



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 6

Dear Parents,

Yr 6 Parent Seminar

Thank you to the many parents of Year 6 students who participated in the "Transition from Primary to High School" seminar on Monday night. Joanna, from Bluebird Psychology, shared information and talking points with parents about their child's transition into this new stage of education. Many changes occur for a Year 6 student and their family as they transition to high school and these can be both good and anxious moments. What was spoken about on Monday evening provided the participants with perspectives and suggestions on how a student feels, what they may be going through and how to offer support.

2020 Student Leaders

Today our Year 5 candidates for 2020 leadership positions for School Captain and Vice-Captain presented their speeches to the students and staff of our school. Tomorrow, our Year 5 candidates for Sports Captain and Sports Vice-Captains will stand up in front of their Sports House groups and deliver a very short speech before voting is undertaken. The announcement of these leadership positions for 2020 will be given at our Annual Presentation Assemblies on Wednesday 11th December.

Annual Presentation Assemblies

On Wednesday 11th December 2019 we will hold our Annual Presentation Assemblies. Our first assembly will be at 9:15am to 11:00am to acknowledge awardees from Years 3-6 for 2019. The K-2 Presentation Assembly will be from 11:30am-12:30pm and the Sports Assembly will be from 2-3pm.

Parents of awardees will be notified by mail. We ask that families keep this information quiet from their children so that they are surprised by their acknowledgement.

The Performance Band will be playing at both the 3-6 Assembly and the Sports Assembly. The Concert Band will play at the K-2 Assembly. Students in the Performance and Concert Bands should wear their band shirts, black trousers with black socks and black shoes.

Truck Art Competition

Yesterday Zoe was awarded her prize for designing the artwork that now appears on the side of a Suez Recycling truck. Zoe's name and our school name appear on the side of the truck, along with her picture and will travel all around the Parramatta Council area. Thank you to our Performance Band and Mr Williams for playing at our special assembly.

P&C Meeting

Our last P&C meeting of 2019 will be held next Monday evening, 25th November, in the staffroom. All are welcome. The meeting will commence at 7pm.

Helpers' Morning Tea

Invitations have gone out for all of our parent and community volunteers for 2019 to our Helpers' Morning Tea. This will be

held on Wednesday 4th December at 10:40-11:20am in the courtyard area near the library. We hope that we have not missed anyone but if we have please come along and join with the staff for a cup of tea and a biscuit. The school staff greatly appreciate all our volunteers and we would like to say thank you.

Request for School Maintenance Local Trades – Providers and Suppliers

The NSW Government has committed the largest investment in planned maintenance at public schools in the history of NSW. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, focused on employing local businesses and contractors across the state.

To assist in addressing regional school maintenance issues and at the same time provide work for local tradespersons and suppliers across the Greater Western Sydney region encompassing South Western Sydney and Western Sydney, over \$100 million is being invested to upgrade and maintain our school infrastructure.

Given this record spend by School Infrastructure NSW, you are invited to an Asset Management Unit industry breakfast briefing. This will provide information to existing and new contractors on how you can get involved.

To find out more, please logon to our Industry Breakfast Briefing and register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-81879669295> or contact your AMU on 8867 9201.

2019 Reverse Christmas Tree

It is that time of year when we think about others. Each year we put up a Christmas tree in the school office and ask our families to donate a gift or two that will be given to less fortunate families. The Salvation Army collects all of these gifts and gives them to others on behalf of our school. More details will be sent out soon in a separate letter to the community.

You might also consider shopping for Christmas presents through the “*Buy From the Bush*” campaign to aid the communities that are going through drought. Many businesses and families in rural areas are suffering at this time. By providing support through purchases in Regional areas we could greatly assist in helping families stay afloat in this time of crisis on the land. For more details visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/buy-regional-this-christmas/>

I thank you in advance for your generosity in thinking of others.

Stage Classes

Winston Heights Public School have created stage classes over the past few years and will continue to do so in 2020. Predominately our Stage classes occur in Years 3-6. On occasion we have had to form a Stage 1 class (Years 1-2), however we do this when our numbers effect staffing.

By creating Stage-based classes, or Multi-aged classes, this ensures that our school is up-to-date and ready for the changes and challenges occurring at a rapid rate in Education in NSW. ‘Stage-based classes’ is a style of classroom organisation with its basis in the educational belief that the individual child is important, learns at his/her own pace and should not have their learning restricted to a confined grade or period of twelve months. Legislation allows students to start school between 4½ years and 6 years (so children have always been in multi-aged classes from kindergarten onwards). This range of ages continues to be reflected throughout the schooling process. The key to understanding Staged-based classes is realising that growth is determined in stages and not by ages.

In the classroom, students are grouped according to their progress rather than their school chronological year. Children also develop positive attitudes to other children of different age groups and relate well to them, similar to the way they do in 'out of school' situations. We feel this is more natural for them. It may also allow for smaller class sizes in the primary.

The syllabus documents (by which we teach) are in stages (and have been for over 20 years). Unfortunately publishing companies print their workbooks in ‘years’, which gives the community a false impression of teaching.

No ‘one’ group/grade is seen to be disadvantaged – all classes in each stage will be given the same opportunities, expectations and strategies.

Stage classes acknowledges that there are significant individual differences in each child to be addressed regardless of age. The formation of classes can reflect and cater for these individual differences.

NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) documents refer to "stages" of development and reflect the developmental nature of learning in young children. The organisation of classes should take into account current research on learning and best practice in teaching and learning.

A 1997 report titled *Multi-Age Classes in NSW* found that these classes based on educational principles do not disadvantage students academically and actually benefit them socially and emotionally. It makes sense then to group children who are going through the similar stage so they can relate, help and experience together. Even within the same class, children will be at different levels. Teachers recognise this and usually extend the work of those who learn more quickly and give more attention to those who don't, this is known as differentiation. The class then becomes outcome based rather than competition based.

This multi-age philosophy places each learner at the centre of the considerations of curriculum and classroom practice. Children are able to progress at their own rate without regard for restrictive 'grade' expectations.

Research has shown that children become more confident, can operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, become more independent learners and better problem-solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age-groups, and develop tolerance and diversity.

Multi-age grouping creates an environment at school similar to that of home, resulting in greater continuity, thereby easing the transition to the school environment. Multi-age grouping reflects the social environment of the work force, which is made up of all different ages.

The fundamental difference between multi-age grades and straight-age grades is in the way the curriculum is planned and delivered. In our multi-age learning groups we accept that different children learn at different rates. Our integrated curriculum is planned to reflect the developmental stages of the children.

Research shows that children in multi-age learning groups appear to be more caring and cooperative with each other. Diverse social groups provide opportunities for the older children to reflect on the needs of the younger ones and they are more likely to see the younger children to be in need of their care and help. Older children provide valuable role models for the younger children both socially and academically. Year by year as the classroom structure changes, all children gradually find more opportunities to develop and practice their own leadership skills.

Straight-age grades originated in the 1850s in America and were then adopted by many countries around the world. This factory model for schooling was intended to prepare workers for the industrial society of the time.

Managing stage-based classes requires skilled teachers. Teachers at Winston Heights Public School are well-versed and experienced in conducting programs in stage-based classes. Working in teams, as our staff do, certainly enhances the opportunities provided to the children. Teachers will ensure that our 21st Century students can develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to be life-long learners.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh

Principal



Open Book

Midnight black
Words that hold
More than ink

The meaning waits
To be discovered.

Silent
As the
Owl

Yet as tempting
As a deep
Desire.

By Will S3B

Remembrance Day



We commemorated Remembrance Day on Monday, 11th November with a short assembly. Sophie, Will, Joshua and Ysabella shared some important information about this date in history as well as a tribute to the fallen through a reading of the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' by Colonel John McCrae.

During the morning I had the privilege of accompanying three of our school leaders as they so capably represented Winston Heights Public School at the Remembrance Day service in Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta. Along with other local schools, choirs and returned service men and women, Angel, Jacob and Bianca laid a wreath during the service. These students were wonderful ambassadors of our school.

Following the service, we enjoyed discussing the display of memorabilia at the Parramatta RSL Club. Many medals, notes on history and photos gave us all an insight into the sacrifices which have been made for us.

Ms Adams



KB have been looking at special places in our school!

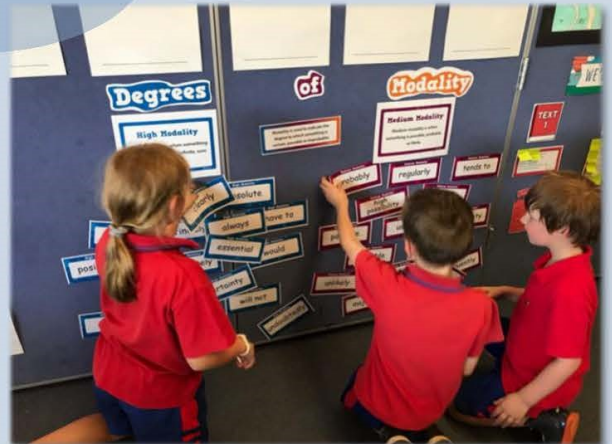




2G have been learning how to construct persuasive texts.

We are aiming high and plotting our progress!

We have been working in groups and independently to brainstorm different reasons and examples to persuade our classmates.





Dear Helpers

As a thank you for your help this year, you are invited to attend the Winston Heights P.S. Helpers' Morning Tea!

Thank you!

Wednesday 4th December

10:40am - 11:20am

Winston Heights P.S. Courtyard (Near the Library)

The staff look forward to seeing you there!

PSSA Results Round 11 - 8th Nov 2019

Girls Junior Touch played Winston Hills

Draw 1-1 Player of the match was Jorja. It was a really good game and was loads of fun. Our team did the best we could. By Charli.

Junior Cricket played Northmead

Lost 58-77 Player of the match was Harry. He played well and got some runs. The game was good. We got some wickets and good runs. By Thommy.

Senior Cricket played Northmead

Lost 4/56—3/40. Player of the match was Vedanth. Even though Vedanth was a reserve he gave a go at bowling when he was tired and he got one Northmead out! So did Brandon and Camo. The rest of the game was amazing. By Cameron.

PSSA Results Round 11 - 8th Nov 2019

Girls T-Ball played Matthew Pearce

Won 21-12 Player of the match was Emily. The game was awesome because we all put in a good effort! By Jorja.

Boys T-Ball played Matthew Pearce

Won Player of the match was Brandon with great catching. It was a tough game and I think we played a great game. By Kieran.

Boys Junior Touch played Winston Hills

Won 2-1 Player of the match was Oleg. Winston Hills were shocked! We came out strong and finished even stronger. Go Team! By Mr Nico.

Boys Senior Touch played Winston Hills

Lost 5-3 Player of the match was the Whole Team. Some rusty calls were made, but sportsmanship was shown. I could not be more proud of these young men. By Mr Nico.

PSSA Results Round 12 - 15th Nov 2019

Girls Junior Touch played MPPS

Won 4-2 Player of the match was Ellie for trying her hardest! The game was amazing! Our communication was great and our plans were a success. We tried our hardest all through out the game. By Riley.

Girls Senior Touch played MPPS

Won 6-3 Players of the match were Estelle & Siena— incredible teamwork! The game was amazing. The teamwork and everything was amazing. By NFP.

Junior Cricket played Winston Hills

Lost Player of the match was Yana because she was very good and the bowling was very encouraging. We tried our hardest but unfortunately we lost. By Emily.

Senior Cricket played Winston Hills

Lost Player of the match was Ella because of her batting. It was a good game because the whole team played the same. By Liam.

PSSA Results Round 12 - 15th Nov 2019

Girls T-Ball played Northmead

Lost Player of the match was Jorja because she is always ready. The game was OK but we can do better. By Emily.

Boys T-Ball played Northmead

Won Player of the match was Ben for sharing the ball. The game was good because everyone was sharing the ball. By Brandon.

Boys Junior Touch played MPPS

Won 8-2 Player of the match was Caleb. Wow! An explosive end of the competition. Congratulations Junior Boys—a season of growth and sportsmanship.

Boys Senior Touch played MPPS

Lost 7-2 Player of the match was the Whole Team. It wasn't meant to be ... The boys from MPPS were just too quick. Special mention to my Year 6 boys—after 4 years as your coach, I will miss you. You are all fine young sportsmen! By Mr Nico.



Movember update!

So far the Winston Heights Team has raised over \$700 for Movember! Thank you to the wonderful families that have already donated.

We still need your help.

Our fathers, brothers, sons and friends are suffering from mental illness, every minute of every day.

We won't accept this. To make change happen, Movember views mental health through a male lens. We focus on early intervention, engaging men and working to their strengths. By 2030, we aim to reduce the rate of male suicide by 25%.

Men with prostate cancer and testicular cancer face an uphill battle before, during and after treatment. But with useful tools and straight-shooting advice, we aim to lighten their load so these men can live life to the fullest.

On the 28th of November we will be running a small donation drive, whereby, students can bring in a gold coin donation and we will be painting moustaches on their faces.

Alternatively, you can donate by going to the following link and donating.

<https://au.movember.com/donate/details?teamId=2365587>

The smallest donations will make a big difference.

Thanks for your support,

Winston Heights Public School Movember Team

The Narcos



The Goodfella



The Frenchman



Starksky and Hutch



Diary Dates

TERM DATES 2019

Term 4: Monday 14th October — Wednesday 18th December

Term 1 2020: Years 1 - 6 start Wednesday 29 January 2020 - Thursday 9th April 2020

Kindergarten 2020 start Monday 3 February 2020 - Thursday 9th April 2020

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

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

November 2019

Mon 25th P&C Meeting 7pm

Thurs 28th 1L Assembly

December 2019

Mon 2nd CARES S2N

Band Presentation

Tues 3rd Public High School Orientation

CARES S2P

Keyboard Presentation

Wed 4th Helpers' Morning Tea &

Final Combined Scripture

Thurs 5th KB Assembly

CARES S2O

Mon 9th CARES S2A

Year 6 Surf Day

Tues 10th Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Year 6 Farewell

Wed 11th Presentation Assemblies

Tues 17th Carols Night

Wed 18th Talent Quest

Last Day for Students Term 4

January 2020

Wed 29th First Day Term 1

February 2020

Mon 3rd Kindergarten Start School

Tues 11th School Swimming Carnival

PSSA Sport Calendar

22 November

No PSSA due to School Spectacular

29th Nov

Semi Finals

Students leave
school at 9am.

Play begins approx.
9:30am



Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

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



Ethan, Emily, Travis, Sunny, Cooper, Beth, Oscar & Suryadev

AWARDED TO

WEEK 5

KB : Zubair & Aria
KH : Benjamin & Jake
KM : Bodhi & Aaliyah
1F : Edward & Sophia
1H : Penelope & Oliver
1L : Aashna & Oliver
2G : Charlotte & Violet
2L : Sonisha & Cameron
2P : NFP & Andre
S2A : Zarah & Maeve
S2N : Sunny & Jacob
S2O : Ben & Rhea
S2P : NFP & Matilda
S3B : Will & Renee
S3F : Nicola & NFP
S3G : NFP & Joanna
S3N : Zac & Amelia
S3S : Max & Adam

Library: S3S & 1H

Super Award: Thomas

RFF: KH & S2N

AWARDED TO

WEEK 6

KB : Tyler & Nolan
KH : Estelle & Justin
KM : Jai & Ethan
1F : Jonah & NFP
1H : Benjamin & Irene
1L : Hailey & Tayton
2G : Eli & Sophie
2L : Victoria & Lachlan
2P : Bareen & Vinara
S2A : Anika & Anisa
S2N : Jacob & Kieran
S2O : Parsa & Elijah
S2P : Mariam & Lucas
S3B : Sean & Alice
S3F : Ryan & Adon
S3G : Emitis & Alistair
S3N : Harry & Matthew
S3S : Jackson & Emily

Library: S3N & 1F

Super Award: Sienna

RFF: KB & S3B



WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
MUSIC COMMITTEE

ICE CREAM DAY

LUNCHTIME

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER



On Tuesday 26th November at lunchtime, the Music Committee will be holding an Ice Cream fundraiser for all students in K-6, in the Canteen area.

A cone with one scoop of either **chocolate** or vanilla ice cream will only cost **\$2**.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Creagh
Principal

P & C Music Committee
13th November 2019



Wonderful news! Heidi has welcomed her 1st grandchild, Cooper Isaac, yesterday at 1.10pm. Both Oma & Pa are very excited.

Congratulations from all of us at Winston Heights.



**WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2020**

26th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

During Term 4 the school will be organising classes for 2020. The students in Years 1 to 6 (2020) return to school on Wednesday 29th January 2020. Some families take longer school holidays and do not return to school until after this date. If you are intending to return your children to school **after** Wednesday 29th January 2020, can you please fill in the details on **Form A**, below and then return the form to the office as soon as possible. This will ensure that your child will be on a class list for 2020.

If you are **not** intending to return your child to Winston Heights Public School in 2020 **at all**, can you please indicate this on **Form B** below and return it to the school office.

If you are unsure about it now, you can still let us know when you have made a decision later in Term 4. Just send us a note or visit the office and let us know.

If you are intending to return your child to school on Wednesday 29th January 2020, you **do not need to return the form below**.

Margaret Creagh
Principal

FORM A – LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2020

My child/ren **will be taking an extended holiday** and will return to Winston Heights Public School after Wednesday 29th January 2020.

Child's name _____ 2019 class _____
Child's name _____ 2019 class _____
Child's name _____ 2019 class _____
Child's name _____ 2019 class _____

Expected return to school date: _____

Contact name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

OR

FORM B – NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2020

My child _____ of 2019 class _____
My child _____ of 2019 class _____
My child _____ of 2019 class _____
My child _____ of 2019 class _____

will not be returning to Winston Heights Public School in 2020. My child will be changing

to _____ (name of new school in 2020).

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return to the school office only if necessary.

NB: If your child is returning to Winston Heights Public School on Wednesday 29th January 2020, you DO NOT need to return this note.

Canteen Roster

Term 4	Week 7	Monday	25th November	9.00am	11.30am	Amber
Term 4	Week 7	Monday	25th November	11.00am	2.00pm	Amanda
Term 4	Week 7	Monday	25th November	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 7	Tuesday	26th November	-	-	NIL
Term 4	Week 7	Tuesday	26th November	12.45pm	2.00pm	Elaine
Term 4	Week 7	Tuesday	26th November	-	-	NIL
Term 4	Week 7	Wednesday	27th November	9.00am	11.30am	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 7	Wednesday	27th November	11.00am	2.00pm	Kylie
Term 4	Week 7	Wednesday	27th November	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 7	Thursday	28th November	9.00am	11.30am	Elissa
Term 4	Week 7	Thursday	28th November	11.00am	2.00pm	Jodie
Term 4	Week 7	Thursday	28th November	11.00am	2.00pm	Pete
Term 4	Week 7	Friday	29th November	9.00am	11.30am	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 7	Friday	29th November	11.00am	2.00pm	Trudie
Term 4	Week 7	Friday	29th November	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 8	Monday	2nd December	9.00am	11.30am	Denise
Term 4	Week 8	Monday	2nd December	11.00am	2.00pm	Amanda
Term 4	Week 8	Monday	2nd December	11.00am	2.00pm	Leila
Term 4	Week 8	Tuesday	3rd December	-	-	NIL
Term 4	Week 8	Tuesday	3rd December	12.45pm	2.00pm	Kimberley
Term 4	Week 8	Tuesday	3rd December	-	-	NIL
Term 4	Week 8	Wednesday	4th December	9.00am	11.30am	Kylie
Term 4	Week 8	Wednesday	4th December	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 8	Wednesday	4th December	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 8	Thursday	5th December	9.00am	11.30am	Linda
Term 4	Week 8	Thursday	5th December	11.00am	2.00pm	Jodie
Term 4	Week 8	Thursday	5th December	11.00am	2.00pm	Beth
Term 4	Week 8	Friday	6th December	9.00am	11.30am	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 8	Friday	6th December	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**
Term 4	Week 8	Friday	6th December	11.00am	2.00pm	**Help Needed**

HAVE YOUR SAY

The City of Parramatta will be building a new playground in Goodin Road Reserve, Winston Hills.

We invite you to come and help shape the design of the new playground at a Community Consultation Session to be held in Goodin Road Reserve, Goodin Road, Winston Hills.

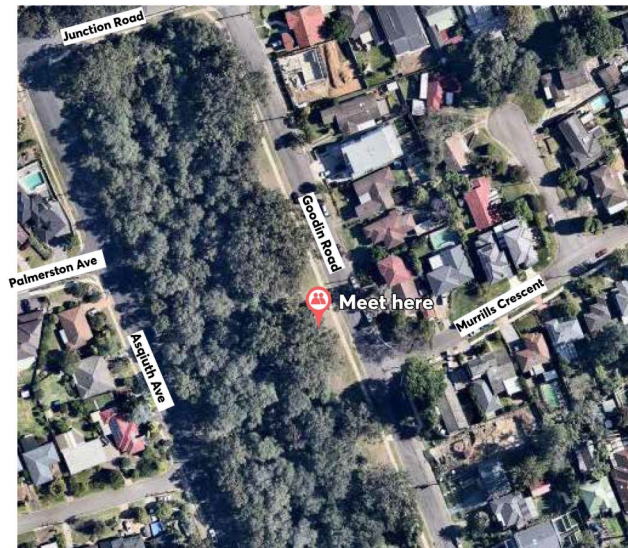
Date: Thursday 21st November 2019

Time: 3.30pm - 6:00pm

If you can't attend the Community Consultation Session, we welcome you to provide comments in writing via email by Friday 29 Nov 2019 to:

Email: placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Goodin Road Reserve



HAVE YOUR SAY

The City of Parramatta will be building a new playground in Max Ruddock Reserve, Winston Hills.

We invite you to come and help shape the design of the new playground at a Community Consultation Session to be held in Max Ruddock Reserve, Romulus St, Winston Hills.

Date: Saturday 16th November 2019

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

If you can't attend the Community Consultation Session, we welcome you to provide comments in writing via email by Friday 22 Nov 2019 to:

Email: placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Max Ruddock Reserve

