PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

EDUCATION WEEK

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world".

The Department have adopted that slogan for this anniversary celebration.

The DEC Alumni Project

‘As part of acknowledging the proud history of NSW public schools, we are focusing on celebrating the success of our graduates.

From Prime Ministers to Premiers, Oscar winners to Olympic gold medallists, Nobel Prize winners to Australians of the Year, Supreme Court judges, business leaders and artists, there are many eminent citizens whose paths began at a NSW public school.

We should acknowledge, and celebrate, our alumni.’

I’m quite sure if we stop and reflect, we could all think of prominent personalities from our own local community (whose education was obtained from the public system) who have made a significant impact on the lives of others.

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. Thank you for your response and support of this initiative – we have 107 people attending.
For those families attending the evening you are reminded of the following:

- Wear warm clothing
- Bring blankets and folding chairs for seating
- In consideration of others for viewing the movie, low folding chairs are preferred. Larger chairs will be placed towards the rear of the group.
- Tea/coffee and milo will be available

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

All students are expected to attend the carnival as there will be no teacher supervision at school.

TOILET UPGRADE
The upgrade is now complete and all that remains to be done is for the fencing to be removed and a final inspection to be completed by DEC representatives. The fencing should be removed tomorrow, with the inspection to follow – hopefully students will be able to use the new facilities this week.

TREE INSPECTION/REMOVAL
As you are aware, we had an arborist inspect all trees on site some time ago. Fortunately, we only have a small amount of trees that require removal or trimming. The trees for removal are behind the Macquarie Street buildings, which have no impact on student/staff activity.

There will be an arborist on site this week to complete the removal and trimming of nominated trees.

I have also independently organised for the removal of camphor laurel trees along the fence line of Macquarie Street, which have been severely trimmed by external contractors, resulting in the uneven bulk of the remaining canopies being directly over classrooms.

This work has been approved by Hawkesbury Council and is expected to be done this upcoming weekend.

SRC REPRESENTATIVES
The following list of students is the Semester Two SRC representatives – congratulations!

K/1F: Lily Crofton/Eden Bugeja
1/2R: Gracie Morrison/Zak Oaklands
2W: Kendra Shuttleworth/Jesse Davis
2/3B: Charlotte Collier-Mitchell/Ella Paraha
4M: McKeeley Whitmore/John Hurley
5T: Reili Massingham/Taine Nolan
6C: Tamara Parisi/Brodie Whitmore

Mike Watson
Principal
STARR AWARDS

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

KC
Violet Crofton   Talaana Gabriel   Chloe Pike   Jake Huttunen
William Keech   Swayzee Kennedy   Ryan Callaghan   Jesse Blume
Corbin Shearer

K-1F
Alice Sheridan   Lily Paraha   Braxton Shearer   Tommey Clark
Stephen Radunz   Cassidy Grima   Ruby Bugeja   Shelby Stanyer
Talia Frost   Jack Stubbs

1-2R
Owen Brown   Lily Callaghan   Jackson King   Riley Cossins
Jett Mackintosh   Preston Kennedy   Zak Oaklands   Marcus Mavin
Elizabeth Zouait   Jacob Simmons   Dominic Shamoun   Jaylee Morgan

2Z
Melek Massingham   Iris Miller   Kendra Shuttleworth   Bailey Jones
Lachlan Kersten   Cody Sneesby   Joshua Wade

2-3B
Gemma King   Riley Small   Oliver Macdonald   Riley Taylor
Ella Paraha   Makaelah Simmons   Charlotte Collier-Mitchell
Jordan Tolmie   Ethan Lewry   Ryder Mavin   Mason Walker
Stephanie Pemberton   Maxine Suela

4M
April Laird   Paris Mackintosh   Hannah Taylor   Gemma Whitmore
McKeeley Whitmore   Ethan Farnbach   Johnathon Hurley
Xavier Shuttleworth

5T
Leroy O'Connor   Connor Simmons   Darcy Martin   Tueny Xia
Felicity Tait   Katrina Maher   Elizabeth Dries   Reili Massingham
Lachlan Morgan   Fatima Almusilhi   Alexi Suela

6C
Sarah Benson   Emily Brodie   Tara Hottwagner   Meg Leaman
Rose Ryan   William Baltaks   Bradley Cole   Caleb Dries
Dyllan Yelavich
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
Friday 1st August - Athletics Carnival
Monday 4th August - P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom

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 22nd August - Calmsley Hill City Farm – K-2
Friday 29th August - Pushcart Challenge
Friday 19th September - Final payment Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Camp
Combating children's pester power – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

The rule of thumb that many children work by is ‘you get what you can bargain for’. Marketers now recognising the effectiveness of children’s pester power increasingly cater to children in the advertising of even household goods.

Children also place a great deal of pressure on each other to acquire the latest fashion item, toy or foodstuff. Invariably, it is parents who are the butt of this pressure as children turn to them to fund their consumer-driven lifestyles. ‘Mum, can you buy me a….’ seems to be the new modern mantra heard in kitchens around the country as weary parents put their hands in their pockets to purchase items for their children before they provide for themselves.

If your child places you under inordinate pressure to buy, buy, buy the following ideas may help combat his or her pester power:

• Avoid feeling guilty for saying no to a child’s request for material goods. Bear in mind that delaying gratification is not only virtuous but is actually good for children in the long run. There have been some interesting studies done that have shown that educational and social outcomes tend to be better for children who are able to defer gratification rather than get what they want immediately.
• Help children differentiate between a want and a need. Children want many things but in actual fact need far less than they think to get by.
• Introduce pocket-money from an early age and encourage them to save for the things they want. Not only does saving encourage children to work toward goals but it places responsibility for purchases on children.
• When children say everyone else in their class has the latest fad ask them for the names of three so you can contact their parents to find out where they purchased it.
• Encourage a sense of generosity to match children’s growing consumerism. When new items are bought then maybe old items can be given to a sibling, a friend or someone else who can use it.

The consumer culture is both all embracing and persuasive. There is little that can’t be bought these days. Gifts and snacks are bought rather than homemade. Clothing is rarely mended. Even simple games such as noughts and crosses have commercial versions that can be bought in a store. Kids place enormous pressure on their parents to keep up with the Jones’ kids but that doesn’t mean that parents should give in.
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