PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DADS AT SCHOOL
Last Friday we held our special morning for dads and grandads. It was great to see so many enthusiastic dads participating in the various activities throughout the classrooms. I thank you for your attendance and I thank staff for accommodating our guests.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR
This Thursday, representatives from the Australian Youth Choir will be visiting primary classes to listen to students sing and to distribute flyers to those students who show some ‘talent’ in singing.

BICYCLE WEEK
NSW Bike Week is an annual celebration of cycling, encouraging people from all walks of life to get on a bike and ride. In 2014 NSW Bike Week will run from Saturday, 13th September until Sunday, 21st September. We will be holding a special bike day at school this Friday 12th September. Approximately 85 students will be bringing their bikes to school on Friday to participate in an obstacle course, steering course, bike relay and brake testing.

For those students who are unable to bring their bike to school, some great creative arts activities have been organised, focusing on bicycles.

Mr. Clark and I will be conducting a safety check on all bikes and will issue a checklist to the students.

All bikes should be wheeled onto the back play area on arrival to school.

Participating students must bring an Australian standards approved helmet.

I trust that all students will enjoy the planned activities.

HOMEWORK SURVEY
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/7TWFYMYV

The survey will close on Friday 12th September
PUBLISHING STUDENT INFORMATION

All families will have received a yellow form which is an extract from the new DEC enrolment form.

The section relates to the publication of student information, which may not be restricted only to your child’s school.

There appears to be some confusion over internet usage and the possibility of students appearing on Facebook.

At this stage our school does not have a Facebook site; however, we may look into this as another means of sending information to our school community. Many schools have developed Facebook sites, which have proved to be a successful form of communication.

Some parents have returned the form indicating that they do not give permission for their children to access online services – this means that staff cannot allow your child to use the internet at school as part of classroom practice; which has created a difficult situation for both staff and students.

Unfortunately, as this form is a mandatory form generated by the department, all parents need to think of the impact on your child’s learning if you do not grant permission for publishing and online usage.

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.

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

KC
Matilda Bush     Violet Crofton     Talaana Gabriel     Mikayla Layt
Jesse Blume     Ryan Callaghan     Swayzee Kennedy     Corbin Shearer
Jared Wesley-Smith     William Keech

K-1F
Madeleine Macdonald     Shelby Stanyer     Tommey Clark     Ruby Blume
Charlie Devine     Charlotte Bush     Lily Crofton     Talia Frost
Cassidy Grima     Kirrileigh McDonald     Peri Kane     Stephen Radunz
Braxton Shearer     Jack Stubbs

1-2R
Marcus Mavin     Jacob Simmons     Dominic Shamoun     Zak Oaklands
Gracie Morrison     Lily Callaghan     Preston Kennedy     Maxwell Pinson
Lilly Farrugia     Owen Brown     Aleeya Warrington     Jackson King
Devine Bloodsworth     William Baldwin

2Z
Ella Jarius     Kendra Shuttleworth     Bailee Walker     Cooper Harriss
Lachlan Kersten     Noah Krix     Joshua Wade

2-3B
Gemma King     Riley Small     Oliver Macdonald     Riley Taylor
Ethan Lewry     Ryder Mavin     Mason Walker     Bonny Xia
Makaelah Simmons     Jordan Tolmie     Mia Bruton

4M
Xavier Shuttleworth     Ingrid Cossins     McKeeley Whitmore     Lana Stark
Ryan Snelling     Ethan Farnbach     Paige Hottwagner     Teresa Chen
Gemma Whitmore

5T
Sarah Dorahy     Connor Mcllrick     Sophie Hunter     Lachlan Morgan
Katrina Maher     Seth Nolan     Alex Suela     Leroy O’Connor
Tueny Xia     Connor Simmons     Cody Maher

6C
Tamzen Bloodsworth     Bradley Cole     Caleb Dries     Rose Ryan
Tara Hottwagner     Darcy Stark     Brodie Whitmore     Michael Wood
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 9th 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 10th September- Week 9- Dress up day- Dress up as a fruit or vegetable, or in the colour of your favourite fruit or vegetable

Thursday 11th 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 12th 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 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

CAKE DAY

This 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

Thursday 11th September - Library Author Visit
Friday 12th September - Bicycle Day
Wednesday 17th September - The Right Balance – School Performance
Friday 19th September - Pushcart Challenge
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
Friday 12th September - The Right Balance – School Performance
               $4.50 per student
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
Attention-seeking – Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Attention-seeking is the most common form of misbehaviour in children.

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Attention-seeking is the most common type of misbehaviour in children. Attention-seekers want to keep their parents busy or keep them in their service. There are two types of attention seeking behaviours – “help me” behaviours and “notice me” behaviours. “Help me” behaviours include; feigned incompetence, laziness, forgetfulness and untidiness.

These are all great ways for kids to keep their parents busy with them. “Notice me” behaviours include; eating problems, clowning, the walking question mark, constant interruptions, showing-off and whining. These behaviours are usually very effective at gaining unwarranted attention as they are very difficult to ignore. Parents often unknowingly encourage children’s attention-seeking behaviour by constantly responding to it.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR IS GENUINE OR ATTENTION-SEEKING?

Check how you feel when children misbehave. If you feel annoyed or irritated then that is a sure guide that it is attention-seeking behaviour you are dealing with.

If you are still unsure, ask yourself: ‘Would the behaviour stop if I ignored it?’ If the answer is yes, then it’s attention seeking, as it requires feedback to continue.

HOW TO CHANGE ATTENTION-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR

- As difficult as it seems you need to ignore attention seeking behaviour as much as possible. The easiest way to ignore misbehaviour is to put your attention elsewhere when kids misbehave. If necessary, correct a child, but in a low-key manner to give him or her little attention.
• **Provide lots of positive attention** – play, talk, encourage, value their contributions and achievements. In the absence of positive attention, children will settle for second-best – negative attention such as nagging or even punishment. At least you know they are around!

• **Help attention-seekers feel useful.** Let them know that they don’t have to resort to cheap tricks to gain a sense of belonging in their family. Make sure each child does something around the home that someone else relies on. Help them belong through positive contribution rather than through poor behaviour.

• **Spend time with them.** Read, play, chat or just relax together. Our limited time with children needs to be enjoyed rather than spent reacting to or trying to change poor behaviour.

• **Catch children being good.** Children need to get the message that cooperative behaviour gets them more attention than negative behaviour. Ignore the poor and accentuate the positive is the message here.

• **At times some children may feel neglected or think that a brother or sister is receiving all your attention.** If this happens plan to have some one-to-one time with each child. Develop a special interest that you share with each child in your family so you have something in common.

• **Help each child develop a sense of other.** That is, your children need to understand that the family doesn’t always revolve around them, which tends to be the case.
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.
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.

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(CHILDREN MAY ATTEND
WITH ADULT SUPERVISION)

TICKETS FROM:
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 Mulgrave & Windsor Road, McGraths Hill
• SPEECHLEY PROPERTY
 517 George Street, South Windsor
• AT THE DOOR

WHERE:
WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL HALL
Mulgrave & Windsor Road, Mulgrave

WHEN:
6:00PM SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER 2014

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