



# The Winston Whisper

## Winston Hills Public School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### ANZAC Day

I would like to congratulate our school leaders who were a part of the Parramatta RSL Sub branch Dawn Service on the last week of the holidays. Congratulations to our school captains, prefects and Mrs Frame, for organising a moving ANZAC ceremony last Tuesday. I would particularly like to congratulate Zac Redwood and Jarrod Plummer for doing a great job at playing the Last Post and Reveille. I would also like to thank Mr Farrugia and Mr Rodgers from the Blacktown RSL Branch for their involvement in the ceremony

### New Staff

A big welcome to Mrs Louise Pollard who is the new Assistant Principal for Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6). Mrs Pollard was successful through the merit selection process and comes to our school with years of experience as a teacher and assistant principal in a number of schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Frame for the outstanding job that she has done over the past year in the role.

### Staff Professional Learning

On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, the staff were involved in professional learning to support one of the school's strategic directions. This professional learning focused on a consistent approach to the teaching of effective writing through evidence based practices. I would like to thank Mrs Coates, Mr Johnson, Mrs Bowmaker and Ms McDonald for their great work in leading the professional learning.

During Term 1, this team trialled and evaluated a writing improvement program before presenting this to the staff. This will be implemented across the school during the remainder of the year.

### Parent/ Teacher Interviews

This week we are conducting our formal parent/ teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to communicate concerns and give feedback. Although this is the formal interview time, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like to speak to your child's teacher or myself at anytime during the year.

### Parents Information Sessions- Mathematics

Parent information nights on Mathematics will be held at Winston Hills Public School on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June. You are invited to attend all the sessions or just the one or two of your choice. The sessions will commence in the staff room at 6.15 pm and are expected to run for about an hour.

The course aims to provide an understanding of the K-6 Mathematics syllabus and how mathematics is taught within the classroom.

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 2

#### Week 2

Wednesday 9 May	Gymnastics K-2
Thursday 10 May	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	3-6 Assembly
Friday 11 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
	Mother's Day Stall
	Last Day Stewart House Donation

#### Week 3

Tuesday 15 May	Gymnastics K-2
	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	- Language & Writing
Wednesday 16 May	Gymnastics K-2
	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	- Reading
Thursday 17 May	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	- Numeracy
	K-2 Assembly

#### Week 4

Monday 21 May	HPAF Choir Rehearsal
	- Kellyville Public School

## WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 11 May	Mother's Day Breakfast Note
Friday 18 May	Maths Nights for Parents

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Maths Nights for Parents

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued...

### NAPLAN

Just a reminder that the NAPLAN assessment will take place next week for students in Years 3 and 5. This is an opportunity for both the school and parents to get a snap shot of student progress.

### Thank you

I would like to thank the teachers who have given up their time to coach our Winter PSSA teams. It was great to see the students go off to sport last Friday excited.

**Mark Byrne**

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## FROM THE DEPUTY

### School Development Day – Professional Learning

As part of our School's Strategic Direction, WHPS staff were involved in professional learning on Monday 30 April focusing on the effective teaching of writing. Using the English syllabus and best practice, a whole-school writing guide has been developed to ensure consistency across K-6 classes in both the teaching and learning of writing.

### Gymnastics K-2 – Term 2

This term, all students in K-2 will be participating in a weekly curriculum based gymnastics program. The program is designed to contribute specifically to the development of student's muscular endurance, strength, power, flexibility, coordination, agility and balance. Students will have a 40 minute structured lesson each week, delivered by qualified gymnastics teachers, as well as being supervised by the class teacher.

### Opportunity Class (OC) – Expression of Interest

Online applications for OC class entry are now available. Please visit <http://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> and follow the 'application process'. Applications close on **Friday 18 May, 2018**.

**No late applications will be accepted.**

### ANZAC Ceremony

On Tuesday 1 May, Winston Hills Public School held its annual ANZAC Day ceremony. Our Captains and Prefects led the ceremony with dignity and pride. Mr Lauder Scott-Rogers attended as our guest speaker delivering a moving speech on his reflections of what ANZAC Day meant to him.

Throughout the ceremony, all the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 remained respectful as they reflected on the significance of ANZAC Day. They are to be commended for their excellent behaviour.

A big thank you to Mr Sam Farrugia who set up the ANZAC Cross for our service, also to Zac Redwood and Jarrod Plummer for their extraordinary effort playing the Last Post and Reveille.



### NAPLAN 2018

NAPLAN is scheduled for next week, for students in Year 3 and Year 5.

- **Tuesday 15 May** - Language Conventions & Writing
- **Wednesday 16 May** – Reading
- **Thursday 17 May** – Numeracy
- **Friday 18 May** – scheduled as a catch-up day, for those students who were absent during the tests.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 1 & 2:

**Winnie's Focus Area**

*We are respectful.....*

**'We take care of our environment'**

- Put your rubbish in the bin
- Recycle all that you can

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being respectful and responsible. Students are reminded to take care of our environment by putting rubbish in the bin and recycling what they can. Posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

**Wendy Kayello**  
Deputy Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 1

### AFL

Junior Vs Samuel Gilbert Public School	Lost	0-54
Senior Vs Samuel Gilbert Public School	Lost	14-29

### Newcombe Ball

Junior Vs Murray Farm Public School	Lost	37-42
	sets	0-2
Senior Vs Murray Farm Public School	Lost	27-63
	sets	0-3

### Netball – Trials

Jnr A Vs Northmead Public School	Drew	4-4
Jnr B Vs Northmead Public School	Won	1-0
Snr A Vs Northmead Public School	Lost	3-5
Snr B Vs Northmead Public School	Won	7-0

### Rugby League

Junior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	30-14
Senior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	22-20

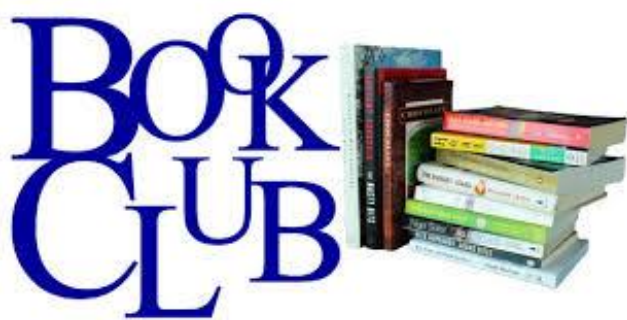
### Soccer (Football)

Junior Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	6-0
Senior Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	3-0
Open Girls Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	5-0

### Training

Rugby League – Wednesday 8.15am  
 Netball – Thursday 8.15am  
 AFL – Thursday 3pm- 4pm  
 Newcombe Ball & Soccer – Friday 8.15am

*Melissa Johnston*



**ON LINE ORDERS ONLY**

[www.scholastics.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastics.com.au/LOOP)

**Issue 3 closes**  
**Wednesday 16 May 2018**

## PSSA – Where are they playing?



### Round 2 – 11 May 2018

AFL	Vs Winston Heights Kellyville Park
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts
Rugby League	Vs Crestwood Public Crestwood Reserve 1
Soccer	Vs Northmead Public Max Ruddock Reserve
Newcombe Ball	Vs Northmead Public @ Winston Hills School

### Round 3 – 18 May 2018

AFL	Vs North Rocks Kellyville Park
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts
Rugby League	Vs Kellyville Public John Curtin Oval
Soccer	Vs Crestwood Public Crestwood Reserve
Newcombe Ball	Vs Crestwood Public @ Crestwood School



**REMINDER**

**School Banking**  
**Every**  
**Tuesday**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Mother's Day Stall

**Friday 11 May 2018**

Each Year the  
Winston Hills Public School P&C  
has a Mother's Day Stall  
for your child to purchase a  
special gift just for you

**Gifts range from \$2 - \$6**

Please make sure your child brings a  
Plastic bag to hide your gift in and keep it safe



## Stewart House Donation Drive 2018

Please return the completed envelope  
with your gold coin donation to the school  
**no later than Friday 11 May 2018**  
to be in the draw for a \$4,000 family holiday.

Donations are muchly appreciated.

This allows Stewart House to work with  
over 1800 children every year.

The cost per day for a child's attendance  
at Stewart Houe is sourced entirely by charitable  
contributions of \$130 per day or \$1,560 for 12 days.

**Winston Hills Public School thanks you for your  
support and ensures Stewart House continues  
to provide important services to children.**



Bracelet & Fitbit

*Please see office staff*

## NEXT P & C MEETING

**TUESDAY  
22 MAY 2018  
7.30PM**

**ALL WELCOME**



## Parent Helpers Needed 2018

*If you are interested in becoming a  
Parent Helper for our MultiLit Program*

*Please return the Parent Helper*

*Volunteer Notes*

*(obtained from the Front Office)*

*By*

*Friday 11 May 2018*

*Thank you*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## UNIFORM

### Winter Uniform



### Girls

- Tartan tunic and/or pants
- White long sleeve blouse with collar
- Bottle green zip jacket with school crest
- White socks or bottle green tights
- Black School shoes
- Bottle green flap hat with school crest

### Boys

- Long grey pants
- Long sleeve green and gold polo with school crest
- Bottle green zip jacket with school crest
- Black school shoes
- Grey socks with green and gold stripes
- Bottle green flap hat with school crest

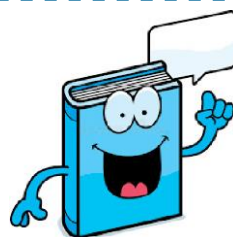
## ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 17 May – 2.00 pm
- 2K – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 10 May – 2.00 pm
- Cross Country Ribbons
- Parents are welcome to attend



## Bookchat

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



### Meet Natalia from 5/6D

The **Poppa Platoon** is by Danny Katz and Mitch Vane (they are husband and wife by the way). It is an awesome easy to read and super funny book.

It is about a grandpa who took his grandchildren to the Easter Show. He chose the busiest and craziest day to take them. Their last stop was the show bag pavilion. They struggled to get to the stall where her grandchild wanted to get her Chunky Choco Cherry Chew showbag from. They had to go through some ninja's, angry grandmothers and vomit.

The encounter with the ninja's was for me the best part of the book. How they got away from them was a miracle.

This book would suit anyone who loves to be entertained with an easy to read chapter book. I would definitely recommend it! Over all it is a grrrrreeeeaaaattt book and I thoroughly enjoyed it.



# 5J and KC Buddies

