



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of the Term

The past term has flown past very quickly. I would really like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great start to what has been a busy year.

I hope that all of the students have a restful and safe holiday period, ready to return to school for Term 2.

Swim Scheme

The students were excited to go off to Swim Scheme today. This is a great opportunity to have the students develop a skill that one day may save their life. I would like to thank Mrs Rooke for her hard work in organising this program.

School Disco- Thank You

It was great to see the students enjoying the school disco which was held on Friday the 23rd of March. I would like to thank both the parents and teachers who volunteered to help on the night and also our amazing P&C fundraising committee for their organisation.

Recognition Assembly

Next Monday at 9:30am will be our first Recognition Assembly for the year. It is always a great opportunity to recognise positive behaviour and achievement. The assembly will be followed by a Principal's Special Morning tea for those that have achieved milestones in our reward system. These students have worked extremely hard over a period of time and are great role models for their peers.

Health Care Plans

I would like to thank the parents who have worked with the school's office staff to ensure that their child's health plans are up to date.

It is important that the school is aware of any medical conditions to ensure that we can give all of our students the best of care.

School Cross Country

Next Tuesday morning (10th April) is the school cross country carnival which will be held on the school grounds. I would like to thank Mrs Johnston for all of her hard work in organising the event. Hopefully the rain will keep away.

Winter PSSA

Over the next week or so, the Winter PSSA coaches will be selecting the teams to compete next year. I would like to thank them for giving up their time to ensure students have this opportunity.

This can sometimes be a time of disappointment for some students who miss out, especially to Year 3 students who are competing against Year 5 students for positions in the junior sides.

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 10

Tuesday 3 April

Swimming Scheme Starts
School Banking

Wednesday 4 April

Thursday 5 April

Riverside Theatre Excursion Y3
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3-6 Assembly
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
Summer PSSA ends

Friday 6 April

Week 11

Monday 9 April

K-6 Assembly 9.30am
Principal's Morning Tea
Swimming Scheme Continued
3-6 Cross Country
School Banking
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
K-2 Assembly
Swimming Scheme Ends
Last Day of Term

Tuesday 10 April

Thursday 12 April

Friday 13 April

WHAT'S DUE?

Wednesday 11 April

Stages 1,2 & 3 Author Visit Note

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- MultiLit Program – Parent Helpers Needed
- Term 2 Calendar
- NAPLAN – Letter to Parents (Years 3 & 5)
- Stage 3 Camp – Canberra Excursion (Yrs 5 & 6)

FROM THE DEPUTY

Gymnastics K-2

Next term we will be running a comprehensive Gymnastics program with the assistance of Sportspro. The gymnastics program meets all the requirements of the Kindergarten to Year 6 PD/H/PE curriculum. The program incorporates several of the content strands whilst also contributing specifically to the development of students' muscular endurance, strength, power, flexibility, coordination, agility and balance. All lessons are conducted in a fun, safe, controlled and 'ability specific' environment. Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes, as well as 1-6SM & K-2G will be participating in this 10 week program in Term 2 on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Parent interviews

Parent teacher Interviews are being scheduled for Week 2 of next term. Research constantly shows that feedback is an essential ingredient when improving student outcomes and parent feedback plays a major role in establishing the essential three way partnership between the school, family and students.

Parents can book online at a time that suits them best. A note explaining this process will be handed out later this week. You will certainly reap many benefits from this small investment in time.

Anzac Day

Our traditional ANZAC service will be on Tuesday 1 May at 10:00am in Area A (weather permitting). This will be the first day of Term 2 for the students.

This is an opportunity for the school to formally acknowledge the sacrifices made by the many past and present service men and women. Parents are welcome to attend.

Again, instead of flowers we kindly ask if the students bring in a gold coin to place in the box beside the 'ANZAC' letters, that will be displayed in Area A.

Your generous donation will go to Legacy, who care for and support the families of those who served their country.

P&C Disco

A huge thank you to the P&C Fundraising Committee and all the volunteers who helped out at the disco. The children had a wonderful time and were entertained all night by DJ Andy.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May this year, Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a series of examinations that provides important information to schools about what each student can do. The results of NAPLAN along with our school data, guide the school in making decisions about teaching and learning, and learning support programs.

A note providing more detail will be issued to Year 3 and 5 students with this newsletter.

MultiLit- Volunteers needed

Many students at Winston Hills have benefited from the evidence based phonics program, Multilit.

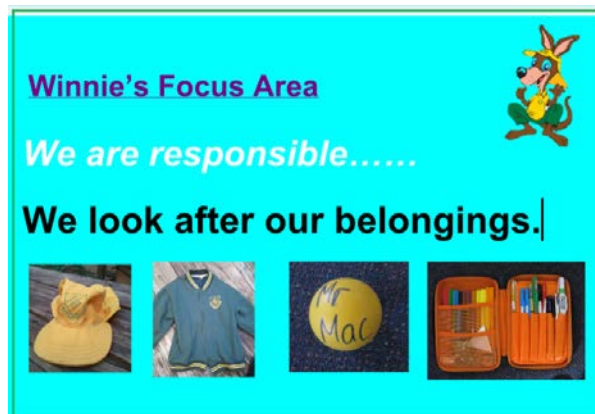
For a number of years parents and the school's Learning and Support Teachers have been coordinating this program that explicitly teaches all-important phonics and decoding skills, targeting children who are in need of extra support with their reading.

The program is very prescriptive, simple to administer and provides an opportunity for community members and parents to make a significant difference to a number of our students. A note has been included with this newsletter for parents/ caregivers and/or grandparents who may be interested in assisting the school with this valuable program.

Principal's Morning Tea

The students who have received 50, 100 and 150 merits awards during assembly this term, will also receive an invitation to the first Principal's Morning Tea of 2018. This will be held on Monday 9 April. Assembly starts at 9:30am, where the students are presented with their certificate, followed by a morning tea with their parents in the school hall.

PBL



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible. Students are encouraged to look after their belongings at school and reminded to have all items labelled clearly with their name.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

Reminder
TERM 2
All Students Return
to School on
Tuesday 1 May 2018

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 6

Cancelled due to ground closures and wet weather.

Melissa Johnston

CONGRATULATIONS

Caleb Kirkgard 6R

Has been selected to represent Sydney West at the NSW PSSA Primary Football Championships to be held from the 29 to 31 May at Miranda.

Damian Guild 6H & Toby Robinson 6R

They will be representing Castle Hill PSSA in the Sydney West Carnival for AFL

Charlie Elaro 6H

Successful in Castle Hill Trial for Touch Football

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 5 April – 2.00 pm
- 6H – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 12 April – 2.00 pm
- 1B – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend



**TERM 1 - SRC FUNDRAISER
THE CANCER COUNCIL**

MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018

This term we are supporting The Cancer Council. Students can wear mufti on Thursday 12 April and donate a gold coin to support this wonderful organisation.



ANZAC DAY

Tuesday 1 May – 10.00am

Instead of flowers, we kindly ask for a gold coin donation to be placed on the 'ANZAC' letters.

P&C NEWS

Important Update - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of WHPS P&C Association including of office bearers for the P&C and its Sub-committees that was scheduled to be held on 20th March 2018 has been postponed until Tuesday 22nd May 2018.

The AGM has been postponed due to a technical issue with the way the financial accounts were to be presented to the P&C's members at the AGM. Following a review of the issue, the Executive have postponed the meeting to allow sufficient time for the issue to be resolved and for our auditor to assess the reformatted financials prior to presentation at the postponed AGM.

We welcome all parents, carers and interested parties to attend our AGM that is now scheduled for Tuesday 22nd May 2018.

Disco

Oh what a night!

I am sure you will agree with me what a fun night with DJ Andy was had at our recent P&C disco. A very special thanks to the fundraising team led by Ali. B. The night would not have been so successful without your help!

Next Meeting

AGM Tuesday 22nd May 2018, 7.30pm

Sue Bryant
President



**WINSTON HILLS
PUBLIC SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

**TUESDAY
10 APRIL 2018**

HELD ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

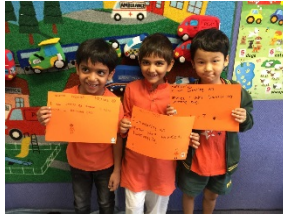


Easter Hat Parade

2018



Harmony Day 2018



Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform is worn in Terms 2 & 3

If the weather is still warm, Summer Uniform may be worn in the first two week of Term 2

Girls Winter Uniform	Peter Pan collar white blouse with school crest School Gordon tartan dress or pants Bottle green zip jacket with school crest White socks or green tights School hat
Boys Winter Uniform	Long sleeved green school polo with school crest Long grey pants Bottle green zip jacket with school crest Grey socks with green and gold stripes School hat
Girls Winter Sport Uniform (Sports days only)	Short sleeved yellow school polo sports top with crest Bottle green tracksuit pants or bottle green skort with WHPS logo Bottle green zip jacket with school crest White sports socks with green and gold stripe School hat
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Classes of the Week- KJT and 5V

KJT Dalmatians and 5V Villains love our Buddy sessions. They have particularly enjoyed making Easter Hats together.

