



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 1

WEEK 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

P&C AGM and Special Meetings Notice

Last week an email was sent out to all families notifying the school community of the upcoming P&C AGM and the Sub Committee Special Meetings. All school community members are welcome to attend these meetings.

P&C AGM – Monday 25th March – 7pm

Music Special Meeting – Wednesday 20th March – 6:30pm

Canteen Special Meeting – Tuesday 2nd April – 7pm

The Uniform Shop and School Banking Groups do not hold a Special Meeting. The AGM and Special Meetings are held in the School Front Office.

Tell Them From Me Student Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 18th March and 12th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A non-consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been emailed home to families with students in Years 4-6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to the school office by **Friday 15th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

School Photos – Monday 18th March

In just over a week we will have our School Photo Day. All payments and orders are online. If you have misplaced your child's individual order form, which includes their unique "shootkey" code, please contact MSP directly on: 9831 5505 or through their email: sydneywest@mvp.com.au

Sibling photos will be taken from 8am in the school hall on the same day. If you want a Sibling Photo please order and pay for the family photo online.

Children's Internet Usage

It is important to observe what your children are doing when they access the Internet at home. Please discuss safe internet browsing with your entire family and it is recommended that when children under 18 years of age use the computer it should be in a central place in the home, in view of family members. At times, using and viewing YouTube and other Internet programs can result in pop-up ads and inappropriate messages being shown. Please monitor children's computer and internet usage.

We are waiting on confirmation of Cybersafety workshop bookings for all our students K-6, similar to last year's programs. We are also using a new platform this year called ClickView in our classrooms to ensure all video clips shown in class, have previously been screened and approved for student viewing.

Family Photo Fundraiser

A reminder that there will be a Family Photo Fundraiser held on Saturday 23rd March – on the Election Day – here at our school. Information was sent out in the last newsletter. There are still times available if you would like to have a family portrait taken.

Parents and Late Lunches

At times, children accidentally leave their lunch boxes, drink bottles or hats at home when they go off to school. Parents and Carers often see the items at home and then bring them to school. This is greatly appreciated but I ask that you bring these items to the front office and not to take them directly to the classroom. All visitors to the school during a school day between 9am and 3pm must report to the office. If parents are volunteering in classrooms or at the canteen they will sign in and collect a visitor badge. Student items can be left at the office and they will be delivered to your child's classroom. I am sure you can appreciate that this is done for security purposes and also to not disturb classes.

Staff Carpark

A friendly reminder for parents that the Staff Carpark is for school staff only. Please do not park there when dropping off or picking up your child. I also request that you do not walk through the carpark.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh

Principal

Uniform Shop

Taking orders for winter uniforms NOW !!

Diary Dates

TERM DATES 2019

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

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

Term 3: Tuesday 23rd July — Friday 27th September

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

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

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

March 2019

Fri 8th	PSSA Round 3
Mon 11th	Young Leader's Day
Tues 12th	Cupcake Day
Thurs 14th	Selective HS Test 2L Assembly Item
Fri 15th	PSSA Round 4
Mon 18th	School Photo Day
Tues 19th	St 3 Fundraiser Colour Explosion
Wed 20th	Music Committee Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 21st	S2N Assembly Item
Fri 22nd	PSSA Round 5
Sat 23rd	Family Photos Fundraiser P&C BBQ and Cake Stall
Mon 25th	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thurs 28th	1F Assembly Item
Fri 29th	PSSA Round 6

May 2019

Tues 14th – Thurs 16th	Naplan
Wed 22nd	School Open Afternoon for Kindy 2020
Thurs 23rd	S3N Assembly Item
Thurs 30th	2G Assembly Item

PSSA Sport Calendar

Touch Football

Students leave at 9am

8/3	Bus to Ted Horwood
15/3	Bus to McCoy Park
22/3	Bus to McCoy Park
29/3	Bus to Ted Horwood

Softball & T/Ball

Students leave at 9am

8/3	Bus to Northmead Reserve
15/3	Walk to Gooden Drive
22/3	Bus to Col Sutton
29/3	Walk to Gooden Drive

Cricket

Students leave at 9am

8/3	Bus to Ted Horwood
15/3	Bus to Ted Horwood
22/3	Bus to Ted Horwood
29/3	Bus to North Rocks Park

April 2019

Thurs 4th	S3F Assembly Item
Tues 9th	Cross Country Carnival
Thurs 11th	Easter Hats and Pedlar's Parade
Fri 12th	Last Day of Term 1
Tues 30th	Students return for Term 2



Look how hard 2P
have been working
in Literacy Groups!

We have been
exploring lots of
different activities.



We especially love
the Grammar &
Punctuation games!



We also love
working with each
other 😊



Messages from The Office

- By now every student would have brought home an individually coded school photo envelope. We are using a new photographer this year. All orders are to be submitted online via msp.com.au using your unique shootkey code on your order form. Should you misplace your order form please call MSP photography on 9831 5505 and they will let you know your shootkey code. The order form is then to be returned to the school office before photo day. Our school photos will be held on Monday 18th March 2019.
- A reminder when paying for school excursions/school fees online, ensure the website you are on is Winston Heights Public School before making a payment.

Notes and Money due:

- School Photos - to be paid direct online via MSP Photography by 14th March
- Year 6 Jackets (Year 6) - by 15th March
- Colour Explosion Fun Run - (Whole School) - permission note returned by Friday 15th March
All donations to be received by Friday 22nd March
- Planetarium (Yr 3 & Yr 4) - note and money by 20th March
- Annual Fees (Whole School) - by 29th March

Cheers,

Mrs Lee Wood, Mrs Rachael Calvar & Mrs Carolyn Leverton

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm



Cupcake Bonanza

Tuesday 12th March 2019

On Tuesday 12th March, the Music Committee will be holding a Cupcake fundraiser for all the students in K-6.

Cupcakes will be available for purchase during recess and will cost \$2 each.

There will be some gluten free cupcakes available.

SRC Representative for 2019

1H	Irene	William
1F	Edward	NFP
1L	Evie	Felix
2L	Ebba	Leyton
2G	Ella	Xavier
2P	Hannah	Jonah

S2A	Nicholas	Kiki
S2N	Olivia	Ben
S2O	Levi	Charlotte
S2P	Kira	NFP
S3B	Lacey	NFP
S3F	NFP	Jack
S3G	Liam	Katie
S3N	Sophie	Cailen
S3S	Lauren	Brandon



News from our *Library*



PRC (Premier's Reading Challenge)

During the past week students in Years 1-6 have been invited to participate in the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge. **All Kindergarten students** will complete the challenge as part of a shared reading program in the Library. Kinder students do not require a reading record.

The challenge closes on 30th August, 2019.

Year 5 and 6 students will be completely responsible for entering their reading records online, ie. NO PAPER reading logs. The website can be accessed through the student portal at home or at school after logging on through Kidspace and OLIVER Library.

Students in Years 1-4 have been issued with 'paper' reading logs as in previous years. A note to parents is printed on the reverse of the students' reading records.

PRC reading records are best kept in students' library bags.

For more information, visit the PRC website.

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Please send a note or pop into the Library with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jenine Hinton

Teacher Librarian



Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

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

Lucas 2P, Emmeth KH, Alex, Coen S2N, Aaliyah KM,
Phillip S2A, Keiran S2N and Elise 1L



AWARDED TO

WEEK 5

KB : Lucas & Hallie
KH : Toby & Estelle
KM : Cormac & Avangelina
1F : Daniel, Justin, Annabelle & Emily
1H : Nate & Renit
1L : Eliza & Adrian
2G : Taraneh & Lachlan
2L : Cameron & Eve
2P : Emily & Olivia
S2A : Caleb & Alyssa
S2N : Ruby & Jacob
S2O : Mya & Brandon
S2P : Elena & Abi
S3B : Jarred & Bianca
S3F : Brody & Angel
S3G : Jenna & NFP
S3N : Marley & Lrenzo
S3S : Hannah & Brandon

Library: KB & S3N

EALD: Zaed , Felix, Sunny

LaST: Coen

RFF: Shinae, S3G, 2P

AWARDED TO

WEEK 6

KB : Lachlan & Aiden
KH : Lora & Liam
KM : Ethan & Emma
1F : Amy & Joshua
1H : Samara & Benedict
1L : Felix & Journii
2G : Rayaana & NFP
2L : Indiana & Neek
2P : Myraa & NFP
S2A : Oscar & Peyton
S2N : Ellie & Kieran
S2O : Madelyn & Ben
S2P : NFP & Hasan
S3B : Mahak & Petar
S3F : Jane & Angelina
S3G : Joshua & Joanna
S3N : Leilani & Vedanth
S3S : Ella & Elissa

Library: S3F & 2L

EALD:

LaST: Mahan

RFF: Levi

PSSA Results Round 2 - 1st March 2019

T Ball Boys played North Rocks

Lost 15-6 Player of the match was Ben. Most boys played their first ever game and did a fantastic job. By Cailen

T Ball Girls played North Rocks

Won 14-5 Player of the match was Lily. Great first game. Good sportsmanship was shown. Well done girls. By Charlotte

Softball Boys played North Rocks

Won 7-1 Player of the match was Caeleb for a big hit which led two home. Overall we played well as a team. By Simon

Softball Girls played North Rocks

Won Player of the match was Ysabella because she made it to the home plate which won us the game. We had amazing teamwork and were supportive of each other. By Lacey, Kiara and Aliyah

PSSA Results Round 2 - 1st March 2019

Junior Cricket -Bye

Senior Cricket -Bye

Junior Girls Touch played Jasper Road

Won 9-2 Player of the match was Charli. It was a good game and both teams played fair. By Angel

Senior Girls Touch played Jasper Road

Draw 3-3 Player of the match was Siena because she had great touches and awesome tries. The game was played fair and both teams had respect for each other. By Angel

Junior Boys Touch played Jasper Road

Lost 4-3 Player of the match was Noah. A great start to the season. Special welcome to the Year 3 players. By Mr Nico

Senior Boys Touch played Jasper Road

Won 9-1 Player of the match was Liam. Wow! Great start lads. WIN WIN WIN. By Mr Nico

Chaplain Chat

The 2019 school year has started and everyone is here, even the kindergarten children. It's been lovely to spend some of the mornings with them, see how grown up they are and how well they are settling into this new season of their lives. Many are already taking responsibility for their own belongings, and, with the help of their teachers and Stage 3 buddies, finding their way around the school. If you are new to Winston Heights, welcome! I know you will love it here as much as I do.

As an introduction, I would like to talk a little about my role in the school. A chaplain's role is to help look after the well-being of all the children, as well as care for the staff and the parents. I often find myself helping children out with their fears, friendship difficulties, grief and loss, family worries, self-confidence, or by being a listening ear when they need someone to talk to. These roles may involve working with a group of children, or meeting with them one to one. This all depends on the particular need.

In most cases, children who participate in chaplaincy activity groups or meetings require their parents' permission. If you would feel that your child might benefit from some extra help in one of the areas above, please talk to their teacher about a chaplaincy referral. Alternatively, pop in for a chat or drop me an email at robyn.bowman2@det.nsw.edu.au. I am happy to give you more information and listen to any of your concerns. I am available at the school on Mondays (all day) as well as Wednesday and Friday afternoons. You can also arrange a meeting with me by calling the office on 96247485 or by requesting an appointment through the School App. You can also find out more about the chaplaincy program by downloading this brochure <https://mychaplain.org.au/fundraising-pdf.php?id=11495>.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Winston Heights, and I hope to see you sometime too.

Robyn Bowman
School Chaplain



“Say Cheese”

Winston Heights Public School

School Photographs

Monday 18th March 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School photographs will be taken at school on the Monday 18th March 2019. Order forms for individual student photographs accompany this note or will arrive shortly.

INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS - Prior to filling out your order check that your child's name is spelt correctly on the Order form, please make any necessary changes. Please complete the order online and students may then return the Order forms on the day of photography. If you misplace your order form please contact MSP Photography for your child's shoot key.

FAMILY PHOTOS - Should you wish to have a family photograph taken, please fill out the family section at the bottom of your ELDEST child's Order form. These photos are for school aged students attending the school and no family photo will be taken unless an order form has been received on photo day. Please ensure your children present to the portrait location to have their photo taken.

SPLIT FAMILIES - you can use the same shoot key provided on the order form to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs sent in separate satchels to the school. There is a section on the order form for you to tick “Split Family” so we can place a “Mums Order” or “Dads Order” sticker on the satchel. If you think there may be a problem in receiving the photographs or you don't have an order form/shoot key, please phone MSP Photography on 02 9831 5505 so we can assist you.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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 student's Order form.
- Your child must present their own Photo Order form to the photographer on photo day.

If you have no access to the internet or no credit/debit card – the school office does have some blank envelopes for cash payments.

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

e sydneywest@msp.com.au

p 02 9831 5505



Winston Heights Public School P&C Committee

Buckleys Road, Winston Hills NSW 2153

Phone: 9624 7485

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL **SATURDAY 23 March 2019**

Dear Parents,

Most of our P&C Fundraising activities are centered on our school. However, this year, because of the State Election, we have a fantastic opportunity to expand our fundraising to the wider community. Our school P&C hopes to achieve this by hosting an "Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall". With enough support, this event has the potential to be a great fundraiser! All of the money raised will be going directly to our children, via the P&C.

We are seeking **Volunteers** that are available on **Saturday 23 March 2019**, to help at the BBQ Stand & Cake Stall.

Alternatively, if you are unable to help on the day, we would greatly appreciate the **Donation of a Cake**, cupcakes or baked treats for our very popular Cake Stall! They literally sell like "Hot Cakes"!

Please fill in the slip below & return it to the office ASAP/ by WED 13 March 2019.

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ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL **SATURDAY 23 March 2019**

Please tick one of the options below, fill in your contact details and return the slip to the office. Any **enquiries** eMail: event@winstonheightspandc.com

☐ **I am able to donate a Cake, for the Cake Stall**

(Further details will be sent out to you regarding "Cake Donations" eg: cake drop off date and location etc)

☐ **I am able to Volunteer** at the "Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall"

Please circle preferred time slot, or write personal preference in "Other".

Times: (8:00am - 10:00am) (10:00am – 12:00pm) (12pm -2:00pm)

Other:

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Phone / Mobile: _____

eMail _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

On behalf of the P&C, THANK YOU for your support!

Winston Heights Public School Parents and Citizens

THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



From today, we commence the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion which is as a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular **the Year 6 gift to the school and farewell.**

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **19th March** starting at **1:30pm**. We do ask that students bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in colour from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Student Profile Page

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

WIN A SHARE OF \$200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS. Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **Friday 22nd March**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Stage 3 Teachers

