



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Camp Out – A Great Success!

I was amazed again at the great turn out at this year's Father/Carers & 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, Mrs Astill, Miss Charalabidis, Miss Nettleton, Mr Neves, Miss Lee, Mrs Nguyen, Mrs Coates and a number of teachers and parents who helped out in various ways.

Parent Thank You Night

Next Wednesday the 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/DCHMQLL>

State PSSA Athletics



Two weeks ago the PSSA held the State Athletics Championships. A big congratulations to Alex Vickers, Joshua Chun, Lior Cohen and Zac Redwood who represented the Sydney West Region in the Senior Boys Relay. We are very proud of the boys for making it all the way through to this event.

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 Nguyen, Mrs Kammerer and Mrs Webb for their organisation of this event.

CALENDAR

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Week 6

Tuesday 19 November	Muru Mittigar – Stage 2
Thursday 21 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Showcase Night 6.30pm 3-6 Assembly No PSSA Sport School Spectacular
Friday 22 November	

Week 7

Monday 25 November	K-2 Puppet Show Incursion CARES Excursion – 4R
Tuesday 26 November	Year 6 Games Day
Wednesday 27 November	Muru Mittigar – Stage 2
Thursday 28 November	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Last Day for Scripture K-2 Assembly PSSA Semi Finals
Friday 29 November	

Week 8

Monday 2 December	Last Week of Homework
Tuesday 3 December	High School Orientation Day P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 December	Support Unit Christmas Party
Thursday 5 December	Presentation Assembly 9.30am Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm 3-6 Assembly Term 1 Account Due

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 5 December	Swimming Carnival Note Interrelate 2020 – Evening Interrelate 2020 – Day (Y6 only) Account Invoice – Term 1, 2020
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ACCOMPANYING NOTES

Community News

- MultiLit Summer School Holiday Program

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Class Planning for 2020

We are currently in the process of working out class formations for 2020. 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

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Keeping Our Students Safe

Just a reminder that active supervision by teachers starts at 8.30am. We strongly encourage parents to send their children to school from 8:30am, otherwise they must be supervised by their parents before this time.

Another safety concern has been after 3pm. I have seen many students over the past few weeks waiting completely unsupervised near or outside the school gates, or in the school playground as late as 3:45pm. We always encourage students to come to the office straight after 3pm if their parents are running late on the odd occasion. For the safety of your child/ren, we would appreciate this message to also be conveyed by the parents to their children. YMCA After School Care may be an option if you require care for your child/ren outside these supervision times (before 8:30am and after 3pm).

We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter, to keep our students safe.

Presentation Assembly Years 3-6

Presentation Assembly will be on Thursday 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, 2019 School Captains and Prefects as well as the 2020 School Leaders induction.

FROM THE DEPUTY Cont...

Special Awards Assembly Years 2-6

This will be on Friday 13 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 2020 House Captains. Certificates will also be presented to the students who have had 100% attendance in 2019.

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

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)


Focus Area for Week 5 & 6

Winnie's Focus Area

We are responsible.....

'We stay in bounds'

- ✓ We enter and exit the sandpit on the bells
- ✓ We stay within the red boundary lines




This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible by staying in bounds while at school, in particular at recess and lunch time. Students are reminded to stay within the red boundary lines and if their ball goes out of bounds, students are to see the teacher on duty for assistance. Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 21 November – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – Support Unit Classes
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 28 November – 2.10 pm
- Year 2 – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

PSSA RESULTS – Round 12

Cricket

Junior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	96 - 42
Senior Vs North Rocks Public School	Won	53 - 47

Softball

Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School	Won	12 - 1
Girls Vs Jasper Rd Public School	Lost	5 - 15

T-Ball

Boys Vs Jasper Road Public School	Won	15 - 8
Girls Vs Jasper Road Public School	Won	14 - 4

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	1 - 2
Junior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Drew	1 - 1
Senior Boys Vs Winston Heights Public	Won	5 - 3
Senior Girls Vs Winston Heights Public	Lost	0 - 2

PSSA RESULTS – Round 13

Cricket

Junior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	102 - 9
Senior Vs Winston Heights Public School	Won	51 - 9

Softball

Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	8 - 3
Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	10 - 2

T-Ball

Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	19 - 3
Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public	Won	14 - 4

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs North Rocks Public	Lost	1 - 2
Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public	Drew	4 - 4
Senior Boys Vs North Rocks Public	Won	11 - 1
Senior Girls Vs North Rocks Public	Drew	2 - 2

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – Where are they playing?



22 November 2019

- No PSSA due to School Spectacular

29 November 2019

- Semi Finals – Teams Playing (to be confirmed)

6 December 2019 – Finals

- Finals – Teams Playing (to be confirmed)



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Just a Friendly Reminder
Please return all borrowed books

By

Friday 6 December 2019

Thank you

Ms Limson - Librarian



ATTENTION PARENTS

If you owe the Canteen money,
please pay your outstanding account
balance now.

Thank you.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The 5 love languages of Children:

QUALITY TIME



Nothing says, "I love you", like full, undivided attention. Our next love language is all about **Quality Time**. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed when trying to give quality time to my kids. At the moment I feel like they all have this love language. They follow me around wanting to share the dream they had last night, or how they think it's unfair they can't have more screen time like their friends, or how they had a fight with their best friend. My head spins, and I'm sure yours does as well.

We all want to be there for our kids, but at times it's hard because we are racing around working, cooking, cleaning up, being taxi parents, grocery shopping and the list goes on. But being there for those children whose love language is Quality Time is critical. If I don't make a point of going into my daughter's room and just sitting with her, then I would miss out on so much and she then becomes anxious and quiet.

Being there for our children isn't all about talking to them during the TV ads or as you're cleaning the toilets. It's turning the TV off, putting your knife and fork down... and the toilet brush. Being mindful and stopping, sitting, looking at them and scheduling in a date can make them feel truly special and loved. Quality time children can feel quite hurt if we are distracted and fail to listen to them. It's all about the quality of the conversation and the activity. My intention is to not make you feel guilty, as I find it hard as well, but just being aware of your child's reaction and behaviour when you aren't giving them quality time might be a good indication that their "love tank" is empty and needs filling up again to feel loved and safe.

Take care

Kylie Isherwood



It's Time to Say Goodbye!

Our Year 6 Students

Will be having their Farewell Dinner

On

Wednesday 11 December at 5.30pm

And

Graduation Assembly on

Thursday 12 December

Wishing them success in 2020

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 13th December beginning at 9.30-am. 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'

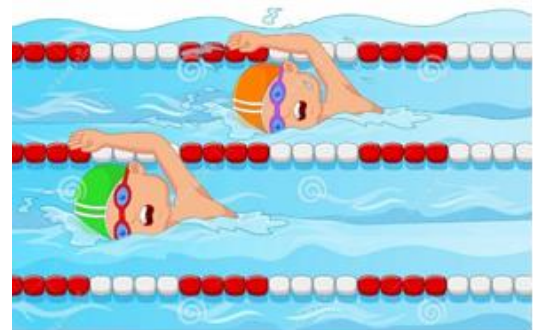
**The
Giving
Tree**

Helping Those
in Need



On Friday 13th 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 – 2020



The Swimming Carnival will be held at Waves Aquatic Centre, Baulkham Hills on Thursday 30 January 2020.

Permission notes, event nominations and money to be returned by **Thursday 5 December 2019.**

P&C NEWS



Uniform Shop Treasurer

The Uniform Shop is a fully voluntary service at Winston Hills Public School, with all profits going to the WHPS P&C Association. This allows us to purchase resources for the school, such as the new kitchen in the Living Skills area and iPads across all areas of the school.

We are in need of a new Treasurer, as our current Treasurer's child has finished at Winston Hills.

Duties include:

- banking
- reconciling the weekly takings
- preparing reports and accounts for P&C meetings
- annual audit,
- stock take
- annual accounts.

The current treasurer says it is usually about half an hour a week's worth of work. If you are interested, please contact Belinda Schuster at bdschuster@optusnet.com.au for further information.

We thank Janine Cameron for her many years of work as Treasurer.

BAND NEWS



Term 4 Fees Now Overdue

Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please pay immediately if you have not done so already.

Performances

We are getting to the busy end of the year now, performances, parties and awards. It's busy for all and everyone is getting tired, but please don't let attendance at rehearsals slide. We need your children present more than ever as we rehearse new music for the upcoming performances. Here is a reminder of what's coming up.

Showcase Night this Thursday – 21 November

- ALL Bands – end of year concert on Monday 9 December at 6.00pm
- Performance Band are playing at the Presentation Assembly on Thursday 5 December.
- Intermediate and Performance Bands are playing at the Recognition Assembly on Monday 16 December.

Baking

Calling all bakers, we will be holding our annual cake stall on Showcase Night. Please bring all baked goods to the cake stall when you drop off our children and be sure to send kids with some cash to spend.

2020 Important Dates



Monday 27 January 2020
Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 28 January 2020
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January 2020
Years 1 to 6 Start School

Thursday 30 January 2020
3-6 Swimming Carnival

Monday 3 February 2020
Kindergarten Start School

Thursday 9 April 2020
Last Day of Term 1



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to protect your skin.

Did you know?

Sun exposure during the first 15 years of life significantly increases your chance of getting skin cancer later in life.

Be SunSmart

Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 and above.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

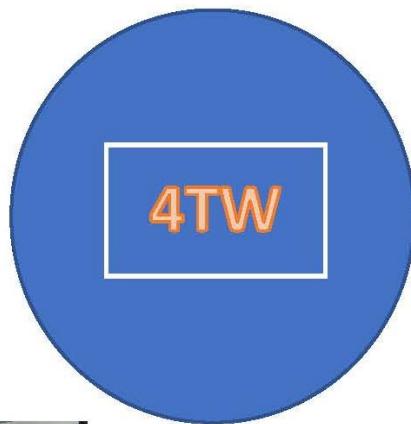
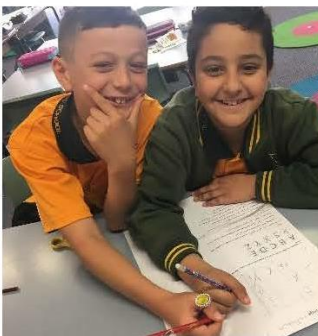
- **Slip** on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs.
- **Slop** on SPF30+ or higher broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects your face, ears and neck.
- **Seek** shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- **Slide** on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).



To help keep your kids safe, check your school's SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



4TW has been very busy learning and having FUN!



My Place

In English we have been studying the book "My Place" by Nadia Wheatley. The children had a great time researching 1990s toys, technology and main events. We danced 'The Macarena', looked at images of a Discman and looked up famous movies like the first Lion King and The Matrix.

We wrote a paragraph on the importance of the tree throughout the book, "My Place" and used dot painting to create an artwork.

We also created our own A3 spread of our own 'My Place' The students wrote about their family history, what they love and the map where they live.

Marble Run

In Science & Technology, we have been learning about forces. Their task at the beginning of this term was to create a marble run using different forces. Some even used sand as friction to slow their marble.

Maths

One of our favourite activities at the end of a lesson is to play Kahoot. This is a multiple-choice game using the Smartboard and laptops. It is interactive and the children get quite competitive. It consolidates learning in a fun way.

