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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Father & Son Camp Out – A Great Success!

I was amazed again at the great turn out at this year's Father & Son camp out. It was great to see all of the 350 boys, dads, grandparents, uncles, cousins and even mums participate to make it an enjoyable night. I particularly liked seeing the kindergarten students attend their first camp out. I would like to thank Mr Freney and Mr Astill for their organisation of the wonderful event. Thank you also to Mr Johnson, Miss O'Hegarty, Miss Charalabidis, Miss Nettleton, Mrs Pollard and a number of teachers and parents who helped out in various ways.

Parent Thank You Night

Next Tuesday 27th November, we will be holding a "Thank You Evening" to show our appreciation for parents who have helped this year. Please RSVP by clicking on this link if you are able to attend. The evening will start at 7:30pm. Please Note: Parents are asked not to bring their children on the night.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93ZZW9B>

Staffing News

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Griffin who has successfully been appointed as School Administration Manager through the merit selection process. Mrs Griffin has been relieving in the role for the past two years.

Currently Mrs Malvicino is on leave due to personal reasons. The length of this leave is unknown. I would like to thank Miss Cutherbert and Mrs Coates who have been working hard over the past two weeks to review assessment data and compile information for 3M's reports.

Class Planning for 2019

We are currently in the process of working out class formations for 2019. An important part of this is knowing the numbers for each of the grades. I would like to thank the parents who have informed us that their children are leaving our school this year.

If you know of anyone who has moved into the area and are looking to enrol their children into our school for next year, please suggest that they do so ASAP to help with the planning process.

If you have any concerns or things that you think need to be considered for your child's placement for next year, please email me on mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Showcase Night- Thursday Night

I am looking forward to the Showcase Night on Thursday night when our school performance groups will be singing, playing and dancing. I would like to thank Mrs Ta, Mrs Kammerer and Mrs Webb for their organization of this event.

Mark Byrne

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 6

Tuesday 20 November	Life Education Starts
Thursday 22 November	Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am Showcase Night 3-6 Assembly – 2.10pm
Friday 23 November	School Spectacular

Week 7

Tuesday 27 November	Parent Thank Your Evening-7.30pm
Wednesday 28 November	Year 6 Games Day
Thursday 29 November	Last Day of Scripture Uniform Shop Open 8.40am K-2 Assembly – 2.10pm
Friday 30 November	PSSA Semi Finals
Tuesday 4 December	Life Education Ends

WHAT'S DUE?

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

Skoolbag

- New Skoolbag App

Community News

- Invitation to Code Camp

FROM THE DEPUTY

Keeping Our Kids Safe

As pedestrians and bike riders, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour when arriving to and leaving school. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways, particularly the school's driveway if they ride their bike to school.

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Award System

As part of Strategic Direction 1, Student Learning and Wellbeing, we are undergoing a review of our award systems. This term the students and teachers have completed a survey and we would like the parents and carers to also complete the parent survey. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and can be conducted on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. Below is the link to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQY6TFR>

Presentation Assembly Years 3-6

Presentation Assembly will be on Wednesday 5 December at 9:30am 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 and the 2019 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.

Special Awards Assembly Years 2-6

This will be on Friday 14 December commencing at 11:30am in the school hall. It is the annual Special Awards Assembly where certificates of appreciation will be presented to the Year 6 Band Members, House Captains, Technology Leaders, Years 2-6 SRC Members, PSSA trophies and the 2019 House Captains. Certificates will also be presented to the students who have had 100% attendance in 2018.

Invitations to the award recipients for both these assemblies will be sent home in the next week.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 5 & 6




Winnie's Focus Area

We use bubblers and toilets responsibly.....

Turn the water off

Keep water in the sink

Use just enough soap

FROM THE DEPUTY Cont...

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible when using the bubblers and toilets. Students are reminded to take turns, line up and use the bubblers and toilets in a sensible manner. Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

HEALTHY HAROLD IS HERE !



Life Education lessons start today with the fabulous Mrs Sally Fletcher. The students are looking forward to their time in the van and meeting Healthy Harold.

A parent session will be on Thursday 29 November at 2pm, if you would like to know more about Life Education and what content they deliver to the students.



The final Scholastic Bookclub catalogue is due to come home this week. **Issue 8** is filled with loads of great books and gift items with the added bonus that the more we purchase, the more rewards/vouchers Scholastic give to our school to obtain resources.

Don't forget when you are ordering you can select the "GIFT ORDER" option which means your child won't see what you order. The Bookclub volunteers will contact you when your order is ready for you to collect from the school office.

The closing date to order from this issue is Friday 30th November.

It can take a week to 10 days for the orders to arrive at school so you should receive your order no later than the last week of the term.

From all of the Bookclub team we would like to say thank you for supporting your school and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

If you have any queries please contact Michelle jmbdwhite@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – Round 12

Cricket

Junior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	99-35
Senior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	62-32

Softball

Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School	Lost	5 - 6
Girls Vs Jasper Road Public School	Lost	2- 12

T-Ball – Bye

Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School	Won	19-15
Girls Vs Jasper Road Public School	Drew	13-13

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	3 - 1
Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	3-1
Senior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	3 - 1
Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	6 - 0

PSSA RESULTS – Round 13

Cricket

Junior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	81-54
Senior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	57-51

Softball

Boys Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	12-1
Girls Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	9-8

T-Ball

Boys Vs Winston Heights Public School	Lost	12-19
Girls Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	13-7

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School	Lost	1 - 2
Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	5 - 0
Senior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	6 - 1
Senior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	7 – 0

Please note that PSSA Semi Finals will not be played until 30th November.

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – What's Happening?



23 November 2018NO PSSA Sport

16 November 2018.....PSSA Semi Finals

30 November 2018..... PSSA Finals

ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 29 November – 2.10 pm
- Year 2 will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

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

- Thursday 22 November – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 3M
- Parents are welcome to attend

GOT IT! PROGRAM

Week 5

	<p>Got It! Tip of the Week Making time to play with your child is one of the most important things you can do together. The time you spend playing together builds your connection. It also helps your child to build confidence, to develop social and communication skills, and to foster a sense of feeling loved, happy and safe. Sometimes you might just sit with your child and watch him play, other times it might be fun to get involved and follow his lead with a game. Play can involve many things like Lego, board games, card games, dance and music, imaginative games, and reading stories.</p>	 raising children network <small>the Australian parenting website</small> WEBSITE An Australian resource for parenting newborns to teens www.raisingchildren.net.au
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Week 6

	<p>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 <i>should</i> feel, but helping him develop a vocabulary to express his emotions.</p> <p><small>(BOOK Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child : The Heart of Parenting by John Gottman)</small></p>	 BOOK I Have Feelings by Jana Novotny Hunter
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Father and Son Camp Out - 2018



Our annual Father and Son Camp Out on Friday 16th November was a raging success with 320 campers enjoying a memorable night of fun, excitement and very little sleep.

The playground starting filling up with tents at 4.00pm and by 6pm it had been transformed into an official campsite. Tents of all shapes and sizes were pitched, from the very modest to the fully-equipped, with many tents sleeping more than one family.

It was great to see dads catching up with each other while completing the most manly of duties: setting up a tent and preparing a campsite!

Thank you to Belinda Schuster who volunteered as a chef for the night and did a fantastic job of cooking our feast. After dinner, there were organised games of soccer and cricket and the boys and dads had a great time. Following that was the presentation and raffle draw, with about 50 prizes won, including soccer balls, cricket kits and pool toys. Afterwards, all the boys were given glow sticks, resulting in hours of fun in the playground and in tents.

The dads also won lots of prizes – clothing, coolers, vouchers and BBQ tools. Many of these were generously donated by families from our school.

Despite an early shower of rain in the morning, it was a clear night and the boys ran themselves silly until after midnight, fuelled by cordial, ice-blocks and adrenalin. By this time most campers were in their tents - some tired; many still too excited to close their eyes. After a very brief and interrupted sleep, the sound of kookaburras and trucks on the M2 could be heard. It was 5.15am and time to get up!

Another marathon barbecuing effort was needed to cook the bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast and thanks to the many dads who helped out with cooking, food preparation and clean up.

Through the generosity of our community we raised over \$500 for Movember, helping men suffering from prostate cancer and depression. This is a great cause and one we support every year at the Father and Son Camp Out.

A big thank you to all the families who donated money and prizes for the raffle. Your assistance is always appreciated and it helped make the night a great success. A special mention to Mr Astill, Mr Byrne, Mr Johnson, Miss Nettleton, Miss Charalabidis & Miss O'Hegarty for giving up there time and helping to cook and organise activities and the raffle for all the students. Also a big thank you to all staff members for their assistance and support.

Finally, thank you for all the positive feedback from the camp out over the last 12 years. It has grown into a wonderful community event and I have enjoyed giving fathers and sons an opportunity to experience a special night together.

Steven Freney



SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHER VS STUDENT NEWCOMBE BALL GAME



Another win for the teachers!!!

One Tuesday 13th November, Year 6 students took up the challenge of playing the teachers in a game of Newcombe ball. Although confident in nature, the Year 6 students were not aware of the ferocity and sporting prowess of the teaching staff at WHPS.

The first set saw an onslaught of points from the teachers, starting out hard and fast to win the set 21-11. In the second set, the Year 6 students started to fight back with some amazing deliveries and tricks to gain points, however it was not enough. Teachers win the second set 21-16. The final set was the beginning of the fight back for Year 6. With determination and pure grit they fought hard and tough to take out the set on the final point. Winning 21-20.

All in all it was a great entertaining lunch time with the teachers coming out winners 2 sets to 1. Thank you for all the student who came to watch and cheer everyone on during the match. Your gold coin donation goes towards fundraising for year 6 students for their Year 6 farewell. More photos and videos can be found on the school Facebook page.

Year 6 Teachers



GAMES DAY

Year 6 Games day is on next Wednesday 28th November. Student participate in games around the school organised by year 6 students. Games include soccer shootout, haunted house, sponge toss, disco, cricket catches, obstacle course and many more. No money is required on the day. Payments has been included on your Term 4 invoice. Student will be able to wear mufti clothes, but are reminded to wear closed in shoes and they must bring a hat. We look forward to a fun filled day.

GAMES DAY - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Notes went home last week for Sausage sizzle orders for games day. Orders are due back by Wednesday 21st November. Correct money is to be included as change cannot be given. Online payments and canteen payments cannot be accepted. Additional notes can be found in the office.

Year 6 Teachers and Students



REMINDER SHOWCASE NIGHT Thursday 22 November 2018

This night is for students in our
Bands, choirs and dance groups
Exhibiting their talents to our community
In our school hall

ADMISSION IS FREE

Seat Allocation may be exhausted,
However please feel free to find standing room

5.00pm – BBQ
5.30pm – Door will Open
6.00pm – Showcase Starts



REMINDERS

Thursday 22 November
Showcase Night



Tuesday 27 November
Parent Thank You Evening – 7.30pm

Wednesday 28 November
Year 6 Games Day



IF and IR had
fun learning
about Volume and
Capacity.

