



# The Winston Whisper

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### New School Plan 2018-2020

*Last year the school community worked hard on creating three strategic directions that will guide us over the next 3 years. They include:*

#### Student Learning and Wellbeing

To develop each student's capacity to be active learners who are critical and creative thinkers in preparation for the future. This is done through the delivery of high quality curriculum underpinned by the general capabilities and supported by comprehensive wellbeing programs.

#### Teacher Quality and Leadership

To strengthen teacher quality to facilitate globally engaged students in student-centred learning underpinned by evidence based practices, which will be supported through expert leadership and targeted professional learning.

#### Empowered Learning Communities

To foster a culture of high expectations and a shared sense of responsibility for student engagement, learning, development and success amongst the learning communities.

For more information go to: [http://www.winstonhil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/30963092/31018258/winston\\_hills\\_ps\\_20182020\\_school\\_plan.pdf](http://www.winstonhil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/30963092/31018258/winston_hills_ps_20182020_school_plan.pdf)

#### Interrelate

It was great to see over 250 students and parents join us for the Interrelate night information sessions about human reproductive systems and puberty last week. I would like to thank Ms Kayello for organising this well-attended event and for the support of Mr Freney, Ms Johnston and Mrs Russell.

#### Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings are being held this week. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in your child's classroom this year. Teachers will provide details of class routines, homework, student expectations and general curriculum information.

#### P&C Meeting and Information Night

Tonight is our first P&C meeting for the year. The night will start at 6pm with an information session called ThinkUKnow which looks at giving parents effective strategies around the use of social media for children. The P&C meeting will then start at 7:30pm

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### Week 4

Tuesday 20 February	P&C Meeting – 7.30pm
Wednesday 21 February	Parent Information Night
Thursday 22 February	Uniform Shop Open - 8.40am
	Scripture Starts
	SRC Induction – 2-3pm
	Parent Information Night

#### Week 5

Wednesday 28 February	Interrelate Yr 6 Day Class Session
Thursday 1 March	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am

#### Week 6

Wednesday 7 March	Interrelate Yr 6 Day Class Session
	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 8 March	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
	Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm

## WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 9 March	School Disco
Tuesday 27 March	Special Swim Scheme
Thursday 22 March	Term 2 Account
Thursday 22 March	Term 2 Sportspro Gymnastic Program – K-2 & 1-6M and K-2G
Thursday 22 March	Sydney Observatory Kindergarten, 1-6M and K-2G
Thursday 22 March	Teddy Bear's Picnic – Kindergarten, K-2G and 1-6SM

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- School Disco – K-6
- Term 2 Account – K-6
- Athletics Carnival – Yrs 3-6
- Term 2 Sportspro Gymnastic K-2 and 1-6M & K-2G
- Sydney Observatory – Kindergarten, 1-6M & K-2G
- Teddy Bear's Picnic – Kindergarten, K-2G & 1-6M

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

### Parents Waiting on School Grounds

It is important that parents do not wait outside their child's classroom before the bell. It is good to see parents chatting with each other, however, we ask that this doesn't happen outside the classroom doors to minimise disruption to student learning.

### 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](mailto:mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au)

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## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Clean Up Australia

Clean Up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment.

Friday 2 March will see our traditional Clean Up Australia Day, when all the students will be given an opportunity to clean up a designated area of the school.

Parents are asked to ensure their children have gloves in their bag that day.

Parents not wanting their children to participate are asked to contact their child's class teacher.

### High School Information

At this time of year, parents of students in Year 5 and 6 will be starting to prepare their children for High School and may be finalising their decision on which High School to attend.

To assist parents in making this decision, all the local High Schools will be conducting open days.

The details are as follows:

- **Muirfield High School**
  - Thursday 1 March - 5:00pm -7pm
- **Model Farms High School**
  - Tuesday 6 March - 6:30pm
- **Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School**
  - Tuesday 13 March

### Applications for enrolment in Oakhill College:

- **Boys applying for Year 7, 2019**
  - Please contact the College Registrar [registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au)
- **Boys applying for Year 7, 2020**
  - Applications close Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018
  - Interviews to be conducted on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

All Year 6 students will be receiving a High School Information Pack in the next few weeks, which will include an Expression of Interest form. This package will have details of your local High School and will provide parents with an opportunity to apply for out of area schools if needed.

### Visitors to our School

To ensure our kids are safe and to make sure that all adults can be accounted for in an emergency, all visitors to our school are asked to sign in at the front office, wear a visitor's badge and sign out when leaving.

This excludes parents who are just dropping off or picking up their children at normal start and finishing times.

Your understanding in this very important procedure is much appreciated.

### Student Leaders Induction 2018

The Student Leader Induction assembly will be on this Thursday in the hall at 2:10pm.

Our SRC representatives, Technology leaders, Library monitors and Band Captains will be acknowledged at this assembly.

Invitations have been sent home, and we are looking forward to seeing you at this special assembly.

### PBL

## Winnie's Focus Area

*We are safe.....*

**'We wear our hats when we are outside'**




This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe in the sun. Students are reminded of this focus to ensure all students are wearing their school hat when they are outside. This includes recess, lunch and during sport.

Well done to all the students that wear their hat every day at school.

**Wendy Kayello**  
Deputy Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 1

### Cricket

Junior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	76-72
Senior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	68-50

### Softball

Senior Boy Vs Northmead Public	Drew	3-3
Senior Girls Vs Northmead Public	Drew	2-2

### T-Ball

Junior Boys Vs Northmead Public	Won	7-2
Junior Girls Vs Northmead Public	Lost	7-2

### Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Excelsior Public	Won	9-0
Junior Girls Vs Excelsior Public	Lost	0-2
Senior Boys Vs Excelsior Public	Won	12-0
Senior Girls Vs Excelsior Public	Lost	0-3

### Training

Touch Football & T- ball – Thursday 8.15am  
Cricket & Softball – Friday 8.15am

*Melissa Johnston*

## PSSA – Where are they playing?



### Round 2 - 23 February 2018

Cricket	Max Ruddock
Touch Football	Ted Horwood – Field 1 & 2
T-Ball & Softball	North Rocks Park

### Round 3 – 2 March 2018

Cricket	Fred Caterson
Touch Football	Ted Horwood – Field 1 & 2
T-Ball & Softball	BYE

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Welcome back to a new school year – 2018! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Kindergarten children and their families to our school community.

We have received positive feedback from families on School Bytes – thank you! They find the new payment system simple and easy to use.

In this edition of the school newsletter, please find the Term 2 Account, which shows costs for upcoming activities for each Grade/Stage in Term 2. Payment for this account is due 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

There are still some outstanding fees from 2017 and for Term 1 2018. These include Workbooks (Textbooks), Resource Levy, Zip Tales, School Magazine and Mangahigh. These items are purchased on your behalf, at a reduced cost to support your child's classroom learning. The Resource Levy is a cost in lieu of additional textbooks and other learning resources.

An Account Reminder will be emailed to parents within the next 2 weeks. Please check your account to see what is outstanding and finalise payment as soon as possible. We understand that there are varying reasons why families are unable to make payments by due dates. We extend to you the opportunity to discuss this matter by contacting the school on 9639 8518.

*Tere Griffin*  
*Rel. School Administration Manager*



## Cyber Safety and Security Presentation

**TONIGHT**  
20 February 2018  
6pm – 7.30pm  
Winston Hills Public School  
Staffroom  
All Welcome

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 22 February – 2.00 pm
- Student Leader Induction
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 1 March – 2.00 pm
- 2J – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make fruit and veggie snacks.

Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. And a great way to serve fruit and veg!



Try some of the following fun, nutritious snacks to help your kids eat more fruit and veg.

**For more great ideas and recipes visit [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au).**

- Raw veggie sticks with homemade or shop-bought dip.
- Pumpkin scones or veggie pancakes.
- Celery boats (filled with reduced fat cream cheese + sultanas dotted on top).
- Fruit frozen paddle pops (thread pineapple wedges or banana halves on a stick and freeze).
- Apple crumble (stewed apple + muesli, baked).
- Poppletana (unsalted popcorn + dried apple + sultana = nibble mix).

**For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://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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Local Health District



## REMINDER School Banking is on Tuesdays



## SCHOOL BANKING

### Dates:

School banking dates for Term 1 2018 will be from  
**13<sup>th</sup> February- 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

### 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
- Rewards are earned and distributed after every 10<sup>th</sup> deposit
- Please write your child's new class on the front of their wallet beside their name.

### Banking Volunteers

The School Banking program is a great fundraiser for the school and relies on volunteers to keep it running. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> week for 1 hour from 9-10am. 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.

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](http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html)

**Micaela, Lynelle & Jodie**  
**WHPS School Banking Co-ordinators**  
[schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com](mailto:schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com)

**REMINDER**  
**P&C Meeting**  
**Tonight – 20 February 2018**  
**7.30pm**  
**All Welcome**



## 1-6SM & 1-2G Class of the week



Applying our literacy and numeracy skills in the kitchen!



Working hard in reading groups!





## 3-6A & 3-6F Class of the week

