



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 8

Dear Parents,

Annual Presentation Assemblies

Next Wednesday 11th December 2019 we will hold our Annual Presentation Assemblies. Our first assembly will be at 9:15am-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 have been 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.

Helpers' Morning Tea

Yesterday we held our Helpers' Morning Tea. Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend. I understand it is an extremely busy time for everyone at present and many could not attend. On behalf of all the staff at Winston Heights Public School I thank all of our volunteers for their continued support of our school through their assistance in classrooms, on committees, at working bees, attendance on excursions, transporting sports equipment, working in the canteen and uniform shop, banking money, assisting with carnivals, organising book club and a myriad of other helpful things. We look forward to your assistance again next year if you are able to. Thank you!

2019 Reverse Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree is up in the office and is awaiting any kind donations of toys for our Reverse Christmas Tree. If you are able to donate a gift please bring it in and pop it under the tree. More details have been sent home with our Christmas Carols note.

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 can greatly assist in helping families stay afloat in this time of crisis on the land. For more details: <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.

Farewell Mrs O'Hara

Mrs Karen O'Hara has been a staff member at Winston Heights for the past 20 years. This year will be her last as she has been successful through the Merit Selection process in being promoted to Assistant Principal at Emu Heights Public School. Mrs O'Hara will say farewell at the end of this year and commence at her new school in 2020. She will be missed dearly at our school. We wish her all the very best in her new role at Emu Heights Public School.

New Teacher Permanent Appointment

Mrs O'Hara's appointment for 2020 left a permanent position vacant in our school that had to be filled. This position has been completed through the merit selection process and I am pleased to announce that Miss Rachel Allen has now been appointed to Winston Heights Public School as a permanent teacher. Congratulations Miss Allen!

Staff Leaving at end of 2019

At the end of each year, and before the start of the next, we have some movement with staff through permanent appointments, new positions, extended leave and personal reasons. At the end of this year we say farewell to Mrs Fear who will be moving onto William Rose Public School for a new challenge. Mr Brood will also be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank them for their dedication and contributions to Winston Heights Public School and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Handball Tournament

Next week we will be holding a student handball tournament during recess and lunch. It will be in stage competitions and a separate competition will be held for boys and for girls. The cost to enter will be 50cents per student. You will need to sign up to enter on Friday and Monday before 11am. The competition will be held as a knockout and the draw will be displayed near Mr Nico's classroom. A group of students will be the umpires for each knockout round. The competition will be for singles games only and the umpire's decision is final. The rules will be displayed around the school and are also included in the newsletter. This is a fun competition and has come about from an idea by a group of Stage 2 boys. These boys have been working on the rules and will also assist with umpiring duties during the competition. Good luck to all entrants.

Zone Trials 2020

Next year the Castle Hill PSSA will hold their trials for Zone sports on a special trial day early in the school year, instead of during after school sessions. The various sports will have specific times during the one day for invited students to attend and all at the one location. Parents will need to organise transport to and from the venue on that day. More details will be given to those students invited to trial for the Zone Sports early next year. This process was undertaken early this year and worked much better than previous years.

Class Party Day

On Monday 16th December each class will hold their party day. The P&C are paying for pizzas to be delivered to each class for all the students to celebrate their 2019 year of learning. A note will go home with more details regarding Class Party Day soon.

Talent Quest

On our last day of term we will be holding our Annual Talent Quest, run by the SRC. Auditions are currently underway in each Stage to see which acts will be performing on the day.

100% Attendance for Term 2

Today we acknowledged 51 students who have had perfect attendance this term at our K-6 assembly. Next Friday there will be a special morning tea for these students with Mrs Creagh.

Last Weeks of 2019

Our last day for students in 2019 will be Wednesday 18th December. Teachers will be at school on Thursday 19th December as they will be participating in professional development. The school office will remain open until 12pm on Friday 20th December.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh

Principal

Messages from The Office

- Congratulations to our boys softball team. They will play their grand final on Friday at Castle Glen Reserve, Castle Hill. The girls softball team will go to support the boys. The bus leaves at 8.45am.
- All PSSA shirts are now due back to the office. Could we have all shirts washed and returned by Monday 9th December. These shirts need to be signed in by the students.
- Our Reverse Christmas Tree is up in the office and ready to receive donations of new toys (no need to wrap the gifts) for families in need this Christmas. Students can bring in the donations and place them under the tree up until 16th December when the Salvation Army will come and collect all the toys. We thank you in advance for your donations.
- **Save the date:** Our school swimming carnival will be on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at Granville pool. Years 3-6 will be attending and will receive a permission note in Week 1 next year. Students in Year 2 next year who turn 8 in 2020 and can swim competitively can collect a permission note from the office.
- As this is our last office message for 2019, I would like to take the time on behalf of the SASS Staff to thank you all for your support during 2019. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing New Year. We will see you back at school next year on Wednesday 29th January for Years 1-6 and our new Kindys will start on Monday 3rd February 2020.



Notes and Money due:

- PSSA Representative expression of interest form (Yrs 4 &5) by Friday 6th December
- PSSA shirts returned to office by Monday 9th December
- Donated Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army to office by Monday 16th December

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

Office Hours 8:30am - 3:15pm

**Merry
Christmas**



Winston Heights PS

Knockout Handball Tournament

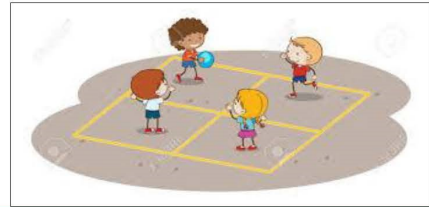
Competitions for Boys and Girls

Kinder Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)

50c entry fee

Sign up Friday 6th December at K-2 Cola or 3-6 Cola

When: Week 9 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday



Uniform Shop Opening times

The Uniform shop will be open as usual on Wednesdays during school term at 8:30am till 10am approx. including:

- Wednesday 11th December 2019
- Wednesday 18th December 2019

The Uniform shop will reopen on:

- Wednesday 29th January 2020



Knock out Handball Tournament Rules

Handball Rules – Regular 4 player game

1. Always be honest and play fair. If you get out – take it and leave the square ready for the next player to play.
2. Four people in squares – Ace (1), King (2), Queen (3), Dunce (4). Reserves (x) stand just outside waiting.
3. To start the game the player in Ace always serves first. x
4. Ace can serve to any of the other squares. x
5. A serve can only bounce once before going into next square.
6. The ball must bounce in another player's square and they must hit it to another player before it bounces a second time.
7. If a player hits the ball so it misses another player's square, or fails to hit the ball before the second bounce after it has landed in their square, they are OUT.
8. When a player is OUT the other players move up to take their place and that player moves to the last square or to the end of the line if there are more than four players.
9. No double bounces allowed, no rolls allowed, no "fulls" allowed.

1	2
4	3

Notes: * No teams – this means two players cannot decided to form a team to try and get others out
* No "Ace Commands" allowed – this means that the player in Ace position cannot say this. They are not to control the game.

Handball Rules – Handball Tournament – 2 Player Knockout

1. Two players
2. All above rules between 5 and 10 apply.
3. Server is decided on a coin toss. The serve is taken in turns regardless of who wins the point.
4. Best of three sets are played.
5. A set is won when the lead is at 7 points and has a difference of two points or more.
6. A neutral referee/umpire scores and judges the match.
7. A third set is only played if there is a set each.



CAROLS NIGHT SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Expression of Interest Form

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Carols Night, Tuesday 17th of December, the Music Committee will be holding a Sausage Sizzle for anyone attending the night. We are seeking an Expression of Interest in the number of Sausage Sandwiches your family and friends would like to order to be able to accurately cater for the evening and ensure no one misses out.

The Sausage Sizzle will run from 5:00pm - 6:15pm and will finish before the Carols Night performances start.

Sausage Sandwiches will cost \$2.50. There will also be cold drinks and ice-creams for sale on the night, so please bring money.

Please return Expression of Interest to the school office by Thursday 12th December.

CAROLS NIGHT SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Expression of Interest Form

Oldest Child's Name _____ *Class* _____

Number of Beef Sausage Sandwiches required _____

Number of Vegetarian Sausage Sandwiches required _____

NO CASH - PAY ON THE NIGHT



Family and friends are invited
to
Winston Heights Public School's Carols Night
on
Tuesday 17th December, at 6:30 pm.



All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be singing including special performances from the School Bands and choirs.

The Music Committee will be having a sausage sizzle on the night.



Giving Christmas Tree



Each year, our school asks for donations of toys for the Salvation Army, who then pass the gifts onto families in need.

A representative from the Salvation Army will be presented with the gifts on the evening of our school's carols night.

To help us with this very good cause, please bring unwrapped presents to the front office, where they will be placed under our Christmas tree. The last day for presents is Monday 16th December, 2019.

We thank you in advance.

MOVEMBER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Movember Day was a huge success. We had a huge number of students donate, raising just over \$260. What was even better, was the number of students willing to show their support and have a moustache painted on their face. It certainly brought a few smiles to the teachers and parents.

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for all your support. Also, thank you all the teachers involved, either volunteering or kindly donating. We can all say from personal experience, that it was an interesting month growing a moustache. As a team we managed to raise \$1322. An incredible achievement!

Many thanks,

The Winston Heights Movember Team



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.

December 2019

Thurs 5th	KB Assembly CARES S2O
Mon 9th	CARES S2A Year 6 Surf Day
Tues 10th	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 11:20am Year 6 Farewell 5:30pm
Wed 11th	Presentation Assemblies 3-6 from 9:15am-11am K-2 from 11:30am-12:30pm Sports 2pm-3pm
Mon 16th	Party Day
Tues 17th	Carols Night
Wed 18th	Talent Quest Last Day for Students Term 4

January 2020

Wed 29th First Day Term 1—Students Return

February 2020

Mon 3rd Kindergarten Start School
Tues 11th School Swimming Carnival

March 2020

Sun 15th Working Bee (3-5pm)
Mon 16th Photo Day



Canteen Closed

from

Friday 13th December 2019

Reopens Wed 29 January 2020



Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

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



NFP, Alice, Charli, Justin, Maeve, Kian, Adam & Felix

AWARDED TO

WEEK 5

KB : Edmund & Lauren
KH : Olivia & Emily
KM : Mackenzie & Callum
1F : Willow & Daniel
1H : Eli & Samara
1L : Zarah & Eliza
2G : Charlile & Ben
2L : Elise & NFP
2P : Karam & Cooper
S2A : NFP & Phillip
S2N : Chloe & Thomas
S2O : Elyane & Hamilton
S2P :
S3B : Bianca & Ava
S3F : Lucas & Sara
S3G : Georgia & Leith
S3N : Cohen & Enie
S3S : Adam & Brandon

Library: 2G & S3G

Super Award: Adam

RFF: KM & S3N

AWARDED TO

WEEK 6

KB : Eddie & Victoria
KH : Toby & Ronan
KM : Dimitri & Jacob
1F : Chloe & Montana
1H : Kaira & Emma
1L :
2G : Ryan & Ethan
2L : NFP & Charlotte
2P : Myraa & NFP
S2A : Peyton & Mitchell
S2N : Matthew & Ellie
S2O : Campbell & NFP
S2P :
S3B : Sky & Hayden
S3F : Corey & Reva
S3G : Ysabella & Daniel
S3N : Siena & Amelia
S3S : Mathew & Haylee

Library: KH & S3F

Super Award: Shinae & NFP

RFF:



**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.