



# Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 3

WEEK 6

Dear Parents,

## **Literacy Day**

What a fabulous morning was had last Thursday! From the photos I have seen and the stories I have heard the children and staff looked absolutely amazing in their favourite book character costumes. Much thought went into costume ideas and themes were definitely evident in the staff choices across the Stages and in the Office. Thank you to Mrs Hinton for organising the day's activities and to the incredible staff who 'go that extra mile' to show our students their dedication and enthusiasm towards learning at Winston Heights. Thank you parents for assisting your children with their costumes.

## **Public Speaking**

Last week we held our Stage finals for the Hills Public Speaking competition. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Winston Heights PS at the District Finals next week: Emily and Penny from Stage 1, Nicholas and Oscar from Stage 2, and Georgia and Enie from Stage 3. Our Kindergarten winner was Chester and the runner-up was Lachlan. Congratulations to our winners, however, the Hills District Public Speaking competition is for Stage 1, 2 and 3 students only. Our judges said that the quality of the prepared speeches was amazing. Congratulations to all participants of this competition.

Our Stage 1, 2 and 3 winners will participate in the Hills Semi-Finals on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September here at our school.

## **Zone Athletics**

Our athletics representatives competed at Blacktown International Sportspark on Monday and did very well. Some amazing results were achieved by our competitors, including some Personal Bests. The behaviour of our students was exemplary. Details will be given to our school soon, advising which students will go on to the Sydney West Athletics Championships.

## **Winter PSSA Finals**

Congratulations to our Netball teams who competed in the Grand Finals last week. Our Junior Blue Netball team won the Grand Final. Our Senior Red Netball had a draw, which makes them joint premiers for 2019. Well done to all students who participated in Winter PSSA teams and to our teachers for coaching. We have a few weeks of downtime before Summer PSSA resumes in Week 9 of this term.

## **Father's Day Stall**

Thank you to the committee who organised our wonderful Father's Day stall gifts today and manned the stall while K-6 students purchased their gifts for Dads, Grandpas and Pops. The raffle was drawn after the stall this morning and the winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Winston G

2<sup>nd</sup> – Xavier H

3<sup>rd</sup> – Amelia & Jacob B

### **Tell Them From Me Survey for Parents (Term 3, 2019)**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 27<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

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

The survey is available in 23 languages. Some of our senior students will be out in the morning before school with iPads to ask if you would like to complete the survey while you are dropping off your child/ren.

### **Trivia Night Sponsors**

We would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to Treasury Wines for their continued support and sponsorship of our school over the past 2 years. Treasury Wines donated substantial prizes to be used for the recent Trivia Night. While they were acknowledged on the night we were remiss in acknowledging in our newsletter. Thank you Treasury Wines for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.



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### **Road Safety**

It is extremely important to ensure your children stay safe when they are walking with you, to and from school. I hear many reports from concerned citizens about the actions of our students in regards to pedestrian safety. Some of these reports are positive which is great to hear but unfortunately I do get the occasional reports of concern. Please hold hands of young children, including toddlers when walking near the road and always have children enter and exit vehicles from the curb side of the vehicle.

### **SAS Staff Recognition Week**

This week celebrates SAS Staff Recognition Week. Winston Heights is very fortunate as we have the best SAS Staff across all schools. Thank you to our lovely Office Staff – Mrs Wood, Mrs Calvar and Mrs Leverton. You continuously do an amazing job, providing assistance to staff, students and the community. Thank you to Mr Batten, our General Assistant (GA), who is dedicated to keeping our school looking stunning. Mrs Pringle, Mrs Francia and Mrs Alca are our awesome SLSOs who work with many students in the classroom and on the playground. Without such a dedicated and enthusiastic team our school would not be the great place it is.



### **Seasons for Growth**

Our School Chaplain is about to start a new program that assists children who have suffered grief and loss, through death or divorce, in their lives. If your child might benefit from this program or you would like more details, could you please contact the school office to speak with Mrs Bowman. This first program to run will focus on our younger students.

Kind regards,

**Margaret Creagh**

**Principal**

## Our PBL focus area for Week 7: Oval.

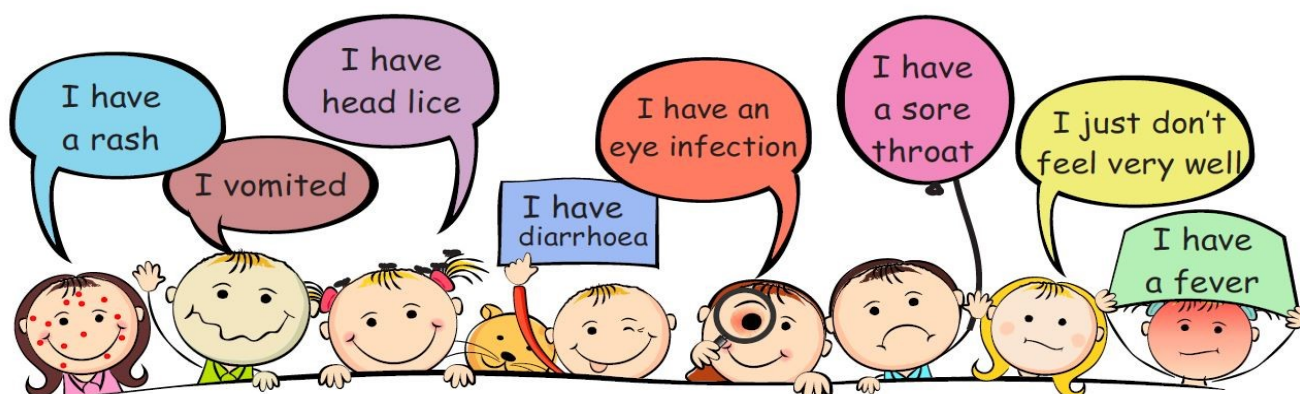
Students are expected to walk to the oval using the footpath, stay in bounds and play fairly. Reminders are given to return borrowed equipment and look after their belongings.



## Our PBL focus area for Week 8: Gates.

In the afternoon, students are reminded to be on time and leave promptly. Those who catch a bus, must sit down to wait for their bus. If there is a problem at the gate, students should see the teacher on duty.

# Too Sick for School?



### Rash

Especially a body rash with a fever or itching. Stay at home until your doctor says you are well again

### Vomiting

Stay home until at least 24hrs after vomiting stops

### Head Lice

Treat your hair for head lice and keep coming to school. Check for new lice and eggs regularly

### Diarrhoea

Stay at home until at least 24hrs after diarrhoea has stopped

### Eye Infection

Stay at home until discharge has stopped, or your doctor has diagnosed a non infectious cause

### Sore Throat

If you have a sore throat or are coughing, sneezing or if you have a very runny nose, stay at home until you are feeling better

### Not Feeling Well

Stay at home if you have a headache or are unusually tired. Rest until you are feeling better

### Fever

Stay at home until your temperature is back to normal

# Messages from The Office

- Permission notes have gone home for Years 3-6 PSSA Term 3 and 4. Please ensure payment is received by 17th September. Students can not participate in PSSA unless payment is received by the due date.
- All winter PSSA shirts must now be returned. Ensure the shirt is washed and free of stains as we do redistribute the shirts to students for the next round of PSSA.
- We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. Please see below for information on how to enrol. We will be holding interviews for all our enrolled Kindergarten 2020 students and their parents early in September.

## Notes and Money due:

- Great Aussie Bush Camp (Yr 3&4) - 4th payment \$50 by Friday 30th August
- Parramatta Council Colouring In Competition (whole School) - by Friday 13th September
- PSSA Cricket (Selected students) - \$25 by Tuesday 17th September
- PSSA Touch (Selected students) - \$35 by Tuesday 17th September
- PSSA Softball/Tball (Selected students) - \$25 by Tuesday 17th September
- Canteen Nachos Lunch Deal (whole school) - payment to the canteen by Friday 20th September

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

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm



## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020



Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted at the office between 8.30 and 3pm.

To be eligible for enrolment for Kindergarten in 2020 your child must turn 5 by 31st July 2020.

You will need to bring the following documents with you to the office:

- \*Completed enrolment form
- \*Child's original birth certificate or passport
- \*Immunisation certificate
- \*Two forms of proof of address - eg: Utility bills, rates notice, lease agreement, home or contents insurance
- \*Parent's passport if both parents born overseas

For all enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9624 7485





The plants that are native to Australia are the ones that the animals like to eat. There are some plants that are introduced and they don't get eaten.

Harley

**1H went on an excursion to Third Settlement Reserve to learn about the history of our local area.**







The two sculptures represent two of the convicts who broke the law in England and came to Australia.

Nate



George Oakes built steps into Toongabbie Creek and made it into a private swimming pool for his family.

Emma



Third Settlement Reserve isn't just a playground. It is a very special place to Aboriginal people.

Mitchell



# Diary Dates

## TERM DATES 2019

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

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.*

### September 2019

<b>Tues 3rd</b>	Hills Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal and Performance Night
<b>Tues 10th</b>	Sport and Group Photos
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	SRC Disco S2O Assembly
<b>Mon 16th</b>	Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy
<b>Tues 17th</b>	Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy
<b>Wed 18th</b>	Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy
<b>Thurs 19th</b>	Captains Assembly
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	Working Bee
<b>Mon 23rd</b>	P&C Meeting 7pm
<b>Tues 24th</b>	Zoomobile—Stage 2
<b>Thurs 26th</b>	KM Assembly CAPA Night

### October 2019

<b>Mon 14th</b>	Students K-6 return Term 4 Interrelate Stage 3
<b>Mon 21st</b>	Interrelate Stage 3
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	Grandparents Day
<b>Fri 25th</b>	Halloween Family Movie Night
<b>Mon 28th</b>	Stage 2 Camp Kincumber Interrelate Stage 3 P&C Meeting 7pm
<b>Tues 29th</b>	Stage 2 Camp Kincumber
<b>Thurs 31st</b>	S2P Assembly

### PSSA Sport Calendar

**Summer Competition begins 20 September**

#### **PSSA Results Round Semi Finals - 16th August 2019**

##### **Junior Blue Netball played Carlingford West**

**Won** Player of the match was Riley for driving forward and shooting well. The game was great! It was the semi finals!

#### **PSSA Results Round Semi Finals - 23rd August 2019**

##### **Senior Blue Netball played Baulkham Hills North**

**Lost 10-11.** Player of the match was everyone. We had great teamwork and it was unfortunate that we lost, but we gave it our all. It was really tight, but we are all proud of our efforts. Go WHPS! By Sophie & Ali

#### **PSSA Results Round Grand Final – 23rd August 2019**

##### **Senior Red Netball played Northmead**

**Draw 7-7.** Player of the match was Leilani. The game was fair and everyone had fun. By Sreya.

##### **Junior Blue Netball played Glenhaven**

**Won.** Player of the match was the whole team. It was a great game. All of us did amazing. Everyone was playing fairly with good sportsmanship. By Charli





# Merit Certificates

## Congratulations!

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



Haya S2O, Thomas S2O, Raphael 1F, Yohan KH

### AWARDED TO

#### WEEK 5

KB : NFP & Hallie  
KH : Vrinda & Chester  
KM : Emma & Jayden  
1F : Chloe & Raphael  
1H : Nate & Ruqayah  
1L : Geoffrey & Aashna  
2G : Mahan & Aysha  
2L : Lachlan & Eve  
2P : Sienna & Emily  
S2A : Anika & Max  
S2N : Isabella & Annabelle  
S2O : Mason & Sabeen  
S2P : Paige & Kira  
S3B : Lacey & NFP  
S3F : Estelle & Sara  
S3G : NFP & Ysabella  
S3N : Celine & Zac  
S3S : Alizaye & Jacob

**Library:** KB & S2P

**Super Award:** Samara, Dean

**RFF:** KM, S2P & S3B

### AWARDED TO

#### WEEK 6

KB : Beau & Abby  
KH : Emmeth & Justin  
KM : Avangeline & Callum  
1F : Aaricia & Dean  
1H : Mitchell & Samara  
1L : Adrian & Journii  
2G : Olivia & Ethan  
2L : Neek & Lily  
2P : Jonah & Jaylah  
S2A : NFP & Phillip  
S2N : Monib & Owen  
S2O : Ellie & Campbell  
S2P : Abi & Archie  
S3B : Jarred & Will  
S3F : Brody & Maya  
S3G : Georgia & Brooke  
S3N : Zach & Amelia  
S3S : Zach & Briony

**Library:** 2G & S2N

**Super Award:** Eliza

**RFF:** KB, S3N & S2A



# News *from our* Library



**PRC will close this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please return all signed Reading Records tomorrow!**

## Literacy Day

All students K-6, together with all our teachers and office staff had a great day dressing up for our annual Book Character Parade.

I was surprised and also impressed with the thought and effort put into our student's and teacher's book character costumes this year. I also heard it whispered 'it was the best ever!'

**Thank you** to all the parents and grandparents who attended the parade and those also involved behind the scenes. Our photos capture the fun!

After our Book Week Assembly of '17 Fun Facts about our Library' presented by the Library Monitors, all classes left their classrooms with their favourite book for Literature on the Lawn.

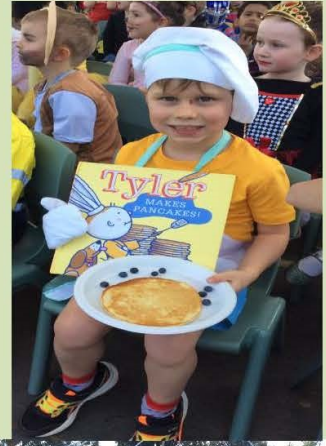
The '**Out of Africa**' performance by Valanga Khoza on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August was enjoyed by all students. Valanga was an engaging storyteller and talented musician playing traditional homemade instruments.

**Thank you to everyone** for your ongoing support of our special Library events.

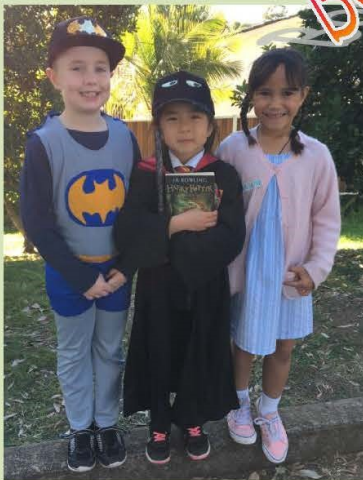
Jenine Hinton, **Teacher Librarian.**

**aka**

**Super Reader!!**



Book Character Parade





WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# Open Days

Come and see what is involved in volunteering  
at your school's Canteen.

*See how all the lunches are prepared and delivered to the children.*

*Learn what a Frozen Fruit Cup is.*

*Do a shift with a friend.*

*Serve all the wonderful children at our school,  
they just love seeing you there.*

Come and ask a volunteer and find out all this and more,  
at one of the Canteen's Open Days.

**WEEK 6:** Wednesday 28th August with Kylie (from 9am–11am)

**WEEK 7:** Monday 2nd September with Amber and Amanda (9am–12pm)

**WEEK 7:** Friday 6th September with Therese (from 9am–11am)

You're welcome to visit at any of these listed dates & times.  
Also don't forget to check-in at the Office first.

If you would like to volunteer, or have further questions please contact:

Jodie 0412 442292

Kylie 0431 400197



## **Year 7 2021 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 12 March 2020. Online applications open 8th October 2019 and close 11 November 2019. 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:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Girraween High School  
110 Gilba Road  
GIRRAWEE NSW 2145

**Tel:** 9636 7293 or 9636 7303

**Email:** [girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Web:** [www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **2018 HSC Achievements**

Girraween ranked 20th in the state overall with 8 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 8 students of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.75 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 17 "all rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:

2<sup>nd</sup> for Music 1

4<sup>th</sup> for Senior Science

18th for Biology

305 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.

With thanks to our Trivia Night sponsors:



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