



# The Winston Whisper

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Kindergarten Orientation

It has been great to see the happy faces at our school's Kindergarten orientations over the past couple of weeks. This gives the students a taste of "big school" and helps the teachers get to know them better.

If you know of anyone that is enrolling next year and has not done so, please suggest that they do.

### Spring Picnic and Camp Out

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October we held our third Spring Picnic. It was a great afternoon that we all enjoyed. I would like to thank all of the teachers for helping with the event and would like to thank Miss Charalabidis, Miss Nettleton, Mrs Astill, Mrs Nguyen, Miss Ferro, Mrs Faulks and Ms Johnston who have been working hard to organise the event.

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November is our annual camp out. It is amazing to see the response we have had again to this event. I am sure it will be a great night again.

### Band Program

Congratulations to all 3 of our bands for their efforts at the Hornsby North Band Festival. The Performance and Training Bands were awarded Distinctions and our Intermediate Band were awarded a Credit. We are very proud of these achievements. It is no wonder that the band tryout night was a busy one.

### Parent Thank You Night

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Classes for 2020

The school is about to start the planning process for next year. An important part of the process is determining numbers. A note was sent home in the last newsletter to be returned if you are leaving the school next year. This is so we can determine accurate numbers for 2020. If you are taking an extended holiday, we are also asking for that information so that your child can be included in class formations.

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](mailto:mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au)

### P&C Meeting – Tonight

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staff room tonight. All welcome!

**Mark Byrne**  
Principal

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## CALENDAR

### TERM 4

#### Week 4

Tuesday 5 November P&C Meeting – 7.30pm  
Thursday 7 November Uniform Shop Open 8.40am  
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm  
Count Us In Song @ 12.30pm  
3-6 Assembly

#### Week 5

Tuesday 12 November Y6 Fundraiser  
- Teacher vs Students  
Mufti Day  
Thursday 14 November Uniform Shop Open 8.40am  
K-2 Assembly  
Friday 15 November Father & Son Camp Out 4.30pm

#### Week 6

Monday 18 November Muru Mittigar Incursion  
Tuesday 19 November Muru Mittigar Incursion

## WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 7 November Muru Mittigar  
Thursday 14 November The Owl's Apprentice  
Tuesday 26 November Games Day Sausage Sizzle  
Thursday 5 December Swimming Carnival  
Interrelate 2020 – Evening  
Interrelate 2020 – Day (Y6 only)  
Account Invoice – Term 1, 2020

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Swimming Carnival – Thursday 30 January 2020
- Teacher's vs Students Game
- Interrelate 2020 – Evening (Years 3-6)
- Interrelate 2020 – Day (Year 6 only)
- Account Invoice – Term 1, 2020

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Life Education – Healthy Harold

Life Education lessons have been completed for 2019. A special thanks to the wonderful Life Education Educator Sally Fletcher, for her enthusiasm in delivering educational lessons to all K-6 classes at our school. We will see you again in 2020.

### Selective High School Placement 2021

2020 Selective High School Placement Applications have opened for Year 5 students applying for entry to Selective High Schools in 2021. All applications must be completed online before the closing date on Monday 11 November 2019 at 10pm. Only online applications will be accepted. Applications can be submitted at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 12 March, 2020. For more information regarding Selective High School Placement for 2021, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants>

### SRC - Bread Tags – Terracycle

Another SRC initiative, is to collect used Bread Tags for a recycling program by Terracycle. Terracycle will turn the bread tags we collect into plastic pellets that can be moulded into a variety of new products, like benches, picnic tables, and even playgrounds.

We kindly ask if Bread Tags could be brought to the school office to support this initiative.





### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

#### Focus Area for Week 3 & 4

**Winnie's Focus Area**

*We are responsible.....*

**'We use the teacher on duty for advice and support'**

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible. Students are reminded to see the teacher on duty for advice and support. A teacher is always on active supervision during recess/lunch and wear a fluoro orange vest for the students to easily identify them in the playground when needed. Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

**Wendy Kayello**

**Deputy Principal**

## Spring Picnic 2019



*Thank you for attending our annual Spring Picnic. We hope you had an amazing time.*

*We raised \$1026.35 towards the Pink Ribbon Foundation. Thank you for your generous contributions and thank you to Jason from Coffee Now who donated 10% from coffees purchased on the day.*

*Spring Picnic Committee.*



## P&C NEWS

### FETE 2020 – Volunteers Needed

As we approach the end of 2019, we are looking to the new year and major P&C Activities that will take place during Winston Hills Public School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Our biggest P&C run event will be the WHPS School Fete.

The P&C is seeking volunteers to assist with planning and coordination of our Fete that will take place in the second half of 2020. If you are interested in assisting either as a coordinator or fete committee member, please email [whpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:whpspandc@gmail.com) with your contact details or attend our next P&C meeting on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Staff Room.

We will issue a call for volunteers to assist with activities on the day of the fete during the course of next year.

### P&C Meeting

Attend our last full meeting for the year and get updates direct from our Principal, Deputy Principal and participate in decisions on how best P&C funds are directed to improve the school and learning environment for your children.

This Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Staffroom at 7:30pm.

### Call for P&C Executive

#### and Sub-Committee Expressions of Interest

The P&C is seeking expressions of interest for various roles in the P&C for 2020.

The P&C is a great way to get involved in the school and improve the school for your children. No experience is necessary as full training is provided.

If you're interested in taking a role within the P&C or one of our sub-committees in 2020 please contact our P&C Secretary via email to [whpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:whpspandc@gmail.com) for more information or to request a nomination form.

**Allan Dall**

**P&C President**

## ACCOUNTANT WANTED

The P&C is in need of a parent with accounting skills to undertake a review of our very simple accounts and statements in January 2020. If there are any parents with some time that could be of assistance please let us know via email to [whpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:whpspandc@gmail.com)

## Good Luck Senior Boys Relay Team

Alex Vickers 6H, Joshua Chun 6P, Lior Cohen 5F & Zac Redwood 6R will be competing at NSW Primary Schools Sports Association on the 7<sup>th</sup> November at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

**Melissa Johnston**

## PSSA – Where are they playing?



### Round 12 – 8 November 2019 (Approx 9.30am)

Touch Football	Vs Winston Heights Public @ Ted Horwood – Field 4
Cricket	Vs North rocks Public @ Max Ruddock 1 & 2
Softball	Vs Jasper Road Public @ Col Sutton Reserve
T-Ball	Vs Jasper Road Public @ Col Sutton Reserve

### Round 13 – 15 November 2019 (Approx 9.30am)

Touch Football	Vs North Rocks Public @ Ted Horwood – Field 4
Cricket	Vs Winston Heights Public @ Max Ruddock 1 & 2
Softball	Vs Baulkham Hills North @ Col Sutton Reserve
T-Ball	Vs Baulkham Hills North @ Col Sutton Reserve

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 10

### Cricket

Junior Vs Crestwood Public School Won 85 - 33  
Senior Vs Crestwood PS won 68-59

### Softball

Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public School Won 14 - 3  
Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public School Won 7-1

### T-Ball

Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public School Won 16 - 14  
Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 14 - 4

### Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Northmead Public School Won 4 - 1  
Junior Girls Vs Northmead Public School Lost 4 - 1  
Senior Boys Vs Northmead Public School Won 8 - 3  
Senior Girls Vs Northmead Public School Won 6 - 2

## PSSA RESULTS – Round 11

Round 11 - cancelled



# Courage to Care

## Incursion

On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, Year 6 participated in the Courage to Care Educational Program. The purpose of the program is to create awareness of the dangers of prejudice, racism and discrimination and to transform bystander behaviour to upstander behaviour. They do this through the education and demonstrating that every individual can make a difference. The unique feature of this program is a session with a living historian, a Holocaust survivor. They share their positive story about the difference an individual or group of individuals made to their life by standing up to prejudice and discrimination.

Mimi Wise, presented her story of survival for the students and teachers. It was truly inspirational to hear her positive story and the difference one individual can make by having the courage to stand up and act.

As well as Mimi's story, the students were exposed to other stories of survival. The footage that was shown of one of the rescuers meeting the people that he saved when they were children was truly uplifting.



## Student Comments

*I think the Courage to Care Program was an interesting experience which helped us to learn more about World War Two and the Holocaust. We had the opportunity to hear the story of a Holocaust survivor and really understand how difficult it was for them. I thought that the program was very inspiring and was one of the best opportunities we've had this year. - Rachel*

*I think Courage to Care was extremely inspirational, especially Mimi's story of how she managed to survive WWII and how she had to go into hiding in many places. I'm sure many people would like to see this program get to more and more students and allow them to meet the survivors and tell their uplifting stories whilst we can learn through those who once lived in the Holocaust. - Sam*

*I was captivated at Mimi's (our Holocaust survivor) talk, I was greatly inspired about learning forgotten stories of the Holocaust. The story she told us was almost too shocking to believe, even though we had learnt about the Holocaust before, through many months of in-depth research and class discussions. I strongly believe that the Courage to Care is a great program, and it should persist in teaching children about the Holocaust. - Hamish*

*I think the Courage to Care program was a very touching, special, and extraordinary experience for all of us in year 6. We had Mimi Wise come in and talk to us about her terrifying experience in the Holocaust in WWII. She explained how you need to stay positive in bad situations and always look forward to the good things in life. She was great for all of us and I hope the program keeps inspiring children. Tom*

*Our Holocaust talk was told by Mimi. Although her story was very sad it was also inspiring to see what being an upstander rather than a bystander can achieve. Her story was very shocking and hard to believe however we learnt that you can overcome the bad things in life. We were all very happy to hear the talk because it opened up a new perspective for us, to not stand there and do nothing, stand up and help! - Nick*

*This year Courage to Care gave us the opportunity to broaden our knowledge and views on the Holocaust. A survivor, Mimi, came to talk to us about her inspiring experience and it really opened our eyes as an upcoming generation. It taught me that a single act of kindness to be an upstander rather than a bystander can make a major difference. The visit brought a new perspective to the Holocaust from an emotional view rather than the facts from classwork and left an uplifting impact on us as students and teachers. It definitely showed that all we need is the courage to care. - Geraldine*

*Doing Courage to Care this year has inspired me deeply to learn more and more about World War 2 and the Holocaust. Mimi's story has definitely taught me lots about the horrible, terrible and unfair conditions. Now I know much more about the Holocaust from Mimi's story and in class Reading "Once". Overall, I personally think the Courage to Care program was very uplifting. Thomas*

## BAND NEWS

We had a fabulous turnout at our 'Blowtest night' the other night and we are excited about another BIG training band for 2020. We have 42 children registered and as soon as we have the instrument numbers finalised we will be emailing out letters of offer.

All our bands performed at Hornsby North Band Festival on Sunday and they all played so well! Training and Performance band both scored a Distinction and Intermediate band scored a Credit. We're really proud of them all and they represented the school beautifully.

The Intermediate band and Performance Band have both had a special visitor this week too. We were very excited to have Mr Rob DiMarzo join us for both Monday and Tuesday morning's session. The children were thrilled to see Mr DiMarzo again and it's always good for a band to have a fresh pair of ears and a new (albeit familiar) voice to listen to. For his part Mr DiMarzo loved playing with the kids again and was excited to see the changes in the hall and the curtains which he petitioned for while he was working here, finally in place.

We're almost at the pointy end of the year, please don't let rehearsal attendance slide, the children still have a few new pieces to learn for our end of year performances and attendance at rehearsals (and punctual arrival) is really important.

**Sam Hinchelwood**



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

**The 5 love languages of children:**



### WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

In the last newsletter I started writing about The 5 Love Languages and how understanding your child's love language can make all the difference in your relationship with them. In this newsletter we'll look at *Words of Affirmation*.

Of course we all love to be told that we are doing a great job, but for these children, it means so much more. Dr. Gary Chapman, the author of The 5 Love Languages says that a child who regularly receives their love language will be calmer and more content as their "love tanks" will be full and not empty.

I'm still trying to work out my third child, but I'm starting to think his love language is words of affirmation because I notice as I praise him for something, his body language changes and he looks really proud of himself. If I say to him I love you because you are thoughtful or you were kind to your brother (which is super tricky for him at the moment), then I feel like he responds really well and tries harder in those areas he finds challenging.

One of the most important aspects of this love language is being genuine with your words. People whose primary language is Words of Affirmation care most about the intentions and emotions behind these words. Hearing the reason behind that love is really important to them. On the other hand, negative or insulting comments can be quite hurtful and take a little longer than normal to get over.

Kind, encouraging, and positive words will allow your child to know that you love them and will give them a reason to try even harder next time or to simply feel safe and content.

**Kylie Isherwood**

## ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 7 November – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 6M
- Parents are welcome to attend

### Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 14 November – 2.10 pm
- KN – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

## ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

All kindergarten students will now be playing under the K-2 Cola in the mornings with Year 1 and Year 2 children to assist with transition for 2020.



# 6H and KN Buddies!

6H have been working with KN to help them learn how to use technology. 6H are very proud of KN and all their new skills!

