



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parking in the Taxi Bay

I would like to remind parents that the kiss and drop taxi bay is not a place to park your car. Over the last couple of months there have been a number of occasions where people have parked their car and also spoke inappropriately to staff. The rules are there to ensure student safety.

Years 3–6 Athletics Carnival

Next Monday we will be holding our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Gooden Reserve. I would like to give a big thank you to Ms Johnston for organising the carnival. I would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered to help us on the day. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to hold the carnival.

Semester One Reports – Sent home Monday 2 July

Student reports will be sent home on Monday 2nd July. Teachers have worked extremely hard this term to assess student achievement and report student progress accordingly.

Synergy

I would like to congratulate our students involved in the Synergy Dance Festival last week. You did an amazing job and we are very proud of how your represented the school. The girls and boys have been working extremely hard towards this big event. Thank you to Miss Armstrong, Miss Frank and Mrs Moujalli for all of your hard work in preparing the students.

Area Cross Country

I would like to congratulate the students who represented our zone last week at the area cross country carnival. Well done to Alexandra Attard, Zac Le Quesne, Beau Cameron and Caleb Kirkegard for doing a great job representing the school.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

If you are aware of any in-area children intending to enrol for next year (who haven't already done so), please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible to fill in enrolment forms.

Parents Information Sessions- Mathematics

The last parent information night on Mathematics will be held at Winston Hills Public School tonight. It has been pleasing to see the numbers of parents that have joined us at these sessions. The last session will start at 6:15pm and will last for an hour. These session are for parents only so please do not bring your child to the session. The course aims to provide an understanding of the K-6 Mathematics syllabus and how mathematics is taught within the classroom.

P&C Meeting – Tonight

The next P&C Meeting will be held tonight at 7.30pm in the staff room. All welcome!

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 8

Tuesday 19 June	Gymnastics K-2 Parent Plus – 6.15pm P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 June	Sydney Observatory Excursion - Kindergarten - 1-6SM & K-2G Last Day for Stewart House Bags
Thursday 21 June	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am 3-6 Assembly Term 3 Account Due

Week 9

Monday 25 June	Athletics Carnival 3-6
Tuesday 26 June	Gymnastics K-2
Wednesday 27 June	Gymnastics K-2
Thursday 28 June	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am DANCE-A-THON 11.30am-1.10pm K-2 Assembly

Week 10

Monday 2 July	K-6 Recognition Assembly 9.30am Principal's Morning Tea Reports Sent Home
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WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 21 June	Term 3 Accounts Calmsley Hill Note & Payments Gymnastics Note & Payment
Friday 22 June	Sydney Observatory Note & Payment Fame at the Farms Permission Note
Thursday 5 July	Treasure Hunt Note & Payment Dance-a-thon Sponsor Cards & Money

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

Community News

- Kids Quest – Northmead Anglican Church
- The Hills Shire Holiday Guide

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dance-a-thon 2018 – Mufti Day

WHPS annual Dance-a-thon is fast approaching on Thursday 28 June at 11:30am. All students should have now received their sponsor cards. Spare sponsor cards can be picked up from the school office. Students are encouraged to get as many sponsors as possible for dancing to 14 songs and to support our wonderful P&C with this fundraiser. The first class from K-2 and 3-6 to bring all their sponsor money back after the Dance-a-Thon will receive an awesome prize!!!



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 7 & 8

Winnie's Focus Area

We are responsible.....

'We use the teacher on duty for advice and support'



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible. Students are reminded and encouraged to see the teacher on duty for advice and support during recess and lunch. All teachers now wear a high-vis orange vest when on playground duty, to make it easier for the student to locate teachers in the playground when needed. Posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Road and Car Park Safety

Recently, both parents and teachers have been having discussions with me about some road safety concerns. As part of the PDHPE program that Mrs Stewart and Mrs Middleton deliver to all classes, students are taught and reminded about road safety e.g. safely crossing the road, getting out of the car, walking on footpaths and when riding a bike or scooter.

At times, Taxi Bay staff also report major safety concerns with the Junction Road carpark. Parents are reminded that this is a **Staff Only Carpark**, and on occasion when parents park in the Staff Carpark, safe access to the school grounds has been severely hampered.

In order to provide a safe pick-up and drop-off zone for our students, parents are asked to take note of the following rules for using the Taxi bay area.

- Taxi Bay is a 'kiss-and-drop' zone. Parents are asked to drop off their children and quickly leave the Taxi bay area to avoid traffic congestion on Junction Rd.
- No students to be dropped off in the morning before 8:30am.
- Only students from the Support Unit can be dropped off in the Taxi Bay between 8:30-8:45am. Other students may be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am.

For the safety of the students, we appreciate your cooperation and support in this very important matter.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 28 June – 2.00 pm
- 2Y – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend



In the last newsletter I introduced you to the BRAVE program which was developed by psychologists in Queensland for children who suffer from anxiety. We looked at "B" for **Body Signs** where our body tells us how it feels when we feel scared or nervous. The next step in the BRAVE process for overcoming anxiety is "R" for ways to **Relax** the body. When we are anxious our body tenses so we can't think or perform properly. Our breathing also increases which makes our body signs worse. One way of calming our body and making the butterflies go away is to focus on our breathing. Taking a deep breath in through your nose for 4 seconds and then breathing out through your mouth for 4 seconds and doing this a few times, will help reduce the body signs of anxiety. Children need to understand that they have to practise relaxation to become good at it and not just use it when they are feeling at their worst. In the next newsletter we will look at "A" for **Activating** Helpful Thoughts. Take care

Kylie Isherwood
Chaplain

REMINDER
Stewart House Bag Collection
Last Day
Wednesday 20 June

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 6

AFL

Junior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Lost	2-44
Senior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Lost	12-48

Newcombe Ball

Junior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	59-55 sets 2-1
Senior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	35-63 sets 0-3

Netball

Junior A Vs Oakhill Drive Public School	Won	6-5
Junior B Vs Murray Farm Public School	Lost	0-4
Senior A Vs Oakhill Drive Public School	Lost	8-9
Senior B Vs Excelsior Road Public School	Lost	10-12

Rugby League

Junior Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School	Won	32-26
Senior Vs Samuel Gilbert Public School	Lost	20-38

Soccer (Football)

Junior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	2-1
Senior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	0-1
Open Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Lost	0-1

PSSA RESULTS – Round 7

AFL

Junior Vs Carlingford West Public School	Won	25-4
Senior Vs Carlingford West Public School	Won	23-9

Newcombe Ball

Junior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	54-48 sets 2-1
Senior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Lost	57-58 sets 1-2

Netball

Junior A Vs North Rocks Public School	Lost	3-6
Junior B Vs Murray Farm Public School	Lost	0-1
Senior A Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	12-4
Snr B Vs Beaumont Hills PS	lost	3-17

Rugby League

Junior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	26-6
Senior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Lost	0-16

Soccer (Football)

Junior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	3-0
Senior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	7-0
Open Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	0-1

Training

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

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Round 8 – 22 June 2018

AFL	Vs Northmead PS Kellyville Park
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts
Rugby League	Vs Beaumont Hills PS John Curtain Oval
Soccer	Vs Carlingford West PS Max Ruddock Reserve
Newcombe Ball	Vs Carlingford West PS @ Winston Hills School

Round 9 – 29 June 2018

AFL	Vs Glenhaven PS Kellyville Park
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts
Rugby League	Vs Jasper Road PS Torry Burn Reserve
Soccer	Vs Jasper Road PS Masonic Ovals
Newcombe Ball	Vs Jasper Road PS @ Jasper Road School

PSSA SPORT – Lunch Orders

Dear Parents,

If your child is attending PSSA sport on a Friday, please let us know by writing this on the lunch bag or ticking the PSSA option when ordering online so your child's lunch is ready early.

Please note only the following foods may be ordered for PSSA due to cooking times.

- Pies and Sausage Rolls
- Sandwiches & Wraps
- Pasta, Rice & Noodles

Thanks you

Canteen

SCHOOL NEWS



Bookchat

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



Hi! Isabella M here from 6R. I am so excited to share with you a book I read about Ellyse Perry, Australian sportswoman who made her debut for both the Australian cricket and the Australian women's national soccer team at the age of 16. It is one of the most inspirational books I have read. Ellyse has shown me what to do when faced with tough situations and hard decisions to make.

The book is about how Ellyse Perry was in the cricket team when she was accepted in a soccer team. She loved both sports but had to eventually give up one. The decision process making was intense. If you want to find out which one she chose, grab a copy of the book from the library and READ!

My favourite part was when she finally chose a team and got to play in Japan.

This book would suit anyone who loves sport and enjoys reading about "girl power".

DEBATING



Our debaters have had 2 debates so far this year:
Our representatives are: Zach R, Patrick, Kaira, Lily M, Jared P, Isabella M, Ayesha, Geraldine, Natalia & Alexandra

23 May 2018

Winston Hills Green vs Toongabbie Red

Topic: *"That we should ban all tests in primary schools"*
(Winston Hills - Affirmative & Toongabbie - Negative)
Toongabbie won this debate.

Winston Hills Gold vs Toongabbie White

Topic: *"That music and art should be replaced with more Maths and Science"*
(Toongabbie - Affirmative & Winston Hills - Negative)
Winston Hills won this debate.

13 June 2018

Winston Hills Green vs Parklea Public

Topic: *"That parents and primary schools should cooperate to limit kids screen time to 1 hour a day"*
(Parklea - Affirmative & Winston Hills - Negative)
Winston Hills won this debate.

Winston Hills Gold vs Walters Road Public

Topic: *"That we should never allow people under 18 to use social media sites like facebook, instagram and twitter."*
(Walter's Road - Affirmative & Winston Hills - Negative)
Winston Hills won this debate.

For the 3rd round of debating both teams will be travelling to Kingswood Public School on Wednesday 27th June 2018.

Kind Regards
Tracey McDonald

DANCE - A - THON

Fundraiser



REMINDER

Dance-a-thon
Thursday 28 June 2018
Don't forget to wear
MUFTI

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REMINDER

The School Athletics Carnival will be on
Monday 25th June.

Parents please ensure that your child is provided with their recess, lunch and water. As there are **NO CANTEEN** provided.

Parent volunteers are required for field events, please return forms or contact the school if you are available to help. We are grateful for any assistance.

A coffee van has been organised for the parents on the day.

Melissa Johnston

P & C NEWS

BOOK CLUB



The Bookclub volunteers would like to say THANK YOU to all of you that have placed orders so far this year. Bookclub is a great way for the school to obtain free resources. The school earns reward points based on the amount spent in each brochure and the more reward points means more free resources for our school. So far this year you have raised over **\$1000 in rewards** for our school. These rewards go towards loads of different resources such as these great lap work stations that are now in the library.



Previously the students have been working on the floor but these bright and colourful desks allow them to sit upright and work more efficiently.

The latest issue (Issue 4) is closing tomorrow, Wednesday 20th June so if you would like to order don't forget to do it soon. Remember **ONLINE ORDERS only**, please do not give orders to teachers or the office as they will not be able to process them.

To Order go to www.scholastics.com.au/LOOP or add the **LOOP** App from your App Store (it's free). Once your order is processed, Scholastic will send it to the school and we will deliver it to your child's teacher. If you have any issues or queries regarding ordering or items you have ordered please contact us via the email below.

Michelle White and the BookclubTeam
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REMINDER
P&C Meeting
Tonight 19 June
7.30pm
All Welcome

AFL GALA DAY



http://www.qwsgiants.com.au/video/2018-06-14/girls-to-giants?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=vanity&utm_campaign=AllGirlsPSSA

This is a website link to the GWS Giants page about the Gala day. There are lots of clips including many of our WHPS girls. We took a junior and a senior team of 11 girls each. Each team played a round robin against other local schools. Our juniors had a great day and learned a lot about AFL. They finally scored a goal in the last 5 minutes of their last games. Awesome work girls.

Our senior team did extremely well winning 2 out of their 3 round robin games to make it to the semi finals. They were beaten by the eventual winners - Samuel Gilbert Public School.

We all had such a great day, learning plenty about AFL, playing with GWS Giants players and enjoying ourselves out in the sun.

SYNERGY DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulation Magic Movers

A big congratulations to the Support Unit Dance Group who performed at Synergy Dance Festival last Wednesday Evening and Thursday Matinee, at Penrith Panthers. The Magic Movers performed to "The other side" from the Greatest Showman. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support the Dance Group. The Magic Movers hard work and commitment paid off, as all students involved did an amazing job on stage.



Friction Fun!

3A

This term we have been learning all about friction through our Science unit Smooth Moves. Here are a few shots of us discovering how friction works during a game of Tug of War.

