



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parking Concerns

It is extremely important that we all follow the parking restrictions that are around the school and on the school grounds. They have been put into place to ensure that our children are safe.

The school's taxi bay area is designed as a "kiss and drop" zone only. We ask that parents do not leave their car in this area or park within this area. This zone is for support student only between 8:30am and 8:45am in the morning and in the afternoon between 3:00pm and 3:15pm.

In the last week, the school has received a couple complaints from neighbors who are finding people parking across their drive and in some cases even in the driveway.

Both local parking rangers and police are regular visitors to the school and they do issue infringement notices for people who are illegally parked.

Infectious Diseases

I would like to thank the parents who have informed the school when their child has had an infectious disease (eg measles, chickenpox). It is important for students who have contagious diseases that they do stay at home until they are well. We currently have members of the school community who have compromised immune systems due to medical conditions which makes them more vulnerable to infection.

Staffing

The school is currently in the process of filling the vacant assistant principal's position through the merit selection process.

Over the next couple of weeks we will wish Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Parnis all of the best as they leave us to have their babies.

Details about their replacements and the new assistant principal will be communicated shortly.

Well Done

Congratulations to Olivia Maguire and Ketiza Faisey who represented the Castle Hill PSSA Zone last week at the area swimming championships. We are very proud of their efforts.

P&C AGM Meeting- Tonight

Tonight is the AGM for the P&C. At this meeting the 2018 Executive will be voted on. I would like to thank Sue Bryant, Allan Dall, Ravin Randhawa, Ali Buchanan and Jeff Green, the 2017 P&C Executive, for their hard work. I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the hard working volunteers that are part of the different P&C committees.

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 8

Tuesday 20 March
Wednesday 21 March

Thursday 22 March

Friday 23 March

Week 9

Monday 26 March
Tuesday 27 March
Wednesday 28 March
Thursday 29 March

Friday 30 March

Week 10

Monday 2 April
Tuesday 3 April

P&C Meeting AGM – 7.30pm
Interrelate – Year 6
Harmony Day
Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Teddy Bear's Picnic – Kindergarten
Assembly – Years 3-6
P&C Disco – K-6
Support Swimming Carnival

K-2 Easter Hat Parade
School Banking
Rouse Hill Farm Excursion – Year 1
Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Rouse Hill Farm Excursion – Year 2
GOOD FRIDAY – Public Holiday

EASTER MONDAY – Public Holiday
Banking
Swimming Scheme Commences

WHAT'S DUE?

Tuesday 20 March
Thursday 22 March

Tuesday 27 March

ICAS Permission Forms & Money
Term 2 Accounts
Sportspro Gymnastics Notes
Sydney Observatory Notes
Teddy Bear's Picnic Notes
Swim Scheme Notes

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- K-2 Easter Hat Parade Note
- Note from the Children's Hospital
- Stewart House

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Parent and Teacher Interviews

After the positive feedback received last year, this year we will again look at holding our Parent and Teacher interviews at the start of Term 2 as opposed to the end of term 2. This will give both teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss progress earlier.

Information will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

Please be aware that if you would like to make another time to speak with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment.

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

FROM THE DEPUTY

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia. This gives us the opportunity to share the importance of diversity with others in our school and community and to promote the message "Everyone Belongs". This year Harmony Day is on Wednesday 21 March. We ask the students to wear one **ORANGE** item of clothing to celebrate harmony in our school.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide the school with an insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practice - from the perspective of the students.

The survey is confidential and is conducted entirely online. The survey will take 15 to 20 minutes on average and no more than 30 minutes for most students. It will be administered during school hours and participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has already been sent home with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 last week.

ICAS Competitions

The UNSW run an annual series of competitions for students from Years 2-12. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive academic assessments for primary students. The assessments comprise of Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.

These competitions will be administered before school to not interrupt the day's lessons. Reminder notes will be sent home with the students who will be completing ICAS tests, closer to each test date.

Information and permission notes were sent home with the last newsletter, and they due today **Tuesday 20 March**.

P&C School Disco

This Friday 23 March is the P&C Disco in the school hall. There will be 2 sessions:

- **K-2** - 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- **3-6** – 5:45pm – 7:00pm

DJ Andy will be presenting the disco, and the theme is FLURO! There will be a coffee van for parents to buy coffee and other beverages, while their children are at the disco. Looking forward to a fun-filled night of dancing!

PBL



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe at school. Students are reminded of this behaviour expectation of keeping their hands and feet to themselves on the playground and in class.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 22 March – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 4C
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 29 March – 2.00 pm
- 1R – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 4

Cricket

Junior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	100-63
Senior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	54-46

Softball

Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	7-2
Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	7-4

T-Ball

Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	14 - 7
Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	21-14

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	5 - 2
Junior Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	1 - 3
Senior Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	5 - 2
Senior Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Drew	2 - 2

PSSA RESULTS – Round 5

Cricket

Junior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	107-81
Senior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	77 - 32

Softball

Boys vs Jasper Road Public School	Lost	3-10
Girls vs Jasper Road Public School	Lost	0-14

T-Ball

Boys vs Jasper Road Public School	Lost	17-18
Girls vs Jasper Road Public School	Won	18-5

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Draw	3-3
Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	1-7
Senior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	3-4
Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	3-4

Training

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

Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 7th March, 25 students represented our school at the Waves Pool, Baulkham Hills competing against 17 other schools in our PSSA zone. Outstanding results were achieved by all, in their events.

Congratulations and good luck to Olivia Maguire 5/6D and Ketzia Faisey 4TW who qualified for the PSSA Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the Tuesday 13th March 2018.

CASTLE HILL PSSA Congratulations

Damien Guild 5/6H

He has been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SWPSSA cricket trials WEDNESDAY 14 March 2018, at Blacktown International Sports Park Indoor Practice Centre, Eastern Road, Rooty Hill.

Christian Kim 6H and Caleb Kirkgard 6R

They have been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SWPSSA Football (Soccer) Championships at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood on Monday 19th March, 2018.

Aaliyah Dawson 5F

Has been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SWPSSA Softball Championships at Surveyors Creek Softball Complex Penrith, Monday 9th April, 2018.

Alexis Aloisio 5/6J

Has been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SWPSSA Girls Football (Soccer) Carnival. This carnival will be held on Wednesday, 4th April 2018 Valentine Sports Park Glenwood.

Charlie Elaro 6H and Beau Connelly 6H

They have been selected to represent CHPSSA at the SWPSSA Rugby League.

Charlie will play Under 11's at the Championships to be held on Wednesday 4th April, 2018 at Boronia Park, North St Marys.

Beau and Charlie will both play in the Open's Championships on Tuesday 10th April, 2018. at Boronia Park, North St Marys.

REGIONAL SWPSSA Congratulations

Ketzia Faisey 4TW and Olivia Maguire 5/6D

Both girls represented Castle Hill PSSA at the regional swimming carnival Tuesday 13th March.

6th 50m Jnr Backstroke - Ketzia Faisey
7th 50m Jnr Butterfly - Ketzia Faisey
9th 100m Open Freestyle - Olivia Maguire
16th 50m 10yo Freestyle – Ketzia Faisey

Melissa Johnston

P&C MEETING & AGM

Tuesday 20 March

7.30pm

In the Staffroom

All Welcome

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Round 6 – 23 March 2018

Cricket	Max Ruddock
Touch Football	Ted Horwood Field 1 & 2
T-Ball & Softball	Gooden Drive

K-2

Easter Hat Parade



Monday 26 March 2018

9.30am

Primary Shade-port

Children wear
School Uniform

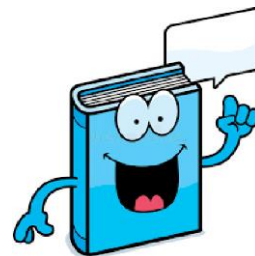
HOT CROSS BUNS

After the parade the SRC will be
selling

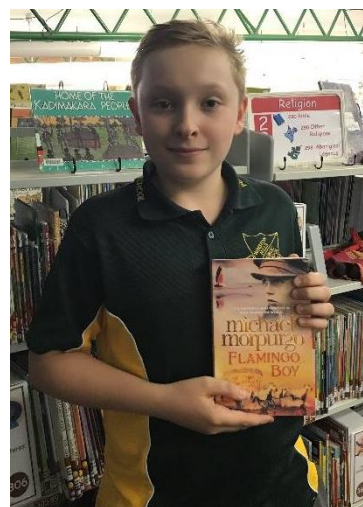
Hot Cross Buns for 50c each

ALL WELCOME

Bookchat



Welcome to Bookchat! Our little corner for enthusiastic readers who would like to share their book review...



Meet Jackson from 5-6D

Flamingo Boy is a sample of a historical fiction book written by Michael Morpurgo. It has one of the best storyline I have read. The characters inspired me to be strong and hopeful especially during difficult times.

The book is about how gypsies travelled all around France and how the Germans invaded them. The best part of the story is when the German captain helped Kezia's parents stay hidden from the other Germans by taking them to a camp.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves a bit of history and to anyone who just loves to read.



SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 23 March

K-2 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

3-6 – 5.45pm – 7.00pm

DRESS – Fluro

P & C NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking Volunteers

The School Banking program is a great fundraiser for the school raising over \$1000 annually in commission 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 2nd week for 1 hour from 9-10am. It's good fun and all training is provided. Babies and preschoolers are also welcome to come along. If you'd like to know more please email us below.

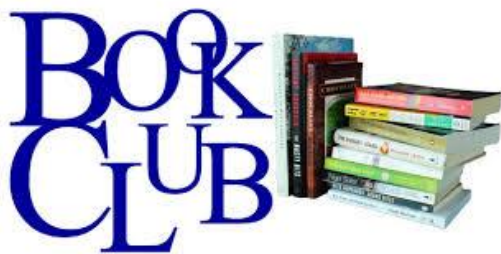
For more information about the School Banking Program visit the School Banking Website below:

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

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add the (free) LOOP App from your App Store

Issue 2

Brochures were issued last week

Due

28 March 2018

P&C

P&C MEETING - AGM

The P&C AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All position will be declared vacant with the following committee position to be elected.

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Treasurer
- Band Coordinator
- Book Club Coordinator
- School Banking Coordinator
- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Uniform Shop Treasurer

All Welcome

REMINDER



HARMONY DAY

Is on

21 March 2018

Wear one **ORANGE** item of clothing
To celebrate Harmony Day
In our school.

Some Ideas

Orange Socks
Orange Headband
Orange Shirt
Orange Hat

Or

Wear your Traditional National Costume

Class of the Week – 2J

We write sentences every day focussing on things like adjectives, speech marks and explanation marks. Here are some of our sentences:

The enormous kitten was growling viciously. Chloe

"Is my school, WHPS, better than any other school?" whispered Harish to Austin. Harish

"I am so happy because I should be able to go to Atilla's party!" Austin

I can easily swing on the monkey bars. Ruby

"I won a million dollars!" yelled Harry. Harry

I am happy because I have a little baby sister! Pelagia

My friend Connor likes to play soccer, cricket and games. Leo

My mum and dad went shopping and they bought bread, milk, treats and a cake for my birthday! Anja

My dog is grotty because it rolled in the mud. Abby

"I love my white dog!" screamed Olivia with joy. Charlotte

I went shopping and bought some toys, ice cream and cake. Maddie

Caitlin gently drove the car on the super wet road. Marlo

"At school I played, learned and had lots of fun!" I cried with lots of enthusiasm. Mustafa

"I love school because you get to learn so much!" cried Katie with excitement. Katie

"My school, WHSP, is the best, most amazing school in the universe!" yelled Mustafa. Atilla

"I have a friend, his name is Tim and he likes soccer!" yelled Miller. Miller

"I love pineapple!" screamed Clara at the top of her voice. Clara

"What is the dog doing at the shops?" Damian

"The delightful, mini, fluffy cute dog rolled on a yellow and blue ball on a sunny, nice and lovely day!" sang Mrs Bluebell. Caitin

I went shopping for bread, milk, pancakes and hot dogs. Connor

How many people went to Singapore on Aslan's birthday? Dylan

"I am so happy today!" shouted Ashley to the whole wide world. Ashley

"How is your crazy sickness?" I asked. Mikayla

At school we do Quick Maths, Science and Spelling. Angus

I can easily swing on the monkey bars. Ruby

