



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Canberra/ Snowy Excursion

Students in Stage 3 attended the 3 day excursion to Canberra and Snowy Mountains last week. This excursion supported the student's HSIE unit of work, 'Australian Government'. As in previous years, the cost of this excursion has been subsidised by the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER). Students visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House and the National Science and Technology Centre (Questacon).

I would like to give a big thanks to the Stage 3 teachers and also Mrs Lam and Mrs Castle for giving up their time to ensure that the students had an experience that they will always remember. I would also like to thank Mrs Price and Mr Johns for helping out on the excursion. Having joined the group on Wednesday, I have to say that I was very proud of how the students represented our school at the various venues.

Recognition Assembly and Farewell to Mrs Jones

Yesterday we held our Term 3 Recognition Assembly. This is always a great opportunity to recognise students' excellent behaviour and also achievements in a range of areas of the school. It also provides our bands, choirs and dance groups an opportunity to perform in front of the whole school.

The assembly also gave the students an opportunity to farewell Mrs Jones, our office manager, who has now officially retired. Winston Hills Public School feels like a big family and one of the reasons for this is Mrs Jones. From my very first day at the school, she made me feel like I belong and I know that I am not the only one that feels this way. We wish her a happy retirement in her new beach side location.

K-2 Carnival

The K-2 Athletics Carnival was held on the 13th of August. I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Rooke and her team of infants teachers for their organisation of the carnival. The students had a great day in the sun. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 6 students who were great leaders on the day.

Ethics Classes

At Winston hills Public School, we are lucky to have a group of parents who give up their time to teach Ethics classes as an alternative to scripture. Attached to this newsletter is information if you would like to help.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 10

Tuesday 25 September	3-6 Gymnastics Last Day of Banking – Term 3
Wednesday 26 September	3-6 Gymnastics
Thursday 27 September	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Footy Fever Mufti Day
Friday 28 September	PSSA Starts Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1

Monday 15 October	Students Return
Tuesday 16 October	First day of Banking – Term 4 Y2 – Introduction to Band 9.15am
Wednesday 17 October	Kindergarten 2019 - Parent Information Night 7.00pm
Thursday 18 October	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7.00pm

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 19 October	Father & Son Camp Out
Friday 26 October	Spring Picnic

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 4 Calendar
- Footy Fever Note
- Letter regarding Ethics Teachers

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Are You Moving In 2019?

If you are intending to leave the school this year, could you please notify the office on 9639 8518, as soon as possible (excluding year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2019.

Mark Byrne

Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Principal's Morning Tea

Congratulations to the students who received their Medal Certificate at the Recognition Assembly yesterday. These students received a Bronze medal for 50 merits or a Silver medal for 100 merits during the term. The students enjoyed morning tea with their parents and Mr Byrne. A fantastic achievement that is always great to see!

Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

Thank you for the fantastic feedback from our community as we have just **reached 50% response rate** for the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey.

You still have time to complete the survey by clicking on the link below.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2q2kf>

The survey is confidential and your feedback is invaluable.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 9 & 10

Winnie says:

"Always use nice manners and speak kindly"

We say.....

"Please"

"Thank you"



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being respectful by using our manners and speaking kindly to others. Students will be reminded of this in class and in assemblies, and posters will be put up around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Winnie Rewards Day will be on Wednesday 26 September. The Sport House with the most Winnies this term will receive an extended lunch, where they will meet Winnie and enjoy a Kanga Pop ice block.

Have a safe and restful break with your family.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 18 October – 2.10 pm
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 25 October – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 2Y
- Parents are welcome to attend



DEBATING



On Monday 17th September the Winston Hills Gold debating team competed against the Jasper Road Articulators in the Zone Final of the Premiers Debating Challenge.

The topic was *"That Years 5 & 6 students should have to watch the news every night and then write a weekly report on it as part of their homework"*.

Our team had to argue the negative side of the debate. They came up with some great ideas in their argument, with relevant current examples and had fantastic rebuttals against the other team's ideas.

Unfortunately the Jasper Road team were too good on the day and won the debate.

I am so proud of the huge improvement that all of the 10 debaters have made this year and hope they can continue their participation in debating in the future.

I'd like to thank Mrs Stewart and Miss Mason for their continued support as both coach and adjudicator for all of our debates and practices this year.

We hope to start the ball rolling in Term 4 with trials for the debating team next year.

Thanks

Ms McDonald

Debating Coach 2018

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Round 8 – 28 September 2018 (12.10pm – 3.00pm)

Touch Football	Vs Excelsior Public Ted Horwood Reserve
Cricket	Vs Winston Heights Public Max Ruddock – Top Field
T-Ball	Vs Northmead Public John Curtin
Softball	Vs Northmead Public John Curtin

REMINDER
PSSA Summer Sport
 Term 4 – From Round 9
 Will be played in the morning

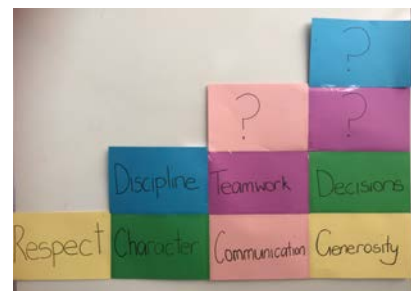
Round 9 – 19 October 2018 (9.00am – 11.00am)

Touch Football	Vs Matthew Pearce Public Ted Horwood Reserve
Cricket	Vs Baulkham Hills North Max Ruddock– Bottom Field
T-Ball	Vs North Rocks Public John Curtin
Softball	Vs North Rocks Public John Curtin

TERM 4
STUDENTS RETURN
Monday 15 October

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BUILD UP



This week was our final week of **BUILD UP** with stage 3 boys where they had fun learning about this life-skills program. This program focuses on the importance of setting a strong foundation where they can build a life upon. Each week the boys were challenged by the following themes:

- *Respect* – what it means to respect others and yourself.
- *Character* – how we influence those around us and how this can have a positive and negative effect.
- *Communication* – letting others know how we feel by talking to them. The boys had the opportunity of writing encouraging words to each other so they could see how positive words can have an impact.
- *Perseverance* – we talked about how we need to work at challenges to achieve a result by thinking positively.
- *Teamwork* – the boys learnt that working together and not against each other provides a better outcome.
- *Generosity* – the boys put on their aprons and made pikelets with jam and cream for their teachers and office staff. They loved experiencing how it felt to do something nice for others.
- *Decision making* – we looked at what influences us and being mindful of choosing well. But if we make a mistake, then we learn from it, and try again.

Each boy wrote down three goals to add to these foundation themes, and my hope for them is that they can continue working on their foundations to reach their goals in life.

Children Arriving Late Reminder

If your child arrives late, you must accompany them to the office before they go to their class.

An electronic *Late Slip* with the reason for being late and the time of arrival will be printed. This *Late Slip* is then given to the class teacher.

Narrabeen Camp



Canoeing was heaps of fun on Narrabeen Lake.

Stage 2 Camp Narrabeen Camp 12th & 13th September



Everyone enjoyed the rock climbing - albeit with varying success



Low ropes course was lots of fun



Indoor and outdoor archery



.... and Yes the children did wash up!!

Awesome games in the gymnasium after dinner



Coffee was essential for the teachers!





Combined Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 31st of September, the Support Unit participated in the Combined Athletics Carnival. Students competed in beanbag races, 100m and 200m running races, long jump, walking races and relays.

Due to everyone's efforts and hard work, we placed third overall. Our Support Unit showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm and should be proud of their efforts.

Well Done!





★ **Year 1, Year 2,
3-6A and 3-6F's
Excursion to
Sydney Observatory
Monday 17th and Tuesday
18th September
2018** ★



K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018



*A magnificent day
with perfect weather.
Biggest thank you to all the staff,
children and parent/carers
who helped make this such
an amazing carnival.*



FOOTY FEVER

Year 6 Fundraiser this Thursday
27 September 2018



SPRING PICNIC REMINDER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
THE SPRING PICNIC
NOTE AND MONEY (CASH ONLY)
IS DUE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER
(FIRST WEEK BACK IN TERM 4)

