PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Monday evening we held our annual swimming carnival at Richmond Swimming Pool. This was the first time we have scheduled the carnival to be held in this time slot. This initiative proved to be a most successful and efficient manner to run a competitors only carnival.
I thank Mrs Tuck for her organisation, staff for your assistance and the families who attended and supported the event.
Congratulations to the competitors, in particular, Katie-Lee King who broke a previous swimming record.

PARENT HELPERS
At this time of the year, teachers are liaising with parents for assistance in the implementation of various programs in their classrooms.
We greatly encourage and value this support at the classroom level, as the returns for students, staff and parents are most rewarding.
To assist us with administration, I ask that all parent helpers and volunteers collect ‘child protection declaration’ forms from the office to complete and return before commencing assistance within the school – this is a mandatory requirement in all DEC schools.
Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL
Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools and are sometimes viewed as enhancing security for students travelling to and from school. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.
Please read the following extract from our school policy if you wish your child to bring a mobile phone to school.

- Students are only permitted to bring personal mobile phones to school with the approval of the principal;
- Parents consenting to students bringing mobile phones to school are required to complete the “Parental Acknowledgement of Mobile Phone Carried by Child” form at the administration office.
- Mobile phones and students using them must not cause disruptions to the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school;
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones;
Student’s mobile phones must not be active during school hours – class, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities, class breaks;

Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal, resulting in the confiscation of the mobile phone until the end of the school day. It is the responsibility of the student to collect his/her mobile phone from the principal at the conclusion of the school day.

The principal may revoke a student’s privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.

STUDENTS AND BICYCLES
Some of our students ride their bicycles to school and parents are asked to complete consent forms prior to your child riding their bike to school. Upon receipt of this consent form (located in our Bike Policy which is available from the front office) your child will be issued with a ‘bike licence’ to validate this request.

The initial weeks of the year are quite busy, demanding and important to establish routines, protocol and guidelines, across the entire school.
I thank you in anticipation of your understanding and please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns – it is important that we work together to maximise a positive learning experience for your children.

Mike Watson
Principal

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Windsor Public School held their Annual Swimming Carnival on Monday night, 4th February, 2013 at Richmond Pool.
Thank you to all students who entered the carnival and congratulations on a job well done. While the number of competitors was small, the effort and enthusiasm was outstanding and our students competed with pride and sportsmanship.
I am pleased to announce that a record was broken on the night. The previous 11 year girls backstroke record of 56.01 was held by R. Williams. The new record has been taken by KATIE-LEE KING at 53.09.

Congratulations Katie-Lee.

Ribbons have been distributed to competitors.

If students made a qualifying time they will be issued with a permission note to attend the district carnival. Please return these to school ASAP.

Champion Trophies will be handed out at the Combined Assembly.

J TUCK
HOUSE CAPTAINS

On Wednesday afternoon, students from years 2-6 attended House Meetings to elect their new House Captains. We are pleased to announce the names of our House Captains for 2013

RUSE
Senior Boy Captain: Jai Lister
Senior Girl Captain: Tamara Parisi
Junior Boy Captain: Joshua King
Junior Girl Captain: Hannah Taylor

COX
Senior Boy Captain: Raine Pryor
Senior Girl Captain: Paige Smith
Junior Boy Captain: Levi McCall
Junior Girl Captain:

ARNDELL
Senior Boy Captain: Brodie Whitmore
Senior Girl Captain: Emily Brodie
Junior Boy Captain: Isaac West
Junior Girl Captain: Caitlin Brodie-Davies

GREENWAY
Senior Boy Captain: Joshua Vella
Senior Girl Captain: Rose Ryan
Junior Boy Captain: Justin Vella
Junior Girl Captain: Hayley McGregor
Hello to all our returning families and a big welcome to our new families starting out at Windsor in 2013. The Windsor Public School P&C Association is keen to start off the year with a group of enthusiastic and hard working members to assist with bringing great educational support to our staff and students. Our first meeting of the year will kick off on Monday 11th February at 7pm in the school staffroom. This will be an opportunity to welcome any new members and catch up with our existing members as we plan for the year’s fundraising ahead. The AGM will be held on Monday 4th March at 7pm. At this meeting the current committee will be absolved and a new committee nominated and elected.

P&C Membership Fee for 2013 is $1 for the year. Being a financial member enables you to vote and it also means that you are eligible for a committee position. All financial members will receive a copy of the minutes from each meeting. Payment can be made at any P&C meeting.

The positions required to form a committee are as follows:

**President:** Chairs committee meetings, responsible for the management of other committee members, signatory on all monetary accounts, represents the committee at official functions.

**First Vice President:** Supports the President in above duties, steps in for the President if unable to perform his/her duties, signatory on all monetary accounts.

**Second Vice President:** Supports President in above duties, steps in for President if he/she or the First Vice President is unable to perform his/her duties, optional signatory on all monetary accounts.

**Secretary:** Responsible for all correspondence to and from and on behalf of the committee, taking of the minutes of meetings and ensuring copies go to all entitled parties. Liases with the President for the publication of all promotional, newsletter entries and advertising of events. Signatory on all monetary accounts.

**Treasurer:** Responsible for managing all monetary accounts on behalf of the P&C including submission of documents for account auditing, payment of accounts, handling and banking of cash, cheques etc. Provides a full treasury report to the committee every month. Signatory on all monetary accounts.

**Canteen Representative:** Reports to the P&C committee on the activities of the canteen committee and presents the minutes of the committee meetings.

**Clothing Pool Co-ordinator(optional):** Oversees the day to day running of the clothing pool including selection of suitable donated items for resale, financial transactions (which are recorded and given to the Treasurer for banking) and overall maintenance and care of items in the clothing pool. It is vital that all these positions are filled or the P&C committee will be unable to continue. This would have a significant impact on the school community as a whole and see a lot of plans for the school go unfulfilled. So, if you have a keen interest in seeing your child’s school be the best it can possibly be, by supporting the staff in their provision of a great educational environment, and make some great friends as well, come along on Monday!!

Ruth Maittlen (President) 45773121
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 1 orders and payment are due by Tuesday 19th February 2013. When placing an order please ensure that the Student’s Name and Class are on each order form and if you have paid by credit card on-line that you have included your receipt number on the order forms.

STUDENT BANKING
School banking is every Tuesday!

Information packs have been sent home with all students. This pack includes details on how to open a Dollarmite account and it also has the new 2013 Rewards sheets.

LAST DAYS FOR PAYMENT

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The school office is open from 8.30am until 3.00pm. Uniform purchases 8.30am to 2.45pm
Parenting Ideas – by Michael Grose

Ask WHAT when kids act up

"Asking WHY when kids misbehave generally closes down a conversation and puts them on the defensive. There's a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with 'WHAT?"

'WHY..............?'

'Why on earth did you do that?'

Most of us have said this to our kids at some stage.

They hurt a sibling and we say, 'Why?'

They argue and fight at the meal table and we say, 'Why?'

They deliberately come home from an outing later than agreed and we say, 'Why?'

This is a natural reaction. But often kids can’t articulate why they have done the wrong thing. Boys, in particular, will usually reply, ‘I dunno.’ They know something isn’t right, but articulating it is another matter.

Besides, asking WHY is pointless.

Even if they give you a reason for their poor behaviour (‘cos she hit me first’, ‘I'm not hungry anyway’, ‘I was late because I lost track of time’) where do you go to from there?

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There's a better question to ask when kids behave poorly. Ask a question beginning with 'WHAT?'

Okay, your first reaction to misbehaviour maybe ‘What the.....’ but hold that thought in. Better to ask questions such as:

- WHAT were you thinking when you hurt your sister?
- WHAT were you doing when you decided to stay out late?
- WHAT was happening when you argued with your friend?
- WHAT should you have done when you didn’t want to eat and decided to annoy your sister?
• WHAT will you do next time when you feel like acting like that?
• WHAT do you think your brother meant when he said that you were......?
• WHAT will you do now to make it up to your brother?

These types of questions are reflective and restorative.
They require children to reflect on their thinking, their behaviour and the situation at hand. This opens up conversations that lead to learning.

Effective discipline helps children learn better ways of behaving.
Some of the questions lead children to the important aspect of repairing or restoring relationships they may have damaged through their behaviour and so take some responsibility for the way they acted. Taking responsibility and making amends is another vital aspect of discipline.
Importantly, asking what? when kids' misbehaviour impacts on others leads them further down the road from self interest to social interest, where they consider the well-being of others. It's also in line with the types of questions teachers are asking your children when their behaviour adversely affects others.

PITT TOWN PIRATES SOCCER 2013

We welcome children turning 5 this year, then all ages!
12-16 yr old girls are encouraged to register for our GIRLS ONLY Competition – new this year!
Register and pay online at:

www.myfootballclub.com.au

ALL PLAYERS must attend registration for a new photo
Registration dates:
Wednesday 13th February 7pm – 9pm
at Pitt Town and District Sports Club

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