



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Thank You Evening

Last Tuesday night we held our Parent Thank You Evening. It was great to see so many faces at what is a great opportunity to get together. On behalf of the staff of the school I would again like to say how much we appreciate the support that we continue to get from the school community. Effective partnerships with the school community results in positive outcomes for the students of Winston Hills Public School.

Busy Time of the Year- Assemblies

Over the next two weeks we have a number of events where we get to acknowledge and recognise the students at Winston Hills Public School. They include:

- Wednesday the 5th of December is the Years 3-6 Presentation day.
- Friday the 14th of December is the K-2 Christmas Concert and the 3-6 Special Awards Presentation.
- Monday the 17th of December is our final Recognition Assembly and Principal's Morning Tea.

I look forward to celebrating these events with the school community.

YMCA Before and After School Care

The YMCA is currently going through the process of signing a new lease with the department. As part of the new lease, the school has negotiated an increase in the number of positions that the YMCA will be able to provide for after school care. It is hoped that the approved capacity will increase from 105 to 180 places. Representatives from the Department of Education carried out a spot check of the facilities last Thursday as one of the final stages of the approval process.

After School Chinese Language Classes

Chinese Language Classes will continue to run at Winston Hills Public School next year. The classes currently run after school on Wednesdays. If you are interested please contact The Hills Chinese School on 0411 085 882 or email hillscommunitycollege@gmail.com

Classes for 2019

The school is currently in the process of planning for 2019. The number of classes a school has is based on the number of students who are enrolled. It is extremely important that if your child is in K-5 and is leaving the school this year that we are aware of this so that we can take this into consideration with our planning.

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 8

Tuesday 4 December	P&C Meeting – 7.30pm
Wednesday 5 December	Presentation Day Support Unit Christmas Party
Thursday 6 December	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm 3-6 Assembly – 2.10pm
Friday 7 December	PSSA Finals

TERM 4

Week 9

Monday 10 December	Last Day for Band Band Thank You Party Day
Wednesday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 13 December	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Friday 14 December	K-2 Christmas Concert – 9.30am Special Awards Presentation 11.30am

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 6 December	Interrelate Permission Note Swimming Carnival Note Term 1 2019 Accounts
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ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Hills Shire Holiday Guide

Community News

- Netball Flyer – Winston Hills Netball Club
- RBA Museum Summer School Holidays

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Student Reports – Semester 2

Your child's Semester Two report will go home on Monday 17th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks. Some important points for parents to remember are:

- **SOUND** is the expected achievement level that most students should achieve in all learning areas.
- The reports are a **POINT IN TIME** report. This means that we only report on what has been taught and assessed over Term 3 and Term 4 (Weeks 1-7). So, it is possible that your child has performed differently during this reporting period and may receive a different level to Semester One reports.
- We do not schedule parent—teacher interviews at this time. However, should you have any concerns about your child's report, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any issues.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Presentation Assembly Years 3-6

Tomorrow, Wednesday 5 December at 9:30am, will be our Presentation Assembly in the school hall. Quite a few of our 3-6 students will be acknowledged for their achievements throughout the year. Awards will be presented for Class Certificates, Citizenship, Dux, Principal's Encouragement, Prefect, Vice Captain and School Captain induction. There will be 10 school leaders inducted for 2019. This will consist of two School Captains, two Vice Captains and six Prefects. Invitations to award recipients have been sent home last week.

Special Awards Assembly Years 2-6

The Special Awards Assembly will be on Friday 14 December commencing at 11:30am in the school hall. It is where certificates of recognition will be presented to the Year 6 Band Members, House Captains, Technology Leaders, 2018 SRC Members (Years 2-6), Library monitors, PSSA trophies and the 2019 House Captains and Vice House Captains. Certificates will also be presented to the students with 100% attendance in 2018. Invitations to award recipients will be sent out today.

Principal's Morning Tea

The students who have received 50, 100 and 150 merits awards during assembly this term, will also receive an invitation next week to the last Principal's Morning Tea of 2018. This will be held on Monday 17 December from 9:30am for the presentation of the certificates and 10:30am for the morning tea in the school hall.

Merits for 2018

The last day to hand in 10 yellow class merits in order to receive an honour certificate for this year will be:

- **Years 3-6** – Thursday 6 December, 2018
- **K-2** – Thursday 13 December, 2018

If you have 10 class merits after these dates, please keep them with you and hand them in next year ☺

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 7 & 8

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being respectful and responsible by being considerate of others and their belonging. Students are reminded of this focus area to encourage students to think of others before they speak or act.

Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 13 December – 2.10 pm
- Kindergarten to host Singing their Favourite Songs
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 6 December – 2.10 pm
- Merits & Certificates Only
- Parents are welcome to attend

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA – Semi Final Results

Cricket

Junior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	96-31
Senior Vs Castle Hill Public School	Won	34-15

T-Ball

Girls Vs Oakhill Drive Public School	Lost	8-28
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Touch Football

Senior Boys Vs Samuel Gilbert Public	Lost	1-7
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PSSA Finals will be played on 7th December. Good luck to the Junior and Senior cricketers.

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – CRICKET FINALS

Where are they playing?



FINALS – 7 December 2018 (9.00am – 11.00am)

CRICKET SENIORS	Vs Jasper Road Public @ Masonic Oval
CRICKET JUNIORS	Vs Mathew Pearce Public @ Masonic Oval

It's Time to Say Goodbye!

**Our Year 6 Students
will be having their
Farewell Dinner**

**On Wednesday 12 December
5.30pm**

Wishing them all the success in 2019

GOT IT! PROGRAM

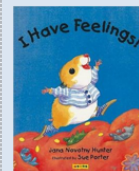
Week 7



Got It! Tip of the Week

Help your child to use words to describe how he is feeling in the moment. You might say something like, "It seems like you're feeling a bit worried". Providing words can help him to feel understood. It helps him to know that emotions are a normal part of everyday life and that they can be handled. Labelling emotions can also help him to bounce back more quickly when he is feeling upset. Be aware of not telling your child how he *should* feel, but helping him develop a vocabulary to express his emotions.

(BOOK *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child: The Heart of Parenting* by John Gottman)



BOOK *I Have Feelings*
by Jana Novotny Hunter

Week 8



Got It! Tip of the Week

While it's important to let your child know that all her feelings are OK, it's also important to let her know that some behaviours are not OK. These behaviours include hurting herself or others, or damaging property. You can guide her to think of more helpful ways to handle her strong feelings. For instance, you might say to her: "You are mad that Sally took that doll from you. I would be too, but it is not OK to hit her. What could you do instead?". This will help her to trust her feelings and feel good about herself while learning to manage her own behaviour.

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WEBSITE: KidsMatter is an Australian website with resources and fact sheets for parents of school age children
www.kidsmatter.edu.au



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Just a Friendly Reminder

Please return all borrowed books
by

Friday 7 December 2018

Thank you to all those students
who have assisted me this year
in the library.

Merry Christmas
and
happy reading

Lisa Moses

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Empowering our kids to manage change



As the year comes to an end, children will start to think about what will happen next year when they move to the next grade, especially for those students moving to high school.

Change is often overwhelming for children, especially when they have no control over the change happening. Here are some tips for parents to help their child manage their feelings during this time of transition:

- Maintain structure and regular routines so they understand that not everything is changing.
- Actively involve your child in the change. They could choose their new lunch box or pencil case so they are ready to label them with their new class name.
- Talk to them about what will happen so they feel prepared and involved. This may bring up questions and concerns they have that can easily be answered.
- Notice any changes in your child's behaviour and set aside some time to check-in with them.

Supporting children to manage change and have a sense of optimism about the future provides opportunities for developing resilience for all of life's ups and downs. For more information visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au.

Please let us know if your child isn't coping when they move into their new class next year.

Take care
Kylie Isherwood
 School Chaplain

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BANKING
PLEASE NOTE CHANGED DATE FOR
LAST DAY OF BANKING

IT IS NOW



Tuesday 11 December 2018



K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



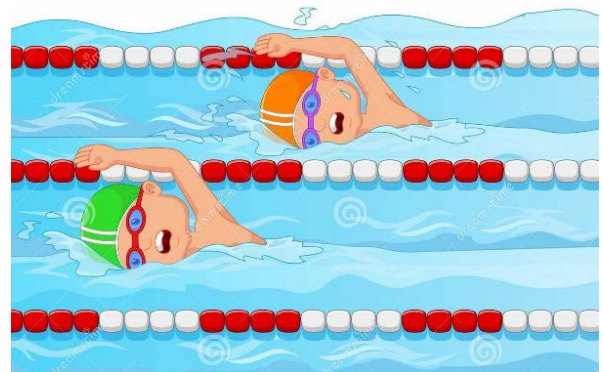
Please come along and join us for our K-2 Christmas Celebration to be held under the Primary Shade-port on Friday 14th December, beginning at 9.30am. We hope to see lots of parents, grandparents and friends dressed in Christmas clothes ready to sing and dance with us all.

'GIVING TREE K-6'



On Friday 14th December as part of the K-2 Christmas Concert, the children are asked to bring along a present to go under the 'Giving Tree'. The presents will be collected by the Salvation Army for distribution to children in the local area. The Salvation Army requests that presents not be wrapped but would be very grateful to receive any donations of gift wrapping or cards.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2019



The Swimming Carnival will be held at Waves Aquatic Centre, Baulkham Hills on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Permission notes, events nominations and money to be returned by **Thursday 6th December 2018.**

SCHOOL NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

If you are in need of Winston Hills Public School uniforms or know of any new Kindergartens who will be starting in 2019, please let them know so they can purchase their uniforms for 2019.

The Uniform Shop will be open the following times for the remainder of 2018:

Thursday 6th December 8.40am to 9.30am

Thursday 6th December 6.00pm to 7.00pm
(last evening to purchase uniforms for 2018)

Thursday 13th December 8.40am to 9.30am
(last day to purchase uniforms for 2018)

2019

The Uniform Shop will reopen in 2019:

Thursday 31st January 8.40am to 9.30am

Thursday 7th February 8.40am to 9.30am

Thursday 7th February 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**Please note these hours
to ensure you have your uniform to start in 2019**

FINDING YOUR FEET

On Monday 3rd December, stage 3 students from 3-6A and 3-6F went along with students from Baulkham Hills High to see the pantomime "Finding Your Feet" at Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill. Students caught the public bus as part of their Community Access program and had a fantastic time watching the show. Miss Frank and Miss Armstrong were extremely impressed with the behaviour and independence that all of our students demonstrated. Well done!



SUPPORT UNIT "FINDING YOUR FEET"

RESCHEDULED GAMES DAY



**THIS THURSDAY
6 December 2018**

**Students to wear Mufti
with closed shoes and covered shoulders**

**Remember
NO Sausage Sizzle on this day**

Let the games begin

REMINDER

**Reports
will be sent home
Monday
17 December 2018**



Classes of the week: 6H and KN buddies

6H and KN have loved learning and getting to know each other during buddies this year!



They especially enjoyed experimenting with Bee Bots during our Kinder Geography lesson together.

