



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 2

Dear Parents,

Tell Them From Me Survey for Parents

18% of our parent community have now completed the online survey. Thank you to those families who have taken the time to complete this.

The survey will close on the 26th October (this Friday). Please take the time to complete this survey so the information gained from the survey is a true reflection of our school community.

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

Stage 2 Camp

What a fabulous 2 days Stage 2 students had at Yarramundi Camp. I hope the children all had stories to tell about the challenges they faced with their activities and new friends they made in their day groups. I am sure they all slept very well last night. I know that the staff who attended went to bed very early last night to "catch up" on lost sleep. I was very impressed with the students and how they set goals at the start of the camp and spoke about their achievements at the end. Thank you to the teachers who gave their time to attend the overnight camp.

Twilight Market Preparations

Like last year the school will be running a few stalls at the Twilight Market. We will again be running a Tombola stall, guessing competition, selling ice creams and lolly bags and putting together hampers for the Chocolate Wheel. To ensure the continued success of these stalls we will be asking for donations of some items. For every item donated a raffle ticket will be given to the student to be placed in the draw for a wristband of free rides on the evening of the Twilight Market. More details will be given in a separate note.

Families received one raffle ticket book this week from the P&C. The list of prizes this year is fantastic. Tickets are \$2 each and we would like the ticket books returned, with money, sold or unsold by Friday 30th November. There will be a seller prize that will be drawn on the night so please make sure your family details are completed on the front page.

Planning for 2019

We are currently planning for the 2019 school year. It is important to let the school know if your child/children will be returning late to school next year due to family holidays. This will ensure a place will be kept for your child in a class for 2019. By informing the school of your return date in writing, either by a letter or completing the form that was sent home earlier this week, this will keep your position open. The note needs to be signed by a parent and include a contact phone number. The first day for school students in Years 1-6 for 2018 is Wednesday 30th January 2019. Kindergarten students will start on Monday 4th February 2019. Kindergarten students will also be given a Best Start time and date and will be advised of this information through individual letters during our Kinder Orientation program.

Selective High School Applications 2020

Information was distributed to Year 5 students last term with regards to Selective High School applications for 2020. Further information can be obtained online: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>

If any family wishes to submit an application for Selective High School 2020 for their Year 5 child then please return the note to Mrs Creagh and then apply online. All applications must be made online. Applications close on 12th November 2018.

Kinder 2019 Orientation

Next week we start our Kinder Orientation days. We have already started our Orientation program with individual family interviews. It looks like we will be having about 60 students coming to our school for Kinder next year. How exciting! If you do know of any families who have a child ready to start school in Kindergarten next year and have yet to enrol, please direct them to our school office. We do not want any child in our school area to miss these valuable days to assist in their transition to school.

Crossing Gate Supervisor

Our lovely Heidi, who assists students and their families across the pedestrian crossing on Langdon Rd, will be absent for the rest of the term. The RMS has been notified and we are awaiting an appointment to replace Heidi at this time. Heidi is fine and is looking after her husband who has had a hip replacement.

Canteen Exterior Facelift

Our school canteen has recently been given a facelift with new painting on the exterior of the building. Just this week the Healthy Kids Association have been in to do a photoshoot of our canteen and what it is selling. Our Canteen Committee have been hard at work ensuring that our menu meets the NSW Healthy Canteen guidelines. This is a credit to our committee and all our wonderful volunteers who have taken on the new menu to ensure our children have access to healthy options on a daily basis.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh

Principal

Halloween

Movie Night





Date: Friday 26th October 2018

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 Family Ticket (2 Adults & 3 Children)

Pay through:  **flexi schools** or on the night

Sausage Sizzle, Ice Creams, Popcorn, Drinks

BYO Seating/picnic rugs

Diary Dates

TERM DATES 2018

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

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

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1: Wednesday 30th January — Friday 12th April

Kindergarten 2019 begin Monday 4th February

Term 2: Tuesday 30th April — Friday 5th July

*Please note the following diary dates may be subject to change.
Further information will be sent home closer to the event being held.*

October 2018

Fri 26th	PSSA Rd 10 P&C Halloween Movie Night
Sat 27th	P&C BBQ at Bunnings
Tues 30th	Kindergarten Grandparents Day from 9.30-11.00am
Wed 31st	Halloween Yr 6 Fundraiser

December 2018

Mon 3rd	Band Presentation Night
Tues 4th	Keyboard Presentation Night
Wed 5th	Helpers Morning Tea
Fri 7th	Twilight Market
Wed 12th	Presentation Assemblies
Thurs 13th	Year 6 Farewell
Mon 17th	Party Day
Tues 18th	Carols Night
Wed 19th	Talent Quest
	Last day of School

November 2018

Thurs 1st	S3S Assembly Item Kindy Orientation Visit 1
Fri 2nd	PSSA Rd 11 Tryouts for percussion
Mon 5th	Band Tryout night
Thurs 8th	1H Assembly Item Kindy Orientation Visit 2
Fri 9th	PSSA Rd 12
Tues 13th	Band Ice Cream Day Fundraiser
Thurs 15th	4J Assembly Item Kindy Orientation Visit 3
Fri 16th	PSSA Rd 13
Mon 19th	Year 6 Mini Fair - Whole school Mufti Day
Thurs 22nd	3N Assembly Item
Fri 23rd	PSSA Semi Finals
Thurs 29th	KH Assembly Item

PSSA Sport Calendar

Touch Football

Students to catch bus to Ted Horwood Reserve leaving school at 9am

Softball & T/Ball-Students leave at 9am

26/10	Walk to Gooden Reserve
2/11	Walk to Gooden Reserve
9/11	Bye
16/11	Walk to Gooden Reserve

Cricket

26/10	Walk to Max Ruddock
2/11	Bus to Eric Mobbs
9/11	Bus to Charles McLaughlin Reserve
16/11	Bus to Masonic Oval

KS loves L3 Literacy Groups!

What is L3?

L3 is a literacy program that targets reading and writing. It provides rich literacy experiences that encourage students to become self-regulated learners.



Willow

My favourite thing is reading different books on the computer.

Ricky

L3 Literacy groups are fun and I can go to different activities.

Zarah

I like reading with Miss Stormon and doing tricky word work.

Raphael

I like that there are lots of different activities and I know what to do.

Lucas

I like literacy groups because it helps me to read and write.

Chloe

I like using the vowel owls to make words on the interactive whiteboard.

Evie

My favourite thing is learning on the iPads and computers.

Stage 2 Critical Thinkers Day

Last Thursday the 18th October, 6 Stage 2 students were involved in a Critical Thinkers Day held at Crestwood Public School. The team did a fantastic job working together to solve the challenging word questions throughout the morning. They were then split into different groups to do STEM, which was a good chance for them to meet students from other schools and work together. The day concluded with the school team coming back together to solve difficult hands on puzzles. Well done to Enie, Yana, Ruby, Leighton, Nicholas and Alex on their wonderful job representing the school. We are all extremely proud of your effort.



Messages from The Office

- Our school newsletter and permission notes are now being sent from our new email system. If you are not receiving notes or the newsletter via email contact the office to check we have the correct email address for your family. Hard copies of notes are still coming home with students. Remember to check your child's bag daily.
- With holiday season nearly here did you know if your child/children are going on holidays for more than 15 school days you will need to complete an Application for Extended leave form and have permission granted by the Principal, Mrs Creagh. You will need to supply proof of travel eg: plane tickets or the travel Itinerary. Forms are available from the office or on our website under permission notes. If your child/children will be away for less than 15 days send a note to the teacher or submit an APP notice advising of the leave before the absence.
- Kindergarten Grandparents morning is on next Tuesday 30th October. This is an annual event just for Kindergarten grandparents. There will be a small concert held in the hall from 9.30am. We then invite you to enjoy morning tea with your grandchildren (please bring your own morning tea to share with your grandchild). Activities will conclude at 11am.

Notes and Money due back:

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

Interrelate Program (Yrs 5&6) - Note and money by 2nd November

Selective High School 2020 Intention to Apply (Yr5 interested students) by 12th November

Twilight Market Raffle Tickets (1 per family) - note and raffle tickets by 30th November

Return to school in 2019 (only return note if not coming back to school on 30/1/19)



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

Office Hours - 8.30am - 3.15pm



PSSA Results Round 8 29th Sept 2018

T Ball Boys played North Rocks

Won 27-4 Player of the match was Efsane because he has improved on his skills. It was a good game, the team tried hard and encouraged other players. By Will.

T Ball Girls played North Rocks

Lost 23-11 Player of the match was Elissa who was excellent at her first game. The team played their best. By Hayley

Softball Girls played North Rocks

Lost Player of the match was Summer-Rayne who was amazing at third base. The girls played their best game but were narrowly defeated. By Mr Picot

Softball Boys played North Rocks

Lost Players of the match were Sam who hit a home run and NFP who pitched well. The team played their best game but unfortunately went down. By Mr Picot

Junior Cricket played Winston Hills

Lost Player of the match was Liam. It was a really tough game. We bowled well in the windy conditions. Liam hit a really big six. By Thomas

Senior Cricket played Winston Hills

Lost Player of the match was Liam. We tried hard with the bat and ball, but their experienced team was just too good for us. By Angus

Junior Girls Touch played Northmead

Won 8-2 Player of the match was Bianca for fantastic offence, scored two tries! Great game played by everyone. Special mention to Amelia and NFP for their effort when on offence, a big improvement for both girls!!By Miss Neilson

Senior Girls Touch played Northmead

Draw 4-4 Player of the match was Denita because she never gave up. The team all played well throughout the game. Everyone ran their hearts out and played amazing. By Alexis

Junior Boys Touch played Northmead

Won 4-1 Player of the match was Angus. We made really good touches and our passing was great. By Tommy

Senior Boys Touch played Northmead

Won 9-1 Player of the match was Max. It was a good game and our fitness is getting better. By Sam



K-6 NRL Clinic

The highly trained staff from the National Rugby League (NRL) will be coming out to Winston Heights Public School to run an introductory Rugby League program.

The program will run on Friday 2nd November for Years 3-6 students who don't attend PSSA and on Friday 9th November for Years K-2.

This non-contact program aims to improve students' Rugby League skills in a fun and friendly environment.

The program will run during school sport time on the Friday mornings in 30 minute sessions and will be free for all students.

Greg Leeson
Coordinator

Stewart House Collection

All families should have received a clothing collection bag for the Stewart House charity. Stewart House provides fantastic assistance and support for students and families in need.

Please take the opportunity to have a cupboard clean out over the school holidays and place any unwanted, wearable clothing items for children or adults in the bags provided. You can also send in items of manchester.

Please leave the filled bags along the wall outside the computer room any morning before school.

The last day for collection will be Friday, 26th October.

Thanks so much for your ongoing support of Stewart House,

Gail Adams





Merit Certificates



Congratulations!

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

Roshan 3A, Daniel 3/4P, NFP 1H, Mitchell KH, Journii KH, Janvi 4J,
NFP 1/2A, Jared S3F

AWARDED TO

WEEK 10

KH : Emily & Jonah
KL : Adrian & Amy
KS : Samara & Justin
1H : Taraneh & Cooper
1W : Emily & Eli
1/2A : Violet & Indy
2C : NFP & Jacob
2G : Ben & Shantel
3A : Peyton & NFP
3N : Jorja & Harry
3/4P : Daniel & Heliya
4D : Joshua & Emily
4J : NFP & Maya
S3F : Simon & Ella
S3G : Len & NFP
S3L : Sam & Nicola
S3S : Max, Michelle, NFP & Joshua
S3W : Caitlin & Anika

Library: 1/2A & 4D

AWARDED TO

WEEK 1

KH : Jake & Elise
KL : Stacey & Dean
KS : Ricky & NFP
1H : Brianna & Ava
1W : Jonah & Jaylah
1/2A : Sophie & Rayaana
2C : Chase & Madelyn
2G : Patrick & Archie
3A : Suryadev & Abi
3N : Thomas & Maeve
3/4P : Zach & Andre
4D : Charli & Harry
4J : Eliza & Nilay
S3F : Bianca & NFP
S3G : NFP & NFP
S3L : Tallan & Georgia
S3S : Lacey & Max
S3W : Daniel & Celine

Library:

EAL/D : Zaed & NFP



**GIRRAWEEEN
HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7 2020 Information Evening to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 14 March 2019. Online applications open 9th October 2018 and close 12 November 2018. For more information please refer to our website.

The information evening will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Thursday 8th November 2018
Time: 6pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303
Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

2017 HSC Achievements

Girraween ranked 22nd in the state overall with 14 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 12 students of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.70 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 16 "all rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:
4th for Economics
9th for Senior Science

300 distinguished achievers; students who achieved 90% or better in a subject

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for Ancient History and PDHPE. Almost 90% of students achieved in the top two bands for Legal Studies, Biology, Maths Extension 1, Society & Culture, Japanese Continuers, Business Studies and Modern History.



Toongabbie Public School Twilight Market
Saturday, 10 November 2018
7pm - 10pm

Shopping Under the Stars
Lucky Door Prizes - Boutique & Food Stall
\$2 entry to be donated to our farmers' appeal





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Winston Heights Public School

TWILIGHT MARKET

Shopping Under The Stars

Friday 7th December 2018 * 5pm to 8.30pm

With many thanks to our wonderful sponsors



Major Raffle to be drawn at Twilight Market

The Major Raffle is huge this year!

1st Prize: Seven night holiday at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two adults and two children in a Resort Double Room*, unlimited entry during your stay for two adults and two children to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast and Paradise Country, \$200 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort & Water Park and a \$200 Caltex Cash Card. Valued at \$3,125

2nd Prize: Anytime Fitness Six Months Membership. Valued at \$500

3rd Prize: NBC Barefoot Bowls For Ten Adults. Valued at \$500

4th Prize: GME Walkie Talkies. Valued at \$300

5th Prize: OPSM Ray-Ban Sunglasses. Valued at \$200

6th Prize: BATTERSWEET Custom Made Party Cake Voucher. Valued at \$150

