PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

BICYCLE WEEK

There was a huge response to this special day, with more students bringing bicycles to school than anticipated.

From all accounts, students enjoyed the activities, whether participating on their bikes or completing art-based activities in rooms.

I particularly wish to thank Mrs Buckle and Ms Parkinson for their assistance in organising this event.

HOMEWORK SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey. The survey is now closed and responses will be evaluated in determining future directions for homework.

REMOVAL OF DEMOUNTABLE BUILDING

With the refurbishment of our toilet block, which now has disabled access; there is no longer a need for the demountable toilet to be on site. Asset management have contacted me and arranged for the removal of the building within the next couple of weeks. Trees along the footpath on the lower section of the playground may need to be removed to allow access for the truck and crane.

If so, this will not impact negatively on the playground, as the trees are causing substantial trip hazards through movement of concrete drains and pathways.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Last week I was contacted by a concerned parent who nearly collided with students who ran out in front of a parked bus in Dight Street. Dight Street continues to be a concern for pedestrians and motorists – I urge parents to be vigilant in escorting your children across this busy street during peak times.

I also stress the need to educate your children of the associated risks when crossing a road with multiple distractions.

A DAY OF EVENTS

This Thursday will prove to be quite busy with a merit sausage sizzle at lunchtime for the recipients of awards at the combined assembly, the Principal’s afternoon tea and finally the disco – a special day to acknowledge positive and rewarding behaviours.

Well done to those students selected!
PUSHCART CHALLENGE
This Friday at 11.40am, we will be holding our Pushcart Challenge. Parents are most welcome to attend to view the creations and cheer on our students and parents who have entered the event. I am looking forward to another successful event to bring our community together for the last day of the term.

WINDSOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL REMINDER
Our school has been associated with the Windsor Business Group who has supported and promoted our performing arts groups for some time, in their annual community events. We have again been asked to participate in the Windsor Christmas Festival on 13th November. To promote this local festival, we have been asked to help launch a poster competition which will assist in advertising the festival.

The details are as follows:
*A3 size;
*Poster must show the large tree in the park in Thompson Square, covered in lights;
*Colour (paint, pencil, texta etc.);
*Age groups – 8 and under; 10 and under; 12 and under;
*Name of student, age and school on bottom front corner;
*Prizes for the winning categories;
*All entries sent to Gae at Trentino’s, 89 George St Windsor.

Entries are due before the end of September.

Thank you for your support throughout this term. I hope that all families have an enjoyable holiday. Term 4 commences on Tuesday 7th October.

Mike Watson
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are currently accepting enrolments and enquiries for Kindergarten 2015. Please contact the office for further information.
BRONZE AWARDS
The following students have been presented with Bronze Awards at the Combined Assembly today. Congratulations and well done!

KC    Nathaniel Clark    William Keech
K-1F   Ruby Bugeja    Tommey Clark    Charlie Devine    Talia Frost
1-2R   Kobi Manion    Jaylee Morgan    Maxwell Pinson    Aleeya Warrington
       Elizabeth Zouait
2Z     Cody Sneesby    Bailee Walker
2-3B   Mia Bruton    Ethan Hitchen    Maxine Suela    Bonny Xia
4M     Ethan Farnbach    Johnathan Hurley    Emily Shamoun
5T     Elizabeth Dries    Matthew Gatt    Sophie Hunter    Cody Maher
       Darcy Martin    Tueny Xia
6C     Darcy Stark    Ebony Towner-Cohen    Brodie Whitmore
       Michael Wood    Dyllan Yelavich

SILVER AWARDS
The following students have been presented with Silver Awards at the Combined Assembly today. Congratulations and well done!

KC    Matilda Bush    Ryan Callaghan    Violet Crofton    Talaana Gabriel
       Swayneee Kennedy    Mikayla Layt    Corbin Shearer    Grace Vredegoor
K-1F   Ruby Blume    Charlotte Bush    Tommey Clark    Lily Crofton
       Cassidy Grima    Peri Kane    Madeleine Macdonald    Lily Paraha
       Stephen Radunz    Shelby Stanyer    Jack Stubbs
1-2R   William Baldwin    Lily Callaghan    Preston Kennedy    Jackson King
       Marcus Mavin    Gracie Morrison    Zak Oaklands    Dominic Shamoun
       Jacob Simmons
2Z     Cooper Harriss    Lachlan Kersten    Melek Massingham    Iris Miller
       Kendra Shuttleworth    Joshua Wade
2-3B   Charlotte Collier-Mitchell    Gemma King    Oliver Macdonald
       Ryder Mavin    Ella Paraha    Makaelah Simmons    Riley Small
       Riley Taylor    Jordan Tolmie    Mason Walker
4M     Teresa Chen    Johnathon Dorahy    Xavier Shuttleworth
       Lana Stark    Hannah Taylor    McKeeley Whitmore
5T     Fatima Almusilhi    Sarah Dorahy    Tiarna Hitchen    Katrina Maher
       Lachlan Morgan    Seth Nolan    Taine Nolan    Leroy O’Connor
       Connor Simmons    Clarice Suela
6C     Tamzen Bloodsworth    Bradley Cole    Caleb Dries    Tara Hottwagner
       Rose Ryan
STAGE 1 (K – 2) COMMENDATIONS

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

**KC**
- Jared Wesley-Smith - improving with his handwriting
- Violet Crofton - great sentences

**K-1F**
- Eden Bugeja - great effort in writing
- Anna Pugliese - awesome effort in reading

**1-2R**
- Ebony Berntsen - improving with her handwriting
- Gracie Morrison - an excellent role model to others

**2Z**
- Sebastian Trevithick - for great participation in class discussions
- Bailee Walker - for improved effort in literacy groups

**2-3B**
- Maxine Suela - excellent ideas and answers in literacy groups

STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

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

**2-3B**
- Ceara Wilson - showing a big improvement in maths groups

**4M**
- McKeeley Whitmore - being an exemplary role model and peer mentor
- Emily Shamoun - demonstrating great enthusiasm and effort in creative writing

**5T**
- Felicity Tait - demonstrating a creative flair
- Daniel Maher - settling so well into his new school

**6C**
- Nathaneal Burns - improved effort and attitude
- Sarah Benson - improved effort in maths
FRUIT AND VEG MONTH

Our school will participate in Fruit and Veg month again this year. This is a program to encourage healthy eating for our children. Throughout the month, various activities will be held and I have listed these below for you to include in your calendar. Thank you for supporting this fun and healthy activity.

Tuesday 16th September- Week 10- Healthy Lunchbox Challenge. We encourage children to bring a healthy lunch with no pre-packaged products. The focus is also on reducing litter to protect our environment, so a wrapper free lunchbox will be a bonus.

Wednesday 17th September- Week 10- Fruit Sculptures

Show your artistic skills in fruit and veg sculptures. Great ideas on google! These will be displayed in the hall for classes to visit. Please deliver sculptures to the hall with child’s name and class clearly displayed, before 9am

Hope you enjoy the month!

Julie Tuck

P&C NEWS

Windsor High School is holding a market evening with focus on wine and cheese tasting on Saturday, 18th October. Tickets cost $10.00 for adults. The office has a limited number of tickets to sell and we will earn $5.00 from each ticket sale. Please support this event and support our own P & C at the same time.

The next school disco will be held this Thursday 18th September and the theme is “Fancy Dress”. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy a fun evening of music and dancing and look forward to seeing what fun costumes are worn on the night.

Our recent Father’s Day Stall was a success and we thank you all for supporting it. Hopefully our fathers enjoyed their gifts they received this year.

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the staffroom, all are welcome to attend.
NAPLAN RESULTS
Year 3 and 5 Naplan results are now available to pick up at the school office

NEW STOCK
The new style of schoolbag is available at the office with school logo
Price $33

CAN YOU ASSIST
The office supply of second hand clothing, which we use for students who need a change of clothing for various reasons, is running low. If you have any old uniforms you can donate please leave at the front office.

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:
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

Wednesday 17th September   - The Right Balance – School Performance
Friday 19th September     - Pushcart Challenge
Tuesday 7th October       - Term 4 Commences for students
Friday 10th October       - Calmsley Hill Farm – K-2
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 2.45p

LAST DAYS FOR PAYMENT

Now due                      - Voluntary Contributions
Now due                      - Zoo Snooze deposit Yrs3 & 4
Monday 15th September       - Hawkesbury Music Festival
Friday 19th September       - Final payment Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Camp
Friday 10th October         - School Swimming & Water Safety Program
Friday 3rd November         - Zoo Snooze final payment

Payments can be made by cheque, cash & eftpos
The struggle for power in a home can leave a parent exhausted. Parents can easily become locked in fierce power struggles with children over sometimes trivial issues. Power struggles between parents and children are common in many homes. Often “I want to make you” becomes more important than the issue we may be fighting or arguing over.

Power-drunk children frequently argue, throw temper tantrums or procrastinate in an effort to assert their authority over parents. They value control and love getting their own way. Parents, in turn, usually feel angry and challenged when confronted with power-seeking behaviour.

It is useful if parents can recognise their part in the power-struggle. It takes two to fight as a quest for dominance cannot occur on its own. Refuse to be drawn into an argument or fight with a child. Use consequences to teach children to take responsibility rather than exert your power to win control. It sounds easy but it is difficult for those parents who value power rather than influence.

GETTING COOPERATION FROM STRONG-WILLED KIDS

1. **Choose battles wisely with power-seekers.** Parents often fight with power-seekers over relatively inconsequential matters and become worn out by this. Also it can damage your relationship. Let them win on minor matters particularly those pertaining to food, clothing and bedrooms.

2. **Focus on you rather than them.** Most of the time parents tell power-seekers what they should be doing. Instead focus on what you will do as a parent. Rather than saying “Come to the meal table” tell them “I’ll serve ice cream when you are seated.” It is amazing how much difference one little word can make!

3. **Use choices.** Some kids value being in control so by giving them a choice they feel that they have power. To a noisy child playing inside you can say: “You may play that noisy game outside but if you want to remain inside you must play quietly. It’s your choice.” Only give them a choice of one or two options rather than a smorgasbord to choose from.

4. **Use consequences like a good cop.** Refuse to fight or argue with power-seekers. Consequences work very effectively with power-seekers so be prepared to move to action rather than repeat yourself if you don’t get the cooperation you want. The key is to implement consequences in a pleasant way so children become mad at themselves rather than you.

5. **Develop their personal power by giving them more control over their well-being.** Hand over power and authority to children when they are capable so they can take some responsibility for their own lives. For instance, give them pocket money and allow them to choose how they spend it within set guidelines.

Power-seekers like being given some latitude so cut them a little slack or you may well fight them over every little issue, which can be damaging to your relationship with them.
IF YOU BUY TICKETS FROM WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE, OUR OWN P&C WILL EARN $5 FROM THE SALE OF THE TICKET. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND SUPPORT OUR OWN P&C AT THE SAME TIME.
FRUIT & VEG DAY