



The Winston Whisper

Winston Hills Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Strategic Direction

Each year the school focuses on a range of initiatives to address the 3 Year Strategic Plan. Last year a major focus was the explicit teaching of writing. The staff are very proud of both school and NAPLAN data which demonstrated that the students at Winston Hills Public School have had great academic growth.

This year the staff are evaluating and enhancing how they program and teach English. With research showing that collaboration between teachers has the greatest impact on student learning, stage teams will work together over the next couple of weeks to evaluate their practice.

Support Heidi

On the 17th of March, Heidi from Year 1 is having her first haircut to raise money for the "World's Greatest Shave". This will take place at the Northmead Bowling Club which is hosting the event. The day will include a lot of fun activities for the kids with a great play area and jumping castles.

P&C Thank You

Two weeks ago was our first P&C meeting for the year. I would like to thank the P&C for their kind donation of purchasing 30 new laptops for the students. They have been ordered and are on their way.

Kindergarten Best Start Results

At the start of the year all Kindergarten students took part in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment for literacy and numeracy. This assessment gives the school a snapshot of literacy and numeracy skills as they enter school. A parent report will be sent home to provide information about your child.

Capital Works

As mentioned in the first newsletter of the year, the school is currently having a ramp to the hall and also a designated handicapped drop off area built. We look forward to the completion of these new facilities.

Zone Swimming

I would like to wish our swimmers all of the best as they represent our school at the zone swimming carnival to be held at Waves on Thursday. We are very proud of how our students represent the school.

CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 6

Thursday 7 March Zone Swimming Carnival
3- 6 Assembly 2.10pm
Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm
AFL – after school program

Friday 8 March

Week 7

Tuesday 12 March SW Regional Swimming Carnival
Thursday 14 March Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am
Selective High School Test
K-2 Assembly – 2.10pm
AFL – after school program

Friday 15 March

WHAT'S DUE?

Friday 8 March Year 6 Jacket Payment

Thursday 19 March Special Swimming Scheme
- Year 2 & Support

Thursday 21 March Account Invoice – Term 2, 2019
3-6 Athletics Carnival Note
Sydney Observatory Excursion Note
- Kindergarten, 2-3SM / K-2G
Milson Island Camp Note & Deposit

Tuesday 26 March Disco Cash Payment & Note

Thursday 9 May Milson Island 2nd Payment

Thursday 30 May Milson Island 3rd Payment

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Footsteps Disco K-6
- Sydney Tower Excursion – Stage 2, 4-6V & 4-6F
- Teddy Bear's Picnic Permission Note - Kindergarten

Community News

- Model Farms High School Open Night
- Northmead Creative & Performing Arts Open Night
- OLMC Open Day
- Craftastic – Parramatta Library
- Hills Football – Girls Only
- Keyassets Foster Care
- Hockey Clinic

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Voluntary School Contributions

Annually, we ask parents to support their children's education through the payment of a voluntary school contribution which is used to provide vital equipment and resources to enrich the educational experience for each student.

Whilst these contributions are voluntary, we rely considerably on them to provide valuable resources for the school. This year again we ask for a \$40.00 for a single student or \$50.00 contribution per family. This can be made by Cash, Cheque or using the online payment system (P.O.P)

I stress that payment of the school contribution is a matter by individual parents and carers to decide and is entirely voluntary. Our school would greatly welcome your contribution, as this will enhance the resources made available to all our students.

School Security

Over the past two weeks, we have had vandalism on our school grounds over the weekend. If you do see anything suspicious over the weekend, please do not hesitate to contact the School Security Unit on 1300 88 00 21. This is a 24 hour phone number.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Year 6 to 7 High School Forms

Yesterday, Year 6 students received an Expression of Interest form that will need to be completed by parents and carers. This form must be returned to the class teacher (not the office) by **Tuesday 19 March, 2019**.

Please note that your child's designated local high school, as determined by your address, has already been indicated on the form.

It is very important that the forms are returned before this date as processing of information begins immediately.

Student Leaders Induction 2019

In the past fortnight, students from Year 1 to Year 6 who gained a leadership position for the year were officially inducted at their grade assembly. The smiles on their faces when they proudly received their badge was lovely to see.



Clean Up Australia

What a super job from our amazing WHPS students last Friday for the School's Clean Up Australia Day. It was nice to see how enthusiastic the students were to keep our school clean. Great Job WHPS!

PBL

Winnie's Focus Area

We are safe.....

'We wear our hats when we are outside'



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being sun safe. Students are reminded about this focus area both in assemblies and class, to wear their school hat when they are playing outside during recess, lunch and sport.

Well done to all the students who bring in their school hat every day to school and wear it when they are outside.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

There's more to
your library

Welcome to 2019 in the Library with Mrs Webb.

We have some new books already on the way and exciting lessons planned for all of you.

Don't forget to bring your library bag along to ensure that you can borrow books – we need to keep all of our precious books safe!

I have created a roster for our Library Monitors, which is displayed in the front entrance window. There will be up to six helpers each day with various jobs to help out around the library. The roster will rotate each Term.

Keep on reading and I look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Mrs Webb
Librarian

SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA Results – Round 1

PSSA Cancelled due to ground closures.

PSSA Results – Round 2

Cricket

Junior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	96-60
Senior Vs Northmead Public School	Won	84-51

Softball

Boys Vs Northmead Public School	Won	12 - 2
Girls Vs Northmead Public School	Lost	3 - 7

T-Ball

Boys Vs Northmead Public School	Won	11-1
Girls Vs Northmead Public School	Lost	1-14

Touch Football

Junior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	4 - 0
Junior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	6 - 1
Senior Boys Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	2 - 1
Senior Girls Vs Matthew Pearce Public	Won	7 - 1

Melissa Johnston

CHPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival



Wishing the squad of 29 swimmers
all the best in their events on
Thursday 7th March 2019.

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Round 3 – 8 March 2019 - 9.30am

Touch Football	Vs Northmead Public @ McCoy Park
Cricket	Bye
Softball	Vs Matthew Pearce Public @ Col Sutton Reserve
T-Ball	Vs Matthew Pearce Public @ Col Sutton Reserve

Round 4 – 15 March 2019 - 9.30am

Touch Football	Vs Baulkham Hills North @ Ted Horwood 1
Cricket	Vs North Rocks Public @ North Rocks Park
Softball	Vs Murray Farm Public @ Col Sutton Reserve
T-Ball	Vs Murray Farm Public @ Col Sutton Reserve



**PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER**

Have you changed your
address or phone number?
If Yes,
please notify the school in writing.

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Has your child lost their spark?



We've all had those friends who demand more than you can give. They drain you of energy and make you feel bad about yourself. After trying to avoid them, the guilt sets in and you feel obligated to reach out again and put up with it.

This is not unique to adults, kids are the same. The difference is that children have much less control over their relationships and, in some cases, have to spend EVERY day enduring these unhealthy friendships at school. They will often put up with it, desperately hoping things will change. Here are a few signs that your child might be coping with an unhealthy friendship:

- They are less confident and negative
- They complain of stomach aches or headaches
- Their friendship circle is getting smaller
- They don't talk about their friends
- They start asking questions like, "Do you think I'm bossy or weird?"
- They make decisions that aren't aligned with their core personality

Some children don't know strategies for making relationships healthy again. Here are some tips that might help:

1. Ask specific questions like: "How are things going with Lisa? Does she make you feel good about yourself?"
2. Share your own experiences when you were their age.
3. Encourage them to spend time with friends who make them feel good and treat them with respect.

Friendships can be tricky, and trying to manage unhealthy ones can be draining. By offering your child support and encouragement they will feel safe to open up to you. For more information visit www.urstrong.com.

Kylie Isherwood
School Chaplain



Celebrate Harmony Day at Winston Hills Public School On Thursday 21 March 2019 Theme: "It's up to us"

On this day Australia celebrates cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We also would like to encourage all students to wear either:

- One **ORANGE** item of clothing to celebrate harmony in our school. Ideas might be **orange socks**, an **orange head band**, an **orange shirt** or an **orange hat**. The remainder of the uniform will stay the same with only one item being replaced by something orange.
OR
- Their Traditional National Costume

We will also be running a variety of activities in the classrooms to celebrate diversity, belonging and harmony in our school.

To celebrate the cultural diversity within our school, we will be completing a project to highlight the various countries of origin represented within our student population.

To prepare your child to discuss this in class, please speak to them at home about your family's background. They will then have an opportunity to share this with their class and be included in the whole school display.

Catholic Schools
Guide 2019



Secondary Schools Edition

*These Books are available in the foyer of
Winston Hills Public School Office*

P & C NEWS

BAND NEWS



Band is back for 2019

Band is back and we're all very excited about the BIG year ahead. The students from last year have all returned to rehearsals and we welcomed a new conductor to support Ms Bellstedt. Ms Foster will be looking after our intermediate band and if first rehearsals are anything to go by it's going to be a beautiful partnership.

We have the biggest training band that the school has seen this year, 52 children! Ms Bellstedt will have someone to assist her in rehearsals and we've got some wonderful parent helpers too. I'm looking forward to hearing great things from all the children.

Just a reminder that all band rehearsals are now held in the mornings.

Intermediate Band
Monday - 7.50am - 8.50am

Performance Band
Tuesday and Thursday 7.50am - 8.50am

Training Band
Friday 7.50am - 8.50am

It's imperative that the children arrive by 7.45 to help set up and so that rehearsals can begin promptly. It's disruptive to all the students if children arrive in dribs and drabs throughout the rehearsal.

Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic



Friday 22 March 2019

Children to bring
Picnic Lunch

Beach Towel (to sit on)

+ your favourite Teddy Bear

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Week 6
- Thursday 7 March – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 4TW
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Week 7
- Thursday 14 March – 2.10 pm
- 2Y – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend



SCHOOL DISCO

**FRIDAY
29 MARCH 2019**

INFANTS DISCO
KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
6.00PM TO 7.00PM

PRIMARY DISCO
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6
7.15PM TO 8.30PM



**THEME
HAWAIIAN**



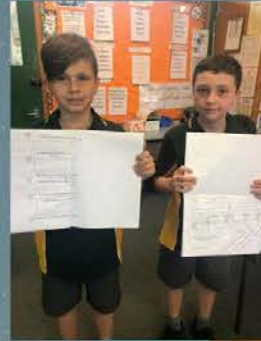
**COST
\$5 PER STUDENT**

**PLEASE RETURN MONEY (CASH ONLY)
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019**

**COFFEE VAN
IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE A HOT OR COLD
BEVERAGE, THERE WILL BE A COFFEE VAN
OUTSIDE THE HALL ON THE NIGHT**

WINSTON HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

4R ROOS



In 4R, we believe in trying our best and working hard.
We are all ROO ROCKSTARS!



BOUNCING INTO YEAR 4