



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANZAC Day

I would like to congratulate our school leaders who were a part of the Parramatta RSL Sub branch Dawn Service on the last week of the holidays. Congratulations to our school captains, prefects and Mrs Pollard, for organising a moving ANZAC ceremony last Tuesday. I would particularly like to congratulate Zac Redwood and Jake McKenzie for doing a great job at playing the Last Post and Reveille. I would also like to thank Mr Farrugia from the Blacktown RSL Branch for their involvement in the ceremony.

Taxi bay

With the safety of students being a high priority, the incorrect use of the taxi bay and staff carpark has continued to be a concern. Parents have continued to park within the area which effects the flow for cars. As discussed at previous P&C meetings, it is getting to the point that we are looking at restricting access to this area to just the taxis that provide a service for our support students.

Student Sickness

As we are heading towards the colder months it is important that we look after ourselves to avoid sickness. If your child is unwell, going to school will not help their rate of recovery and there is a real risk of the sickness being passed onto other students and teachers.

Staff Professional Learning

On Monday the 29th of April, the staff were involved in professional learning to support one of the school's strategic directions. This professional learning focused on developing a detailed understanding of programming for English. I would like to thank Mrs Coates her great work in leading the professional learning and all of the staff for the positive approach to this initiative.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

This week we are conducting our formal parent/ teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to communicate concerns and give feedback. Although this is the formal interview time, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like to speak to your child's teacher or myself at anytime during the year.

Congratulation

Over the last week Sienna Rudd and Zoe Johnston represented the Castle Hill PSSA zone at Netball and Matilda Tuyau represented the zone at Touch. All three should be very proud of their achievements.

NAPLAN

Just a reminder that the NAPLAN assessment will take place next week for students in Years 3 and 5. This is an opportunity for both the school and parents to get a snap shot of student progress.

CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 2

Wednesday 8 May
Thursday 9 May

K-2 Footsteps
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
3-6 Assembly
Mother's Day Breakfast
Mother's Day Stall

Week 3

Monday 13 May
Tuesday 14 May
Wednesday 15 May

High School Links
NAPLAN – Y3/Y5 Language/Writing
NAPLAN – Y3/Y5 Reading
K-2 Footsteps
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
NAPLAN – Y3/Y5 Numeracy
K-2 Assembly
NAPLAN Catch up Day
OC Online Applications Close
Walk Safely to School Day

Thursday 16 May

Friday 17 May

Week 4

Monday 20 May

High School Links

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 9 May

2nd Payment Milson Island Camp

Friday 17 May

Stewart House Donation Envelopes

Thursday 30 May

Final Payment Milson Island Camp

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

Community News

- Joey/Scouts Information

FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont...

Parents Information Sessions- Mathematics

Last year the school held parent information nights on Mathematics. The sessions aimed at providing an understanding of the K-6 Mathematics syllabus and how mathematics is taught within the classroom.

This year we will be holding these sessions again and they will be held in the morning. As soon as dates have been set, they will be communicated to the community.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Footsteps K-2

This term, all students in K-2 will be participating in a weekly curriculum based dance program. Footsteps develops students' confidence and fitness levels in an exciting and fun way. Students will have 10 x 40 minute lessons on Wednesdays in the school hall. 3-6 Footsteps is scheduled for Term 3.

Opportunity Class in 2020 (OC) – Expression of Interest

Online applications for OC class entry are now available.

Please visit <http://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> and follow the

'application process'. Applications close on **Friday 17 May, 2019.**

No late applications will be accepted.

NAPLAN 2019

NAPLAN will be in Week 3, for students in Year 3 and Year 5.

- **Tuesday 14 May** - Language Conventions & Writing
- **Wednesday 15 May** – Reading
- **Thursday 16 May** – Numeracy
- **Friday 17 May** – scheduled as a catch-up day, for those students who are absent during the tests.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 17 May

Friday 17 May is Walk Safely to School Day. It would be a great day to park your car a few blocks away from the school or leave your car at home and walk safely to school. This important initiative raises awareness about road safety and promotes fitness. Enjoy your morning walk to school next Friday.

ANZAC Ceremony

On Tuesday 30 April, Winston Hills Public School held its annual ANZAC Day ceremony. Our Captains and Vice Captains led the ceremony with dignity and pride. Mr Sam Farrugia from the Cumberland National Servicemen's Association attended our ceremony.

Throughout the ceremony, all the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 remained respectful as they reflected on the significance of ANZAC Day. They are to be commended for their respectful behaviour.



Woolworths Earn and Learn 2019



From now to 25 June or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at Woolworths Winston Hills or at our school's front office.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Thank you in advance to our wonderful community for supporting WHPS through the Earn and Learn program.

FROM THE DEPUTY cont...




Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Focus Area for Week 1 & 2:

Winnie's Focus Area

We are safe, respectful and responsible.....

'When visiting Passive Play'

This Fortnight's PBL focus is about being respectful and responsible when visiting Passive Play. Students are reminded to play respectfully with their friends at Passive Play and be responsible to pack up the games at the end of lunchtime. Posters will be put around the school to emphasise this Fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 9 May – 2.10 pm
- Class Item – 5/6R
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 16 May – 2.10 pm
- 2K – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

MultiLit Program

Parent Helpers needed for MultiLit reading program. If you are available to help please pick up an information sheet from the school office.

Thank you
Miss Mason

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Round 2 – 10 May 2019 (approx 12.45 – 2.30)

Soccer	Vs Northmead Public @ Max Ruddock Reserve
Rugby League	Vs Crestwood Public @ Crestwood Reserve
AFL	Kellyville Park Memorial Ave, Kellyville
Newcombe Ball	Vs Northmead Public @ Winston Hills Public
Netball	Kellyville Netball Complex Commercial Rd, Kellyville

Round 3 – 17 May 2019 (approx 12.45 – 2.30)

Soccer	Vs Crestwood Public @ Crestwood Reserve
Rugby League	Vs Kellyville Public @ John Curtin Oval
AFL	Kellyville Park Memorial Ave, Kellyville
Newcombe Ball	Vs Crestwood @ Crestwood Public
Netball	Kellyville Netball Complex Commercial Rd, Kellyville

PSSA Results – Round 1

3rd May 2019 - PSSA Cancelled due to wet weather

Mother's Day Breakfast



Celebrate Mother's Day

by joining your child/children at school on

Friday 10 May 2019

for a delicious breakfast

Cost:

\$8 (CASH ONLY) per family

Time:

8.10am – 8.45 am

Where:

Primary Quadrangle

Please fill in the Mother's Day Breakfast Form and return it to the school office. We are looking forward to sharing this special breakfast with all the mums and special people.

*Mother's Day
Organising Teachers*



REMINDER

P & C MEETING

TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019

ALL WELCOME

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10 May 2019

Each Year the Winston Hills Public School P&C has a Mother's Day Stall for your child to purchase a special gift just for you

Gifts range from \$2 - \$5

Please make sure your child brings a plastic bag to hide your gift in and keep it safe.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2019



Please return envelopes with your \$2 donation to the school by Friday 17 May 2019

Winston Hills Public School thanks you for your support and ensures Stewart House continues to provide important services to children.



17 May 2019

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event in Australia which primary school children are encouraged to walk or commute safely to school.

BAND NEWS



Welcome back to school for Term 2. Oh how fast Term 1 went! I hope everyone is rested and excited ready for the term ahead.

We are starting to get ready for Band Camp (early Term 3), and with Ms Bellstedt returning from her holiday, we are settling into Term 2 beautifully. At the end of last term the performance band had two substitute conductors and the children were an absolute credit to the school in the way they handled themselves throughout. It can be unsettling sometimes, but also I think we are so lucky to be able to benefit from an array of expertise.

I want to acknowledge how well the band performed at the ANZAC ceremony on Tuesday. Well done to our two Soloists Zach Redwood and Jake McKenzie.

Term 2 invoices will be issued in the next week, so please attend to these promptly by the due date as repeatedly having to send out reminders is a drain on the time and patience of our volunteer committee.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

GROWTH MINDSET



In the holidays, my teenage child had a melt-down outside the cinema because he forgot his glasses. He'd waited all year to watch Avengers: Endgame, and it was then that he realised he'd have to watch Thor out of focus! He said to himself that he was dumb and stupid for forgetting. After we watched Engame for three hours from the front row (and me now needing glasses and a Nurofen!), I had a talk with him about the horrible things he said about himself.

So it got me thinking about how important our *mindset* is to our growth and wellbeing. It shapes our lives and helps us interpret our experiences and future possibilities. You see, at the beginning of last term my son said to me he would rather not do any of his assignments and get zero instead of trying and failing (now you can see why I needed to have this conversation with him).

According to Dr Carol Dweck from Stanford University, there are two types of mindsets:

1. Growth mindset is when we believe we can improve ourselves with effort and the right strategies. It's also about confronting challenges and viewing failure as a springboard for growth and learning.
2. Fixed mindset is when we believe that our intelligence and abilities can't be altered. As a result, mistakes are often seen as failures rather than opportunities to grow and learn. We therefore fear new experiences, avoid risks and feel the need to repeatedly prove ourselves.

So where to from here? Teaching a growth mindset to children (and ourselves) is not easy. But we can try. In the next few newsletters I'll be providing some information and tips on how to help your child have the best mindset possible, so when they are met with challenges, they truly believe they can happily tackle them and not give up.

For more info: biglifejournal.com

Take care

Kylie Isherwood
(School Chaplain)


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to keep lunch foods fresh.

Food packed at home in the lunch box needs to stay fresh and safe to eat at school.

Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, noodles, rice, pasta, custard, yoghurt, cheese and milk need to be kept very cold to prevent food poisoning.

Pack lunches in a cooler bag with a cold brick or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.



Items such as sandwiches, milk poppers, yoghurt, custard tubs, muffins, or fruit segments can be frozen to pack on hot days.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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The Little Vegemites have enjoyed being scientists by conducting experiments on heat and changes of states of matter.

