WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th March, 2013

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

SCHOOL AUDIO EQUIPMENT

Today we received some modifications to our external PA/bell system and had digital sound equipment installed in our hall.

Both of these installations were made possible through Commonwealth Bank Competition funds, for which I am greatly appreciative!

We will be having music played instead of a bell, prior to our morning assembly and at the conclusion of lunch and recess. This system was trialled last year, proving to be successful and popular with staff and students.

The upgrade to our hall was much needed and will greatly improve the functionality of this common area, for many formal and informal functions. We will now have a microphone and digital sound equipment, making use of existing wall mounted speakers.

Again, I wish to acknowledge the support from our parent body, who have assisted in making such improvements to our great school possible.

GUIDE DOGS VISIT

Tomorrow, we will be visited by a representative from The Guide Dogs Association who will address our students.

This organisation does not receive any government funding for the breeding, training and provision of Guide Dogs, they rely heavily on the support of business and the community to help deliver these and our other vital orientation and mobility services to those in need.

I therefore ask that all students contribute a gold coin donation to this valuable organisation.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

This Friday Miss Walker and I will be taking a Stage 2 team of boys and girls to compete in a district basketball gala day at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium.

The students are keen and I look forward to seeing this enthusiasm on the court!
**BASKETBALL TRIALS**

Last week Sarah Benson and Cassidy Strickland competed at the Sydney West Basketball Trials at Penrith, after being selected as players in the Eastern Division Regional Team.

I am informed that the girls were well mannered and displayed fantastic sportsmanship.

Congratulations girls, a great achievement!

**EASTER HAT PARADE**

On Thursday 28th March, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade, commencing at 10.15am. All students K-6 are encouraged to create and wear their creations for the event.

Parents are most welcome to attend the parade and remain at school for a picnic lunch with your children.

The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.

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Mike Watson  
Principal

**STARR AWARDS**

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

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P&C NEWS

Hi everyone, hasn’t this Autumn weather been beautiful!

I’ve been talking to a few people and getting some great ideas for the P&C ongoing, and one thing that has come up a number of times, is that although going to every meeting is not possible, there are willing parents (& grandparents) offering to assist at different events – depending on availability. This is exactly what we need!

So the first event we have upcoming that we need a few extra helping hands at, is the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. This is such a lovely event where parents, family and friends get together at the school and enjoy the smiles on the kids’ faces while they parade their masterpieces atop. The P&C will hold a tea, coffee & cakes stand before the parade and afterwards whilst families share lunch with the kids.

To make this event successful, we need the following:

- Cake &/or biscuit donations
- 3-4 people to assist with the tea & coffee making
- Basic set-up & clearing assistance:
  - 9.30-10.00 Set up
  - 10.00-10.15 Tea/Coffee sales
  - 10.15-10.50 Hat Parade NO SALES DURING THIS TIME
  - 10.50- 11.30 Tea/Coffee sales
  - 11.30-12.00 Cleanup
- Smiles 😊

If you are able to assist there is a name list in the office that you can write your name on (or call the office so they can add your name), or you can email me on lisa.sullivan@thinksupport.com.au to confirm if you can donate cakes/biscuits &/or to assist on the day.
It is important that we get names confirmed this week as the unfortunate side is, if we don’t get 3-4 people to assist, the P&C stand won’t be able to proceed this year due to a number of the P&C committee working or away that day, so this is a real plea for assistance!! Any help would be appreciated! I will confirm in the newsletter next week if it will go ahead or not.

Also, remember your Easter Raffle with tickets going home with kids last week: $1 each or 3 for $2 ($15 for the book). The three prizes are colourful tubs filled with great quality Easter goodies, which can be viewed in the office. Please support us in the selling of these tickets to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

All funds raised will be going towards a BIG school project that will benefit ALL the kids – details coming after our next P&C meeting! We have such a great little school here, so let’s all get involved where possible – for the school and our kids benefit!

We look forward to hearing from you.

LUNCH ORDERS
Please remind your children to put their lunch orders in the container before 9am. The lunch container is now a white bucket on top of the wooden cabinet in the foyer.
Children who forget to place their lunch orders can purchase a vegemite or jam sandwich from the office.

CANTEEN NEWS
As everyone may be aware our canteen has been closed for the last year. We would love to get it up and running as the children love the opportunity to buy from the canteen! This week volunteer forms will be sent home with students so if any dads, mums, grandparents etc would like to volunteer 1.5 hours a month in the canteen please fill in the form and bring it to the office by the 11th April, 2013.
More information regarding if the canteen will be opening, will be provided in the newsletter at beginning of term 2.

Any questions please ask Jessica Mavin 0414461410 or Tammy Small 0416247247

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 2: Orders and payment are due tomorrow, Tuesday 19th March, 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.

Clearance Sale: Scholastic are having a clearance sale. A brochure will be sent home tomorrow. So as not to miss out on these great savings, orders and payment will need to be returned to the school by Thursday 28th March, 2013.
HELP WANTED

Windsor Public School would like a plumber ASAP to install a tap in the chicken pen. If you can help please contact Mrs Rogers.

Thank you

Jack Whitmore

HANDMADE AND HOMEGROWN MARKET

In preparation for our School Market and Fete on 25th May we are in need of some items -
  - empty Milo tins (any size)
  - clean unused paddle pop sticks
  - bright coloured paints (not crafty type paints as the paint is required to paint the milo tins)
  - one large clam shell usually used as a sandpit or wading pool for toddlers

If you are able to donate any of the above items it would be greatly appreciated.
For any enquiries please call Tammy on 0416 247247

STUDENT BANKING

School banking is every Tuesday!

SCHOOL BOMBER JACKETS

A note has been sent home with information for ordering school bomber jackets. The last day for orders and payment will be Tuesday 9th April, 2013.

Jackets are ordered on a pre-paid basis therefore full payment at time of ordering will be required.

UNIFORM NEWS

Special! Special! Special!

School jumpers discontinued trim and printing colour.

Bottle green with lemon trim and large crest - $5
Bottle green with lemon trim and small crest - $10

Please note limited sizing available

New stock has arrived for girl's dresses. Due to a price increase from the manufacturer the dresses are now $38
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.

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following days:
Monday         2.30-3.00pm
Wednesday   8.30-9.10am
Friday            8.30-9.10am
Please ring Kylie 0416274804 or Lisa 0403015423 for other times

LAST DAYS FOR PAYMENT

Now due - Kindergarten – Class requirements $55 per student
Now due - Year 1 – Class requirements $55 per student ($60 with Homework Folder)
Now due - Year 2-6 – Class requirements $55 per student
Tuesday 19th March - Scholastic Book Club orders
Friday 22nd March - Pulse Choir T-Shirt/Participation fee $25
Tuesday 9th April - School bomber jackets orders/payment
Tuesday 9th April - Sports in Schools $40 per student – capped at two children per family
FOR YOUR DIARY

Now due - Emergency Contact forms to school office
Thursday 28th March - Easter Hat Parade
Saturday 25th May - Handmade and Homegrown in the Hawkesbury

The school office is open from 8.30am until 3.00pm.
Uniform purchases 8.30am to 2.45

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parenting Ideas – by Michael Grose

Making school drop-offs hassle-free

“One common transition challenge occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters on a deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school with tears, tantrums or tiredness.”

There are a number of trouble spots for parents, and they have one thing in common. They all occur around a child’s transition from one activity or place to another.

Transitions from play to dinnertime, television to bedtime or from bed to the breakfast table are common battlefields for parents. Kids want to do one thing, yet family requirements mean that they have to do something else.

A battle can ensue with children dawdling, whining or refusing point blank to budge! Parenting is always hard work at these times.

One common transition challenge occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters on a deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school with tears, tantrums or tiredness.

Children’s tears at drop-off time play at the heart strings of compassionate parents, particularly those who feel guilty about leaving their child. Tantrums are another way children keep parents busy and their complaints about being too tired indicate that perhaps an earlier bedtime is in order.
Usually it’s children in the early years of primary school who present most difficulty at school drop-off times. Essentially these drop-off problems are separation issues that can easily be resolved by supportive teachers and some tough love parenting.

It’s worth remembering that a developmental task for children is to separate from their parents, so that they can benefit from being around other adults. Parents who resist this imperative, allowing their child to cling to them are doing their youngster a disservice.

If dropping kids off at school in the morning is a problem here’s a few ideas that may help. Your aim as a parent is to establish a new pattern of behaviour for your child in the morning, particularly as you approach the school gate or classroom door

1. Go through the morning and drop-off routine with your kids. Make sure everyone knows what’s expected. Work out your jobs and those that the kids need to do then stick to this arrangement. For instance, it may be your job to make school lunches but it’s up to kids to put them in their bags.

2. Drop kids off, turn around and go: If you have a child who likes to keep you busy each morning with tears or tantrums then you may have to take the ‘tough love’ approach. Say goodbye using a firm voice, turn around and leave. Don’t look back. Most kids settle down at school within five minutes of being dropped off. Parental lingering only makes matters worse for children and teachers. Teachers are experienced at helping kids settle into the school routine, so allow them to take over.

3. Reaffirm their efforts later: If your child begins to go off without tears or tantrums after a long period of difficult departures then make a bit of fuss when you see them later in the day. Don’t go overboard with tangible rewards or bribes. Parental recognition, genuinely given is a huge driver for most kids.

4. Wean your child off you: If your normal habit is to drop your child off at the classroom door each morning, try saying goodbye at the school gate every now and then. The aim is to make your child less, rather than more reliant on you.

If problems continue then it’s worth consulting your child’s teacher or welfare coordinator, carefully outlining the issue. Be prepared to be coached on this issue, trusting the approach that your school advises.

Teachers generally have experienced this type of separation anxiety before and understand when it’s within children’s capacities and when they may need extra help to cope. It makes good sense to trust their judgement. From my experience, it’s usually spot on!
In memory of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson, Hawkesbury Police are holding a Barefoot Bowls / Family Fun Day at Pitt Town & Districts Sports Club on Sunday, 14 April 2013, 10:00am – 4:00pm. **All proceeds will go to the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund.** Supported by Police Legacy.

Why not get a team of 4 together and join in the fun of Barefoot Bowls or bring the family along for a great day of rides, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, jumping castle, chocolate wheel, all day BBQ, cake stall and games with lots of prizes to be won.

Demonstrations will be provided by a number of Police Specialists Units.

All enquiries Windsor Police Station Ph. 4587 4099

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Insp. Suzanne RODE-SANDERS RODE1SUZ@police.nsw.gov.au
ATTENTION UNDER 11 BOYS

*Play Rugby Union in 2013!*

*Hawkesbury Valley Rugby union are looking for players for 2013*

We train Thursday nights 5:30 to 6:30 at Deerubbin Park, Windsor
And play Saturday mornings
Players new to Rugby Union very welcomed!!

Supportive coaching from a senior player
Great opportunities available with the Penrith rep team
(99% of last years team played in the Penrith rep side.)
Feel free to come down to training meet the team & have try

Registration is $90 including shorts and socks. Jerseys provided
www.hawkesjrs.rugbynet.com.au
Orientation night and first training session 14/2/2013

For further information contact
Mal – 0466635930 or malkaczorowski@y7mail.com
Amy (club secretary) – amykilmr@gmail.com
My week in review – Riley T

In my week I played lego and then I went to watch TV. I watched the Amazing world of Gumball and Adventure Time. I ate in my computer room and watched TV again. I also played my Ipad and my tablet.

On the weekend – Jorja

On the weekend I went to the circus. I saw ponies. They were jumping over the fence. I saw dogs and one was pushing a tunnel, another dog was running through the tunnel. I saw clowns and one of them was funny. The acrobats were doing flips in the air.

On the weekend – Elliot

On the weekend I went to my Grandma’s place. When I was there I arranged the doll’s house. I also arranged the whole attic. When I finished it was very tidy. The next day was quiet. I watched a couple of movies. Then I went to bed. The next day was school. I did lots of work.

My family - Gemma

I have six people in my family. They are mum, dad, Jackson, Kato, me and Barbara. My family is special to me because they make me happy. We do fun things together. It is fun and cool with me and my family.