be sent closer to the dates.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

P&C NEWS

On behalf of WHPS P&C Association, I would like to welcome all new families to our school.

Did you know! The Winston Hills Public School P&C manage a number of sub committees including:

- Uniform Shop
- Book Club
- School Banking
- School Band
- Fundraising Committee.

If you wish to become involved and volunteer your time (approx 1 hour per week) in any of these group, please send us an email at whpspandc@gmail.com as we would love to hear from you.

A WORD OF THANKS!!!!

Thank you to Amy, Mel, Nicole, Sue and Christine who assisted at the Kindy welcome Morning Tea.



A special thanks to Marika Hager who kindly gave up her time during the holidays to audit our P&C accounts.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th February 2018.

6pm Start -Special presentation- ThinkUknow.

ThinkUknow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides presentations to Australian parents. It provides information on the technologies young people use, the challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome.

Following this free presentation will be our regular P&C meeting at 7.30pm.

Meetings are held in weeks 4 and 8 of each term commencing at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

P&C meetings are a great way to meet other parents, be involved in decision making within the school and hear what is happening from both the Deputy Principal and Principal of Winston Hills Public School. Meetings generally run for 1.5 hours. ALL WELCOME!

Looking forward to working together throughout 2018.

Sue Bryant
President

ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our School Swimming Carnival was at Waves Swimming Pool Baulkham Hills, on Tuesday 30th January. All the competitors were pumped for their events. Mrs Stewart did a fantastic job of motivating the troops for their events and enthusiastically cheering their houses, throughout out the day.

Whilst a number of students competed in competitive events, others participated in a land tabloid session. Awesome work by Mr Astill and Mr Verma for their organisation of the tabloids. The students had a blast!

Thanks to all students, staff and parents for making the carnival a success. Ribbons will be handed out in the primary assembly, Thursday Week 2. Qualifiers will represent WHPS at the CHPSSA Zone Carnival to be held at Waves Swimming Pool Baulkham Hills, Wednesday 7th March.

There will be no finals night. Event placing will be based on competitor's times from event heats.

Melissa Johnston

REMINDER P&C MEETING

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018
6.00PM START
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
THINKUKNOW

CLASSES & TEACHERS 2018 – TERM 1

CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS NAME	TEAM LEADER
EARLY STAGE ONE			
KINDER	Mrs Amanda Jefferies (M/W/Th/F) Megan Ta (M/Tu)	KJT	Mrs Amanda Jefferies
KINDER	Miss Effie Charalabidis	KC	
KINDER	Mrs Krystle Vaughan	KV	
KINDER	Mrs Raechel Webb	KW	
KINDER	Miss Tayla Nettleton	KN	
STAGE ONE			
YEAR 1	Mrs Louise Bowmaker	1B	Mr Lachlan Johnson
YEAR 1	Mrs Stephanie Nguyen	1N	
YEAR 1	Mrs Glenda Rooke	1R	
YEAR 1	Miss Tayla Ferro	1F	
YEAR 2	Miss Kylie Mason	2M	
YEAR 2	Miss Cassie Youhanna	2Y	
YEAR 2	Mrs Melinda Kammerer	2K	
YEAR 2	Mr Lachlan Johnson	2J	
STAGE TWO			
YEAR 3	Mrs Shellea Lorenz (M/Tu/W) Mrs Carmen Bolst (Th/F)	3LB	Mrs Jacqui Coates
YEAR 3	Mr Riley Astill	3A	
YEAR 3	Mrs Marcela Malvicino	3M	
YEAR 4	Mrs Jacqui Coates	4C	
YEAR 4	Mrs Rachael Tyler (M/Tu)W) Mrs Cat Wood (Th/F)	4TW	
YEAR 4	Mrs Tracey McDonald	4M	
STAGE THREE			
YEAR 5	Mr Anand Verma	5V	Mrs Rachael Frame (Relieving)
YEAR 5	Mr Steve Freney	5F	
YEAR 5	Mrs Melissa Johnston	5J	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mrs Rachael Frame	5/6D	
YEAR 6	Mrs Stephanie Russell	6R	
YEAR 6	Miss Rebecca O'Hegarty	6H	
SUPPORT CLASSES			
YEAR K-6 IO/IM	Miss Courtney Armstrong	3-6A	Ms Sarah Spink
YEAR K-6 IO	Ms Sarah Spink (Tu/W/Th/F) Mrs Eironn Meale (M)	1-6SM	
YEAR K-6 MC	Mrs Teji Grewal	K-2G	
YEAR 3-6 IM	Miss Lana Frank	3-6F	
SUPPORT STAFF			
ELAD	Mrs Belinda Harvey (Mon – Thurs)		Ms Wendy Kayello
Reading Recovery/RFF	Mrs Kylie Brgudac (Mon-Fri)		
Learning & Support	Mrs Lucia Schimanowsky		
RFF/QTTS	Mrs Jill Parnis (Mon/Tue), Rebekah Stewart (Mon-Fri) Mrs Laura Barnett (M/Tu/W/Th), Mrs Eironn Meale (M/Th,Fri)		
Teacher Librarian	Ms Rachelle Limson Mrs Kerry Wood (Thur/Fri)		
SLSO Support Unit	Mrs Mary Castle, Ms Caitlin Lam, Mr Lachlan Weekley, Mrs Kira Moujalli,		Ms Sarah Spink
SLSO Integration	Mrs Jenny Dingli, Mrs Wendy Dawson, Mrs Sally Lattimore, Mrs Nicole Henderson		Ms Wendy Kayello
School Counsellor	Mrs Dianne Bradshaw Days (Mon/Thu/Fr)		Mr Mark Byrne
Office Administration	Mrs Tere Griffin, Mrs Chris Storath, Mrs Kim Moy, Miss Rosie Griffin		
GA	Mr Ivan Fidanza		
Deputy Principal	Ms Wendy Kayello		
Principal	Mr Mark Byrne		