Principal’s Message

SCHOOL GROUND WORKS

No doubt you have noticed the void in the garden bed outside the toilet block, through the removal of the swamp mahogany.

I am currently seeking suggestions to rejuvenate this garden—fruit trees, kangaroo paw, a fish pond, agapanthus are some of the options presented. A decision will be made in the new year.

The fence panel has finally been installed outside the administration block; after delays from the manufacturer. This installation was initiated at a community meeting held earlier this term.

We have also had new gutters and downpipes installed on the ‘older’ section of the Christie Street block, fresh paint to the window frames on the George Street side of the hall and Mr Cromie has been completing the finishing touches on our outdoor learning area.

A new school sign will be installed on the corner of George & Christie Streets on Thursday 10th December. The sign will be mounted higher than the existing sign and will be visible above the fence line.

THANK YOU

As this is the final newsletter for 2015, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to ALL members of our school community for your sustained efforts and energy in supporting students and staff at Windsor Public.

As a community, you have supported the school as individuals, committees or groups of like-minded parents; all for a common cause—and for this I genuinely appreciate your time given as volunteers.

I farewell those families who will be leaving our school community at the end of this year and trust that your time with us has been rewarding and memorable. I wish the departing students, continued success in your new schools.

I look forward to continuing a positive partnership with families in the new year and welcome new families to our school community.

On behalf of all staff, I wish our school community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the holidays!

Upcoming Events

- Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00am Wed 9th Dec
- Merit BBQ 11.00am Thur 10th Dec
- Principal’s Afternoon Tea 1.40pm Thur 10th Dec
- Semester 2 Reports sent home Fri 11th Dec
- Community Event 5.00pm Fri 11th Dec
- Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am Mon 14th Dec
- Year 6 Farewell 5.30pm Tue 15th Dec
- Whole School Movie and final day for Students Wed 16th Dec

Important Information

FITT PITT

This Wednesday 9th December, will be the final session for our student ‘bootcamp’ this year.

From all reports, this initiative has been well received, with positive feedback from all parties concerned.

Kylie has agreed to continue with the program next year and I will inform the school community of a start date, when we return in 2016.

TERM 1 2016

Students in Years 1-6 return to school on Thursday 28th January. Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Assessments during this first week and will formally commence school on Monday 1st February.

A P&C Meeting has also been set for Monday 1st February.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**COMBINED ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

*Congratulations to the following students who received Bronze awards.*

**KF**  
Jack McInerney  

**K-1F**  
Nathaniel Clark  Charlie Devine  

**1-2M**  
Elizabeth Zouait  

**2-3V**  
Maxine Suela  Aleeya Warrington  

**3-4T**  
Lachlan Kersten  Jake O’Connor  Stephanie Pemberton  Jessica Tuiniua  

**4-5G**  
Natasha Groenewegen  Seth Kent  Holly McInerney

*Congratulations to the following students who received Silver awards.*

**KZ**  
Elizabeth Baldwin  Rose Baldwin  

**K-1F**  
Anna Pugliese  

**1-2M**  
Ruby Bugeja  Talaana Gabriel  Mikayla Layt  Chloe Pike  

**2G**  
Owen Brown  Eden Bugeja  Dominic Shamoun  

**2-3V**  
Amelia Temlett  

**3-4T**  
Bailey Chapman  Charlotte Collier-Mitchell  Shania Gray  

**4-5G**  
Jett Merryweather  

**6B**  
Jada Cooper

*Congratulations to the following students who received Gold awards.*

**KZ**  
Hudson Kennedy  Ruby Oaklands  Poppy Spies  

**K-1F**  
Laila Arab  Charlotte Jones  Swayzee Kennedy  Madeleine Macdonald  Elise Radunz  Hayden Shamoun  Peyton Shipley  Brody Taylor  

**1-2M**  
Ryan Callaghan  Daisy Spies  

**2G**  
Lily Callaghan  Cassidy Grima  Peri Kane  Lily Spies  

**2-3V**  
Bailey Jones  Melek Gabriel  Marcus Mavin  Zak Oaklands  Maxine Suela  

**3-4T**  
Gemma King  Ethan Lewry  Iris Miller  Kendra Shuttleworth  Makaelah Simmons  Riley Taylor  

**4-5G**  
Paige Hottwagner  Ella Paraha  Taylah Reeves  Emily Shamoun  Jordan Tolmie  

**6B**  
Sarah Joy Dorahy  Ethan Hearne  Lachlan Morgan  Seth Nolan  Taine Nolan  Connor Simmons  Clarice Suela
Congratulations to the following students who received STAGE awards.

**KZ**
- Sahkai Gabriel - for improved confidence when presenting news
- Chris Chen - for improvements in Reading

**K-1F**
- Anna Pugliese - fantastic Mathematical thinking!
- Hannah Shamoun - huge improvement in Writing

**1-2M**
- Daisy Spies - consistent effort in all areas
- Jake Huttunen - improved effort in English

**2G**
- Lilly Farrugia - trying to use expression in Reading
- Owen Brown - working on his handwriting

**2-3V**
- Noah Krix - fantastic creativity in Artworks
- Melek Gabriel - always doing her best!

**3-4T**
- Mia Bruton - always being a helpful and co-operative class member
- Taylah Thornton - excellent effort during group work

**4-5C**
- Jordan Tolmie - fantastic results and excellent efforts
- Xavier Shuttleworth - fantastic results and excellent efforts

**6B**
- Talisha Coulson - a willing participant in all areas
- Leroy O’Connor - displaying a mature attitude in class
Congratulations to the following students who received STARR awards.

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Elizabeth Baldwin  Rose Baldwin  Chris Chen  Hudson Kennedy
Jack McInerney  Ruby Oaklands  Poppy Spies

K-1F
Luke Piontek  Madeleine Macdonald  Lily Paraha  Elise Radunz
Peyton Shipley  Tommey Clark  Charlie Devine
Swayzee Kennedy  Anna Pugliese  Shelby Stanyer
Hayden Shamoun  Hannah Shamoun  Charlotte Jones
Laila Arab  Nathaniel Clark  Brody Taylor

1-2M
Daisy Spies  Ruby Bugeja  Talia Frost  Ryan Callaghan
Jaylee Morgan  Elizabeth Zouait  Grace Vredegoor
Corbin Shearer  Chloe Pike  Mikayla Layt

2G
Ruby Blume  Lily Callaghan  Cassidy Grima  Peri Kane
Max Pinson  Stephen Radunz  Braxton Shearer  Lily Spies

2-3V
Jacob Simmons  Jackson King  Dahlian Jennings
Bailey Jones  Marcus Mavin  Maxine Suela

3-4T
Jesse Davis  Makaelah Simmons  Cooper Harriss  Mia Bruton
Lachlan Kersten  Joshua Wade  Jake O’Connor  Gemma King
Stephanie Pemberton  Ethan Lewry  Kendra Shuttleworth
Ryder Mavin  Riley Taylor  Riley Small

4-5C
Natasha Groenewegen  Paige Hottwagner  Seth Kent
Oliver Macdonald  Holly McInerney  Jett Merryweather
Taylah Reeves  Xavier Shuttleworth  Lana Stark  Jordan Tolmie
McKeeley Whitmore  Gemma Whitmore

5B
Sarah Dorahy  Ethan Hearne  Cody Maher  Katrina Maher
Katie McClure  Seth Nolan  Taine Nolan  Lachlan Morgan
Alexi Suela  Felicity Tait
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Year 6 Mini Fair
Windsor Public School students had a great day at the ....

Year 6 thank you for your support!

Year 6 Mini Fair!
ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

KINDERGARTEN 2016
Enrolment forms for kindergarten students are available from the school office. If there is a sibling already at the school these forms can be printed off with all relevant information.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING
The Year Six Farewell Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising throughout the term. As a way of saying thanks we will be giving each child a FREE ice block on the last day of term!
If you DO NOT wish your child to have an ice block please write a note and give to your child’s class teacher.

ICE BLOCKS
The year 6 farewell committee will be selling ice blocks every Friday until 11th December. Ice blocks will cost $1 each.

STUDENT BANKING
There will be no student banking last week of term. Tomorrow 8/12/15 will be the final day to bank and redeem rewards.
Rewards still available are: ET DVD, Galaxy Glider(Frisbee), Intergalactic Rocket, Outer Space Money Box, Dollarmites Money Box—2014 item.
Please note if redeeming tokens tomorrow, your reward may not arrive before the end of term and will be given out next year.
Remember all of your remaining tokens will carry over to next year, when there will be new and exciting rewards released!

FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENT
Wednesday - 9th December—P&C Raffle tickets/money
Thursday - 10th December - End of Year Movies

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO SCHOOL GROUNDS

**Reminder to pay any outstanding workbook and sports field fees
Payment envelopes are included with excursion notes for your convenience

Payments can be made by cheque, cash, and eftpos. Please be aware that the school office cannot accept
END OF YEAR RAFFLE:
Every one should have received their Raffle tickets if you haven't please ask for them at the office. The fantastic prizes are on display in the Office.

Please return your Raffle tickets as soon as possible as we will be drawing the winner at this Friday's Community Evening.

The winner of most books sold will be announced on Tuesday 15th December at the morning assembly.

LUNCH DAY:
Our homemade hamburgers day was a success. We raised $371—thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENING: Friday 11th December

The P & C will be running a stall at the Community Evening before the Concert and during the dinner break. We will be selling Tea/Coffee, cold drinks, lollies, Glow Products and Lucky dips (Limited Glow Product Stock Available)
Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

We will be drawing our End of Year Raffle on the night.

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the P & C for all the time and effort they have put in to make this year such a success and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to you all.

The P & C would also like to send out our thanks to our School Community for your help this year. Without your assistance volunteering and donating throughout the year the P & C couldn't have achieved all they have and we sincerely thank you all for your efforts. We also wish to thank the staff of WPS for their ongoing support and input - we are so very lucky to be part of such an amazing school community.

Thanks to all your efforts the P & C achieved this year’s major goal—the construction of our Outdoor Learning Area. We are extremely proud of this achievement and look forward to seeing this fabulous addition to our school being well used by all in years to come.

We wish you a safe, happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2016 for what is hopefully, another successful year.

Kim Stanyer—President

The first P&C Meeting for 2016 will be on Monday 1st February at 7pm in the Staffroom.

Hope to see you then!
We would like to thank both these local businesses for their generous support and donations throughout the year with our fundraising and school events. Please show them your support if you choose by giving them your patronage.
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Parenting Ideas  By Michael Grose

10 mindsets that will radically improve your parenting

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings.

Here are 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1. Believe in your child
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. Think long term
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.

   Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills- some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

4. Be brave
   Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!
5. Think family
Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. Accept challenges
There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. Build your community
Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. Trust the process
Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. Adversity builds character
It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. This too shall pass
The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”