



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Education Week

The weather was very kind to us last week and it was great to see all of those smiling faces at our open day. All of the students and teachers looked great in their book parade costumes and it was good to see parents and grandparents visiting the classrooms. I know the students were excited to have you there.

I would like to thank Ms Kayello, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Moses for all of their organisation for the day.

Help Buy a Bale to support the farmers

The drought has effected all of the farmers within our country and has become a national emergency. The schools within the area have joined together to support the "Buy a Bale" program. The SRC will be holding a fundraising day on Thursday 23 August, however, if you are not sure how else you can support and donate money, please join the "Schools in The Hills Area" initiative by going to:

http://www.buyabale.com.au/donate/?supporter_id=72419

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

"Got It" Program

As part of the joint project between the school and the Department of Health, members of the program presented to parents yesterday morning. I would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents that attended for their support of this initiative.

NSW School Band Festival

I would like to congratulate all three of our bands that recently took part in the NSW Band Festival Program. Each of the bands received a silver award which is recognition for their hard work. I would also like to thank the band committee for their great work in preparing and supporting the bands.

Rotary Annual Writing Competition

A big congratulations to Lily Moujali (Highly Commended), Bianca Hinchcliffe and Ayesha Razzaque for taking out 3rd place at the Rotary Writing Competition. Well done!

PSSA- Winter Season

This is the first week of the finals for our Winter PSSA teams. I would like to thank the coaches for giving up their time and the students for doing an outstanding job of representing the school. Thank you to the parents who have attended the games to encourage and support our teams.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7:30pm in the staffroom tonight. All welcome!

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 4

Tuesday 14 August

ICAS Maths Competition – 8.00am
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

3-6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 15 August

3-6 Gymnastics

Thursday 16 August

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

3-6 Assembly

Friday 17 August

Winter PSSA – Semi Finals

Week 5

Monday 20 August

School Photo's – Sport/Group

Tuesday 21 August

3-6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 22 August

3-6 Gymnastics

Thursday 23 August

Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

K-2 Assembly

Buy a Bale – Gold Coin - Mufti Day

Winter PSSA Finals

Friday 24 August

Week 6

Monday 27 August

Zone Athletics

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 24 August

Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 13 September

Term 4 Account

End of Year Party Day K-6

Life Education Program K-6

Special Children's Party - Support

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 4 Account
- End of Year Party Day – Years K-6
- Life Education Program – Years K-6
- Special Children's Party – Support Classes
- Father's Day Breakfast

Community News

- Sydney Contemporary Orchestra – Youth Symphony
- Family Fun Day at the Parliament of NSW

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Taxi bay

With the safety of students being a high priority, the incorrect use of the taxi bay and staff carpark has continued to be a concern. Parents have continued to park within the area which effects the flow for cars. It is almost getting to the point that we are looking at restricting access to this area to just the taxis that provide a service for our support students.

YMCA- Before and After School Care

I would like to thank the parents, who have children at the YMCA before and after school care, for quickly responding to the survey. It is always good to get feedback so that we can improve the service delivered. The school is working very closely with the YMCA to increase the numbers of positions in the future.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Education Week 2018

It was a fantastic week of fun and educational events at Winston Hills during Education and Book Week for 2018. A big thank you to Mrs Harvey and Mrs Moses for their efforts with the Book Fair. Over \$9500 worth of books were sold, which will earn our school vouchers from Scholastic to purchase new books for our library.

It was wonderful to see all the parents and grandparents who joined us on the day for the book parade, morning tea, book fair and open classrooms.



Coles Sports for Schools

Earlier this year, Winston Hills Public School participated in the Coles Sports for Schools program. Thanks to our generous community, we have earned 38654 vouchers and our school has purchased new sporting equipment.

Dance-a-thon Pizza Party Winners!

Well done to all the students who returned their Dance-a-thon sponsorship money. This year we had a three-way tie in K-2 and one 3-6 winner.

Congratulations to 1B, 2M, K-2G & 5F for bringing their Dance-a-thon sponsorship money in first. Their Pizza Party will be on Wednesday 22 August. A note will be sent home this week for the winning classes with further information.

Groups Photo Day

The school photographers will be taking group photos such as PSSA and the Year 6 grade photo next Monday 20 August.

All students in Winter and Summer PSSA teams are asked to wear their sport uniform. Year 6 students who are in a PSSA team are asked to bring in their full school uniform to change into for their Year 6 photo.

All other Year 6 students are to come in their full school uniform for their Year 6 photo.

Got It! (Getting On Track In Time!)

Helping parents and children to work together to improve difficult behaviour.

Got It! is a new program supported by the NSW Department of Health, and the NSW Department of Education. As you may already know, Winston Hills Public School has been offered a place in this exciting new program.

The *Got It!* team will be running the program for children in Kindergarten to Year 2 and their parents, who are having problems with disruptive behaviour at home or at school. The program will give families the opportunity to be part of a fun and supportive group that can improve family relationships and help parents deal with difficult behaviours.

Challenging and anti-social behaviour often causes problems in many areas of a child's life. It can also be stressful for their family, friends and community.

Sadly, these children can often be seen as 'naughty', rather than as children who are struggling with organising their thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

Got It! aims to give support and practical help to children and their families, and also to support the school community to help children get the most out of the opportunities available to them.

The *Got It!* team is looking forward to working with our school, and would like to thank the whole school community in advance for your commitment to improving the wellbeing of children and families here at Winston Hills PS.

'Buy a Bale' – Helping Australian Farmers

Our SRC fundraiser for this term will be the much needed 'Buy a Bale' drought appeal. Winston Hills PS and other local schools in the area have come together and registered as "Schools in the Hills Area".

Our School will be having a **farmer/farm theme mufti day on Thursday 23 August**. Students can come dressed as a farmer or a farm animal – the options are endless!

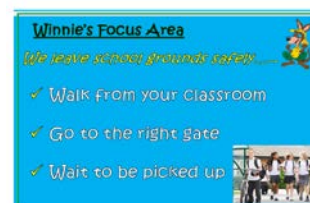
A gold coin donation would be much appreciated.

If you would like to make further donations, please visit the link below:

http://www.buyabale.com.au/donate/?supporter_id=72419

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 3 and 4:



This fortnight's PBL focus is about encouraging and reminding students to leave the school grounds safely. Students will be reminded of this in the classroom and in assemblies, and posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 12

AFL

Junior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Won	24-11
Senior Vs Matthew Pearce Public School	Lost	1-40

Newcombe Ball

Junior Vs Crestwood Public School	Won	59-52
	Sets	2-1
Senior Vs Crestwood Public School	Lost	63-38
	Sets	3-0

Netball

Jnr A Vs Sherwood Ridge Public School	Won	8-7
Jnr B Vs Crestwood Public School	Drew	1-1
Snr A Vs Oakhill Dr Public School	Lost	13-3
Snr B Vs Samuel Gilbert Public School	Drew	6-6

Rugby League

Junior Vs Kellyville Public School	Lost	24-28
Senior Vs Kellyville Public School	Won	34-0

Soccer (Football)

Junior Vs Crestwood Public School	Won	2-0
Senior Vs Crestwood Public School	Drew	0-0
Open Girls Vs Crestwood Public School	Drew	0-0

PSSA RESULTS – Round 13

AFL

Junior Vs Crestwood Public School	Won	22-12
Senior Vs Crestwood Public School	Won	48-17

Newcombe Ball

Junior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	63-43
	Sets	3-0
Senior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	42-63
	Sets	3-0

Netball

Jnr A Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Lost	12-15
Jnr B Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Drew	1-1
Snr A Vs Murray Farm Public School	Won	16-8
Snr B Vs Glenhaven Public School	Won	10-7

Rugby League

Junior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	34-28
Senior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	36-16

Soccer (Football)

Junior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	1-0
Senior Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	3-0
Open Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	2-0

Training

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

Good luck to the teams playing in the semi-finals this week.

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Semi Finals – 17 August 2018

Rugby League Junior	Vs Kellyville Public School @ Crestwood Oval
Rugby League Senior	Vs Castle Hill Public School @ Crestwood Oval
Newcombe Ball Junior	Vs Murray Farms Public @ Sherwood Ridge School
Soccer Junior	Vs Samuel Gilbert Public @ Bernie Mullane
Soccer Senior	Vs Samuel Gilbert Public @ Bernie Mullane
Netball Senior A	Vs Mathew Pearce Public @ Kellyville Netball Courts Court 1
Netball Senior B & Junior A & B	Friendlies @ Kellyville Netball Courts
AFL	Friendlies TBA

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 23 August
- KC – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 16 August – 2.00 pm
- Class Item – 4M
- Parents are welcome to attend

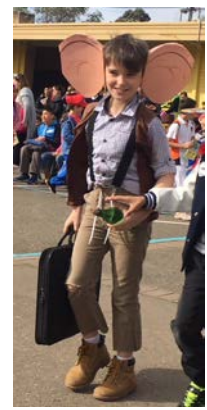
Helping Australian Farmers

MUFTI

Thursday 23 August
 Come Dressed as a
 Farmer / Farm Animal
 Bring a GOLD Coin
 Donation



BOOK PARADE 2018



Celebrating Book Week

What an exciting week we have had at Winston Hills Public School celebrating Education Week and enjoying our fabulous Book Week activities.

We started the week with two wonderful performances of Treasure Hunt. Treasure Hunt was an interactive and educational performance that explored the issues of sustainability and our relationship with the natural environment as well as celebrating how books & reading can create understanding and bring people of different backgrounds together.

At each of the sessions, the students learnt about three of the books selected by the Children's Book Council of Australia to be added to the prestigious Short List. These books are selected for their outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature. We have copies of the books used in the performances and they will be available for borrowing towards the end of Term Three.

The Book Fair was, as usual, very popular with the students, parents and grandparents. Our heartfelt thanks to those parents and grandparents that purchased a book to be donated to the school library. We will be purchasing additional books for the library once our orders have been finalised.

Finally, the Book Parade was outstanding. I am constantly blown away by the imagination of some parents (and teachers). It really was wonderful to see such a wide variety of characters. We had characters from classics such as Anne of Green Gables and the Wizard of Oz, also two of my favourites, Harry Potter and Hermione. It was great to see many of the picture books represented with Pig the Pug, Boy and Thelma the Unicorn.

Thank you to everyone for making the celebration of books such a success.

Just a reminder to send a library bag in your child's school bag. The new 15 cent plastic bags from Coles and Woolworths are fine to use as a Library Bag.

Many Thanks – Mrs Lisa Moses

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ACCOUNT REMINDER

I cannot believe that we are already organising for end of year activities – where has the time gone! Thank you to the many families who have their accounts up to date. This helps us with our end of year roll over.

In this edition of the school newsletter, please find the Term 4 Account which shows costs for upcoming activities for each Grade/Stage in Term 4.

Your prompt payment and the return of permission notes for each of the activities is due by Thursday, 13th September. We ask that you support the school with this request so that we can finalise our bookings with the venues assisting with our Term 4 activities.

If, for any reason, you need to make other arrangements in relation to payment, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9639 8518. Communication from you will help us to include your child's participation in planned school activities.

Overdue Accounts

Unfortunately, there are families who have not responded to our requests or contacted the office regarding overdue accounts since the beginning of the year. These families will be contacted in the next few weeks.

Tere Griffin

Rel. School Administration Manager



DEBATING

Round 4

Last Thursday our two Winston Hills debating teams debated against each other.

Miss Kylie Mason was the adjudicator for the day.

TOPIC:

That primary school should teach Compulsory swimming classes

Winston Hills Gold won against Winston Hills Green.

We had many of our Stage 2 & 3 students watch our debate in the hall.

We will have a "friendly" debate at some stage in the next few weeks, however the results will not go towards the Premiers Debating Competition.

As a result of winning all of their debates, the Winston Hills Gold team will now go through to the zone finals at some stage over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to all Debaters on a great debate

SAVE THE DATE

YEAR 6 GAMES DAY



This is a whole school event. A \$5 fee will appear on the term 4 invoice, no further money will be required on the day for games. A sausage sizzle will be available.

28 November 2018
\$5.00 per student



GET YOUR SPORTS JERSEY READY FOR

FOOTY FEVER THURSDAY

Wear your favourite jersey/mufti to school.
Gold coin donation to Year 6

Thursday 27 September 2018



The final step in the **BRAVE** program is with the letter **E**, which stands for **Enjoy** yourself! During this program kids have learnt to read body signs when they are anxious, learnt relaxation techniques, practiced positive thinking and know how to make a BRAVE ladder to help break down their fear. Now that they have all these techniques and practice them regularly, they can enjoy themselves with rewards they love doing. They don't need to do a perfect job but if they have tried really hard, then being rewarded with an ice-cream, having a friend over or going to their favourite park will make it easier and more fun to keep on trying in the future. I hope this snapshot of the BRAVE program has helped your children feel less anxious. In the next newsletter there will be some information on the GIRL POWER program and what our stage 3 girls have been up to.

Take care
Kylie Isherwood
Chaplain

2K

2K have had a busy year. We really enjoy working together and we are always trying to do our best!

