



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back To School

I would like to welcome the community back to the start of the new school year. It was great to see the new Kindergarten students and parents join us on Monday. The Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly. The Year 1 to 6 students started in their new classes at the beginning of this week and I would like to thank the staff for working hard to form these classes.

This year the school has increased in numbers and have hit the 700 student mark.

Staffing 2019

Accompanying this newsletter is the list of teachers and classes for this year. I would like to welcome the new staff to our school. Mr Neves has joined us for the year as part of an exchange program with Canadian schools. Miss Cuthbert, who is a teacher that is well-known by the students, will be teaching Year 3 this year.

During the holiday break Miss Armstrong was appointed to a position in another school. We are all very happy for Miss Armstrong, however, very sad to see her leave us. The school is currently in the process of filling this vacancy.

School Calendar 2019

Accompanying the newsletter today, is a copy of the Term 1 school calendar for 2019. Parents are asked to check the fortnightly newsletters for updates and confirmation of school events.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who had a great day at the school swimming carnival last week. A big thank you to all of the parents who came and supported their children on the day. Although holding the carnival on the second day of the year was not ideal, it was a good way to start the year.

I would like to thank all of the staff for ensuring the students had a great time on a very hot day.

I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Johnston for organising the carnival over the Christmas break.

Taxi Bay

In previous newsletters, I addressed concerns that I had over the use of the Taxi bay as a parking spot. The taxi bay was originally built for the safe transportation of the students from the support unit. Most schools that have a similar facility do not let it be used by parents as a kiss and drop area when the support unit transportation are not using it. The area was designed for cars to flow through and not to be used as parking. This has always been the school's rule in regards to its use.

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CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 2

Thursday 7 February

Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm
3-6 Assembly – 2.10pm
PSSA Zone Trials Day

Friday 8 February

Week 3

Wednesday 13 February

Thursday 14 February

School Banking Starts
Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
K-2 Assembly – 2.10pm

Week 4

Monday 18 February

Tuesday 19 February

Years 1-6 – Homework Starts
P&C Meeting – 7.30pm
Parent Information Night
- Year 3 & 4 – 5.30pm
- Year 1 & 2 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 20 February

Parent Information Night
- Kindergarten – 5.30pm
- Year 5 & 6 – 6.30pm

Thursday 21 February

Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
3-6 Assembly - 2.10pm
Parent Information Night
- Support Classes – 5.30pm
Summer PSSA Starts

Friday 22 February

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 28 February

Kindergarten - Term 1 2019 Account

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- 2019 Term 1 Calendar

Community News

- Winston Hills Rugby League
- Northmead Uniting Netball Club
- North Rocks Netball Club
- Norwest Soccer Club
- After School Chinese Lessons

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Capital Works

During this week, a new synthetic turf section will be completed. This is going into an area of the school where grass has struggled to grow and the ground has turned into hard clay. In the next couple of weeks, works will also start on the building of a ramp to better access the hall and also a designated handicap parking area. These works will take a couple of months to complete.

Before and After School Supervision

To ensure student safety, it is important that students are only at school when there is supervision provided. Just a reminder that supervision by teachers start from 8:30am before school and there is no supervision provided after school. If there is an emergency, please contact the school and we will ensure that your children are safe.

After School Chinese Language Classes

This year, the school is looking at providing students with an opportunity to be involved in Chinese Language Classes. The classes will run next year during the week and also a possibility of weekends depending on interest. If you are interested please contact The Hills Chinese School on 0411 085 882 or email hillscommunitycollege@gmail.com

Communication with the Principal

Please feel comfortable to call, email, or come into our school to chat with me, if you need to. My email address is mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Mark Byrne

FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to an busy and exciting 2019. It is always lovely to see all the students returning with smiles on their faces ready to start the new school year. All students are now in their 2019 classes. I have visited a few classes already and students seem happy and eager to start learning.

Car Park Safety

Winston Hills like many schools has a limited number of parking spaces close to the school gates.

The combination of this issue with the usual busy morning and afternoon schedules, often tempts many of us to park or stop our cars illegally.

For the safety of your children and other students, parents are reminded to refrain from parking in the school carparks or in front of neighbours' driveways.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding in relation to this safety issue.

Awards System

Merit awards are handed out by class teachers for safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Students are asked to bring in 10 yellow merits at a time, to reach one of the milestones listed below. Students can bring their 10 merits to the 'Merit Boxes' outside my office door. **Please do not send in merits that have already been submitted and stamped with the school crest at the back.**

Please ensure certificates are submitted two days before their assembly, to ensure that their certificate, banner or medal are ready on time.

Award Levels

- 10 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 20 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 30 Awards = Small Banner
- 40 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 50 Awards = Bronze Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 60 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 70 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 80 Awards = Large Banner
- 90 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 100 Awards = Silver Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 110 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 120 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 130 Awards = Small Banner
- 140 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 150 Awards = Gold Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal


Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 1 & 2

Winnie's Focus Area

We are responsible at recess

- * Sit down to eat recess
- * Wait for the teacher to announce when it's time to go to the bin.
- * Put all rubbish in the bin before play



Our first PBL focus for 2019 is about being responsible at recess. Students are reminded of this focus in assemblies and in class, to ensure all students are sitting down at recess when they are eating, waiting for the teacher to announce when it is time to place their rubbish in the bin and head off to play with their friends.

I have already seen how responsible WHPS students have been with this PBL focus. Keep up the fantastic work!

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DEPUTY Cont...

2019 Leaders

Congratulations to our new School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects, who have already been rising to the occasion when given a variety of tasks as part of their leadership role.

More leadership opportunities for 2019 will be:

- 2 SRC students per class Years 2-6
- 2 Class Captains per class Years 1-6
- Library Monitors Years 3-6
- 2 Technology Leaders per class Years 5 & 6

These leadership roles are for the entire school year, and their class peers and teacher/s will vote in students. They will receive a badge in Week 4 Assembly on Thursday 21 February at 2pm for their induction. Parents will receive an invitation in the next week or so if their child will be receiving a badge.

Parent Information Nights – Meet The Teacher

Parent Information Nights will be held on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 February.

Tuesday 19 February

- 5:30pm – Years 3 & 4
- 6:30pm – Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 20 February

- 5:30pm - Kindergarten
- 6:30pm – Years 5 & 6

Thursday 21 February

- 5.30pm – Support Classes

More information will be sent closer to the dates.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 7 February – 2.10 pm
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 14 February– 2.10 pm
- Parents are welcome to attend



REMINDER

SCHOOL BANKING
STARTS

Wednesday
13 February 2019

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dealing with butterflies at the start of a school year



We all get those pesky butterflies when feeling worried or anxious about starting something new. The beginning of a school year can bring on those butterflies from the tiniest child in kindy to the biggest student in year 6. Here are some tips you might like to try to calm your child's nerves:

- Name their feelings of nervousness and excitement as **“butterflies”** flying around in their tummy.
- Ask what their butterflies look like and how many there are so they aren't afraid of how they are feeling. My son tells me his butterflies are big and blue and usually there are six flying around out of control.
- Tell them what your butterflies look like and share a story about a time when you had butterflies.
- Ask where they feel their butterflies. Sometimes they swirl around in our stomach which might give us a tummy ache, or they might be in our throat which makes it hard to talk, and they can even fly into our finger tips which makes our hands shake.

Explain that sometimes our butterflies get a little too excited and this is when we need to calm them down.

- My son's butterflies are in his tummy so I get him to take a deep breath and blow each butterfly out of his mouth through a pretend straw so they can be set free. Research suggests inhales are energizing, while long exhales help trigger a relaxation response in the brain.
- If the butterflies are making their hands shaky, playing with something like a squishy ball can help.
- Butterflies fall asleep to music. My son thinks his butterflies like Michael Jackson, so whatever works...

See what ideas your child can come up with to tame their butterflies – those ideas will work even better!

For more information, visit urstrong.com

Take care,

Kylie Isherwood
School Chaplain

CLASSES & TEACHERS 2019 – TERM 1

CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS NAME	TEAM LEADER
EARLY STAGE ONE			
KINDER	Mrs Amanda Jefferies Tu/W/Th/Fr Mrs Jill Parnis (Mon)	KJ	Mrs Amanda Jefferies
KINDER	Miss Effie Charalabidis	KC	
KINDER	Miss Annabelle Lee	KL	
KINDER	Mrs Lucia Schimanowsky	KS	
KINDER	Miss Tayla Nettleton	KN	
STAGE ONE			
YEAR 1	Mrs Louise Bowmaker	1B	Mr Lachlan Johnson
YEAR 1	Mrs Stephanie Nguyen	1N	
YEAR 1	Mrs Glenda Rooke	1R	
YEAR 1	Miss Tayla Ferro	1F	
YEAR 2	Mrs Kylie Brgudac (M/Tu/W) Mrs Hayley Kitchener (Th/Fr)	2HB	
YEAR 2	Miss Cassie Youhanna	2Y	
YEAR 2	Mrs Melinda Kammerer	2K	
YEAR 2	Mr Lachlan Johnson	2J	
STAGE TWO			
YEAR 3	Mrs Shellea Lorenz (M/Tu/W) Mrs Krystle Vaughan (Th/Fr)	3LV	Mrs Jacqui Coates
YEAR 3	Mr Riley Astill	3A	
YEAR 3	Miss Louise Cuthbert	3K	
YEAR 3 / Year 4	Mrs Jacqui Coates	3/4C	
YEAR 4	Mrs Rachael Tyler (M/Tu/W) Mrs Cat Wood (Th/Fr)	4TW	
YEAR 4	Mrs Rachael Frame	4R	
STAGE THREE			
YEAR 4 / Year 5	Mr Steve Freney	4/5F	Mrs Louise Pollard
YEAR 5	Mr Lionel Neves	5N	
YEAR 5	Ms Melissa Johnston	5J	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Miss Stephanie Russell	5/6R	
YEAR 6	Mrs Lisa Moses	6M	
YEAR 6	Miss Rebecca O'Hegarty	6H	
YEAR 6	Mrs Louise Pollard	6P	
SUPPORT CLASSES			
YEAR K-6 IO/IM	TBA	4-6V	Ms Sarah Spink
YEAR K-6 IO	Ms Sarah Spink (M/Tu/W/Th) Mrs Eironn Meale (Fri)	2-6SM	
YEAR K-6 MC	Mrs Teji Grewal	K-2G	
YEAR 3-6 IM	Miss Lana Frank	4-6F	
SUPPORT STAFF			
EALD	Mrs Belinda Harvey (M/Tu/W/Thu) Mrs Jenny Middleton (Mon/Tu)		Ms Wendy Kayello
Reading Support/RFF	Laura Barnett (Mon/Tu) Mrs Meagan Ta (W/Th/Fri)		
Chaplain	Mrs Kylie Isherwood (Mon/Tu)		
LaST	Miss Kylie Mason		
RFF/QTSS	Rebekah Stewart (Mon-Fri) Rebecca Lynch (Mon-Fri) Mrs Laura Barnett (M/Tu) Meagan Ta (W/Th/Fr) Mrs Eironn Meale (M/Th,Fri) Anand Verma (M/Tu/W)		
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Raechel Webb		
SLSO Support Unit	Mrs Mary Castle Ms Melanie Ward Mrs Merryn White Ms Caitlin Lam		
SLSO Integration	Mrs Jenny Dingli, Mrs Sally Latimore, Mrs Erin Stanberg, Mrs Karina Briffa, Mrs Angela Gauci		Ms Wendy Kayello
School Counsellor	Mr Gabriel Wong		Mr Mark Byrne
Office Administration	Mrs Tere Griffin, Mrs Chris Storath, Mrs Kim Moy, Miss Holly Storath (Library Thur)		
GA	Mr Ivan Fidanza		
Deputy Principal	Ms Wendy Kayello		
Principal	Mr Mark Bvrne		