WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONE IN DIGHT STREET

On behalf of the P&C I sent correspondence to Hawkesbury Council and RMS in the form of a proposal requesting the installation of a ‘kiss & drop’ zone in Dight Street.

This proposal was generated to hopefully resolve the ongoing issues of congestion, parking and incurred fines associated with Dight Street.

I am pleased to inform our school community, that after consultation during a site visit and further discussions within council – the proposal has been passed with the following recommendation:

The existing 24 metre section of untimed kerb side parking on the north eastern side of Dight Street, adjacent to Windsor PS, between the existing ‘School Bus Zone’ and the existing ‘No Stopping’ zone will become a 16 metre ‘No Parking’ zone (operating between 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm school days).

The following conditions apply:

In accordance with Australian Road Rule 168, the driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a ‘No Parking’ sign applies unless the driver is dropping off, or picking up passengers or goods, which must be completed within 2 minutes and does not leave the vehicle unattended (driver stays within 3 metres of the vehicle). In affect a ‘No Parking’ zone is a drop off and pickup area or a ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone.

I will inform you when the new signage has been placed and the ‘new’ zone commences.
REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
With tomorrow being Remembrance Day, we will again have our student leaders participate in public reading and the laying of a wreath during the ceremony. Remaining students K-6 will observe the ceremony at 11.00am from the footpath on George Street along our school fence line.

SHED PROGRAM
Throughout this term, students from Windsor HS have been attending our school each Friday to work with the boys who are currently participating in our SHED Program.
Last Friday, 2 timber bench seats which were designed and constructed collectively by the boys were installed in the bottom playground adjacent to the chicken coop. We are hoping that all students will appreciate and enjoy using these benches. Mr Mudiman (Deputy Principal Windsor HS) and I are very proud of the boys’ achievements and particularly in the comradery that has developed between the cohorts of boys.
I look forward to developing future projects with our local high school.

![Bench seats installed in the playground.](image)

WINDSOR BUSINESS GROUP MARKETS
This Thursday 13th November, Windsor Business Group will be hosting twilight markets in Thompson Square.
Our dance groups and Percussionists have been invited to perform at this community event. We are scheduled for 6.30pm.

The market stalls are setting up from 4pm, with entertainment from 6pm with Santa arriving around 6pm, and the official lighting up of the town at 8pm, the Mayor will officially light up the big tree at 8pm.

Trentino’s will be putting on seafood platters with beer battered flat head fillets, prawn cutlets, calamari, chips and salad for families for $35. Families can book and request this SPECIAL, it would normally be $50. Phone 45877419.

Please mark the date in your diaries and come along to support our school and local community.
YEAR BOOK

A professionally bound year book with 70 glossy, coloured pages is available for purchase at a cost of $25 per book. This book has been created by school staff and financially sourced by our P&C. Staff and P&C have viewed a hard copy and have all been very impressed with both the high quality and well-presented content within the book. I highly recommend families purchase this memento of 2015 which highlights every class as well as events held throughout the year. Order forms have been distributed with the delivery date being confirmed as 10th December.

Payment is due with your order form on/before Friday 5th December.

Mike Watson
Principal

STARR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received STARR awards in week 4. Well done!

2Z  Melek Massingham     Iris Miller     Jesse Davis     Bailey Jones
    Jacob Kent     Lachlan Kersten     Lucas McIlrick     Cody Sneesby
    Joshua Wade

2-3B  Gemma King     Makaleah Simmons     Alice Morrison     Harmony Martin
     Maxine Suela     Mia Bruton     Ethan Lewry     Ella Paraha
     Charlotte Collier-Mitchell     Seth Kent     Riley Taylor     Ryder Mavin
     Ethan Hitchen     Riley Small

6C  Kody Massingham     Brodie Whitmore     Rose Ryan     Bradley Cole
    Tara Hottwagner     Dyllan Yelavich     William Baltaks
    Ebony Towner-Cohen

Due to Mr. Clark’s absence last week, these Starr Awards were not published.

STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to these students who received awards last week. Well done!

2-3B  Bonny Xia - fantastic effort in all areas
4M   Johnathan Hurley - fantastic effort in all areas
     Hannah Taylor - improved effort in Maths
5T   Reili Massingham - wonderful effort and attitude
     Alexi Suela - being a sensible, hardworking class member
6C   Rose Ryan - pleasing effort with all her lessons
     Tara Hottwagner - always being polite and industrious
HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Hawkesbury Community Services is having its annual Christmas Hamper drive to provide Christmas hampers to families in the community. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items to this worthwhile Christmas appeal they can be left at the front office. Items can include long life milk, custard, cream, tinned fruit, chips/pretzels, shortbread, biscuits, tinned ham, family lolly bags, fruit mince pies, Xmas cake, Xmas pudding, soft drinks and cereal.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Our Annual swimming Carnival will be held at Richmond Pool on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} February, 2015, from 6pm. Notes will be sent home soon for nomination of entries for this as it needs to be finalised before the end of term. The carnival offers competitive races of 50m only.

SCHOOL LEADER TALKS
On Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} November, at 12:40, our Year 5 students will present their 2015 School Leader speeches to the whole school. We cordially invite family and friends to attend the speeches. Following the presentations, students and staff will vote for 4 Leaders for 2015. The new leaders will be announced at our Presentation assembly on Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} December.

JTuck

ICE BLOCK DAY
The Year 6 Farewell Committee will be having an Ice Block Day on Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} November during lunch. Ice blocks cost $1.00 and flavours are cola, lemonade and raspberry. Sales will be from the canteen.

STUDENT BANKING

School banking is every \textbf{Tuesday}! \textbf{Rewarding Regular Savings With Precious Prizes Competition!} To find out more, visit: commbank.com.au/deepsavers

\textbf{Reward Tokens}
If you have 10 or more tokens you can trade them for a reward! All rewards except the penguin keyring are available.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club will be sent home tomorrow.
The last day for payment and orders from this issue will be Tuesday 18th November.
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.
Please be aware that the school office cannot accept eftpos or credit card payments for Bookclub.

CLOTHING POOL
The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following day:
Friday between 8.30-9.00am
If you need access at any other time please ring
Kylie 0416274804 or Lisa 0403015423
If you have any uniforms that no longer fit, please consider sending them to the Clothing Pool.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17th November - Zoo Snooze Yrs 3 & 4
Tuesday 18th November - Zoo Snooze Yrs 3 & 4
Tuesday 18th November - Book Club orders
Tuesday 25th November - Student Leader Talks

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

LAST DAYS FOR PAYMENT

Now due - Voluntary Contributions
Friday 5th December - Year Book order form/payment

Payments can be made by cheque, cash & eftpos
Is your child too busy? - Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Many modern kids don’t have a chance to get bored. They are always on the go. As they get older their lives become more organised. Now is a good time to take stock of your child’s schedules to see if there’s time for relaxation, free play and catching up with family.

As the school year cranks up, kids’ involvement in after school activities gets under way as well. It seems everyone in the family gets on the activity round-about once school starts back.

Now is a good time to take stock of your child’s after-school schedule to make sure that there’s time for relaxation, free play and catching up with family.

A recent Australian study found that four and five year olds spend more time in organised, structured activities than in unstructured play. They spend 4.2 hours each day in unstructured play and watching television compared to 5.2 hours visiting others, doing lessons or classes or in child care.

So much for the image of childhood being a time of carefree, child-initiated fun!

As they get older their lives become more organised. The proliferation of organised sport, performance-based and educational type activities available in the burgeoning ‘child development and education’ industry ensures that kids’ lives are heavily scheduled. Many modern kids don’t have a chance to get bored. They are always on the go.

But has it gone too far? While high parental involvement to maximize kids’ potential in the early years is to be applauded, this flurry of activity can leave parents exhausted too. The idea of having a few spare hours to read a book or laze on the couch is foreign to many parents.

They are vague memories of a different life stage when life revolved around them, their partner and friends.

It seems we try to fit so much in our days that there isn't a lot of fun in parenting for many people. Kids too are feeling the strain. The rise in childhood anxiety as reported by educators and health professionals indicates that the push for early success comes at a cost to children’s well-being and mental health.
Seek a balance

Most of the evidence suggests that parents should take a balanced approach to child-rearing and make sure that kids have sufficient time to just be kids. Not everything in their lives needs to be tied to learning or needs to have a purpose. One or two organised activities a day maybe okay, but any more, and you may find you are creating a ‘stimulus junkie’. When children want to add an organised or adult-lead activity to an already bulging schedule then they should be encouraged to delete an activity, which is a great life skill.

Build regular down-time into family life.

Avoid being a family that’s always on the go. Make sure you have some down-time so family members can relax and have the chance to connect. And don’t be afraid that your kids may become bored. Boredom gives kids opportunities to keep themselves occupied. This may mean that you need to say no to an after-school activity. Alternatively, kids can participate but maybe another adult can take them and pick them up.

Some tips for getting the balance of activities right:

1. Make sure kids have a couple of after-school activities that suit their interests, and that they want to do.

2. They should have enough spare time to do homework without feeling stressed.

3. Make sure they have spare time each day for self-initiated activities including watching television, using the Internet (if appropriate age-wise) and socialising.

4. Check that children have opportunities each day to spend time with family members including parents.
*PARTY TIME*

Christmas Festival Party

Thursday
November
13th from
6pm

Thompson
Square,
Windsor

Windsor Business Group Inc. invites you to join in the festivities.

Market stalls... Entertainment... Plus we crown the new Prince & Princess of Windsor!

*Special guests Santa and Mrs Claus*
***LIGHTING UP WINDSOR***

***Tickets can be purchased at the front office up until 9:00am this Thursday.***

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**Lighting Up Windsor**

13th November Christmas Festival

Enter the draw for the Prince and Princess of Windsor  
$1.00 Tickets limited to 1 per child.  
Winner must be in attendance at the draw in Thompson Square  
at 7.45 pm to claim their prize.

Entertainers, Dance groups and school choirs and bands

Market Stalls  
Santa & Mrs Claus and their Elf helper.
Hawkesbury Oasis

Family Fun Day

15 November 10am to 3pm

Play all day with unlimited rides and attractions!

✓ Bumper Boats
✓ Rock Climbing Wall
✓ Zorb Balls
✓ Bungee Trampoline
✓ Face Painting
✓ Novelty Balloons
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✓ Live Music
✓ Kids Activities and More!

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