PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

MEET-THE-TEACHER
I wish to remind parents that our meet-the-teacher session will be held next week on Wednesday 27th February, commencing at 5.00pm in the school hall.
Ms Annette Cam, Principal of Windsor High School will also be attending to give a brief presentation about our local high school.
I encourage and invite all parents to attend this valuable information session.

CHALKBOARDS
We have two aluminium-framed chalkboards that are no longer needed due to the installation of Smartboards across the school.
Both boards are 2.4m x 1.2m and are near new.
If any parents wish to obtain these boards for a reasonable donation, please contact me.

ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?
Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
During this week, classes across the school will be selecting their SRC representatives for this semester.
Representatives will be given selected portfolios to manage (with staff assistance) across the school. These areas include: Recycling, Green Waste, Chicken/Wild Bird maintenance, Fundraising and Promotions.
Our new recruits will attend their first meeting next Monday, where they will be allocated their new roles within the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I again wish to complement our students, who commenced the year in full school uniform and are maintaining a great image.
I have noticed a few more shirt sales recently and I sincerely thank parents for your support in ensuring our 201 students are all wearing the expected uniform – THANK YOU.

Mike Watson
Principal
STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards last week. Well done!

3B   April Lee Laird - outstanding effort in all school activities
     Ethan Farnbach - a mature approach to his learning
4M   Katrina Maher - outstanding effort in times tables
     Levi McCall - outstanding effort in Writing
5T   Meg Leaman - being a helpful, hardworking class member
     Michael Wood - outstanding effort in learning his times tables
5-6C Ainsley Vucago - displaying a settled attitude to her learning
     Joshua Mack - great all round effort

STARR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received STARR awards last week. Well done!

KW   Ruby Blume         Jackson King        Lily Callaghan       Mason Saint
     Katie Cranston     Jacob Simmons      Peri Kane            Jack Stubbs
     Gracie Morrison    Elizabeth Zouait
K-1C Imogen Sullivan   Stephen Radunz     Maxine Suela         Cassidy Grima
     Lily Crofton       Richard Baldwin    Cody Sneesby         Braxton Shearer
     Bailee Walker      Zak Oaklands
1R   Jesse Davies      Oliver Macdonald   Taylah Reeves        Mason Walker
     Jacob Kent         Jett Mackintosh    Iris Miller           Makaelah Simmons
     Tristan Towner-Cohen Alexander Zouait
2F   Jordan Tolmie     Oliver Macdonald   Taylah Reeves        Mason Walker
     Bonny Xia          Mia Bruton         Seth Kent            Jorja Walters
     Ryder Mavin        Gemma King
3B   Brock Williams    Joshua King        Hannah Taylor        Paige Hottwagner
     April Lee Laird    Dale Meere         Xavier Shuttleworth  Isaac West
     Emily Hennessy     Paris Mackintosh   Natasha Groenewegen
     Johnathon Hurley
4M   Sarah Dorahy      Alexi Suela        Kasey Lloyd          Tueny Xia
     Katrina Maher      Leroy O'Connor
5T   Meg Leaman        Ebony Towner-Cohen
     Rose Ryan          Jazmin Simpson     Michael Wood        Bradley Cole
     Emily Brodie       Tara Hottwagner    Abby Galea           Caleb Dries
     William Baltaks
5-6C Mohammed Almusilhi Natalie Hrynevych
      Katie-Lee King    Corey McGregor     Isabella Meere       Emily Mills
      Cassidy Strickland Jack Whitmore     Ainsley Vucago
      Aiden Brodie      Joshua Mack
P&C NEWS

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.
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 unfullfilled. 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 to our P&C meetings!!

Ruth Maittlen (President) 45773121
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
Today your child has been given their Emergency Contact details which we have on file for them.
Can you please take five minutes to review the details and make any corrections necessary. Up to date information is important, especially in the case of an emergency.
Please return all sheets (even if no corrections are necessary) to the office no later than Friday 1st March.
Special shooting stars will be handed out to students when they return their forms.

LIFE EDUCATION – HAROLD MERCHANDISE
The educator from Life Education will provide the opportunity for children to purchase products during the school visit.
A Harold Merchandise order form has been sent home today.

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Tomorrow, Tuesday 19th February 2013, is the last day for Issue 1 orders and payments. Please have all orders to the office by 10.00am
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!

ICAS TESTS
Please note the following dates for ICAS.

Writing:  Monday 17th June  $17 per student
Spelling: Tuesday 18th June  $11 per student
English:  Wednesday 31st July    $8 per student
Maths:   Tuesday 13th August   $8 per student

Permission notes will be sent home in a few weeks
WESTERN SYDNEY REGIONAL DANCE CAMP

A three day residential camp for talented dancers is being offered for Stage 3 students (Years 5&6) from 26th – 28th March, 2013 at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong.
For further information and details please see Mrs. Russell.

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

10 ways children draw parents into sibling conflict

Sibling fighting is common but not inevitable. Parents can become embroiled in sibling fighting by responding to some of the games children play.

Sometimes parents get drawn into sibling disputes when they don’t involve them. Parents become embroiled in the conflict and help create the problem rather than solve it.

Children usually become quite adept at drawing their parents into disputes between siblings. Parents need to be aware of the following ten common ways children involve parents in their sibling disputes:

1. Beware the teller of tales because they can draw you into disputes you don’t need to be in.

“Tell Tale children” tend to involve parents in fights and disputes when they don’t need to be. Tales also invite parents to take sides, which may mean a fight stops momentarily. However it will begin again at another time as there may be lingering resentment about you taking sides.

2. Beware the blame gamers for it is never, ever their fault!

Some children will blame other siblings for wrong-doing but will rarely see their side in a dispute. It usually takes two or three to tango so make sure you point out their place in the dispute.

3. Beware the tantrum-throwers as they divert attention away from themselves.

Kids who throw a ‘wobbly’ when a sibling even looks at them in the wrong way have discovered a great way to keep mum or dad busy with them.

4. Beware of children’s tears as they can make us feel pity rather than look at the whole story.

A child who comes to you with tears in her eyes and a tale of woe sure knows how to get their parents onside. Tears usually gain sympathy but sometimes the person who cries the loudest is the child who caused the dispute in the first place.
5. Beware of children who say that they couldn’t help hitting, hurting or misbehaving. Children always have a choice. They just choose the easy way or a way that suits them a lot of the time.

6. Beware the child who is always, always the victim. Sometimes they revel in this role.

Some children, particularly youngest kids, love to play the victim in fights and arguments with their siblings. “He always picks on me” is their catchcry. Don’t give these children too much attention and give them some options about how they can keep away from their siblings if things look likely to ‘cut up rough’.

7. Beware the child who acts like the deputy sheriff, always giving orders and bossing others around. They can make life unpleasant at home.

First born boys can sometimes act like a parent’s deputy and believe it is their job to keep peace on the ‘family range’. They often use methods more akin to the ‘wild west’ than those they would learn in a negotiation skills workshop. Aggression and power is their preferred methodology. Keep a firm eye on these kids and don’t put them in charge of the ‘family range’ too often.

8. Beware the donkey who whines and whinges about his siblings -“Hee Hawlways picks on me!”

Give them some ideas about how to deal with their siblings and refuse to be drawn by incessant whining. Like water torture, whining wears a person down after a while.

9. Beware children who bring home poor attitudes and behaviours that they learned at school or pre school.

You can tell sometimes what is happening in the schoolyard as children can bring home poor conflict resolution skills that they see in the schoolyard. ‘We treat each other well in this family’ is the message!

10. Beware of the home environment that uses power to resolve disputes and conflict.

Children will often reflect the ways that the significant adults in their family resolve conflict so make sure you use the same methods to sort out issues and disagreements with your partner that you want your children to adopt. Children tend to live what they see so make sure they see conciliation and compromise rather than bullying and power. It helps if they see assertiveness rather than aggression. And make sure they see you looking at both sides of the picture rather than your side all the time in disputes.