



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 1

WEEK 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

Colour Explosion Run4Fun

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Colour Explosion Run4Fun last Tuesday. The weather held off for us and the students were able to run their laps. What a sight to see all students in white turning into a rainbow of colour at the end of the day. Please have a look at some of the photos taken on the day in the newsletter. The total funds raised was in excess of \$11 000. What a fantastic achievement. Well done to our entire community for your generosity.

Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Thank you to the many volunteers who turned up to assist on the BBQ and cake stall. There was an amazing number of cakes, slices and muffins to tempt many taste buds. All items sold out and it proved to be a great fundraiser for the P&C.

Sporting Representatives

A number of our students have been selected in the Castle Hill PSSA Zone sport teams. Some of the sport competitions have been played and some are yet to have their day of competition against other zones across the region. Congratulations to:

Zach – AFL and Rugby League	Brody – AFL and Soccer
Will – Cricket	Rebecca – Girls Basketball
Leilani – Girls Basketball	Estelle – Girls Touch Football
Jackson – Soccer	Will – Boys Basketball
Cohen – Boys Softball	

There are still a few sports to run their trials and once we know of any other students who are successful to make these teams for either Castle Hill PSSA Zone or Sydney West Region we will announce the news in the newsletter.

Parents Use of School Bathrooms

The only school bathrooms that parents should be using at school in the afternoon are the toilets next to the hall. Our students will not be using these bathrooms from 2:30pm each day. These are our Community bathroom facilities and are available each day. Please do not use any other toilet block as these are for students only.

ICAS 2019

Winston Heights PS will not be hosting ICAS assessments in 2019. These assessments are traditionally completed outside of class hours (usually before school) for a relatively small number of students. As a school, we don't value or use the data obtained from these assessments to inform our teaching and learning. The assessments also impose a large administrative strain on our office and teaching staff, with no remuneration from the UNSW nor value to our school learning programs. This year, the University of NSW has changed its ICAS assessments to an online only format. We are unable to support these tests with the technology they require. Should you wish your child to complete the ICAS assessments, visit the ICAS website on <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assesments/products/icas-assessments/> to enquire about the nearest testing centre.

Supply of Casual Teachers

At times, our teachers are absent from school due to illness, leave or attending professional learning. When this occurs we endeavour to staff the class as soon as possible with qualified teachers. Unfortunately the supply of casual teachers at this time is extremely low. This is occurring across many schools in our area. When we can't get a casual teacher to cover a class we need to split the class for the day. When a class is split it is usually to another class either in their stage or the stage above or below. At times we will need to split a class across K-6 if we have more than one staff member away without cover. When a class is split they are given planned work left by the teacher that they are able to complete while working with a small group. When classes are split they are split in groups of 2/3 so they are not on their own.

Winter Uniforms

Next term all students are to wear their winter uniform to school each day. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30-10am. If you require more winter uniforms it is advisable to log on to Flexischools and place your order as soon as possible to ensure you receive your items ready for next term.

Mother's Day Stall and Raffle

Shortly, all our students will take home a raffle book of tickets for the Mother's Day Raffle. A Mother's Day Stall will be held early next term and all the details will be included on a separate note coming home with the raffle book. This is a P&C activity and each book of tickets is worth \$6. If your child sells their tickets they can collect another book from the school office.

Opportunity Class Applications 2020

Year 4 students will receive a separate note next week outlining the steps to be taken if an application is sought for a position in an Opportunity Class for 2020. These notes will also be emailed to each Year 4 family. Please understand that if you wish to apply for a position for your child it is your responsibility to complete the application process online through the Department of Education's website which is listed on the information form.

P&C Trivia Night

The Trivia Night committee are in full planning mode for their annual Trivia Night. This year the theme is "Christmas in July" and the event will be held on Saturday 27th July. More details will be out early next term. Start thinking about your table groups of 8. The P&C Fundraising committee are also seeking further sponsorship and support. If you are able to help with this please look at the flyer in the newsletter.

Annual School Report 2018

The Annual School Report for 2018 will be published during Term 2. It will be uploaded to our school website. It can be found under **About Our School** and then **School Planning and Reporting**. Scroll down to **School annual report** and you can click on **2018 Annual Report**. It will be in a PDF format.

School Holidays and ANZAC Day

Next Friday 12th April is the last day of Term 1. Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 30th April.

We will be holding our ANZAC Day school service on Wednesday 1st May at 10am. It would be wonderful for all students to bring in some flowers on this day to contribute to our large letter wreaths.

The School Security phone number is 1300 880 021. Please call this number if you notice any suspicious activities on school site during the vacation period. There will be contractors at school working during the day. We are having some external painting of some buildings and some gutter and roof repairs completed.

Wishing everyone a lovely relaxing two week vacation.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh
Principal

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.*

April 2019

Tues 9th	Cross Country Carnival Yr 1 Woodberry Village Excursion Hot Cross Bun Day
Thurs 11th	Easter Hats and Pedlar's Parade K-2 9.30am
Fri 12th	Last Day of Term 1 Canteen Closed
Tues 30th	Students return for Term 2

June 2019

Thurs 6th	S2A Assembly Item
Thurs 13th	1H Assembly Item
Mon 17th	Stage 2 Elizabeth Farm
Thurs 20th	S3G Assembly Item SRC Disco
Mon 24th	P&C Meeting
Thurs 27th	2P Assembly

May 2019

Wed 1st	ANZAC Day School Service
Thurs 2nd	Combined Choir
Thurs 9th	S3S Assembly Item Mother's Day Stall
Mon 13th	P&C AGM Meeting 7pm
Tues 14th – Fri 24th	NAPLAN
Thurs 16th	1F Assembly Item
Mon 20th	Zone Cross Country
Wed 22nd	School Open Afternoon for Enrolments 2020 4.30pm in Library
Thurs 23rd	S3N Assembly Item
Mon 27th– Tues 28th	Band Camp
Thurs 30th	2G Assembly Item

**Last Day of Term
Friday 12th April
Canteen Closed**



1F

In 1F we love using our maths kits!

We use dice, cards, counters, ten frames, playdoh and popsticks to play games that help us build our maths skills.

Annabelle: I like playing Around the World and playing flipping cards and add them together.



Justin: I like playing



Greedy Pig

Amy: I like the maths because it is fun and you can play games and learn at the same time



Aaryan: I like maths kit because we do number bonds of 20



Willow: I like doing maths because we learn lots every day.



Messages from The Office

- During Term 2 we will be introducing a new visitor electronic sign in device at the front counter. This will be for all visitors to the school including classroom helpers, scripture teachers, P&C Committee members, canteen volunteers, contract workers and visiting staff from other schools. This will replace the need to manually sign in and choose a visitors badge.



When using the system for the first time it will ask you for your name, phone number, reason for visit and to verify the office has your Working With Children's Check certificate. With your first login, you will also need to supply 100 points of Identification, if you haven't already done so. A Department of Education's Appendix 5 form will also need to be completed and kept on file along with your WWCC here at school.

This will only need to be done once and the next time you sign in you will only need to enter your mobile phone number and it will remember all your details. Signing out is easy. You just scan the badge you received at sign in and you are done!

We look forward to using this new device, and of course we will be here to help with any questions that arise during the sign in process.

- Thank you to those families who have returned their PSSA shirts. Please ensure the shirts are clean and no dirt marks visible. We can not pass them onto Term 2 PSSA students if the shirts are not clean. These shirts with marks still on them will be returned back home and asked to be rewashed.
- **CANTEEN - FlexiSchools:** As of Term 2 any lunch orders placed via FlexiSchools need to be completed by 9am each day.

Notes and Money due:

- Colour Explosion Fun Run - (Whole School) - Cash donations are now past due and should be given to the office by this Friday 5th April.
- Annual Course Fees (Whole School) - overdue. Contact Mrs Creagh or Mrs Wood.
Note: Subscriptions to Mathletics, Reading Eggs and the School Magazine can not be renewed for Term 2 until the Course fee is paid.
- Woodberry Village (Year 1) note Overdue
- Sizes for Dance Costumes Note (Selected Students) - Due to Mrs Lee by 5th April
- Combined Choir Rehearsals note (Selected Students) Due to Mr Nicolussi by 5th April
- Got Game Gymnastics Program (Whole school) \$10 by 10th April
- Girlpower program (Year 6 girls) - Due to Mrs Bowman by 12th April

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

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm



Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

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



Max S3S, Kiara S3S, Joey 1L, Journii 1L, NFP 2P, Keira S2O, Jai KM,
Ashleigh S3S

AWARDED TO

WEEK 9	
KB	: Nolan & Tyler
KH	: Emmeth & Olivia
KM	: Lucas & Jai
1F	: Willow & Jonah
1H	: Stacey & William
1L	: Elise & Hailey
2G	: Aysha & Aoife
2L	: NFP & Stefan
2P	: Lucas & Ava
S2A	: Nicholas & Anisa
S2N	: Patrick & Olivia
S2O	: Emily & Hamilton
S2P	: NFP & Te Teho
S3B	: Isabel & Renee
S3F	: Sara & Aaron
S3G	: Jackson & Amelia
S3N	: Taylor & Angus
S3S	: Briony & Mathew

Library: KH & S3S

Super Award: Youssef

RFF: KB, 1F

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WEEK 10	
KB	: Liam & Abby
KH	: Ronan & NFP
KM	: Callum & Jack
1F	: Montana & Amisuca
1H	: Evangeline & Kaira
1L	: Zoe & Jacob
2G	: Sophia & Ananya
2L	: Jayden & Charlotte
2P	: Bareen & Cooper
S2A	: Kayla & Mia
S2N	: Owen & Alice
S2O	: Youssef & Jorja
S2P	: Sarah & Svend
S3B	: David & Will
S3F	: Eliza & Nicola
S3G	: Ava & Katie
S3N	: Zac & Siena
S3S	: Alizaye & Zaed

Library:

Super Award: Brooke

RFF:

PSSA Results Round 6 - 29th March 2019

T Ball Boys played Northmead

Won 17-15 Player of the match was Matthew for his catching. The game was really fun. By Nilay

T Ball Girls played Northmead

Lost Player of the match was Alice for trying her best throughout the game. It was a good game and all the girls had lots of fun. By Sarah

Softball Boys played Northmead

Won 11-2 Player of the match was Will because of his outstanding effort and sportsmanship. The game was great with everyone trying their hardest. By Sam

Softball Girls played Northmead

Lost 7-1 Player of the match was Lacey because she hit a home run. Northmead was hard to beat but we all had fun. By Ashleigh

Junior Cricket played North Rocks

Won 62-51 Player of the match was Winston because he tried his best. The team tried our hardest and we won by eleven runs. By Eshaan

PSSA Results Round 6 - 29th March 2019

Senior Cricket played North Rocks

Lost 115-52 Player of the match was Brandon because he got a lot of people out. The game was great. The team showed excellent sportsmanship. It was an unfortunate loss. By Isabel

Junior Girls Touch played Matthew Pearce

Won 4-1 Player of the match was Jorja for excellent defence! A really great game played by the girls. Initially it was a close call but with more communication and teamwork, we ended with a good result. By Miss Neilson

Senior Girls Touch played Matthew Pearce

Won 3-1 Player of the match was Leilani for excellent play on offence. A well-deserved win by the senior girls with such great work in defence. By Miss Neilson

Junior Boys Touch played Matthew Pearce

Won 7-0 Player of the match was Lachlan. For 3 games, the juniors defence was unreal. By Mr Nico

Senior Boys Touch played Matthew Pearce

Lost 3-0 Players of the match were Max, Josh, Will, Brody, Liam, Ethan and Jarred. With zero subs, the 7 boys played very well. Hold your head up lads. By Mr Nico

Anyone can earn stickers to help local schools

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment. In 2017 we had over 15,000 schools and Early Learning Centres involved, and delivered over 300,000 new pieces of equipment to kids all over Australia.

Here's what to do:



Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can.

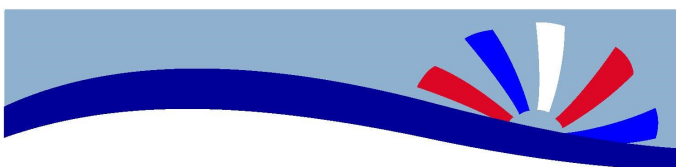


Stick them on the sticker sheets and give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre. Or drop them into a collection box in store.

Don't forget, you can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Need more information?

To read our Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



Looking to enrol for 2020?

You are invited to attend....

Winston Heights Public School's Open Afternoon!

Winston Heights Public School is an innovative school that provides students with a great range of opportunities to learn and grow.

Give your child the BEST START!

Wednesday 22nd May 4:30pm - 5:15pm.

Meet us in the school library.

Winston Heights Public School

51 Buckley's Road Winston Hills



RSVP by 17th May

winstonhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 9624 7485

Chaplain Chat – Children and Technology 2

I am really enjoying researching this topic. It's so much bigger than I realised. I hope you are finding it useful too. Please feel free to send me any feedback you may have or particular areas you would like me to focus on.

A really helpful resource for managing your child's relationship with technology is the "ThinkUKnow" website, which is designed to help parents to better understand what their children are doing online. Produced in partnership between the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth bank, ThinkUKnow, www.thinkuknow.org.au provides a wealth of resources so that parents can help their children manage the online challenges that they might face, and provide them with strategies to overcome them in a safe ethical way which builds their online resilience

Much of the "ThinkUKnow" information is aimed at parents of teens. Fact pages are available on topics such as Facebook, Instagram, Kik Messenger and Managing your Reputation but as parents of primary school children, there is much we don't know already about what our children might be doing online. The ThinkUKnow fact pages on cyberbullying and Minecraft have some great information (as do their others). I will focus on cyberbullying next time.

Minecraft

Minecraft is a popular game which enhances creativity and problem-solving as well as teamwork and social skills. However, potential problems may occur when a child joins a server (like a room) with people they do not already know. They may face bullying, swearing and rudeness, or even unwanted contact from adults with dishonest intentions. If your child plays on a server administered by someone who you don't know, you have no control over who they play with. However, you can set up and administer your own server, and only allow, or 'whitelist', known players. Information on how to do this can be found on minecraft.net.

Other ways which you can use to restrict who can contact your child on Minecraft included disabling chat in the multiplayer mode by selecting *options > Multiplayer Settings* and toggling the chat button to "Hidden". Playing in single player mode means your child will not interact with other users. However, multiplayer mode with online play cannot be disabled.

"Mods" which add new features can be downloaded. Sometimes mods have viruses or malware attached, so it's important to only download them from reputable websites and scan for viruses.

Some servers have strict rules, and others do not. If your child experiences harassment on Minecraft, you can contact the server administrator and report the abuse. You may also consider having the child change servers if you are not happy with the response.

More information is available at minecraft.net or https://thinkuknow.org.au/sites/default/files/2017-01/MinecraftParents_FA_web.pdf

I hope you all enjoy your school holidays and Easter.

Best wishes

Robyn Bowman, robyn.bowman2@det.nsw.edu.au



What's more fun than a hot Christmas?



Christmas in July TRIVIA NIGHT

When Saturday 27 July 2019
6pm for a 7pm start

Where School Hall, Winston Heights Public School, Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

Cost \$200 per table of 8 or \$25 per person

Bring Food and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) and decorations for your table.

Who Current and past parents, carers, friends and staff of Winston Heights Public School are all welcome. OVER 18's ONLY

Contact Jenna Campbell: 0402 555 424
Mark Macdonald: 0412 061 424
Email: event@winstonheightspandc.com

Dress in your Christmas best!



PAYMENT:

Please simply make your table payment through Flexischools.

(Or complete the cash payment form below and submit it to the school office)

TRIVIA NIGHT 2019 CASH ORDER FORM:

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

- I would like to purchase a full table of 8 @ \$200 per table
- I would like to purchase _____ individual tickets @ \$25 per ticket

PAYMENT

Cash Total amount payable/paid \$ _____



Winston Heights Public School P&C Committee (WHPS P&C)

Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW, 2153
02 9642 7485 | event@winstonheightspandc.com

Just One Thing At Work

Make a difference at school while you're at work

April 2019,

This year the P&C are holding two major events to raise funds for the school. First up is the always outrageously fun Trivia Night followed by the cute and spooky Halloween Movie Night.

To reach as many potential sponsors out there as possible, we'd love for you as parents to put your creative thinking caps on, and discover a way to unlock sponsorship from your workplace or your own small business. Whether it be financial support or a gift of products or services.

We've got a proposal email ready to go, along with a sponsorship pack document that explains everything. Just email event@winstonheightspandc.com for your copy.

We can all do just one thing! Let's get to work.

Kind Regards,

Winston Heights P&C
event@winstonheightspandc.com

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