WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Windsor Public School

We can all be STARR students

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

BANDANNA DAY
I wish to again thank the school community for your support of Canteen, which raises funds to support young people living with cancer. 
After sales of merchandise and additional funds, we will be forwarding a cheque to the value of $500 to this worthwhile charity.
Thank you.

GROUP PHOTOS
This Wednesday, MSP Photography will return to the school to photograph specific groups of students – sport teams, choir, dance, percussion etc.
Individual teachers will inform their respective groups if they require students to bring specific outfits for their photographs.

YEAR BOOK
Both staff and our P&C have collaboratively decided on producing a year book, which will be available for purchase before the end of the year.
Each class will be represented, along with samples of events that have been held throughout 2015.
The book will be professionally produced with approximately 60 colour pages.
I thank all staff who have assisted in the production of this keepsake, and in particular Mrs Berghofer and Mrs Parkinson who have been our ‘chief editors’ in the creation of this impressive memento.

The cost will be $25.00 per book with more information on its availability, once final editing/publishing has been completed.

WINDSOR BUSINESS GROUP MARKETS
On 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.

Mike Watson
Principal
**STARR AWARDS**

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

**KC**
- Violet Crofton
- Talaana Gabriel
- Mikayla Layt
- Chloe Pike
- Matilda Bush
- Grace Vredegoor
- Jesse Blume
- Ryan Callaghan
- Swayzee Kennedy
- Corbin Shearer
- Daniel Su
- Jared West

**K-1F**
- Cassidy Grima
- Madeleine Macdonald
- Lily Paraha
- Anna Pugliese
- Tommey Clark
- Stephen Radunz
- Ruby Blume
- Braxton Shearer
- Jack Stubbs
- Lily Crofton
- Ruby Bugeja
- Mason Saint

**1-2R**
- Gracie Morrison
- Jacob Simmons
- Marcus Mavin
- Zak Oaklands
- Preston Kennedy
- Lily Callaghan
- Aleeya Warrington
- Owen Brown
- Jaylee Morgan

**4M**
- Teresa Chen
- McKeely Whitmore
- Paige Hottwagner
- April Laird
- Efthan Farnbach
- Emily Shamoun
- Hannah Taylor

**5T**
- Fatima Almusilhi
- Felicity Tait
- Caitlin Brodie-Davies
- Tueny Xia
- Sarah Dorahy
- Connor Simmons
- Katrina Maher
- Leroy O’Connor
- Natasha Paterson
- Taine Nolan
- Alexi Suela
- Seth Nolan
- Lachlan Morgan

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**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 SCHEME
A group of students from Years 2-6 have participated in the School swimming Scheme over the past 2 weeks. This is a free scheme, (only transport and pool entry is charged to the students), teaching the children valuable water safety skills, survival skills and swimming lessons. Our students are to be commended on their behaviour and enthusiasm. Every single student showed a development of skills and/or confidence. Well done to all who attended, we look forward to offering the program again next year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Our Annual swimming Carnival will be held at Richmond Pool on Thursday 5th 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 25th 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 15th December.

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P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight 3rd November, 7.00pm All are welcome.

STUDENT BANKING
School banking is every Tuesday!
Please fill out your child’s deposit book and make sure the money is placed in the velcro section of the deposit book as coins are being misplaced.

CLOTHING POOL
The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following days:
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 3rd November - P&C Meeting Staffroom 7pm
Tuesday 4th November - Yr 6 Transition Program at WHS
Monday 17th November - Zoo Snooze Yrs 3 & 4
Tuesday 18th November - Zoo Snooze Yrs 3 & 4

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 7th November - Artwork Fundraiser

Payments can be made by cheque, cash & eftpos

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ARTWORK FUNDRAISER

Dear Parents/Carers,
Your child has been working on an art project in their Art lessons. The artworks produced are able to be transformed into great gift ideas and will feature your child’s very own work. Each calendar has the one unique artwork and some stickers for planning your year. There is also an A5 diary or notebook, cards (pack 8) or iPhone 4, 4S, 5 & 5S covers, available for order. If you wish to see the artwork before ordering, you can come and see myself before school.

All money raised will go to Windsor Public School.

The final day for orders has been extended to this Friday 7th November. Once our orders are received it should take 2-3 weeks for them to be returned. All original artworks will be returned with products.

Thank you,
Mr Graham
Kids in the kitchen – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

“The kitchen is a great place to start developing the skills of independent living in your kids. Cooking by nature is practical; a lot of fun and you get to eat the results of your efforts immediately.”

Things have certainly hotted up in many Australian kitchens as family members go head-to-head inspired by some recent TV reality cooking show type competitions. Father-son cook-offs, mother-daughter bake-offs and all-in family challenges are the go as families rediscover what the hub of every home – the kitchen was once.

The positive spin-off from all this activity, apart from promoting better family relationships, is that kids are learning how to cook. For someone like me, who believes the fundamental goal of all parents is to make themselves redundant, teaching kids to cook is a no-brainer.

The kitchen is a great place to start developing the skills of independent living in your kids. Cooking by nature is practical; a lot of fun and you get to eat the results of your efforts immediately.

It has the added bonus of being boy-friendly. Many boys love to cook because it’s hands-on, messy and encourages creativity and experimentation. These characteristics suit the learning styles of many boys, particularly those who abhor being stuck behind a school desk. It’s little wonder that many of our top chefs are men.

If your kids haven’t been bitten by the cooking bug yet, here are some ideas guaranteed to get them into the kitchen, and developing a bunch of great skills as well:

.. Start young: Kids should be able to cook an edible, interesting two course meal for the whole family by the time they finish primary school. They are perfectly capable of doing this, but from my experience, few kids can. The key is to start when children are young.

.. Start small: If your kids are strangers to cooking and preparing meals, start by showing them how to make their school lunches, prepare snacks and prepare parts of the family meals. Little by little, increase the number of food preparation activities until they are familiar with the kitchen, feel comfortable with many of the utensils and can read some basic recipes.
.. **You help me**: Cooking is one of the few activities that parents and kids can do together, so try to get a child involved in some way, each time you cook a meal. Whether it’s peeling vegetables, pouring water into a pot or stirring chocolate sauce in a bowl there are plenty of ways to involve kids with you in the kitchen.

.. **Give them a purpose**: I’ve always found kids will usually do just about anything if they see a purpose for what they do. So if your child is a reluctant mini-chef, get him or her cooking for you, their friends or part of a family celebration. They will feel good about all the complements they receive.

.. **Let them choose**: Kids are more likely to stick to any decision that they have had a say in making. This is why I’ve always asked my children’s opinion about a range of matters. It’s about establishing some buy-in. The same principle applies to the kitchen. Invite your kids to choose a meal to cook, perhaps once a week, and be willing to work alongside them to produce a joint masterpiece.

If all this sounds a little high maintenance for your liking, consider the time spent developing the cooking habit in your kids as an investment in your future redundancy. You don’t want to be cooking for them forever.

Cooking is also a great way to get kids talking, because while their hands are busy, their tongues loosen up. So if you have a conversational clam in the family who keeps things close to their chest try some shoulder-to-shoulder parenting that cooking together provides.
KC - IN THE HENHOUSE/GARDEN