WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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We can all be STARR students
**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**EDUCATION WEEK**
Education Week is commencing on Monday 28th July and we are starting the week’s celebrations with our Open Day Assembly at 9.30am. Following the assembly, parents are welcome to visit classrooms and also remain at school for a picnic lunch with your children.

On Tuesday, 29th July our dance troupe, choir and Percussionists will be performing at Riverview Shopping Centre at 10.30am, as part of Education Week celebrations.

On Wednesday 30th July, we will be holding an outdoor movie night.

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held at Tamplin Field on Friday 1st August. All parents are most welcome to attend.

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE**
This Sunday, 27th July our Percussionists will be performing with students from Windsor High School at the Windsor Markets (near the Rotunda). We were invited to perform to help promote the commencement of Education Week in our local community. This will be our first performance for the year and also the debut performance for most of the boys who have only joined the group this year! We will be performing between 10.00am-11.00am and I encourage you to come along to support our boys who have been working relentlessly to master their rhythms.

**SHED PROGRAM**
As you may be aware, we run a school-based program for a selected cohort of students each Friday afternoon – The SHED (Sharing, Helping, Encouraging & Developing) has proven to be a well-received ‘hands-on’ program which has also created visual and practical artworks throughout the school.

Commencing this term, the program has been extended to include students from Windsor High School, who will visit our school each Friday to work collectively on joint projects for our school. The program will become more construction-based as we produce practical items for use by all of our students.

I am pleased with the success of our program and excited to include our local high school students.
TOILET UPGRADE
I have been told by the site manager, that the toilet upgrades should be finished by the end of this week – it would be great to have them ready for our Open Day next Monday!

I have had several opportunities to enter the worksite to observe the massive transformation that has taken place and I am very impressed with the total design – the only original, remaining parts of the toilet block are the external brickwork (which has been modified in places) and the tiled roof.

Our students are receiving a bright, fresh facility which I hope they will appreciate and respect for many years.

PUSHCART CHALLENGE
Due to the success of our debut event last year, we will be holding another Pushcart Challenge at the end of this term on Friday 19th September. Notes will be sent home this week with specific entry details.

It will be great to have even more entries this year – I know of a few parents who are keen and have already started to design their carts!

Mike Watson
Principal
STARR AWARDS

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

KC
Matilda Bush      Violet Crofton      Talaana Gabriel      Grace Vredegoor
Ryan Callaghan    Nathaniel Clark    Swayzee Kennedy
Corbin Shearer    Jake Huttenen

K-1F
Madeleine Macdonald    Shelby Stanyer    Tommey Clark    Jack Stubbs
Charlie Devine    Charlotte Bush    Lily Crofton    Cassidy Grima
Stephen Radunz    Braxton Shearer

1-2R
Jett Mackintosh    Gracie Morrison    Zak Oaklands    Jacob Simmons
Aleeya Warrington    Marcus Mavin    Dominic Shamoun
Preston Kennedy    Jackson King    Lily Callaghan

2Z
Simon Su    Jacob Kent    Lachlan Kersten    Jesse Davis
Kendra Shuttleworth    Iris Miller    Melek Massingham    Shania Gray
Joshua Wade

2-3B
Alice Morrison    Makaelah Simmons    Mia Bruton    Gemma King
Taylah Reeves    Bonny Xia    Ethan Lewry    Oliver Macdonald
Ryder Mavin    Riley Small    Riley Taylor

4M
McKeeley Whitmore    Xavier Shuttleworth    Lana Stark    Teresa Chen
Paris Mackintosh    Hannah Taylor    Paige Hottwagner

5T
Sarah Dorahy    Tiarna Hitchen    Tueny Xia    Matthew Gatt
Lachlan Morgan    Seth Nolan    Taine Nolan    Connor Simmons

6C
Tamzen Bloodsworth    Abby Galea    Sarah Benson    Rose Ryan
Ebony Towner-Cohen    Hayley McGregor    William Baltaks
Caleb Dries    Bradley Cole    Tara Hottwagner

UNIFORM SALE

Girls green pleated sports skirt
Sizes 8,10,12 & 14
Green sports trackpants
Size 10 & XS
Limited stock
$10 per item
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
The new 2014/2015 Entertainment Books have arrived at the office, in these books there are lots of coupons to save you lots of money at lots of different places. The Entertainment Book can be purchased from the office for $65.00 per book. Windsor Public School will receive $13 from each book. If you would like to look at the book before purchasing there is a display book on the office desk.

Please be aware that the school office cannot accept eftpos or credit card payments for Entertainment Books.

Thank you for your fundraising support
The P&C Committee

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!

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:
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

Wednesday 30th July - Social Evening – Please note no orders will will be taken after this Wednesday 23rd
Friday 1st August - Athletics Carnival

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 25th July - Athletics Carnival - $7 per student
Friday 22nd August - Calmsley Hill City Farm – K-2
Friday 19th September - Final payment Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Camp

COMMUNITY NEWS

Developing Conflict Resolution Skills - Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Teaching kids to deal with conflict effectively and peacefully is perhaps the biggest challenge facing adults today. Children’s disagreements both at home and at school can be noisy, physical and psychologically hurtful. The approach to conflict resolution learned and practised in childhood often stays for life.

Conflict is part of daily living. Effective people resolve conflict in ways that protect relationships, honour feelings and lead to a resolution. They neither avoid conflict nor do they use power to dominate others or win conflict.

It is useful for parents to provide a process for children to resolve individual differences peacefully and effectively. When two children have a disagreement that is upsetting to one or either then they may need adult assistance to resolve the conflict. One process that is both easy to learn and highly effective is the Face-Up conflict resolution process that is a variation on some common processes already in use.

In the Face-up process children face each other and maintain eye contact. This helps for greater openness and understanding. It generally requires an adult to be present as a third party so parents may need to stick around to make sure it works effectively.
The steps involved in the **Face-up** process:

1. **Safety first**: To ensure safety and integrity it is important that both children are calm. Give them time and some help to regain control if they are angry or upset.
2. **Feelings second**: Using I-messages children tell each other how they feel about the situation. “I feel awful when you don’t share your toys. I really feel like losing it because it is not fair.” Focus on the feelings and don’t let it get into recriminations or accusations.
3. **Repeat third**: Sometimes this process is enough to get a resolution or at least an apology. Repeat this procedure if necessary so both children feel they have been heard.
4. **Resolve fourth**: State the problem as you see it or as children identify it. Sometimes children just want to state their case and they will make their own suggestion about resolving it. “You can play with my old toys but I don’t want you playing with my new toys for a while. They’re special.” “Okay.”
5. **Make-up fifth**: An apology or an agreement is often enough however sometimes damage may need to be repaired or a follow-up talk from a parent about better behaviour may be appropriate.

Teaching children some simple rules for resolving conflict and a process such as the one above may well be one of the best investments in time and energy that a parent will make.

**Try this...Putting it into practice**

To promote conflict resolution skills in children try the following four strategies:

1. Teach children some simple **rules** for resolving conflict (e.g without hitting and without name-calling).

2. Explain to your children about **I-messages** and identify them when they are used. I-messages state how a person feels about a situation as well as why they feel that way. They are non-judgemental and non-accusatory. E.G. “I hate it when you tease me like that because I feel so silly.” “When you break your promises to me I feel so let down because I get so excited and worked up.”

3. Get children to agree on the **problem** when they come for help to resolve a conflict.

4. Ask children to **tell you** what they did when you notice they resolved a potentially difficult situation peacefully. “Have you guys been going to conflict resolution classes behind my back? How did you work that one out without arguing?” It is quite powerful when children tell you in their own language how they did something.
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