



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Disco- Thank You

A huge thank you to the amazing P&C fundraising committee for their organisation at the school disco, which was held last Friday 29 March. Also to the wonderful parents and teachers who volunteered to help.

It was great to see the students enjoying themselves with their friends at the disco.

Swim Scheme

Yesterday was the first day of our 2 week Swim Scheme program. This is a great opportunity to have the students develop the swimming skills necessary that one day may save their life. I would like to thank Mrs Rooke for her hard work in organising this program.

Recognition Assembly

Next Monday at 9:30am will be our first Recognition Assembly for 2019. It is always a wonderful opportunity to recognise positive behaviour and achievement. The assembly will be followed by a Principal's Special Morning Tea for those that have achieved milestones in our reward system. These students have worked extremely hard over a period of time and are great role models for their peers.

Health Care Plans

I would like to thank the parents who have worked with the school's office staff to ensure that their child's health plans are up to date.

It is important that the school is aware of any medical conditions to ensure that we can give all of our students the best of care.

Sick Bay

We had quite a number of sick students that have come in to sick bay in the past week. We kindly ask that if your child is not well to please keep them at home.

Students who fall ill at school are sent to Sick Bay. If necessary a parent is contacted and arrangements are made for the child to go home. It is very important that parents and emergency contact numbers are kept up-to-date. Please notify the office if these need updating.

School Cross Country

Next Tuesday 9 April, is the 3-6 cross country carnival which will be held at Gooden Reserve. I would like to thank Mrs Johnston for all of her hard work in organising the event.

CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 10

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| Monday 1 April | Swim Scheme Starts |
| Tuesday 2 April | School Photos |
| Thursday 3 April | 3-6 Assembly – 2.10pm |
| | Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am |
| | Uniform Shop Open – 6-7pm |

Week 11

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| Monday 8 April | K-6 Assembly 9.30am |
| | Principal's Morning Tea |
| Tuesday 9 April | 3-6 Cross Country |
| Wednesday 10 April | HPAF Primary Choir Rehearsals at Matthew Pearce Public School |
| Thursday 11 April | Uniform Shop Open – 8.40am |
| | K-2 Assembly – 2.10pm |
| Friday 12 April | Swim Scheme Finishes |
| | K-2 Easter hat Parade 9.15am |
| | Last Day of Term |

TERM 2

Week 1

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| Monday 29 April | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 30 April | All Students Return to School |
| | ANZAC Day Memorial |

WHAT'S DUE?

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| Thursday 4 April | HPAF Notes & Payment |
| Friday 5 April | 3-6 Cross Country Permission Note |
| Thursday 9 May | 2 nd Payment Milson Island Camp |
| Friday 17 May | Stewart House Donation Envelopes |

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 2 School Calendar

Community News

- Art Exhibition – Northmead High School
- Living with Grief Community Talk
- Wenty Saints Girls Soccer

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Winter PSSA

Over the next week or so, the Winter PSSA coaches will be selecting the teams to compete next term. I would like to thank them for giving up their time to ensure students have this opportunity.

This can sometimes be a time of disappointment for some students who miss out, especially for Year 3 students who are competing against Year 5 students for positions in the junior sides.

End of the Term

As this is the last newsletter of the Term, I would really like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great start to what has been a busy year. We still have a number of upcoming events in the next week or so before the end of term.

I hope that all of the students, staff and parents/carers have a restful and safe holiday period, ready to return to school for Term 2.

Wendy Kayello

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Footsteps K-2

Next term we will be running a specialised Dance program run by Footsteps Dance Company. Footsteps specialise in curriculum integrated dance programs that use dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intra personal skills, fitness levels and provide teachers with classroom resources that use dance as a starting point to help them educate across other curriculum areas.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes, as well as the Support Unit will be participating in this 10 week program in Term 2 on Wednesdays.

Parent interviews

Parent teacher Interviews are being scheduled for Week 2 of next term. Research constantly shows that feedback is an essential ingredient when improving student outcomes and parent feedback plays a major role in establishing the essential three way partnership between the school, family and students.

Parents who would like to attend the parent/teacher interviews are urged to book online. A note explaining this process will be handed out next week. You will certainly reap many benefits from this small investment in time.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May this year, Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a series of examinations that provides important information to schools about what each student can do. The results also guide schools in making decisions about teaching and learning and learning support programs.

Anzac Day

Our traditional ANZAC service will be on Tuesday 30 April at 10:00am in Area A (weather permitting). This will be the first day of Term 2 for the students.

This is an opportunity for the school to formally acknowledge the sacrifices made by the many past and present service men and women. Parents are welcome to attend.

Again, instead of flowers we kindly ask if the students bring in a gold coin to place in the box beside the 'ANZAC' letters that will be displayed in Area A.

Your generous donation will go to Legacy, who care for and support the families of those who served their country.

P&C Disco

A huge thank you to the P&C Fundraising Committee and all the volunteers who helped out at the disco. The children had a wonderful time and were entertained by Footsteps.

Cross Country Carnival

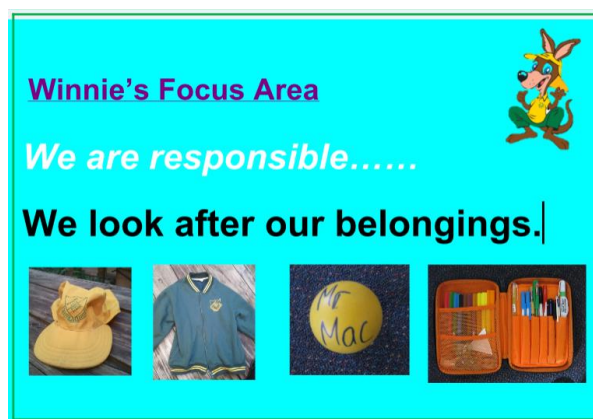
The annual Cross Country carnival will be held at Gooden Reserve, Baulkham Hills on Tuesday 9th April. This is a normal school day and all children are expected to attend.

Students are to be at school by 8.50am for assembly and will begin walking to the venue at 9am with their teachers. Students are to wear sports uniform, hat and runners. They may wear a coloured T-shirt of their Sports House and will need to bring their crunch'n'sip, recess and a drink. Lunch will be back on school grounds. All parents/carers are welcome as spectators.

Principal's Morning Tea

The students who have received 50, 100 and 150 merits awards during assembly this term, will also receive an invitation to the first Principal's Morning Tea of 2019. This will be held on Monday 8 April. Assembly starts at 9:30am, where the students are presented with their certificate, followed by a morning tea with their parents in the school hall.

PBL



This fortnight's PBL focus is about being responsible. Students are encouraged to look after their belongings at school and reminded to have all items labelled clearly with their name.

Jacqui Coates
Relieving Deputy Principal

PSSA RESULTS – Round 5

Cancelled due to the poor conditions of sporting fields.

PSSA RESULTS – Round 6

Cricket

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| Juniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School | won | 99 - 96 |
| Seniors Vs Matthew Pearce Public School | Lost | 28 - 38 |

Softball

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| Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public | Drew | 0 - 0 |
| Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public | Lost | 6 - 14 |

T-Ball

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| Boys Vs Baulkham Hills North Public | Won | 12 - 1 |
| Girls Vs Baulkham Hills North Public | Won | 14 - 8 |

Touch Football

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| Junior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School | Won | 2 - 1 |
| Junior Girls Vs North Rocks Public School | Lost | 1 - 2 |
| Senior Boys Vs North Rocks Public School | Won | 10 - 0 |
| Senior Girls Vs North Rocks PS | won | 6 - 4 |



ROUND 3 – MISPRINT
Apologies
T-BALL GIRLS
VS
MATTHEW PEARCE
14 - 10
WINSTON HILLS WON

Melissa Johnston

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 4 April – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 3A
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 11 April – 2.10 pm
- 1R – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

P&C NEWS

Thank You

I'd like to personally thank all parent and carer volunteers that contributed in various Association and Sub-Committee roles over the 2018 calendar year.

Your tireless efforts continue to deliver great new facilities and equipment for the school.

AGM Results

Following the 2019 AGM held on Tuesday 19 March 2019, I congratulate the following parents and carers on their appointment to their 2019 roles:

P&C President Allan Dall
 P&C Vice Presidents Belinda Schuster and Jeff Greene
 P&C Secretary Dianne Oxenham
 P&C Treasurer Marika Hager

Fundraising Committee Ali Buchanan
 School Banking Micaela Ashton
 Book Club Michelle White

Uniform Shop Convenor Irish Lewis
 Uniform Shop Minute Taker Belinda Schuster
 Uniform Shop Treasurer Janine Cameron

Band Convenor &
 Intermediate Band Samantha Hinchelwood
 Band Secretary Siobhan Buchan
 Band Treasurer Donna Plummer
 Training Band Jackie Mardling
 Performance Band Lynelle McCabe

Allan Dall
P&C President

Easter Hat Parade K-2

Friday
12 April 2019
9.15 am



Parents are welcome to attend this event

Harmony Day



On Thursday 21st March, Harmony Day was celebrated at Winston Hills Public School. Our students looked fabulous with their splash of orange or dressed in their traditional clothing. Children participated in activities to promote inclusiveness and a sense of belonging. We encourage you to visit our library to see our world map showing the diverse countries.



FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Be a "FRIENDSHIP COACH"

I know it's hard to not want to get involved in our kids' friendship problems. I've been guilty of wanting to get in there and sort it all out, especially when they get so upset. But over the years I have learnt not to play the game for them but to try and coach them from the sidelines. Then you stand back and watch, and when needed, give some tips and guidance. It's fascinating watching them learn social skills and build resilience. Here are some ideas on what it looks like being a friendship coach:

- Listen – Even if you think it's a tiny problem, it probably isn't to them. Allow them to voice how they are feeling.
- Encourage – instead of our child retreating, encourage them to confront their problems and talk it out with their friends.
- Teach kids the difference between healthy and unhealthy friends – help them understand they need to surround themselves with others who they trust and respect and who makes them feel good.
- Tell stories – share with your child your own life experiences in a similar situation.
- Be a good role model – I know... this can be hard, especially when we as parents are under so much pressure. But, if we do some road raging or gossip about our friends, then they will think it's okay to do the same.

For more information on **friendships**, go to urstrong.com

Take care,

Kylie Isherwood
School Chaplain

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop at Winston Hills Public School is operated on a fully voluntary system. Our co-ordinators volunteer their time, as do all the staff. All profits from the Uniform Shop are donated to the Winston Hills Public School P&C to buy resources for the students. We ask you to remember this when purchasing uniforms, especially regarding:

1. Waiting times in the shop.

Sometimes you might need to wait for a period of time, but the workers are volunteers, so please be patient.

2. Opening hours.

The shop opens when the volunteers are available. If you aren't available then, please use on-line ordering. Do not ask the co-ordinator to arrange purchasing for you at a different time.

3. Second hand goods.

There is a no refund on second-hand uniforms policy. Please understand this when you purchase your reduced price second hand items.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

If you have free time on a Thursday morning or evening, please volunteer and help in the shop. It's a great way to meet other parents and help the school. You only need to help once a month.

Please email kellieirishuniformswhps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more, or leave your name at the school office.

The shop exists on the school premises to assist you to purchase uniforms easily and to raise money for your children. It's just one part of the Winston Hills Public School P&C activities.



REMINDER
UNIFORM
SHOP

OPEN THURSDAY
4 April 2019
8.40am & 6-7pm

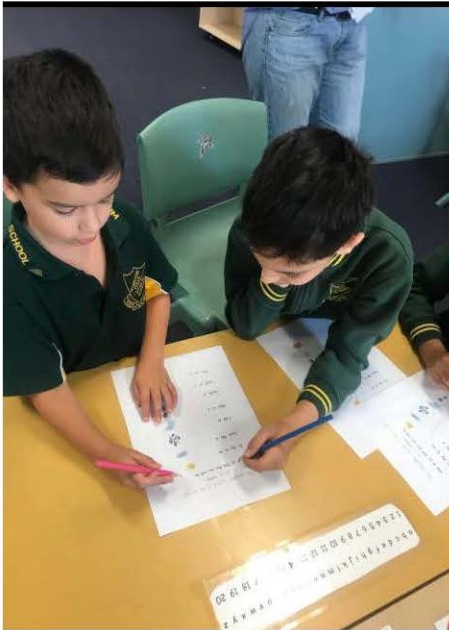
WINTER UNIFORM



Winter Uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3 at Winston Hills Public School.

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| Girls Winter Uniform | Peter Pan collar white blouse with school crest School Gordon tartan dress or pants Bottle green zip jacket with school crest White socks or green tights School hat |
| Boys Winter Uniform | Long sleeved green school polo with school crest Long grey pants Bottle green zip jacket with school crest Grey socks with green and gold stripes School hat |
| Girls Winter Sport Uniform (Sports days only) | Short sleeved yellow school polo sports top with crest Bottle green tracksuit pants or bottle green skort with WHPS logo Bottle green zip jacket with school crest White sports socks with green and gold stripe School hat |
| Boys Winter Sport Uniform (Sports days only) | Short sleeved yellow school polo sports top with crest Bottle green tracksuit pants or bottle green shorts with WHPS logo Bottle green zip jacket with school crest White sports socks with green and gold stripe School hat |

Class of the Week- 2-3SM & K-2G



The Gum trees and Fairy Penguins have been working on some interesting and exciting activities this year. We have been having lots of fun.

Look at us working in class and enjoying our sports sessions with our partners.

