WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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We can all be STARR students

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week is quite busy with several events planned-

* Merit BBQ & Principal’s Afternoon Tea today;
  Thank you to South Windsor Butchery for their kind donation of sausages for our BBQ
* P&C Meeting tonight;
* Our leaders attending an ANZAC Memorial Service at Hyde Park on Wednesday;
* Easter Hat Parade on Thursday at 12.00pm;
* Anzac Ceremony on Friday at 10.00am; and
* A tree risk assessment/safety audit will be conducted throughout the school at 11.00am on Friday.

OUTDOOR CHECKERS BOARD
I wish to thank the P&C for their generous support in funding our latest addition to the playground.
This addition to our soft fall area has made productive use of another eroded section of our playground, where the students can now participate in cooperative games.
We have ordered another outdoor table and seats through Year 6 fundraising, which will be placed adjacent to the area.

STAFFING
Commencing next term, there will be some changes in staffing:
Mrs Bryce officially retires from her role as School Administration Manager, a position she has efficiently and diligently maintained for the last 27 years. During her time at Windsor Public, Mrs Bryce has seen many changes in Principals, staff, families and students – all of whom she has built a positive rapport with over the years.
I thank Mrs Bryce not only for her impeccable office management and support given to me; but also for her commitment to the overall management of the school. You will be missed but I know that you will thoroughly enjoy the time to enjoy your family.
Mrs Bryce will be returning on a casual basis next term until her replacement commences.
Mrs Pace will be working 3 days per week at Windsor PS with 2 days employment at John Palmer Public School.

Miss Walker will conclude her temporary appointment with us this term. Miss Walker was employed whilst another staff member was on extended leave and has since retired.
This teaching position is currently being advertised through merit selection with interviews taking place in the first week of Term 2.

I apologise for the disruption to 2W but my attempts to resolve this issue prior to the commencement of next term were hindered by reasons beyond my control. I do wish to thank Miss Walker for her enthusiasm and commitment to student-centred learning during her time with us. You have made a significant impact to our learning community!

_I wish to thank the school community for your support throughout this term and inform you that school resumes for all students on Tuesday 29th April._

_Engoy the holidays with friends and family._

Mike Watson
Principal

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

KC  Talaana Gabriel  Anna-Lee Hitchen  Chloe Martin  Corbin Shearer
     Jared Wesley-Smith  Jake Huttunen  Nathaniel Clark  Jesse Blume
     William Keech

K-1F  Anna Pugliese  Shelby Stanyer  Madeleine Macdonald  Ruby Blume
     Cassidy Grima  Richard Baldwin  Stephen Radunz  Jack Stubbs
     Charlie Devine  Charlotte Bush

1-2R  Devine Bloodsworth  Owen Brown  Lily Callaghan  Jackson King
     Jaylee Morgan  Gracie Morrison  Dominic Shamoun  Jacob Simmons
     Elizabeth Zouait  Preston Kennedy  Jett Macintosh  Marcus Mavin
     Zak Oaklands

2W  Shania Gray  Melek Massingham  Kendra Shuttleworth  Simon Su
     Jake O’Connor  Jesse Davis  Cooper Harriss  Lachlan Kersten
     Bailey Jones  Tristan Towner-Cohen  Jacob Kent  Joshua Wade

2-3B  Makaelah Simmons  Charlotte Collier-Mitchell  Gemma King
     Ella Paraha  Ethan Lewry  Elliott Sullivan  Taylah Reeves
     Oliver Macdonald  Riley Small  Stephanie Pemberton

4M  Jett Merryweather  Gemma Whitmore  Hannah Taylor  April Laird
     Paige Hottwagner  Paris Mackintosh  Xavier Shuttleworth
     McKeely Whitmore  John Hurley  Ethan Farnbach

5T  Fatima Almusilhi  Connor Simmons  Sarah Dorahi  Lachlan Morgan
     Tiaran Hitchen  Seth Nolan  Alexi Suela  Taine Nolan
     Katie McClure  Leroy O’Connor  Katrina Maher

6C  Sarah Benson  Tamzen Bloodsworth  Abby Galea  Rose Ryan
     Trent Cockerill  Bradley Cole  Caleb Dries  Tara Hottwagner
     Emily Brodie
SPORTS REPORT

Our first softball game of the season was an exciting one.

The junior Ruse & Cox teams played a brilliant game with both teams showing great sportsmanship. Cox led the game 6 – 5 with a few minutes left of play. However, a sensational home run by Hannah Taylor in the dying minutes saw four Ruse players home which clinched the game for Ruse 9 – 6.

What a game, great effort everyone!

Well done & Congratulations Ruse!!

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Last week Year 6 participated in a Leadership Camp at Longneck Lagoon. I would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour and attitude at the camp. The theme of the camp was co-operation and team building. Activities included bike riding, canoeing, map reading and using a GPS to find their way around a course.

A big thank you to Mr Cole, Ms Nayda, Mrs Galea and Mr Baltaks who came out and assisted with meal preparation and activities.

Lastly, to Mrs Tuck, who without her participation the camp could not have gone ahead. Thank you!

John Clark

CAKE DAY

This Wednesday 9th April, 5T will be holding a cake stall to raise funds to purchase resources for their classroom. We will be baking lots of delicious cakes, slices, toffees and biscuits, which will be sold at lunch for 50 cents each.

SCHOOL NEWS

If anyone has a guinea pig/rabbit hutch for outside, KC would love to give their guinea pigs an outdoor experience. Please ring the office and arrange a drop off time.

Thank you
Mrs. Chard
SCHOOL FETE AND MARKET DAY

Our annual event “Handmade and Homegrown in the Hawkesbury” will be held this year on 24th May. A flyer was sent home last week with all the details about the day. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we look forward to receiving a great amount of support from our school community. Please contact the office if you require any extra information or call Brooke Galea on 0417 232477

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

The girls tartan tunic and lemon blouse can be purchased from Brynorms Uniform Shop 2/328 Windsor St, Richmond.
Tartan tunics start at size 4 and cost $52 increasing by $2 per size.
Lemon blouses are $28 up to size 16.
By registering your name with Brynorms the school P&C will receive 5% of sales at the end of the year for uniforms and stationery purchased from Brynorms.

STUDENT BANKING

School banking is every Tuesday!

CANTEEN NEWS

The Evergreen Café is our lunch provider. These lunch orders can be placed Monday-Friday but all lunch orders have to be in the tub in the office foyer by 9am. If you need a lunch order price list please ask at the front office or the price list can be found on the school website www.windsor-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following days:
Wednesday    8.30-9.00am
Friday        8.30-9.00am
If you have any uniforms that no longer fit, please consider sending them to the Clothing Pool.
Please ring Kylie 0416274804 or Lisa 0403015423 for other times

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th April                        - P&C Meeting - 7pm Staffroom
Wednesday 9th April                   - 5T Cake Stall
Friday 11th April                      - Last day for Term 1
Tuesday 29th April                     - First day for students Term 2
Thursday 8th May                       - School Cross Country
Saturday 24th May                      - Handmade and Homegrown

   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
Peer pressure – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Peers have a strong influence on the hearts and minds of children and young people.

Usually peer influence is positive however the influence of friends and acquaintances is not always in a child's best interests.

Peers generally have an extremely positive impact on a child. Positive peer influence can impact on learning, character development and a child's interests.

However for a child or young person, resisting negative peer influence can mean isolation or instant ostracism, so it sometimes takes great strength of will to refuse to follow the crowd.

DEALING WITH NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE
SOME IDEAS TO HELP CHILDREN COPE WITH AND BE LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO PEER PRESSURE:

1. **Help children say no – and still save face.** Ask them how they would refuse an offer of a cigarette, an illegal substance or an invitation to behave in a way that they felt uncomfortable with. How could they say no? What words could they use? How could they react if they were pestered? How can they refuse and still be 'cool' and accepted by others? Be upfront with them; after all their peers will be.

2. **Encourage them to gain some thinking time.** If they feel uncomfortable with a peer’s insistent request, but find it difficult to refuse, then encourage them to gain some reflection time by saying something like ‘No thanks, not now.’

3. **Invite children to think through the consequences of their decisions.** When they are put on the spot they should think about the risk factors involved and err on the side of caution. Encourage them to think ‘Is this behaviour smart? Is it in my best interests?’

4. **Talk about peer influence with your children.** Be open and frank about the subject, letting them know that while much of the influence of their friends is positive, some is not in their best interests.

5. **Give kids a scapegoat.** Keeping face is important for many young people so they can maintain their status among their friends. Encourage them to blame you for not letting them do something they don’t feel comfortable with but can’t admit to.

6. **Avoid making kids rely on the approval of others,** including parents, for their self-esteem. Allow them to feel comfortable holding opinions and views that are different to yours.
We’ve had a fun-filled and productive term together

Keep smiling 2W!

You are all SUPERSTARS!!!