



# Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 3

WEEK 8

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## **Aladdin Jr**

We have one show to go before the curtain comes down for the last time on the first ever musical held by our school – Aladdin Jr. The first night was a sell-out and the children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes on stage. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in this major event. Special mention must go to Mr Leeson and Miss Allen, who have tirelessly worked on this production during the year. Many hours have gone into the planning, designing, prop making, lighting, sound, choreography, dramatics and costuming. The list is never ending. Tonight we have an official videographer in to capture the show. Details on how to purchase a copy are available from the office.

The students were on a high last night before the performance and continued throughout the evening. What remarkable talent we have in our students. I was completely blown away with the standard that was produced. As one parent said to me at the end of the evening, "Can you believe these are Primary School Students? Unbelievable!" I agree with his comments but knowing the dedication and commitment towards Aladdin Jr by our children, I am not surprised with what they have produced.

## **2019 Kinder Interviews**

We are currently interviewing families ready to start Kinder in 2019. This process is to ensure every child has a smooth transition when starting at Winston Heights Public School in 2019. If you know of any children, in our school area, who are ready to start school in 2019, please let the family know to contact our office to start the enrolment process.

## **School Uniform Sub Committee**

In our last newsletter I asked for anyone interested in being part of a Sub-committee to discuss school uniform options. If you would like more details about this please contact the school office to speak with Mrs Creagh.

## **Public Speaking**

Congratulations to Oscar from Year 2 who was successful at the recent District Public Speaking Finals. He will now go onto the Hills Network Finals in October.

## **Sydney West Athletics Carnival**

Good luck to our 6 students (Max J, Thomas J, Sienna O, Denita A, Noah S and Leilani M) heading off to the Sydney West carnival next week. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at this higher level.

## **Music Fees**

There are a number of families with outstanding fees for the band and keyboard programs. These are due now. I will be calling families next week who have Semester 2 fees still outstanding. Please pay these ASAP as the committee relies on this money to pay our tutors.

## **Sydney West Representative**

Another one of our students has been selected to represent, not only our school but our zone, in a regional sporting team. Congratulations to Tom M who has been selected in the Sydney West Cricket Team. He will participate in this competition next term.

### Premier's Spelling Bee

Well done to our students who represented our school at the Premier's Spelling Bee District finals last week. Mya, Nicholas, Lorenzo and NFP did very well and progressed through many rounds. Unfortunately they did not make it to the next level but we are extremely proud of their achievement.

### Summer PSSA

Our Summer PSSA recommences next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Notes have gone home to all students involved and are due back with payment by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### Tell Them From Me Survey for Parents (Term 3, 2018)

3% of our parent community have completed the online survey to date. Thank you to those families who have taken the time to complete this. It would be wonderful to hear from all our parent community through this survey.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 27 August and 26 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2018wh>

### Fundraising for our Farmers

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way towards this appeal. A grand total of \$14 660.70 has been donated by a group of schools in The Hills Area. Thank you to Model Farms HS, Castle Hill HS, Jasper Rd PS, Winston Hills PS, Murray Farm PS, Glenhaven PS and of course our wonderful school, Winston Heights PS who all contributed.



### Operation Art

The official Opening of Operation Art will take place this Saturday at the Armory Gallery in Sydney Olympic Park. We have a number of artworks completed by students in the competition. Once we have received details in regards to awards we will let you know. It is a wonderful art exhibition to see and is open to the public. The exhibition runs from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> November and would be a lovely outing during the school holidays for the entire family.

Kind regards,

**Margaret Creagh**

**Principal**

# Diary Dates

## TERM DATES 2018

Term 3: Tuesday 24th July— Friday 28th September

Term 4: Monday 15th October—Wednesday 19th December

*Please note the following diary dates may be subject to change.*

*Further information will be sent home closer to the event being held.*

### September 2018

- Wed 19th** K-2 Athletics Fun Day  
Sausage Sizzle - run by Yr 6  
Sydney West Athletics Carnival  
**CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Thurs 20th** Kindy Farm Excursion  
S3F Assembly Item  
50s Disco— K to 2 5.30 –6.30pm  
Yr 3 to Yr 6 6.45– 8pm
- Friday 21st** PSSA Summer begins Rd 7
- Thurs 27th** KL Assembly Item  
Kadul Aboriginal Performance
- Fri 28th** PSSA Rd 8  
**Last day of Term 3**  
**CANTEEN CLOSED**

### October 2018

- Mon 15th** Students return for **Term 4**
- Thurs 18th** Year 5 only (S3G, S3F and S3W)  
Science Giants Show
- Fri 19th** PSSA Rd 9
- Tues 23rd - Wed 24th** Stage 2 Camp  
Yarrumundi
- Thurs 25th** 4J Assembly Item  
Year 5 only (S3S and S3L)  
Science Giants Show
- Fri 26th** PSSA Rd 10  
P&C Halloween Movie Night
- Tues 30th** Grandparents Day celebrate with  
Kindergarten from 10 -11.20am
- Wed 31st** Halloween Yr 6 Drinks Day

### November 2018

- Thurs 1st** S3S Assembly Item
- Fri 2nd** PSSA Rd 11
- Mon 5th** Band Tryout night
- Tues 6th** Year 6 Fun Day
- Thurs 8th** 1H Assembly Item
- Fri 9th** PSSA Rd 12
- Thurs 15th** 1W Assembly Item
- Fri 16th** PSSA Rd 13
- Thurs 22nd** 3N Assembly Item
- Fri 23rd** PSSA Semi Finals
- Thurs 29th** KH Assembly Item

### December 2018

- Mon 3rd** Band Presentation Night
- Wed 5th** Helpers Morning Tea
- Fri 7th** Twilight Market
- Wed 12th** Presentation Assemblies

### PSSA Sport Calendar

#### Touch Football

Students to catch bus to Ted Horwood Reserve leaving school at 12.10pm on 21/9 & 28/9

#### Softball & T/Ball

Students leave at 12.10pm

- 21/9 Bus to Eric Mobbs  
28/9 Walk to Gooden Res

#### Cricket

- 21/9 12.10pm Walk to Max Ruddock  
28/9 12.10pm Walk to Max Ruddock



# KL HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY!



**Proudly parading our Easter hats made with our Year 6 buddies.**



**Multicultural Day**







**Celebrating 100 days of learning in KL**



**Literacy Day**



**Literacy Day**



**Living Eggs Program.**

# News *from our* Library



**PRC has finished! Congratulations to our 256 students who completed the challenge!! 20 students better than last year! Well done WHPS.**

## Literacy Day

All students K-6, together with all our teachers and office staff had a great day dressing up for our annual Book Character Parade.

Again, I was so impressed with the thought and effort put into our student's and teacher's book character costumes!

**Thank you** to all the parents and grandparents who attended the parade and those also involved behind the scenes. Our photos capture the fun!

After our Book Week Assembly, all classes left their classrooms with their favourite book for Literature on the Lawn.

Our students also participated in a peer group Literacy session based upon an unseen picture book. It was a great day.

**Thank you to everyone** for your ongoing support of our special Library events.

Jenine Hinton, **Teacher Librarian**

## SRC Disco 50's

The SRC will be hosting a **50's** disco on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September.



**K-2 disco 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**3-6 disco 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.**



The disco will take place in the school hall and entry will be through the main doors. The cost is \$5 payable at the door and this includes a popper and packet of chips, which will be distributed at the end of the disco. Parents are to pick up students from the side doors of the hall facing the 3-6 COLA.

Enclosed appropriate footwear must be worn on the night. No singlets or midriff tops.

The SRC will be selling a limited amount of glow sticks and light up accessories to help make our disco glow!



# 2018 Literacy Day



# Messages from The Office

- Wow!! Last week was SASS (School Administrative Support Staff) week and we were very spoilt in the office with lots of gorgeous students making us cards and parents dropping in with chocolates and candles for us. Our wonderful Principal, Mrs Creagh gave us flowers and the teachers manned the office and the phones so we could enjoy a yummy morning tea and lunch without any interruptions!! Thank you so much to all the parents/carers who sent emails of thanks. They were truly appreciated by all of us. We had an amazing week!!



## Notes and Money due back:

Annual School Fees - **Overdue please contact the office.**

Virtual Great Barrier Reef Dive (Stage 3) - \$4 and note due by 13th September

Yarramundi Camp (Stage 2) 3rd and Final Payment - Due by 14th September

Aladdin Musical DVD (interested families) - \$20 & note by 14th September

Calmsley Hill City Farm (Kindy) \$34 - Due by 14th September

PSSA Cricket (Selected Students) - \$35 & note due by 18th September

PSSA Touch (Selected Students) - \$55 & note due by 18th September

PSSA Softball/TBall (Selected Students) - \$20 & note due by 18th September

Science with the Giants (Year 5) - Note due by 28th September

Kindergarten Sport Parent Helpers (Kindy) - Note due by 28th September

***Cheers: Mrs Lee Wood, Mrs Rachael Calvar & Mrs Carolyn Leverton***

Office Hours - 8.30am - 3.15pm





## Chaplain Chat

What an exciting and busy week it is at Winston Heights, with, among other things, the Aladdin performances. I can't wait to see what our talented and enthusiastic students and teachers have created.

I hope you are enjoying this series on Fathering, and that all our dads and dad-figures had a lovely Father's Day.

You Dads, Step-dads, Grand-dads and Father-figures have a crucial role in the lives of children, and you want to do the best you can. However, there isn't always a lot of guidance about how to do this, especially if you lacked such a role model in your own child-hood.

As usual, the [Fathering Project website](#) has some great practical tips for this. Bruce Robinson [Caramello life video](#) really sums up some great and simple ways to enhance your life and relationships. He says that many of his patients look like they are successful, but inside they are empty, like a plain chocolate egg. You can intentionally turn your "egg" into a delicious Caramello treat by nurturing your marriage, spending time with your children, growing authentic friendships, and getting involved in your community.

Some dads are really serious. I get it. Life is tough. It's not easy to be upbeat when you are stressed and tired from work. But having fun with your children is a great thing to do so here are some ideas:

Tell them jokes. If you don't know any, get some from the internet before you leave work. They don't have to be funny.

Play games with you children – board games, anything physical is even better.

Be spontaneous, create fun, take them to a park in the evening with some sparklers, for example.

Last time I also recommended to you the Blue Book of Tips for Fathers and Father-Figures. I still have free copies of this marvellous resource to give away, so please email me and I will get a copy to you ASAP.

Best wishes,

Robyn Bowman,

School Chaplain

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# GET ACTIVE each day

Physical activity is an important part of being healthy. Find as many ways as you can to be active everyday.

## HOW MUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD KIDS DO EACH DAY?

### Toddlers 1-3 years Preschoolers 3-5 years

3  
hours

ACTIVE  
PLAY

ACROSS THE DAY



- Standing up
- Moving around
- Active toys

### School age 5-12 years

1-3  
hours

PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITY

ACROSS THE DAY

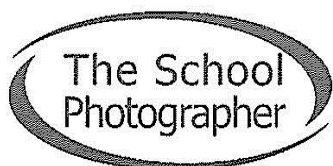


- Try activities that make breathing quicker and your heart beat faster:
- Fast walking
  - Riding a bike or scooter
  - Organised sport



MAKE  
HEALTHY  
NORMAL

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## Winston Heights Public School

### The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. These can be viewed both online at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) and at the school.

Online Order Code: **18S695EL39WH**

If you wish to order please either;

- collect an order envelope, fill out/enclose payment and return to school.
- visit our website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each, 2 for \$30.00, 3 for \$42.00, 4 for \$52.00 or 5 for \$60.00.

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

OR

**Purchase a Booklet of all the sport/ special photos for \$30.00**

Payment options – Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.

ONLINE Payment by credit card – Envelope NOT required

The photos will be available to view and purchase online

**All orders are to be received by 26th September 2018**

*\*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school,  
a late fee of \$5 will be incurred\**





# Merit Certificates

## Congratulations!

Well done to these PBL Award winners who have been Safe,  
Respectful and Responsible Learners.

Jonah KH, Elijah 1/2A, Petar S3W, Ellie 3A



### AWARDED TO

#### BOOK WEEK

KH : Oliver & Zoe  
KL : Georgina & James  
KS : Annabelle & Tayton  
1H : Alissa & Xavier  
1W : Cooper & Ava  
1/2A : Alexander & NFP  
2C : Matilda & Kevin  
2G : Elyane & Ella  
3A : Hamilton & Mia  
3N : Mariam & Coen  
3/4P : Eleanor & NFP  
4D : Alexander & Elissa  
4J : Lucas & Adon  
S3F : Michael & Jenna  
S3G : Jacob & Bethany  
S3L : Harry & Georgia  
S3S : Matthew & Aliyah  
S3W : Jack & Jessica

### AWARDED TO

#### WEEK 7

KH : Montana & Jacob  
KL : Joshua & Irene  
KS : Aman & Chloe  
1H : Ritvik & Lily  
1W : Ryan & Rubie  
1/2A : Rhea & NFP  
2C : Oleg & Sunny  
2G : Kiki & NFP  
3A : Paige & Franklin  
3N : Sienna & Rayan  
3/4P : Chloe & Campbell  
4D :  
4J : Leith & Elizabeth  
S3F : Kiara & Reva  
S3G : Jorgia & Peter  
S3L :  
S3S : NFP & Priyella  
S3W : Patrick & Briony

**Library:** 2G & S3G