WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

SAS STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK
This week is School Administration and Support Staff Recognition Week; with the theme being 'Stepping Up To the Challenge'.

SAS Staff are a dedicated group of professional workers who are constantly stepping up to the challenge and adapting to change so that students can achieve the best education possible.

Recognition Week gives the whole school community the opportunity to thank SAS Staff for the value they contribute to the school community.

On behalf of school staff I thank the following SAS staff for their valuable contributions to our school community.

School Administration Manager: Mrs Knowles

School Administration Officers: Mrs Pace & Mrs Kelly

Student Learning & Support Officers: Mrs Wallace, Mrs Riley, Mrs Zahra & Mrs Butcher

General Assistant: Mr Johnston

Mr Johnston is currently on leave and Mr Ken Cromie will be looking after our school grounds in Mr Johnston’s absence.

HOMEWORK SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who completed the 21st Century Learning Survey, which closed last Friday.
I have created another survey for students, staff and parents through survey monkey which focuses on “Homework”.
I would appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey, as we are about to review our current Homework Policy and will consider all opinions across the school community when implementing change as required, to our existing practice.

The link for the survey can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TWFYMV

The survey will close on Friday 12th September
DADS AT SCHOOL
This Friday 5th September, we will be having a special morning for our dads and grandads; prior to Father’s Day.
The morning will commence at 9.30am, and you are invited to attend this session to participate in planned activities with your children.
You are most welcome to remain at school for a picnic lunch.

PUSHCART CHALLENGE
Our pushcart challenge is only 3 weeks away.

The entries are gradually increasing, with the following numbers:
Boxcart – 11  Student Pushcart – 3  Family Pushcart - 8

Thank you to those who have supported this event.

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.

Mike Watson
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are currently accepting enrolments and enquiries for Kindergarten 2015.
Please contact the office for further information.
STAGE 1 (K – 2 ) COMMENDATIONS

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

KC  Talaana Gabriel - great sentence writing
     Swayzee Kennedy - fantastic adding

K-1F  Kirrileigh McDonald - presenting her news clearly
      Ruby Bugeja - trying hard in English groups

1-2R  Lilly Farrugia - trying hard with her reading
      Seth West  - trying hard with his reading

2Z   Ella Jarius - a great effort during Literacy groups
     Jesse Davis - trying his best during maths

2-3B  Maxine Suela - trying hard and becoming more adventurous in her work

STAGE 2 & 3 (YEARS 3-6) COMMENDATIONS

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

2-3B  Oliver Macdonald - being a sensible and reliable class member

4M   Ryan Snelling - improved behaviour in class
     Gemma Whitmore - trying her best in Maths

5T   Natasha Paterson - efforts in Mathematics and success shown in addition algorithms
     Tueny Xia  - her wonderful academic efforts and positive Attitude

6C   Hayden Marshall - improved attitude and effort in class
     Abby Galea - excellent effort in class
It’s that time of the year again! The Scholastic Book Fair will be here Monday to Wednesday this week. This year’s theme is Book Fair Garden – catch the reading bug and the students and I will be working hard to add some decorations to our Library.

The Book Fair is a great way to raise money for the school library while exposing students to a large range of new and exciting books at great prices. Our teachers will also be creating Wish Lists full of books that can be bought to refresh your child’s classroom library. We will also be having some competitions for students to win fantastic prizes.

Books will be on sale Monday 1\textsuperscript{st}, Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September.

Time: 8:30am – 9:00am; 11am – 11:20am and 3:00pm – 3:45 daily.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Book Fair
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 2\textsuperscript{nd} September- Week 8- 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 3\textsuperscript{rd} September- Week 8- Fruit and Veg stall, 50c

Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} September- Week 9- 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 10\textsuperscript{th} September- Week 9- Dress up day- Dress up as a fruit or vegetable, or in the colour of your favourite fruit or vegetable

Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} September- Week 9-Healthy Breakfast at School.- Bring along a plastic bowl and spoon and we will provide you with cereal and milk and a piece of fruit. Come along from 8:15 to share the fun.

Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} September- Week 9-Fruit and Veg Tasting in class. Please ensure that a permission note to participate has been returned to class teacher. Due to specific allergies, this is a necessity.

Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} 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 17\textsuperscript{th} 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
CAKE DAY
Next Wednesday 10th September, KC 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.

THE RIGHT BALANCE – SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
The Right Balance is a dynamic and engaging performance that provides young people with strategies for building positive relationships. Students are taken on an interactive journey of discovery filled with easy to remember strategies for dealing with frustration, bullying and the difficulties in sustaining relationships. Aided by tantalising circus feats, martial-arts, storytelling and hip-hop dance, the show inspires students to adopt positive attitudes towards finding the right balance of self-control and assertive behaviour, needed for building and maintaining healthy relationships.

The Flips company has a background in theatre for cultural and community development. They are dedicated to creating fun and interactive shows relevant to those issues young people face.

This performance has been booked for all students K-6 as staff considers the content to be of considerable value, reinforcing expectations in our welfare system.

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 3\textsuperscript{rd} September - Bicycle Day permission note
Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September - Father’s Day Stall
Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} September - Father’s & Grandfather’s Day
Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} September - Yr 4 CARES Bicycle excursion
Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} September - Fruit&Veg permission note
Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} September - Bicycle Day
Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} September - The Right Balance – School Performance
Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} September - Pushcart Challenge
Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} October - Calmsley Hill Farm – K-2
Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} November - Zoo Snooze Yrs 3 & 4
Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} 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 1\textsuperscript{st} September - Yr 4 CARES Bicycle excursion
Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} September - The Right Balance – School Performance
$4.50 per student
Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} September - Final payment Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Camp
Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} October - School Swimming & Water Safety Program
Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} November - Zoo Snooze final payment

Payments can be made by cheque, cash & eftpos
Telling tales – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Tale telling is generally about children drawing adults into disputes of their making.

Take the attitude that kids are capable of resolving their own disputes.

Pay little heed to children’s tales unless one child is powerless and is constantly being picked on. Display your willingness to help children resolve a dispute or conflict sensibly and avoid taking sides as a result of listening to children’s one-sided tales.

Ask a child who dobs: "Is this a problem you can deal with?"

Ask persistent dobbers to write down the tales that they tell. "I'll read your tale if you write down exactly what the problem is you would like my help to solve."

If a child acts as the 'deputy sheriff' be assertive and let him or her know that you can handle behavioural issues. It is your job not theirs.

Recognise that kids will keep dobbing if it has a pay-off so avoid providing a payoff for tales or else you will constantly be responding to tales of woe.

Use regular family meetings as a forum to help children work through their disputes with each other.
Spring Fair
Saturday
13 September, 2014
The Secret Garden

Enjoy the beauty of Spring with a family fun day!
Lots of stalls, farmyard animals, children's activities, Devonshire teas, BBQ, Music, Hundreds of plants for sale !!!

Located University of Western Sydney
Enter via Bourke Street, Richmond
Contact : 0414 784 460
Email : secretgarden@nwds.org.au

9:00am-4:00pm

North West Disability Services Inc.
For Shopping, For Advice, For Baby & You
At the Baby & Toddler Show, you’ll enjoy a special day out for the whole family! Little ones will love the amazing children’s entertainment including LIVE shows with Peppa Pig and meet & greet sessions with Ben & Holly from Ben & Holly’s Little Kingdom, the petting zoo, face painting, kiddie play areas, roaming characters and more. And for mum and dad, there is shopping from over 200 brands, leading parenting experts offering advice on a range of topics and you will find everything you need to guide you through the early weeks to early years of parenting.

Royal Hall of Industries & Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park, 26 – 28 September 2014.

It’s all there for you at The Baby & Toddler Show – an essential part of your journey into the wonderful world of parenthood!

Special Ticket Offer of $15 saving you $7 off the door price is on offer to all friends and family of Windsor Public School. Kids under 16 enter for FREE! To book your tickets at this discounted rate visit http://www.babyandtoddlershow.com.au/schools/

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Offer valid for presale tickets for The Baby & Toddler Show and this offer expires 5pm September 25 2014. Tickets are non-refundable and valid for one day entry. Tickets at the door are $22 each.