PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

EARLY ARRIVALS

It has been brought to my attention that students are arriving at school from as early as 7.30am.

I need to stress, that this practice is not acceptable as there is no adequate supervision at this time of the day and staff are not required to fulfil their duty of care until 8.30am.

I strongly seek your support and urge parents to make appropriate child minding arrangements before school.

SHED PROGRAM

Unfortunately, I was unable to commence our SHED Program last Friday, due to administrative commitments. I will endeavour to commence the program this Friday with a new cohort of students.

As in the past, the program focuses on group work and self-esteem through a ‘hands-on’ approach, with students creating items for display or use throughout the school.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP

This Wednesday, Mrs Berghofer and Mr Clark will be departing for a 3 day camp at Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre, with Year 6.

This should be a memorable experience for all those attending and I’m sure that there will be some ‘stories’ to be told when our students return Friday afternoon.

I thank Mrs Berghofer for her organisation of the camp and Mr Clark, Mrs Riley and Mrs Zahra for their time given at the camp.

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

**KZ**
- Brianna West
- Meg Stubbs
- Daniel Vredegoor
- Poppy Spies
- Cruz Mackintosh
- Hudson Kennedy
- Sahkai Gabriel

**K-1F**
- Madeleine Macdonald
- Cailin McHenry
- Grace McHenry
- Hayden Shamoun
- Laila Arab
- Charlotte Jones
- Swayzee Kennedy
- Hannah Shamoun
- Brody Taylor
- Tommey Clark
- Anna Pugliese
- Lucan Cowell
- Lily Paraha
- Shelby Stanyer

**1-2M**
- Talaana Gabriel
- Daisy Spies
- Mikayla Layt
- Grace Vredegoor
- Ruby Bugeja
- Jaylee Morgan
- Corbin Shearer

**2C**
- Ruby Blume
- Eden Bugeja
- Lily Callaghan
- Lilly Farrugia
- Cassidy Grima
- Peri Kane
- Stephen Radunz
- Dominic Shamoun
- Mason Saint
- Braxton Shearer
- Lily Spies
- Jack Stubbs

**2-3V**
- Bailey Jones
- Noah Krix
- Jackson King
- Melek Gabriel
- Jacob Simmons
- Zak Oaklands
- Amelia Temlett
- Maxine Suela

**3-4T**
- Lachlan Kersten
- Iris Miller
- Jake O’Connor
- Stephanie Pemberton
- Makaelah Simmons
- Tristan Towner-Cohen
- Charlotte Collier-Mitchell
- Gemma King
- Riley Small
- Riley Taylor
- Jessica Tuiniua
- Ceara Wilson

**4-5C**
- Oliver Macdonald
- Mason Walker
- Ella Paraha
- Taylah Reeves
- Ethan Farnbach
- Seth Stanyer
- Paige Hottwagner
- Lana Stark
- Paris Mackintosh
- Emily Shamoun
- Hanna Taylor
- McKeeley Whitmore

**6B**
- Caitlin Brodie-Davies
- Sarah Dorahy
- Ethan Hearne
- Katrina Maher
- Reili Massingham
- Connor McIlrick
- Lachlan Morgan
- Leroy O’Connor
- Connor Simmons
- Alexi Suela
- Felicity Tait
On Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} February 2015, staff, students and members of our school community worked together to lay beautiful new turf in the junior playground. A HUGE thank you to Mr Shane Kennedy and President Turf for their generous donation. Shane and his family worked tirelessly on the day and as a result the school grounds look absolutely fantastic. Once again, thank you to those members of staff and the community that gave up their free time to assist.
School Disco

Thursday 26th March 2015

Stage 1: 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Stage 2 & 3: 6:45pm – 7:45pm

Tickets: $10 Disco Deal (Express entry plus Hot Dog, Drink & Glowstick) OR Express tickets $5.00 each

$25 Big W Gift Voucher for the BEST DRESSED in each stage!!

The canteen will be open on the night for snacks and drinks, and a variety of Glow products will be available for purchase.

Parent helpers will be needed at the dance to help with the canteen, merchandise table, supervision and security. Your help supporting this event for our children would be greatly appreciated 😊

This dance is for Windsor Public School Students only.

Be there or be square!!
**SRC REPORT**

On Monday 2nd March the SRC had a meeting and discussed fundraising ideas for the school. There were many ideas put forward. We had a vote between either a popcorn day or a colour day. Majority of the students were in favour of the colour day. We decided that in Week 10 of this term each stage will be given a colour that they need to wear on the day. The colours for each stage will be:
- Stage 1 - red
- Stage 2 - green
- Stage 3 - blue

If students come dressed in a colour they are required to bring a gold coin donation.

We look forward to a great day.

Connor Simmons
SRC Representative

**2015 WORKBOOKS**

To support your child's learning this year, teachers have prescribed a Stepping Stones workbook for all classes K-6. The Workbook fee is **$30 for Years 1-6** and includes a paper levy that covers photocopied booklets, worksheets and other class copied requirements supplied throughout the year.

The Workbook fee for **Kindergarten Students** will be **$40** as they will receive a Homework Folder valued at $10 when they pay their Book/Copy Fees.

As teachers will be using these books in class from Monday 9th February it would be appreciated if payment could be sent to the office as soon as possible. Credit card and Eftpos facilities are available at the school office.

Please note this fee is in addition to our School Contribution.

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – 2015**

Each year we request financial support through ‘Voluntary School Contributions’, which assist with the purchasing of consumables used by students.

Our contributions for **2015** are set at **$30 per student**.

A **DISCOUNT of $5 per student** will be applied for families with more than one child if **paid in full before the end of Term 2**.

A further discount will apply of **$5 per student** if the school contribution fee is **paid in full by the end of Term 1**.

Invoices have been sent home and we would appreciate your financial support at your earliest convenience.

All payments are to be made at the front office and a receipt will be sent home with your child. Credit card and Eftpos facilities are available at the school office.

Payment plans may be set up to assist families with these payments.

Please call at the office to organise this.

Thank you for your understanding and support.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The last day for payment and orders for issue 2 will be Monday 16th March. When placing an order please ensure that the Student’s Name and Class are on each order form and if you have paid by credit card on-line that you have included your receipt number on the order forms.

Please be aware that the school office cannot accept eftpos or credit card payments for Book Club.

STUDENT BANKING
School banking is every Tuesday!
If your child does not already have a student banking account, there are three simple ways to open an account.
1. If you are a CommBank customer apply online through Netbank.
2. Visit any CommBank branch
   (Please bring along your child’s birth certificate and identification for yourself)
3. Call 13 2221

FOR SALE
2014 Year books $15 each (reduced from $25)
Limited supply available from the school office

CLOTHING POOL
The Clothing Pool will be opened for sales on the following days:
Monday 2.30-3pm
Friday between 8.45-9.10am
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.
UNIFORM NEWS

New stocks of school hats have arrived. All sizes now available.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th March - School Photos
Thursday 26th March - School Disco
Tuesday 31st March - Stage 2 Surf Educate Excursion Manly
Thursday 2nd April - Easter Raffle

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
Monday 16th March - Book Club payments
Friday 20th March - Suara Indonesian Dance Group $5 per student
Friday 27th March - Stage 2 Surf Educate Excursion
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.
"Say cheese"

Windsor Public School
School Photographs
March 20, 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School photographs will be taken at school on the March 20, 2015. Envelopes for individual student photographs accompany this note. Prior to filling out your order check that your child’s name is spelt correctly on the envelope, please make any necessary changes on the envelope. Please complete the order form on the envelope, students may then return the envelopes to the school office prior to the day of photography. Spare order envelopes are available on request from the school office.

Should you wish to have a family photograph taken, please collect a family photo envelope from the school’s office. These photos are for school aged students attending the school and no family photo will be taken unless an order form has been received by photo day. All family photographs should be paid for in these envelopes to avoid confusion and returned to the school office prior to photo day.

Please read carefully the instructions regarding payment, noting that all late orders placed with the photographer will incur a minimum $20.00 late fee (per order).

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Payments can be made by;
Cash - place the correct money in your envelopes as the photographers do not carry change.
Money Order - money orders must be made payable to MSP Photography
Credit Card Payments - Credit card payments will only be accepted for online orders.

How to Order Online -
- Log on to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE.
- Place your order using the online system.
- Record your Order Reference Number on your child’s envelope.
- Your child must present their own Photo Envelope to the photographer on photo day.

For split families, parents can place multiple orders for children by either placing all the orders on one envelope or handing in multiple order envelopes labelled ‘Mum’s Order’ or ‘Dad’s Order’.

Should you have any further questions please contact MSP Photography - Sydney West directly;

 e sydneywest@msp.com.au
 p 02 9831 5505
 f 02 9831 5503
www.msp.com.au

Yours faithfully,
John Clark
Photo Day Co-ordinator
Bullying is an issue to be discussed around the meal table, in the context of keeping kids safe. Talk to kids about their right to feel safe; how to recognise if they feel unsafe and what to do if they experience or witness bullying.

Despite the fact schools are very proactive when it comes to making them safe places for kids, bullying unfortunately, is something that still plagues us. According to the 2009 Australian School Bullying Prevalence Study, one in four kids from Years 4 to 9 experiences some type of bullying at school.

Frequent bullying is high in Years 5 (32 per cent experiencing some bullying) and Year 8 (29 per cent), so it is something that parents and teachers need to understand. Bullying is an insidious behaviour that can severely affect a child’s right to feel safe and secure. It can directly affect children’s learning, further peer relations and their emotional well-being.

Often children will tease, argue and sometimes fight, which shouldn’t be confused with bullying.

Bullying is selective and intentional. It’s also repetitive rather than a one-off or occasional event. It can be physical, verbal or social exclusion. It also now happens online, which means some kids no longer feel safe at home. Kids generally feel powerless when they experience bullying.

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Knowing when kids are being bullied?

Some research suggests that around 20 per cent of bullying goes unreported so it can be difficult spotting children who experience bullying. However, kids will usually show signs in three ways:

1. Acting out: outward signs such as displays of unusual aggression at home, talking about hating school and getting into trouble more often.
2. Acting in: subtle behaviour changes such as sulkiness, withdrawing from usual activities, being uncommunicative, feigned illness, bed-wetting and absent days.
3. Tell tale signs: more obvious physical signs such as torn clothes, items missing, altered school uniform and physical injuries.

Children who are bullied usually display a combination of signs. Children often find it hard to communicate that they are being bullied. Some don’t have the language required. Many kids feel ashamed, or even believe what bullies tell them. Sometimes kids are also reluctant to tell adults about bullying, as they fear that they will take the matter out of their hands, so your approach needs to be gentle and non-judgmental.

Here are six things to do if you suspect your child is being bullied:

1. Listen to their story.
   It really is important to stay calm and get the real story. Kids need to be believed when they are bullied, so make sure they get the chance to talk.

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2 Get the facts
Bullying behaviour usually follows patterns. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action, for example, whether you need to give your child some avoidance or coping strategies or gain assistance from your child's school.

3 Recognise & validate their feelings
(anger, fear & sadness are common)
Bullying always elicits strong feelings so make sure kids can share their thoughts and feelings with you.

4 Give them some common coping skills & defense mechanisms
Look for some simple ways to help them handle the bullying such as making sure they stay in pairs, practicing a comeback line or even walking and talking confidently.

5 Get the school involved
If your child continues to struggle with bullying, contact your child's school. Resist the temptation to confront suspected bullies, or their families. Teachers generally have very practical, tried and true ways to tackle bullying.

6 Help build your child's support networks & their self-confidence
Positive peer groups are great protective factors for kids when they are bullied so do all you can to encourage and build their friendship groups inside and outside school.

Michael Grose