



The Winston Whisper

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday Industrial Action

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced that it will hold a stop work meeting this Thursday morning the 5th of December. This meeting will have **minimal effect** on supervision at Winston Hills Public School and as a result classes will operate as normal.

The 3-6 Presentation Assembly will now start at 11:30am. I do apologise to parents for this late change as I do understand people have gone to the trouble to arrange to be present.

Parent Thank You Evening

Last Wednesday night we held our Parent Thank You Evening. It was great to see so many faces at what is a great opportunity to get together. On behalf of the staff of the school I would again like to say how much we appreciate the support that we continue to get from the school community. Effective partnerships with the school community results in positive outcomes for the students of Winston Hills Public School.

Busy Time of The Year- Assemblies

Over the next two weeks we have a number of events where we get to acknowledge and recognise the students at Winston Hills Public School. They include:

- Thursday the 5th of December is the Years 3-6 Presentation day. Please note that the starting time has been changed to 11:30am due to industrial action.
- Friday the 13th of December is the K-2 Christmas Concert and the 3-6 Special Awards Presentation.
- Monday the 16th of December is our final Recognition Assembly and Principal's Morning Tea.

I look forward to celebrating these events with the school community.

PSSA Summer Finals

I would like to wish our Boys T-Ball, Girls Softball, Snr Boys Touch and Jnr Cricket all the best for the finals this Friday. We are all very proud of the efforts of the students. Thank you again to the coaches for giving up their time to provide these great experiences.

Classes for 2020

The school is currently in the process of planning for 2020. The number of classes a school has is based on the number of students who are enrolled. It is extremely important that if your child is in K-5 and is leaving the school this year that we are aware of this so that we can take this into consideration with our planning.

CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 8

Tuesday 3 December	High School Orientation Day P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 December	Support Unit Christmas Party
Thursday 5 December	Presentation Assembly 11.30am Uniform Shop Open 8.40am Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm <u>NO 3-6 ASSEMBLY</u>
Friday 6 December	PSS Finals

Week 9

Monday 9 December	Band –
Tuesday 10 December	End of year Concert in Hall 6pm Year 6 Set Up in the hall for Farewell (3pm – 7pm)
Wednesday 11 December	Year 6 Farewell Last Day for Banking
Thursday 12 December	Uniform Shop Open 8.40am K-2 Assembly (at Lines 9am) Y6 Graduation Assembly 2.00pm
Friday 13 December	K-2 Christmas Concert 9.30am Special Awards Presentation - 11.30am

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 5 December	Term 1, 2020 Account
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ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Industrial Action Note

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Student Reports – Semester 2

Your child's Semester Two report will go home on Monday 16th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks. Some important points for parents to remember are:

- **SOUND** is the expected achievement level that most students should achieve in all learning areas.
- The reports are a **POINT IN TIME** report. This means that we only report on what has been taught and assessed over Term 3 and Term 4 (Weeks 1-7). So, it is possible that your child has performed differently during this reporting period and may receive a different level to Semester One reports.
- We do not schedule parent-teacher interviews at this time. However, should you have any concerns about your child's report, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any issues.

Mark Byrne

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FROM THE DEPUTY

Presentation Assembly Years 3-6

This Thursday 5 December at 11:30am, will be our Presentation Assembly in the school hall. Quite a few of our 3-6 students will be acknowledged for their achievements throughout the year. Awards will be presented for Class Certificates, Citizenship, Dux, Principal's Encouragement, Prefect, Vice Captain and School Captain induction. The 2020 school leaders will also be announced.

Special Awards Assembly Years 2-6

The Special Awards Assembly will be on Friday 13 December commencing at 11:30am in the school hall. It is where certificates of recognition will be presented to the Year 6 Band Members, House Captains, Technology Leaders, 2019 SRC Members (Years 2-6), Library monitors PSSA trophies and the 2020 House Captains and Vice House Captains. Certificates will also be presented to the students with 100% attendance in 2019.

Invitations to award recipients for both assemblies were sent home last week.

Principal's Morning Tea

The students who have received 50, 100 and 150 merits awards during assembly this term, will also receive an invitation next week to the last Principal's Morning Tea of 2019. This will be held on Monday 16 December from 9:30am for the presentation of the certificates and 10:30am for the morning tea in the school hall.

Last Day for Merits for 2019

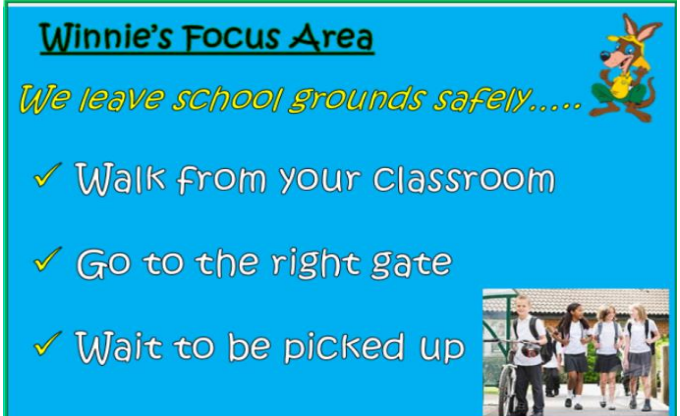
The last day to trade in 10 yellow class merits for an honour certificate for this year will be:

- **Years 3-6** – Tuesday 3 December, 2019.
- **K-2** – Tuesday 10 December, 2019.

If you have 10 class merits after these dates, please keep them with you and hand them in next year ☺

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 7 & 8



Winnie's Focus Area

We leave school grounds safely.....

- ✓ Walk from your Classroom
- ✓ Go to the right gate
- ✓ Wait to be picked up

This fortnight's PBL focus is about being safe and responsible by leaving the school grounds safely. Students reminded to walk from their classroom, go to the right gate and wait until they are picked up.

It is very important to tell your child/ren to go to the office if you are running late on the odd occasion, and you are not there to pick them up at 3pm.

Posters have been put around the school to emphasise this fortnight's focus.

Wendy Kayello

Deputy Principal

Reminder
P & C Meeting
Tonight
3 December 2019
7.30pm

PSSA RESULTS – Semi Finals

Cricket

Junior Vs Excelsior Road Public School Won 113-35

Softball

Boys Vs Samuel Gilbert Public School Lost 0-11

Girls Vs Crestwood Public School Won 8-1

T-Ball

Boys Vs Kellyville Public School Won 11-2

Touch Football

Senior Boys Vs Sherwood Ridge Pubic Won 4 - 3

**Good luck to all PSSA Teams
playing their Grand Final
6th December.**

Melissa Johnston

PSSA – Where are they playing?



Grand Final

Friday 6 December 2019

Touch Football Snr Boys	Vs Samuel Gilbert Public @ Bernie Mullane Reserve Time – Approx 10.10am
Cricket	Vs Matthew Pearce Public @ Max Ruddock Time – Approx 9.30am
Softball Girls	Vs Oakhill Drive Public @ Castle Glen Reserve Time – Approx 9.30am
T-Ball Boys	Vs Samuel Gilbert Public @ Castle Glen Reserve Time – Approx 9.30am

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The 5 love languages of children:

Receiving Gifts



I know what you're all thinking... every child likes to receive gifts. My kids love their birthdays and Christmas but I've realised since reading up on the 5 Love Languages that, yes they love to receive a gift, but their body language and behaviour shows me they are more joyful with other love languages.

The author of the 5 Love Languages says that we can't mistake this love language for materialism. The receiver of gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness and effort behind the gift. For this person, the perfect gift or gesture shows that they are known, cared for and prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous – so would the absence of everyday gestures. Gifts are a visual representation of love and are treasured greatly.

I have to say though, this love language is the hardest to work out with children, especially if they are young. If I go to Big W, my youngest is always asking for something. And it's not the cheap \$2 bubbles, it's the large box of Lego. I know he gets excited when receiving gifts but I feel like there is a longer feeling of love, joy and contentment when I give him hugs and sit with him on my lap when watching a movie.

The final newsletter of the year will be the last love language... Acts Of Service. Till then, take care.

Kylie Isherwood

Please note the change to:

K-2 Assembly

Thursday 12 December 2019

This assembly will now be held at 9.00am.

Awards to be handed out at lines under the K-2

Shade Port.

Parents Welcome

Showcase Night



Students from our school performance groups had a wonderful time singing, playing and dancing on stage. Congratulations to our performers on making it a successful night.





Father / Carers and Son Camp Out 2019



Our annual Father/Carers and Son Camp Out on Friday 15th November was a raging success with 300 campers enjoying a memorable night of fun, excitement and very little sleep.

The playground starting filling up with tents at 4.00pm and by 6.00pm it had been transformed into an official campsite. Tents of all shapes and sizes were pitched, from the very modest to the fully-equipped, with many tents sleeping more than one family.

It was great to see Father/Carers catching up with each other while completing the most manly of duties: setting up a tent and preparing a campsite!

Thank you to all who volunteered as a chef for the night and did a fantastic job of cooking our feast. After dinner, there were organised games of soccer and cricket and the boys and Father/Carers with everyone having a great time. Following that was the presentation and raffle draw, with about 35 prizes won, including soccer balls, cricket kits and pool toys. Afterwards, all the boys were given glow sticks, resulting in hours of fun in the playground and in tents.

The Father/Carers also won lots of prizes – vouchers and electronic goods. Many of these were generously donated by families from our school.

Despite the heat in the morning, it was a clear night and the boys ran themselves silly until after midnight, fuelled by cordial, ice-blocks and adrenalin. By this time most campers were in their tents - some tired, many still too excited to close their eyes. After a very brief and interrupted sleep, the sound of kookaburras and trucks on the M2 could be heard. It was 5.15am and time to get up!

Another marathon barbecuing effort was needed to cook the bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast and thanks to the many Father/Carers who helped out with cooking, food preparation and clean up.

Through the generosity of our community we raised funds for Movember, helping men suffering from prostate cancer and depression. This is a great cause and one we support every year at the Father/Carers and Son Camp Out.

A big thank you to all the families who donated money and prizes for the raffle. Your assistance is always appreciated and it helped make the night a great success. A special mention to Mr Astill, Mr Byrne, Mr Johnson, Mrs Astill, Miss Nettleton, Miss Charalabidis, Mrs Nguyen, Mrs Coates, Miss Lee & our Canadian import Mr Neves for giving up their time and helping to cook and organise activities and the raffle for all of the students. Also a big thank you to all staff members for their assistance and support.

Finally, thank you for all the positive feedback from the camp out over the last 13 years. It has grown into a wonderful community event and I have enjoyed giving Father/Carers and sons an opportunity to experience a special night together.

Steven Freney



6M and KC

KC has loved having 6M as their buddies this year. They have learnt many things together and had lots of fun! Especially learning about Science and playing with little bits.

