



The Winston Whisper

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Issue 1

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back- 50 Years Celebration

I would like to welcome the community back to the start of the new school year. This is an important year for Winston Hills Public School as 2020 is the school's 50th Year. It was great to see the new Kindergarten students and parents join us yesterday. The Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly. Yesterday the Year 1 to 6 students started in their new classes and I would like to thank the staff for working hard to form these classes.

Novel Coronavirus

The Department of Education has placed in procedures that are based on the recommendations of NSW Health and the Federal government and have been updated on a daily basis. I would like to give a big thank you to our school community for their support with this matter. Families have been very proactive and followed the recommendations before they were even made.

Staffing 2020

On the back of this newsletter is the list of teachers and classes for this year. I would like to welcome the new staff to our school. Mrs Baines (Kindy), Mrs Senteleky (Year 4) and Miss Redman (Year 5) have joined our staff this year.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who had a great day at the school swimming carnival last week. A big thank you to all of the parents who came and supported their children on the day. Although holding the carnival on the second day of the year was not ideal, it was a good way to start the year.

I would like to thank all of the staff for ensuring the students had a great time on a very hot day.

I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Johnston, Mr Freney and Mrs Stewart for organising the carnival over the Christmas break.

Taxi Bay

In previous newsletters, I addressed concerns that I had over the use of the Taxi bay as a parking spot. The taxi bay was originally built for the safe transportation of the students from the support unit. Most schools that have a similar facility do not let it be used by parents as a kiss and drop area when the support unit transportation are not using it. The area was designed for cars to flow through and not to be used as parking. This has always been the school's rule in regards to its use.

CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 2

Thursday 6 February Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
Uniform Shop Open 6-7pm
3-6 Assembly 2.10pm

Week 3

Wednesday 12 February Banking Starts
Zone CHPSSA Trial Day
Thursday 13 February Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
K-2 Assembly 2.10pm

Week 4

Monday 17 February Homework Starts Years 1-6
Tuesday 18 February P&C Meeting – 7.30pm
Parent Information Night
- 5.30pm – Yrs 1,2 & Support
- 6.30pm – Yrs 5 & 6
Wednesday 19 February Parent Information Night
- 5.30pm – Kindergarten
- 6.30pm – Yrs 3 & 4
Thursday 20 February Uniform Shop Open 8.40am
3-6 Assembly
Friday 21 February Summer PSSA Starts – Round 1

WHAT'S DUE?

Thursday 27 February Kindergarten Term 1 Account

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

- Term 1, 2020 School Calendar

Email & Skoolbag Only

- 2020 Canteen List

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

School Calendar 2020

Accompanying the newsletter today, is a copy of the Term 1 school calendar for 2020. Parents are asked to check the fortnightly newsletters for updates and confirmation of school events.

Before and After School Supervision

To ensure student safety, it is important that students are only at school when there is supervision provided. Just a reminder that supervision by teachers start from 8:30am before school and there is no supervision provided after school. If there is an emergency, please contact the school and we will ensure that your children are safe.

Communication with the Principal

Please feel comfortable to call, email, or come into our school to chat with me, if you need to. My email address is mark.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Mark Byrne
Principal


SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to use shade

Shade is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself from the sun. Using shade can reduce your UV exposure by up to 75%!

When outside, ENCOURAGE children to play under:

- Trees
- Tents
- Shade sails

Shade is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use SunSmart hats, clothing, sunglasses, and to apply sunscreen.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back!

What a wonderful start to the school year! We had a fantastic first few days and it has been wonderful to see our students settle back into their new classes! Our Kindergarten students have completed their Best Start Assessments last week and are settling well into 'big school'. They are a remarkable group of students and we look forward to watching their growth and development throughout 2020 and beyond!

I am looking forward to an exciting and busy year. I have visited a few classes already and students are happy and eager to begin their learning journey for 2020.

Awards System

Merit awards are handed out by class teachers for safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Students are asked to bring in 10 yellow merits at a time, to reach one of the milestones listed below. Students can bring their 10 merits to the 'Merit Boxes' outside my office door. ***Please do not send in merits that have already been submitted and stamped with the school crest at the back.***

Please ensure certificates are submitted **two days before** their assembly, to ensure that their certificate, banner or medal are ready on time.

Award Levels

- 10 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 20 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 30 Awards = Small Banner
- 40 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 50 Awards = Bronze Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 60 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 70 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 80 Awards = Large Banner
- 90 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 100 Awards = Silver Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 110 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 120 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 130 Awards = Small Banner
- 140 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 150 Awards = Gold Medal and Morning Tea with the Principal

Car Park Safety

Winston Hills like many schools has a limited number of parking spaces close to the school gates.

The combination of this issue with the usual busy morning and afternoon schedules, often tempts many of us to park or stop our cars illegally.

For the safety of your children and other students, parents are reminded to refrain from parking in the school carparks or in front of neighbours' driveways.

Thanks in advance for your understanding in relation to this safety issue.

FROM THE DEPUTY Cont...


Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Area for Week 1 & 2

Winnie's Focus Area

We are responsible at recess

- * Sit down to eat recess
- * Wait for the teacher to announce when it's time to go to the bin.
- * Put all rubbish in the bin before play



Our first PBL focus for 2020 is about being responsible at recess. Students are reminded of this focus in assemblies and in class, to ensure all students are sitting down at recess when they are eating, waiting for the teacher to announce when it is time to place their rubbish in the bin and head off to play with their friends.

I have already seen how responsible WHPS students have been with this PBL focus. Keep up the fantastic work!

2020 Leaders

Congratulations to our 2020 School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects, who have already been rising to the occasion when given a variety of tasks as part of their leadership role. They have been wonderful role models, who have shown kindness and support to our new kindergarten students.

More leadership opportunities for 2020 will be:

- 2 SRC students per class Years 2-6
- 2 Class Captains per class Years 1-6
- Library Monitors Years 3-6
- 2 Technology Leaders per class Years 5 & 6

These leadership roles are for the entire school year, and their class peers and teacher/s will vote in students. They will receive a badge in Week 4 Assembly on Thursday 20 February at 2pm for their induction. Parents will receive an invitation in the next week, if their child will be receiving a badge.

Parent Information Nights – 'Meet The Teacher'

Parent Information Nights will be held on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February.

Tuesday 18 February

- 5:30pm
 - Years 1 & 2
 - Support Unit
- 6:30pm
 - Years 5 & 6

Wednesday 19 February

- 5:30pm
 - Kindergarten
- 6:30pm
 - Years 3 & 4

More information will be sent closer to the dates.

Wendy Kayello
Deputy Principal

ASSEMBLIES

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

- Thursday 6 February – 2.10 pm
- Swimming Carnival Ribbons
- Parents are welcome to attend

Kindergarten & Stage 1 Assembly (K-2)

- Thursday 13 February – 2.10 pm
- TBA – will host the Assembly
- Parents are welcome to attend

REMINDER

School Banking Starts Wednesday 12 February 2020





P & C MEETING

TUESDAY

18 FEBRUARY 2020

AT

7.30PM

IN THE STAFFROOM

ALL PARENTS ARE

WELCOME TO ATTEND

CLASSES & TEACHERS 2020 – TERM 1

CLASS	TEACHER		CLASS NAME	TEAM LEADER
KINDER	Mrs Louise Pollard		KP	Mrs Louise Pollard
KINDER	Mrs Melinda Kammerer		KM	
KINDER	Miss Annabelle Lee		KL	
KINDER	Mrs Lucia Schimanowsky (M-Th)	Mrs Karissa Baines (F)	KS	
KINDER	Miss Tayla Nettleton		KN	
YEAR 1	Miss Tayla Ferro		1F	Mrs Jacqui Coates
YEAR 1	Mrs Rebecca Astill		1A	
YEAR 1	Mrs Glenda Rooke		1R	
YEAR 1	Miss Cassie Youhanna		1Y	
YEAR 1 / Year 2	Mrs Cat Wood (M/Tu/W)	Mrs Karen Whittingham (Th/F)	1/2W	
YEAR 2	Mrs Kylie Brgudac (M/Tu/W)	Mrs Mia Sheppard (Th/Fr)	2SB	
YEAR 2	Miss Effie Charalabidis		2E	
YEAR 2	Mrs Shellea Lorenz (M/Tu/W)	Mrs Jacqui Coates (Th/F)	2LC	
YEAR 2 / Year 3	Mrs Rachael Frame		2/3F	
YEAR 3	Mrs Amanda Jefferies		3J	
YEAR 3	Miss Louise Cuthbert		3C	
YEAR 3	Miss Stephanie Nguyen		3N	
YEAR 4	Miss Louisa Senteleky		4S	
YEAR 4	Ms Rachael Tyler		4T	
YEAR 4	Miss Stephanie Russell		4R	
YEAR 4 / YEAR 5	Mr Steve Freney		4/5F	Mr Lachlan Johnson
YEAR 5	Miss Anoushka Redman		5R	
YEAR 5	Ms Melissa Johnston		5J	
YEAR 5 / YEAR 6	Mr Lachlan Johnson		5/6L	
YEAR 6	Mrs Lisa Moses		6M	
YEAR 6	Mr Riley Astill		6A	
YEAR 3-6	Miss Lana Frank		3-6F	
YEAR K-6	Ms Sarah Spink		1-4SV	
YEAR K-6	Mrs Teji Grewal		K-2G	
YEAR 3-6	Mrs Lauren Alley		3-6A	
EaLD	Mrs Belinda Harvey (M/Tu/W/Th) Mrs Jenny Middleton (M/Tu/Thu) Ms Eironn Meale (Th/F)			Ms Wendy Kayello
Chaplain	Mrs Kylie Isherwood (Mon/Thur)			
LaST	Mrs Kylie Faulks			
RFF/QTSS	Rebekah Stewart (M-F) Jill Parnis (M) Karissa Baines (M/Tu/ Anand Verma (M/Tu/W)	Raechel Webb (M-F) Mia Sheppard (Tu/W) Claire Calabrese (Th)		
Teacher Librarian	Ms Rachelle Limson			
SLSO Support Unit	Mary Castle Yuan Choi	Melanie Ward Merryn White	Caitlin Lam	Ms Sarah Spink
SLSO Integration	Jenny Dingli, Karina Briffa,	Sally Latimore, Angela Gauci	Erin Stanberg Wendy Dawson	Ms Wendy Kayello
School Counsellor	Mr Gabriel Wong (Mon & Fri + Odd Week Tue)			Mr Mark Byrne
Office Administration	Mrs Tere Griffin (SAM) Mrs Chris Storath Mrs Kim Moy Office (back desk)			
GA	Mr Ivan Fidanza			
Deputy Principal	Ms Wendy Kayello			
Principal	Mr Mark Byrne			