



# The Winston Whisper

## Winston Hills Public School



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Year 6 Farewell

I would like to give a very big thank you to the Stage 3 teachers and the parent committee for the fantastic farewell that they put together for the Year 6 students. Under the leadership of Mrs Pollard, they transferred the school hall into something amazing. It was great to hear the appreciation of the students and parents on the night.

### Staffing

At this time of the year we often are saying goodbye to people who have been part of our community. I would like to wish Mrs Kitchener all the best as she takes up her new role at North Kellyville Public School.

This year saw Mrs McDonald and Mr Neves swap jobs and homes as part of the International Exchange Program. This has been a great experience for everyone involved. We wish Mr Neves and his family a safe trip back to Canada and hope that we can keep in contact.

Mrs McDonald is returning to Australia, however, will not be returning to Winston Hills as she was successful through the merit selection process and will be an Assistant Principal at Seven Hills North Public School. We wish her all the best at her new school where I am sure she will be a great asset.

I would like to wish Miss Holly Storath all of the best as she starts her new career as a nurse. We will miss her smiling face in our office.

### Assemblies

Last week we held our 3-6 presentation assembly. It was great to acknowledge student achievement, as well as the outstanding job that our Year 6 leaders have done this year. I would like to congratulate our leaders for 2020. I know that they will do a great job next year.

The K-2 Christmas Concert was a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit. All of the students did a great job at performing their items that they have been working on with their teachers. The Special Assembly gave us an opportunity to celebrate student involvement in extra curricular activities.

Yesterday we held our Term 4 Recognition assembly where over 100 students were recognised for a range of things that include maths, choir, sport and the PBL rewards system.

## CALENDAR

### TERM 4

#### Week 10

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday 18 December

3-6 Party Day

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

K-2 Party Day

Winston Idol - Years 3-6

- *Students Only*

Thursday 19 December

Staff Development Day

Friday 20 December

Staff Development Day

## 2020

### TERM 1

#### Week 1

Monday 27 January

Tuesday 28 January

Wednesday 29 January

Thursday 30 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Staff Development Day

Year 1 to 6 Return to School

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

#### Week 2

Monday 3 February

New Kindergarten Commence

## ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- 2020 Class Requirements
- Ethics Teacher Required



Community News

- Model Farms High School 2020 Open Night



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

### Class Formations for 2020

Public schools are staffed based on the number of students who attend the school. This year there are 26 mainstream classes at Winston Hills Public School. Next year our current enrolment numbers will mean that we will start the year with 26 mainstream classes, however, this could change if there are more enrolments to our school. Although staff are currently working on 2020 classes, they will not be able to be finalised until after the first few days of the new term.

### Ethics Teachers required

It's been almost three years since our very successful launch of Ethics classes at Winston Hills Public School. Demand for classes has been high and numbers are tight. To avoid disappointing the students we need more volunteers.

Teaching ethics is structured and fun, and the easiest way to see this is to visit an ethics class on a Thursday morning. I would like to thank Sonia Taunton for taking over the coordination and thank Jeff Greene for his support of the program over the past couple of years. More information can be found at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

### Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great year. Have a great holiday and enjoy the special time with your family.

**Mark Byrne**

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## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Presentation & Special Awards Assembly

In the past 2 weeks we celebrated the many achievements of the students at the Presentation & Special Awards Assembly – Congratulations to all the award recipients. Thank you to all the family and friends who attended the assembly and shared these special occasions.

### Principal's Morning Tea

Congratulations to all the students who received a certificate for Bronze and Silver Medals, and who also enjoyed morning tea with Mr Byrne and their parents.



### 2020 School Leaders

<b>Captains</b>	<i>Matilda W</i>	<i>Henry A</i>
<b>Vice Captains</b>	<i>Aubrey R</i>	<i>Ziad M</i>
<b>Prefects</b>	<i>Rebecca B</i>	<i>Nicholas C</i>
	<i>Holly B</i>	<i>Jared G</i>
	<i>Zoe D</i>	<i>Rihaan T</i>
	<i>Rebecca D</i>	<i>Mitchell W</i>

### 2020 House Leaders

House	Captains	Vice Captains
LAYER	<i>Ketsia F</i>	<i>Bethany A</i>
	<i>Aiden M</i>	<i>Jake M</i>
BRADMAN	<i>Diva D</i>	<i>Ella M</i>
	<i>William S</i>	<i>Nicholas V</i>
CLARKE	<i>Amelia S</i>	<i>Olivia W</i>
	<i>Leo B</i>	<i>Nicholas F</i>
FRASER	<i>Shontell S</i>	<i>Lily B</i>
	<i>Kai B</i>	<i>Liam P</i>

Congratulations to our 2020 Leaders.

I would like to thank our 2019 Leaders for their outstanding commitment throughout the year. We are confident that our 2020 Leaders will do equally an outstanding job next year.

### 2020 Class Requirements

Included with this newsletter is the class requirements list for 2020. The lists consist of stationery and classroom items that will be required for next year. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name and class.

Thank you to all the students, supportive community and the dedicated staff for a wonderful 2019 at Winston Hills PS.

Wishing all our families a happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

I look forward to another amazing year in 2020.

**Wendy Kayello**

Deputy Principal





# 2020

**Tuesday 28 January 2020**  
Staff Development Day

**Wednesday 29 January 2020**  
Student Years 1-6 Start School

**Thursday 30 January 2020**  
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

**Monday 3 February 2020**  
Kindergarten Classes start



## 2020 Uniform Shop Open

**Thursday 30 January 2020**  
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am

**Thursday 6 February 2020**  
Uniform Shop Open 8.40am  
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm

## BAND NEWS



Business first, clarifying some information regarding band invoices....

1. **Term 4 2019 fees are now overdue so please pay immediately** if you have not already done so.
2. If your child is **not hiring an instrument** in 2020, no further payment is due until you receive your invoice early in term 1, 2020.
3. If your child is **hiring an instrument** in 2020, you should have received an invoice this week for the **\$200 hire levy. This payment is due no later than 10th January 2020.**
4. If you have **received an invoice** for the hire levy and your child is **not hiring an instrument in 2020**, please let me know **ASAP** so I can update our records and amend your invoice.

If you have any questions regarding invoices and/or payments please feel welcome to contact Donna via the Band email at [bandwhps@gmail.com](mailto:bandwhps@gmail.com)

As I write this, we have only one performance to go, the Recognition Assembly on Monday, Performance Band will play and then be joined by Intermediate Band for the final two pieces, what a great note to end the year on as all the Intermediate Band children will be Performance Band members next year. Ms Foster will be conducting on Monday and this will be the last time as she is leaving us next year, luckily for us Ms Bellstedt will be able to take the sessions that Ms Foster used to take. We wish Ms Foster well in her future endeavours and hope she will be able to join us as our guest conductor at next year's band camp.

Sadly we farewell some of our band members at this time every year as the big Year 6 kids fly the coop and move on up to High School. I hope they continue to make music and we wish them all the best for the future.

We are looking forward to another huge year of band next year as our band program continues to grow, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Ms Bellstedt, Ms Foster and the rest of the band committee to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, see you in 2020!!

**Sam Hinchelwood**



# Class of 2019

## Year 6 Farewell



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### The 5 Love Languages of Children

#### Acts of Service



If you find your child regularly asking to fix a toy, or to help them dress their doll, or teach them something they want to learn, then their love language could be *Acts Of Service*. They don't merely want a task done, they're wanting some emotional love.

This love language is similar to quality time, but it's more about doing something for them that makes them feel special and loved. It's all about making the "act" unique to your child's personality and asking them what you can help them with today that makes all the difference. Even asking what they want for dinner will make them feel happy and content.

But... it doesn't mean that we have to jump at every request and go around cleaning their rooms and doing their chores with them. But it helps to try and be sensitive to those requests and recognise that our response will either help fill their love tank or puncture it. Each request calls for a thoughtful, loving response.

The good thing about having a child with this love language is that they also love to give back. A friend of mine who has a son with this love language says that he makes her bed, washes her car and cleans up the house. I hope you've been blessed with such a child!

Well, this brings us to the end of the 5 Love Languages. I hope you have some more insight into the fascinating minds of our children and ourselves. Maybe you have discovered what your love language is. If so, my hope for you is that you have someone to fill your love tank every single day!

Merry Christmas to all and have a relaxing and safe holiday.

**Kylie Isherwood**

*Please finalised your  
Canteen Account  
By  
Wednesday 18 December  
Thank You*

## REMINDER

### 3-6 ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

**at**

**Waves Aquatic Centre**

## Year 6

### Guard of Honour



This Wednesday, 18 December, our Year 6 students will leave the school grounds via a guard of honour formed by the other students and teachers of WHPS. This is a tradition at Winston Hills and an acknowledgement of the contribution these wonderful students have made to our school. Parents are most welcome to attend the guard of honour which will end in Area A at **2.45pm**.



# WHPS BANDS



Well, we've made it to the end of the year, and what a year it's been, the children have all played beautifully and I'm so proud of the progress they've made.

Last Monday evening we had the end of year concert for the bands and the children's parents and Grandparents were treated to a lovely evening of music, all three bands played so well! It was lovely too to have the Tutors and conductors join the children on stage and all perform for the children, I heard several children tell Ms Bellstedt that they wanted to be able to play like her, they're certainly on the way to that end result if they keep it up.

On Friday the Performance Band were invited to play at the K-2 xmas concert, and of course we couldn't say no, but both of our conductors had prior arrangements, I can't conduct, but the amazing Mrs Webb was happy to take it on and came to rehearse with the kids and Ms Bellstedt, The children were scheduled to play the National anthem and Jingle Bell Rock but as the parents were finding their seats and the little children were getting set up I could hear they were all warming up with the same piece (not together though) so I asked, do you want to play that? Can you do it without a conductor? and they unanimously said they could, so I counted them in and they smashed it! Seven Nation Army, their favourite tune by far I think. On a roll, they asked if they could play another and then another and each time all I did was count them in and each time they nailed it! I sent a video of them playing sans conductor to Ms Bellstedt and she was so very impressed. They even played "The Lion King Medley" without a conductor as the children and parents left at the end of the concert and this is a tricky piece, it was a brave choice with no one to guide them but they did it so well. They should be very proud of themselves, I know we are.

