

# Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 3

WEEK 8

Dear Parents,

#### **Tournament of Minds (TOM)**

Our two TOM teams participated in the Regional finals at Penrith on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The students prepared and presented in two different categories. The "Pigeon Team" (Ella, Sara, Ysabella, Will, Lorenzo, Enie and Janvi) were in The Arts category and did an amazing job. The "Unstoppable Team" (Leighton, Blake, NFP, Rebecca, Caeleb, Riley and Amelia) were in the Language Literature category and finished with Honours. Well done to both our teams.

#### **Public Speaking**

Congratulations to Oscar and Emily who have been selected to proceed to the Public Speaking finals for The Hills. The semi-finals were held at our school this week and our students competed against four other schools. The grand finals will take place early next term. We wish them the best of luck.

#### **Castle Hills PSSA Zone Athletics**

The results are in for our students and we have a number of unbelievable achievements. The most impressive result is that of Sienna, who finished with three first places (100m, 200m and long jump) and a second place (high jump). Sienna is the 11 Year old age champion for Castle Hill PSSA Zone 2019. Congratulations Sienna!

Tommy (1<sup>st</sup> in discus, 1<sup>st</sup> in shot put), Noah (1<sup>st</sup> in 100m), Harry (2<sup>nd</sup> in shot put) and Leilani (2<sup>nd</sup> in shot put) also had amazing results. These five students will go on to represent our school as part of the Castle Hill PSSA team at the Sydney West Athletics carnival early next term. We wish them the best of luck.

#### **Summer PSSA Finals**

Next week (Week 9) our Summer PSSA competitions will recommence. This term the games will be played in the afternoon for the last 2 weeks. At the start of Term 4, PSSA and school sport will move back to the morning session. Training for PSSA sport will also restart next Friday morning before school (20<sup>th</sup> September).

#### Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our students who participated in the area finals for the Premier's Spelling Bee. Lorenzo and Sean competed in the Stage 3 competition and although they didn't make the top places they did get through to the "unseen" word rounds. Nicholas and Alex finished third and fourth respectively, also making it through to the "unseen" word rounds.

#### **Working Bee**

We have a Working Bee planned for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 2-4pm at our school. Some parents have already volunteered through the JOT form earlier in the year and we thank you in advance. We are still looking for more helpers. If you are able to assist please contact John Civijovski at <a href="mailto:civi@bigpond.com">civi@bigpond.com</a> More details are available in the flyer being sent home with students.

#### **School Disco**

Our school disco is on tonight. K-2 disco starts at 5pm and the 3-6 disco will start at 6:15pm. The theme this time is Tropical.

#### **2020 Planning and Kindergarten Enrolments**

We are already starting to plan for 2020 at Winston Heights. If you are aware of any children in our area that are yet to enrol please let the family know as we have started our Kindergarten interviews in preparation for 2020.

#### **Frog Pond**

Thank you to Bunnings, Seven Hills for their donation of a new Frog Pond for our school. On Wednesday of this week they installed the new Frog Pond with the assistance of our WHET group. All the materials needed, including a solar powered pump to keep the water aerated, plants, rocks and the mesh cover, were donated by Bunnings. Narrele, Colin and Leonty worked with us last year on our whole school garden project and were with us again for this project. All we need now are the tadpoles.

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

The Tell Them From Me survey is currently open for parents to participate. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

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 has been open since 27<sup>th</sup> August and will close on 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: <a href="https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/whps">https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/whps</a>

#### **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.

#### **Legacy Week**

Last Friday, twelve of our Year 6 students assisted in selling items for Legacy Week at Winston Hills Mall. They raised almost \$2000 towards a very worthwhile cause. Our senior students were doing a wonderful job, giving service to the community.

#### **Operation Art**

The official Opening of Operation Art will take place this Saturday at the Armory Gallery in Sydney Olympic Park. We have a number of artworks completed by students in the competition. It is a wonderful art exhibition to see and is open to the public. The exhibition runs from 14<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> November and would be a lovely outing during the school holidays for the entire family.

#### **Ambassador to France**

Today six of our Stage 3 students met the Ambassador to France at Model Farms High School. Brendan Berne is an ex-student of Winston Heights PS and Model Farms HS. The students were able to speak with him and ask questions of his role in France, representing Australia.

Kind regards,

#### **Margaret Creagh**





# frog Pond









#### **Canteen Closed**

Friday 13 September 2019

No lunch orders or over the counter sales.

# KM's Experience at



KM had so much fun at Featherdale Wildlife Park! Throughout the day, we were able to find all of our favourite animals and learn about them too!

We enjoyed our close encounters with a children's python, a koala and a tawny frogmouth.



## 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.
- 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:**

- 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
- Great Aussie Bush Camp Stage 2—\$50 by Friday 20th September
- Canteen Nachos Lunch Deal (whole school) payment to the canteen by Friday 20th September
- Interrelate Program for Years 5 & 6—\$34 by Friday 20th September

Cheers, Mrs Lee Wood, Mrs Rachael Calvar & Mrs Carolyn Leverton
Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm







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

## Our PBL focus area for <u>Week 9</u>: Hall.

Students are reminded to walk and stay safe when visiting the Hall. Using equipment correctly and being an attentive listener is also expected.



## Our PBL focus area for Week 10: Computer and Library.

In the Library and Computer Room, we teach students to share and treat resources with care. We remind students to be cyber safe when using technology and report any problems to their teacher.

## Working Bee - 22 September 2019 from 2pm-4pm

#### Can you?

- Dig
- Plant
- Mulch
- Water



You're perfect for the working bee!!

Our job will be creating a garden bed and planting hedges, shrubs along the Buckley's Rd fence line. Then finish off with mulching and watering the new plants ready for everyone to see on Monday morning.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Let's help put some finishing touches to the great work that has already been done in greening our school.

To register contact John Civijovski at civi@bigpond.com





# Tournament of the Minds 2019

On Saturday the 31st of August, our two Tournament of Minds teams, the Pigeons and Unstoppables, competed in regional competition at Western Sydney University.

The two teams had worked furiously over the previous 6 weeks, spending time before school during recess and lunch, and sometimes even over their weekends, creating and refining their 10 minute presentation. The teams also had to devise a collaborative strategy for their spontaneous challenge which is given on the day as well. The two teams did a fantastic job representing WHPS and we are very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to the Unstoppables for achieving honours on the day in the language and literature division.

Miss Peksis and Mr Picot thank you for all your hard work.





## Keyboard

Two spaces available for any students wishing to learn keyboard before school!

Please email the Music Committee for more details: winstonheightsmusic@gmail.com



# 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

Fri 13th CANTEEN CLOSED

Mon 16th Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy

Tues 17th Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy

Wed 18th Stage 3 Camp, Collaroy

Thurs 19th Captains' Assembly

Sun 22nd Working Bee

Mon 23rd P&C Meeting 7pm

Tues 24th Nachos Day (Canteen)

Thurs 26th KM Assembly

CAPA Night

#### November 2019

Thurs 7th Kinder Orientation

Friday 8th Community Corner Grand Opening

Thurs 14th Kinder Orientation
Thurs 21st Kinder Orientation
Mon 25th P&C Meeting 7pm

Thurs 28th 1L Assembly

#### October 2019

Mon 14th Students K-6 return Term 4

Interrelate Stage 3

Tues 15th K-2 Athletics Carnival

Sausage sizzle

Mon 21st Interrelate Stage 3

Tues 22nd Grandparents' Day

Fri 25th Halloween Family Movie Night

Mon 28th Stage 2 Camp Kincumber

Interrelate Stage 3

P&C Meeting 7pm

Tues 29th Stage 2 Camp Kincumber

Thurs 31st S2P Assembly

#### **PSSA Sport Calendar**

#### Softball/T-Ball

20/9 @ Eric Mobbs Rexerve

27/9 @ Col Sutton Reserve

Students leave school at 12.10pm.

Touch

20/9 @ Ted Horwood Res

27/9 @ Ted Horwood Res

Play begins approx. 12.45pm

#### Cricket

20/9 @ Max Ruddock Res

27/9 @ Charles McLaughlin Oval

#### Reminder:

No lunch orders for PSSA students on Fridays



# Merit Certificates



#### **Congratulations!**

Well done to these PBL Award winners who have been Safe,

Respectful and Responsible Learners.

Estelle KH, Penelope 1H, NFP 2P, Marley S3N, Sarah S3S,

Elise 2L, Alissa 2L, Ava, S2A, Kyaten S2P

#### **AWARDED TO**

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/W/WDLD 10	/ W/ MBLB 10
WEEK 7	WEEK 8
KB Nolan & Lucas	KB : Jack & Edmund
KH : Jake & Anamitra	KH : Evie & Lora
KM : Jai & Xander	KM : Aaliyah & Lucas
1F : Justin & NFP	1F : Joshua & Scarlett
1H : Emma & Victoria	1H : Eli & Alex
1L : James & Paige	1L : Jacob & Eliza
2G : Violet & Taraneh	2G :
2L : Charlotte & Thomas	2L : Elin & Cavan
2P : Andre & Eva	2P : Emily & Vinara
S2A : Kiki & Leighton	S2A : Franklin & Zarah
S2N : Olivia & Chase	S2N : Roshan & Lara
S2O : Rhea & Youssef	S2O : Parsa & Ben
S2P : Hasan & Elena	S2P : Jack & Lillian
S3B : Will & Mahak	S3B : Alice & Oscar
S3F : Angelina & Raja	S3F : Josh & Adon
S3G : Aaleeyah & Liam	S3G : Leith & Aliyah
S3N : Matthew & Angus	S3N : Harry & Charlotte
S3S : Brandon & Max	S3S : Adam & Marcus
Library: 1H, S2N	Library: 1H & S3N
Super Award: Charlotte	Super Award: Aaleeyah, Suryadev & Hasan
<b>RFF</b> : KH, S2O & S3S	<b>RFF</b> : KB, S2N & S3G

# NACHOS DAY Lunch Deal 2019

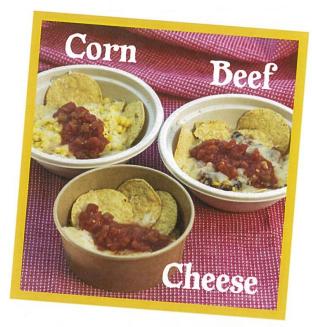
The Canteen will be hosting a fundraising **Nachos Day Lunch Deal** on **TUESDAY 24th September.** 

There will be a choice of **Beef, Corn or Cheese Nachos.** See below for pricing on the Nachos flavours and drinks.

Please fill in the form below, **tape onto a paper bag** and return with the correct
money to the canteen by **FRIDAY 20th September.** 

Alternatively orders can be placed via Flexischools, and cut-off is midnight **THURSDAY 19th September.** 

Thank you, The Canteen Committee



NAME:		CLASS:
1. CHOOSE YOUR NACHOS	2. CHOOSE YOUR DRINK	
Beef (Corn chips, beef topping, cheese, mild salsa) \$4.20  Corn (Corn chips, corn kernels, cheese, mild salsa) \$3.20  Cheese (Corn chips, cheese, mild salsa) \$2.70	Water \$1.00	Strawberry Milk \$1.50  Strawberry Milk \$1.50  Chill J Sparkling Grape \$2.00  Chill J Sparkling Raspberry \$2.00
TOTAL		\$

#### WINSTON HEIGHTS



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5th September 2019

## Sausage Sizzle Order Form

#### Tuesday 15th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, the day of the K-2 Athletics Carnival, the school will be holding a Sausage Sizzle for students from K-6 and any families attending the carnival. Sausage sandwiches will cost \$2.50 and need to be pre-ordered using the form below. Bottles of water will also be available on the day for \$1.00 each.

All order forms and money are due to your child's classroom teacher or the office by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

 Due to pre ordering, no late orders can be accepted.

 Mrs Creagh
 Mr Gorrie

 Principal
 Assistant Principal

 Sausage Sizzle Order Form - Tuesday 15th October 2019

 NAME
 CLASS

 Number of beef sausage sandwiches required
 @ \$2.50 each

 Number of vegetarian sausage sandwiches required
 @ \$2.50 each

 Number of bottles of water required
 @ \$1.00 each

 Total money enclosed: \$

Please return to your child's class teacher or the office with correct money (cash only) before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## With thanks to our Trivia Night sponsors:







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