PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

HANDMADE AND HOMEGROWN MARKETS
I hope that staff, P&C members, parent volunteers and their families had a restful Sunday after the early start and long day for many, on Saturday.

There was a great atmosphere throughout the market and verbal accounts from P&C members running stalls, indicated a rewarding and profitable day.
I need to reiterate my sincere gratitude to the highly dedicated team of parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of the day. On behalf of the staff and school community I thank you all for your efforts, time and support in developing such a huge event.
I thank school staff for their assistance throughout the day and appreciate your time given.
A big thanks must be given to Mr Bonaccorso from Windsor HS, who supplied and operated the sound equipment throughout the day.

The success of the day was due to the efforts and support of a proactive community to which I am most grateful.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP
This Wednesday, selected boys from Stage 3 will be attending a drumming workshop with students from other schools in our learning community.
The workshop will be held in our school hall, with successful “drummers” being selected to perform in a drum line to open this year’s PULSE Concert at the Sydney Opera House on 14th August.
A great opportunity for our boys to be part of such a prestigious regional event – let’s hope that some or all are selected!

Mike Watson
Principal
STAGE 1 (K – 2 ) COMMENDATIONS

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

**KC**
- Jesse Blume - great listener
- Anna-Lee Hitchen - trying hard not to call out

**K-1F**
- Richard Baldwin - great start to Term 2
- Ruby Blume - always having a go at everything

**1-2R**
- William Baldwin - trying hard in all his work
- Amelia Temlett - wonderful reading in literacy groups

**2W**
- Noah Krix - great story writing
- Brock Smallwood - fantastic effort in maths

STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

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

**2-3B**
- Riley Taylor - displaying a mature approach to all his work

**4M**
- Xavier Shuttleworth - outstanding effort in class
- Jett Merryweather - improved effort in maths

**5T**
- Alexi Suela - for being a conscientious student and kind, honest, compassionate class member
- Leroy O’Connor - for trying his best in class at all times and for displaying wonderful sportsmanship

**6C**
- Emily Brodie - excellent sentence structure in her writing
- Damon Groenewegen - great work in maths

P&C – MARKET & FETE DAY

I would like to thank all those volunteers who helped to put our market and fete together, helped out on the day or baked for our cake stall.

I would also like to thank the staff who came to help, it was great to add to the school spirit on the day.

We were fortunate to have such great weather and hope that those who were able to attend had fun and enjoyed themselves.

If you were not able to make it, make sure you don’t miss out next year – it’s a great day!!
SEED CREATIONS FUNDRAISING

We have a number of items still available from our Seed Creations Fundraising table. I will have a table in the playground in the afternoons for parents who still may wish to purchase them, or feel free to call me on 0417232477 if you want to purchase.

Items available are:

Grow Pots – Tomato, Sunflower, Mimosa or Flowers   - $10
(This is a complete kit to be able to grow the plant you choose)

Grow Heads – Cat or Dog     - $5
(This is a pot to grow as a grass head)

Rainbow Gardens – Bulbs, Vegetables or Flowers   - $5
(Box of seeds to plant)

UNIFORM SALE

Girls green pleated sports skirt
Sizes 8,10,12 & 14

Green sports trackpants
Size 10 & XS

Limited stock
$10 per item
STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House bags will be sent home with all students on Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} May. Please return by 11\textsuperscript{th} June. Bags can be dropped off at Mrs. Roger’s room.

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

STUDENT BANKING

School banking is every Tuesday!

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

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 30\textsuperscript{th} May - $20 deposit Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} September - Final payment Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Camp
Parenting the Family Underdog – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

One of the unwritten laws of family life is that talent and ability are unevenly distributed between siblings.

In most families there is one child who seems to have more than his or her fair share of ability. Everything this kid turns their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport or socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly.

If you have such a child then there is a fair bet that another of your children struggles in the same areas. For these children, achieving success takes more effort and concentration than it does for their sibling.

Just as it is easy for parents to marvel at the talented child, it’s frustrating and, at times, heart-breaking to watch another child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, sport or leisure activities.

It’s harder still when you know that no matter how hard this child tries they just can’t be as successful as their sibling, who continues to get all the glory and accolades from relatives and friends.

As a parent it’s important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, sport and other common childhood activities just doesn’t come naturally.

1. Be your child’s cheerleader. Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then.

2. Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort. It’s difficult praising kids when the results aren’t there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team. Focus on things improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.
3. Remember that persistence pays. Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

4. Help kids identify their strengths. Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths. “I am a good reader” or “I’m sporty” or “I’m really good at art” are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success opens up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

5. Don’t put kids on pedestals. It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on the efforts of the others as well.

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting the underdog who takes longer to mature or who must put in 110% effort to achieve is challenging for any parent.

It requires parents to focus on kids’ strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.
Danny Cohen presents
The Hawkesbury Weekend
Cartoon Camp: June 7th - June 8th

CARTOONING CAMPS

Hi Mum - can we go to this really cool program?

It looks exciting! They have a great cartooning program!

There will be fun water play, games, art, cartooning & special treats!

We can dress up each day with different themes.

I can trade my cards.

Well learn how to draw animals, famous characters & you don't need to know how to draw in advance!

PERFECT! I'm calling Mrs Brown & Mrs Smith to see if they want to book their kids to come as well!

We'll eat yummy special food!

Woo Hoo!

www.illustrating-man.com.au
bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

Saturday June 7th - Sunday June 8th
Windsor Park Primary School
156 Rifle Range Road, Bligh Park Tel: 02 9343 0833
Short Day (9am - 3.30pm) $40 Long Day (9am - 6pm) $45
Night Camp (Sat. 6pm - 9pm) $25