PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

P&C MEETINGS

This Friday will be the first of our morning meetings for the P&C. At the previous meeting it was decided to hold meetings on alternate days and times, in an effort to encourage an increased attendance by parents.

I welcome this change and look forward to seeing some ‘new faces’ at the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the staffroom from 9.00am-10.15am.

TOUR de CURE – RIDING TO CURE CANCER

This Friday, we will have a special presentation at our morning assembly at 9.00am from participants in this year’s Tour de Cure.

Since 2007, Tour de Cure riders, volunteers, support crew, corporate sponsors and other supporters have raised in excess of $16 million and funded over 180 cancer research, support and prevention projects, leading to 13 cancer breakthroughs.

Annually, they select and fund cancer projects in the following areas:

- Research projects to help find a cure;
- Support projects for those suffering with the journey of cancer;
- Prevention projects, focused on education and awareness of communities.

There will be approximately 20 cyclists departing from our school at the conclusion of our assembly and I am certain that our school can give them an encouraging send off!

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

KZ
Elizabeth Baldwin     Rose Baldwin     Sahkai Gabriel     Cheyenne Harris
Hudson Kennedy     Isabella Layt     Cruz Mackintosh     Ruby Oaklands
Lachlan Reeves     Poppy Spies     Meg Stubbs     Brianna West

K-1F
Peyton Shipley     Madeleine Macdonald     Lily Paraha     Laila Arab
Shelby Stanyer     Swayzee Kennedy     Cailin McHenry     Luke Pointek
Grace McHenry     Brody Taylor     Hannah Shamoun     Elise Radunz
Ryland Harris     Hayden Shamoun

1-2M
Talaana Gabriel     Talia Frost     Ryan Callaghan     Daniel Wade
Jesse Blume     Daisy Spies     Corbin Shearer

2C
Richard Baldwin     Ruby Blume     Owen Brown     Eden Bugeja
Lily Callaghan     Peri Kane     Stephen Radunz     Lily Spies     Jack Stubbs

2-3V
Marcus Mavin     Maxine Suela     Jackson King     Jacob Simmons
Bailey Jones     Noah Krix     Melek Massingham     Zak Oaklands

3-4T
Iris Miller     Makaelah Simmons     Gemma King     Preston Kennedy
Riley Taylor     Ryder Mavin     Jacob Kent     Connor McGregor
Cooper Harriss     Ethan Lewry     Joshua Wade

4-5C
Seth Kent     Oliver Macdonald     Taylah Reeves     Jett Merryweather
Jordan Tolmie     Seth Stanyer     Paige Hottwagner     Paris Mackintosh
Ella Paraha     Emily Shamoun     Teresa Chen     McKeeley Whitmore

6B
Taine Nolan     Lachlan Morgan     Reili Massingham     Darcy Martin
Ethan Hearne     Katie McClure     Katrina Maher     Sarah Dorahy
Jada Cooper

WORKBOOKS/ VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – 2015
Invoices have been sent home to all families and thank you to those who have paid these.
Please be aware there is a discount of $5 per student for early payment of voluntary contributions if paid before 2/4/15. This applies for all students.
There is a further $5 per student discount for families if paid before 26/6/15.
The student workbooks are being used in classrooms and payment of these books would be appreciated.
Kindergarten $40 and Year 1-6 $30
There is also a sports fee of $2 per student to cover insurance for using council grounds.
The Windsor Public School P&C AGM was held on Monday 3rd March. It was an enjoyable, productive evening and it was wonderful to see so many new and old faces working together alongside staff. The P&C AGM sees all positions on the executive committee absolved and the new committee nominated and elected.

We are pleased to share with you your P&C executive committee for 2015. We welcome all new position holders and look forward to working with you throughout the year to support our fantastic little school.

**President:** Kim Stanyer  
**Vice president 1:** Lisa Baldwin  
**Vice President 2:** Jessica Mavin  
**Treasurer:** Abigail Ball  
**Secretary:** Kylie Toomey  
**Clothing Pool:** Lisa Baldwin and Kylie Toomey  
**Fundraising Coordinator:** Sally Macdonald

Becoming a member of the P&C does not mean you need to hand your life over or attend every meeting (although it would be wonderful if you could make some meetings – we would love to hear your ideas!).

**Meeting times 2015**

Previously, our P&C meetings have been held on the 1st Monday of every month at 7pm. We would like to accommodate & welcome new members of our school community, so it has been decided that for 2015, our meetings times will alternate between Monday evenings at 7pm and Friday mornings at 9am. We would like to welcome you to attend our future meetings & have provided our upcoming schedule of meeting dates for your diary.

- **Friday 27th March** (9am in the Hall)  
- **Monday 4th May** (7pm in the Staff room)  
- **Friday 5th June** (9am in the Hall)

**A message from our president**

As the incoming President I would love to see new members with new ideas join us this year. Becoming a financial member ($1 for the year) will entitle you to vote on all decisions regarding fundraising events etc. as well as receiving a copy of all meeting minutes. If you don't wish to join or don't have the time, please consider helping out with events we have planned as every little bit helps.
Our fundraising events for the remainder of Term 1:

We have our school Disco on Thursday 26th March and the Easter hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April where we will be having a tea/coffee stall, both events can always use extra support if you can spare some time to help out 😊

I think our P & C are a great, friendly group of people and would like to encourage you to come and see for yourself.

If you see me in the school yard and have any questions or suggestions please feel free to come over and say Hi.

Kim Stanyer.

DISCO PAYMENT

Final payment for the 80’S Disco to be held on Thursday 26th March will be accepted until NO LATER than 10am on Thursday morning. Tickets will be available on the night, however your child will need to be signed in by a parent or caregiver.

P&C MEETING

The next meeting will be held this Friday 27th March, at 9am in the Hall.

Would love to see some new faces.

All are welcome.

YEAR 3-4T CAKE STALL

There will be a cake stall on Wednesday 25th March to help raise funds for the purchase of extra equipment for our room.

There will be lots of yummy cakes so don’t forget to bring a little bit of money to school with you.

MINDQUEST 2015

On Saturday 30th & 31st May, 2015, the seventy sixth Mindquest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Year 1-6 at Glenwood H.S.

The cost of the weekend is $185(including GST)

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494

Closing Date: Monday 4th May, 2015
EASTER RAFFLE

As you are aware the P&C are organising an Easter Raffle, which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade at school on Thursday 2nd April. The P&C is requesting donations of Easter Eggs, Bunnies etc., in assorted sizes. These will be combined to make 3 great individual prizes. Please bring your donations to the administration office by Friday 27th March.

Thank you for your support

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26th March - School Disco
Friday 27th March - Donations for Easter Raffle
Friday 27th March - P&C Meeting 9am in the hall
Tuesday 31st March - Stage 2 Surf Educate Excursion Manly
Thursday 2nd April - Easter Hat Parade/Easter Raffle draw
Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Term 1

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
Now due - Workbook fees
Friday 27th March - Stage 2 Surf Educate Excursion
Monday 30th March - Bomber jacket orders
Tuesday 31st March - P&C Raffle tickets to school office

Payments can be made by cheque, cash & eftpos
Please be aware that the school office cannot accept eftpos or credit card payments for Book Club or any P&C raffle, disco etc.
Parenting ideas INSIGHTS
Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

7 ways to help you be on top of your parenting game

Effective parents equip their children with the skills, know-how and values they need to stay safe and be successful. These seven ideas will help make sure your parenting reflects the times in which we live.

1. **Give the gift of restraint**
   At a time when kids receive so much it’s easy to forget that restraint is a virtue. Just because you can afford to give children and young people what they want, doesn’t mean you should. Differentiate between a want and a need, and encourage restraint, goal setting and saving.

2. **Build your developmental knowledge**
   Lucky you have two eyes, as you need to keep one a parenting eye on meeting kids’ current needs and the other on preparing them for the next stage of development. If starting or leaving secondary school is a year away then start thinking about how you can make sure your child or young person is ready for the next phase of their life.

3. **Reinforce self-regulation**
   “You wasted your time. Great stuff!”
   “Thanks for packing away the toys without being told.” “Good on you for staying in bed when you woke up rather than coming to our bedroom and waking us up.”
   A child’s ability to self-regulate behaviour (like the ability to self-sooth and self-occupy) is highly under-rated, and doesn’t come naturally to all kids. That’s where consistent parenting using visual messaging and behavioural consequences can come in.

4. **Practise digital parenting**
   The most tech-savvy generation ever raised need digitally savvy parents. The internet is fun and it is there to stay, but it can pose risks for some kids. Digital parenting means providing guidelines for safety without limiting children’s opportunity to learn and communicate in the online world. It also requires you to understand the digital world that your kids inhabit.

5. **Develop character strengths in kids**
   Recent studies (most notably by the work of US-based Angela Duckworth) have found that character, not cognitive ability, is the single most reliable determinant of how a person’s life will turn out. The traits associated with success include the inclination to persist at boring or difficult tasks (grit), the ability to delay gratification (self-control) and the ability to follow through with a plan (perseverance).

6. **Practise reciprocity**
   The best families, like the most meaningful communities, are built around the principle of reciprocity. “We help each other out and we treat each other fairly” builds belonging and fosters greater respect and support between siblings. Start by getting kids of all ages to help out at home without being paid.

7. **Encourage social risktaking**
   On a third of children and adolescents worry when it comes to meeting new people and entering new social situations. Social media can help or hinder these kids, yet it’s not the answer. Use a variety of strategies (ranging from scaffolding (baby steps), practising meeting and speaking to new friends to modelling social risk talking yourself to encourage kids to continually refresh their social networks.

Pick one or two of these ideas, or your own parenting idea, to focus on over a month. Once you’ve mastered one idea then move on to another, so that you are constantly improving and being up-to-date as a parent.

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Throughout this term, 1-2M has shared many learning experiences & it is fair to say that we are all working hard to meet expectations and attain new goals.

Our HSIE theme this term has been Australia & Indigenous culture. It has been impressive to witness the enthusiasm with which the children have seized an opportunity to broaden their perspectives and learn about the diversity of our country. During week 8 our school celebrated Harmony Week. 1-2M thoroughly enjoyed the many activities of the week especially the ‘World Tour’ on Wednesday and the International food tasting on Friday.

As the term comes to a close we look forward to the Indonesian Dance performance & school Disco in week 9 and our annual Easter celebrations at the end of term.

1-2M has had an eventful first term and we now look forward to an equally exciting & productive term 2.