



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 4

Kindergarten 2021 - Welcome to Winston Heights PS!

We were very excited to welcome our 2021 kindergarten students and their families to our school today. The Kindergarten Orientation session looked a little bit different this year - with safety, hygiene and social distancing measures in place. Despite this, the children had a wonderful time playing with their new friends and engaging in fun learning activities. We can't wait for you to start big school and join our Winston Heights community next year!



Student Leadership

Student leadership and voice is highly valued at Winston Heights PS. Our Year 5 students have had the opportunity to nominate for a student leadership position for 2021. We wish them all the very best as they plan, prepare and record their speeches over the coming weeks. We are extremely proud of them for taking a risk in applying and know that they will do their very best to show their peers their leadership capacity. Student leaders for 2021 will be announced at the Presentation Day assembly.

Teacher Appreciation Day

On Friday 30th October we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day - an opportunity to acknowledge the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW. Our P&C generously provided our teachers with a delicious morning tea, as a token of thanks from the community. We cherish the positive partnership that we have with our P&C and know that our teachers enjoyed the morning tea immensely.



We would also like to thank Winston Hills Mall who donated a 'thank you' goodie bag for each member of staff. The bags contained cookbooks, beauty products, yummy treats and goodies. Our teachers were incredibly grateful and thankful for the generosity of Winston Hills Mall.



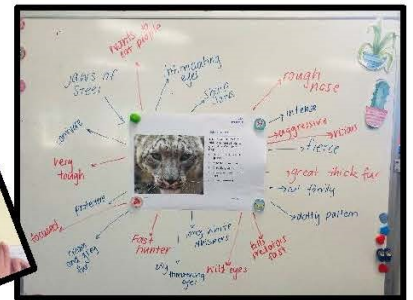
Take care and enjoy a spectacular week!



Terri Bullock
Principal

Writing in S2F

In S2F we have been focusing on our ability to use descriptive language. Students work together to brainstorm a bank of words, that will assist them in their writing.



In our class we enjoy sharing our work with others and providing feedback on how we could improve our writing.



We always
offer a
helping hand
when our
friend is
spelling a
challenging
word!

Diary Dates

TERM DATES 2020

Term 4 2020 - Monday 12 October - Wed 16 December 2020

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 2021 - Wednesday 27th January 2021 - **Pupil Free Day** and
Thursday 28th January 2021 - **Pupil Free Day**

Years 1-6 - Students start **Friday 28th Jan to Thurs 1st April**

Kindergarten start Wednesday 3rd February 2021

*Please note the following diary dates may be subject to change.
Further information will be sent home closer to the event being held.*

November 2020

Thurs 12th Stage 1 Sydney Zoo Excursion

Mon 30th Interrelate for Year 5 and Year 6

December 2020

Wed 2nd Interrelate for Year 5 and Year 6

Thurs 3rd Interrelate for Year 5 and Year 6

Thurs 10th Year 6 Surf Day

Mon 14th Year 6 Farewell—Rydges Norwest

Wed 16th Last day of term

Operation Art

Our school is exhibiting in Operation Art. Come and see our work on display at the Armory Gallery, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park.

Thursday 15 October – Sunday 15 November
Open daily 10am – 4pm, free entry





Merit Certificates



Congratulations!

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

Ethan KH, Levi S2F, CJ KH, Parsa S2F

AWARDED TO

WEEK 3

KB : Hannah & Myrah
KH : Jackson & Ava
KL : Orin & Parmin
1C : Emmeth & Liam
1H : Abby & Hayley
1LW : Mackenzie & Aiden
2E : Harley & Daniel
2P : Irene & Hannah
2V : Journii & Oliver
S2F : Levi & Sophia
S2G : Mahan & Cooper
S2J : Mason & Thomas
S2N : Ella & Jacob
S3A : Oscar & Ava
S3B : Brian & Joshua
S3G : Winston & Sienna
S3L : Franklin & Aaleeyah
S3P : Nilay & Emily

Library: KL & S2F

Super Award: Justin 1LW, Joshua 2E,
Jaylah S2F & Te Teho S2N

RFF/The Studio: KH & S3B

AWARDED TO

WEEK 4

KB : Shams & Param
KH : Denton & Raihan
KL : Elias & Madeleine
1C : Edmund & Sofia
1H : Jacob & Lucas
1LW : Lucas & Victoria
2E : Geoffrey & Felix
2P : Amy & Tayton
2V : Mitchell & Sophia
S2F : Olivia & Parsa
S2G : Elena & Ava
S2J : Violet & Indi
S2N : Lachlan & Dena
S3A : Rebecca & Campbell
S3B : Charlotte & Jorja
S3G : Lily & NFP
S3L : Will & Livenia
S3P : Aydin & Katie

Library: 2P & S3B

Super Award: Victoria S2N & Ben S2F

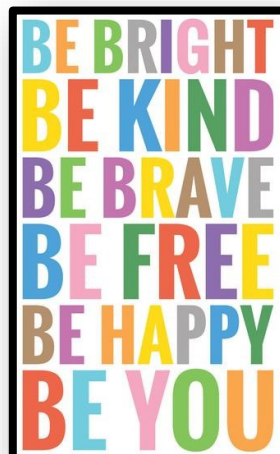
RFF/The Studio: 1LW & S3G

Messages from The Office

- **Year 6 Raffle:** Well done to our whole school community, over \$3000 was raised by you all for the Year 6 raffle! A big congratulations goes to our winners of the raffle: Orin, Carol, Jake, Cassandra, Dave, Brito Family, Emily, Franklin, Harry and Shantel! Thank you to everyone!
- **P&C Christmas Raffle:** The P&C will be holding a Christmas raffle and are asking for donations of new items to put into the raffle. If you can assist please send in the items to the office by Friday 20th November.
- **Late Return to School in 2021:** Later in this newsletter is a note to complete if your child will not be returning to school on Thursday 28th January 2021 due to an extended holiday or if they will be changing schools and not returning to Winston Heights at all. If your child/children will be returning to school on Friday 29th January or are in Year 6 this year there is no need to complete the form.
- **Notes and Money due:**
Sydney Zoo Excursion (Years 1&2) - \$31 Due by 5th November
Interrelate Program (Years 5&6) - \$33 Due by 23rd November
Year 6 Surf Day - \$52 Due by 3rd December

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm

**Mrs Lee Wood, Mrs Rachael Calvar, Mrs Carolyn Leverton,
Mrs Browyn Mercer, Mrs Katie Francia and Mrs Marlaine Schultz.**



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021



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

To be eligible for enrolment for Kindergarten in 2021 your child must
turn 5 by 31st July 2021.

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

*100 points proof of address - eg: Utility bills, rates notice, lease agreement,
home and contents insurance, drivers licence, phone bill etc

*Parent's passport if both parents born overseas

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

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight** = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

A calendar icon showing a two-week period. The first day of the first week is marked with a red 'X', indicating a missed day.

1 day per **week** = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

A calendar icon showing a one-week period. The first day of the week is marked with a red 'X', indicating a missed day.



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MOBILE PHONE AND SMART WATCH POLICY

At Winston Heights Public School, we aim to empower our students to engage and learn with confidence, courage and empathy by providing an education that inspires them to become global citizens. For the purposes of this policy, 'communication devices' refer to mobile phones and smart watches. **The school discourages students from bringing mobile phones and smart watches to school.** These communication devices can cause disruption in classrooms and the playground. They can also be used inappropriately to access social media and take photos without permission. This can cause distress and breach the privacy of others.

During the school day, parents are able to contact their children by calling the school phone number 9624 7485. If a parent feels it is necessary for their child to bring a communication device (mobile phone or smart watch) to school, then the rules for student use of mobile phones and smart watches in the school are listed below:

Devices brought to and kept at school are used entirely at their owner's risk. Winston Heights Public School cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage of these devices. Students and parents should also recognise that mobile devices are a highly prized target for theft.

Smart phone and smart watch notification alerts and location must be switched off.

☐ Phones and watches are not to be used to call home in an emergency. This is the duty of the school and the administrator/teacher in charge.

☐ Phones and watches are not to be used to call home in the event of a mishap at school or because belongings have been forgotten. Parents will be informed of any events that have impacted their child.

Phones and watches are not to be used in the classroom, playground or incursion/excursion for any of the following purposes; make phone calls, check text messages, access games, browse the internet, view images, use the camera or record videos.

☐ Phones and watches are not to be used to harass, bully or intimidate students or staff.

Breaches will be dealt with as per the school's Discipline Policy.

Any use of mobile phones and smart watches by a student, that is in breach of these rules, will lead to the confiscation of the device by the principal or a member of staff. In this instance, parents will be notified and confiscated devices will need to be collected from the school office by the student's parent or guardian at the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr A. Nicolussi

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Chaplain Chat Term 4 Week 4

Hi again! I hope you enjoyed the video about childhood anxiety that Georges River Council sponsored. It's great to see a council taking the lead on mental health. The strategies in the video and in the book (Mr Jitters) can easily be adapted for older children and grown ups. Perhaps you found it helpful for your own concerns. I had a look at the Youtube Channel of Georges River Council https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmKAGJX9y_A4a7Y7m3xHZkg and discovered that the other two videos are now available, and in fact, there are many videos there about mental health. I am going to put them all up on the Google Wellbeing Classroom so you can find them whenever you want via your child's portal. For now, here are the links. A lot of what works for improving mental health involves learning how our brains and our thinking works. Finding out about these processes can give us and our kids so much more power over their troublesome thoughts and feelings (and their worry monsters too). These videos are great for helping our children to be more informed and therefore more powerful and optimistic. When your child has watched them all, get them to draw their own worry monster. Give him a name and colour him in. I guarantee he (or she) will not look nearly so frightening on your fridge as he feels in your child's head. Your child could even come up with some silly voices to mock his taunts.

Session One (in case you missed it) Explain your Brain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=3kwApXnRGFM&app=desktop>

Session Two: Unchain your brain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWarE-iGF74>

Session Three : Retrain Your Brain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LImPUi1-k54>

Please feel free to share any thoughts you may have about them, and even some issues that you would like me to address in my newsletter articles and Wellbeing Classroom in the future.

Robyn Bowman, School Chaplain.

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
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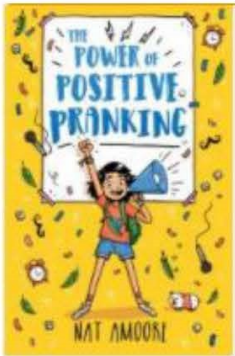


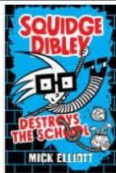
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News from our Library



OLIVER Library - Book Reviews

If you are looking for a good read check out the book reviews posted by our talented students in OLIVER Library.

	<p><u>The power of positive pranking by Nat Amoores</u></p> <p>This book is AMAZING. I myself am an ENVIRONMENTAL ADDICT just like Easy in this story. I had so many connections to the world, myself and other texts. This book has inspired me to step up and be heard to let the world know about the environment and what NEEDS to be improved. "Take every opportunity to make a difference" - GREEN PEAS RULE 5. The second I read the first sentence I was grappled into the text. Every chapter was a new unfolding mystery. I felt as if I was on a rollercoaster of emotions 1 minute it's nail biting, will they get caught?? Next is OMG! Overall, I highly recommend reading this book you will definitely be pulled in by the first sentence.</p> <p>Amelia B S3B</p>
	<p><u>Garden of the Purple Dragon by Carole Wilkinson</u></p> <p>Garden of the Purple Dragon had to be one of the most amazing books I've ever read. When I read the first book, (Dragonkeeper) I thought the next book couldn't possibly get better. I guess I underestimated the outstanding abilities of Carole Wilkinson! While reading, I felt myself in whatever situation she was in. My neck prickled when Ping's did. My heart soared when Ping's did. Sometimes I would laugh, other times I would cry. I can't possibly imagine what Carole Wilkinson's next book will be like. Why, I can only imagine!</p> <p>Ruby C S3B</p>
	<p><u>Little Women by Louisa May Alcott</u></p> <p>This book is amazing!!! It had every emotion from laughing to crying. The personality of every character was strong and real. This story lives up to its name and is worth the time to read!!!</p> <p>Riley S S3A</p>
	<p><u>Squidge Dibley by Mick Elliott</u></p> <p>A hilarious read for people of all ages. Why, you might ask?</p> <p>Mick Elliott's books are descriptive, terribly funny and will guarantee you five laughs per second.</p> <p>Alex L S2G</p>

Jenine Hinton, Teacher Librarian.

Overdue Library books?

We are continuing to follow up with students who have overdue loans. Notes are being sent home to help students and parents locate these library books and return to school. Please return any books with **WHPS barcodes** to the Library asap.

CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY





WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Trading Days

WEEKS 5 & 6

Date	Recess Orders	Lunch Orders	Over-the-counter sales
Monday, 9 November 2020	Yes	Yes (incl. Sushi)	Yes
Tuesday, 10 November 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders
Wednesday, 11 November 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thursday, 12 November 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friday, 13 November 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders
Monday, 16 November 2020	Yes	Yes (incl. Sushi)	Yes
Tuesday, 17 November 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders
Wednesday, 18 November 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thursday, 19 November 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friday, 20 November 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders

P&C Christmas Raffle

CAN YOU HELP?

Dear Parents/Carers,

The P&C will be running a Christmas raffle as part of a Christmas fun day for the students that will be held at the end of the school year. The funds raised from the raffle will go towards school resources and programs that are provided on behalf of the P&C.

We are currently looking for donations that can make up prizes for our raffle and we are looking to our school community for help. The donations can be in the form of new toys, prizes for Mums, Dads or vouchers.

Should our families wish to donate any new toys to our Christmas raffle please bring them into the office by Friday 20th November.

Alternatively do you run a business, or work for a business, that you feel would be able to help us out? If so, we ask that you contact the P&C at president@winstonheightspandc.com stating your business and your kind donation.



WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Canteen

**I'VE GOT A
GOLDEN TICKET**

WHPS CANTEEN

GOLDEN TICKET

Greetings to you, the finder of a Golden Sticker, and now owner of a Golden Ticket. This Golden Ticket allows you to purchase anything from the Canteen up to the value of \$2.00

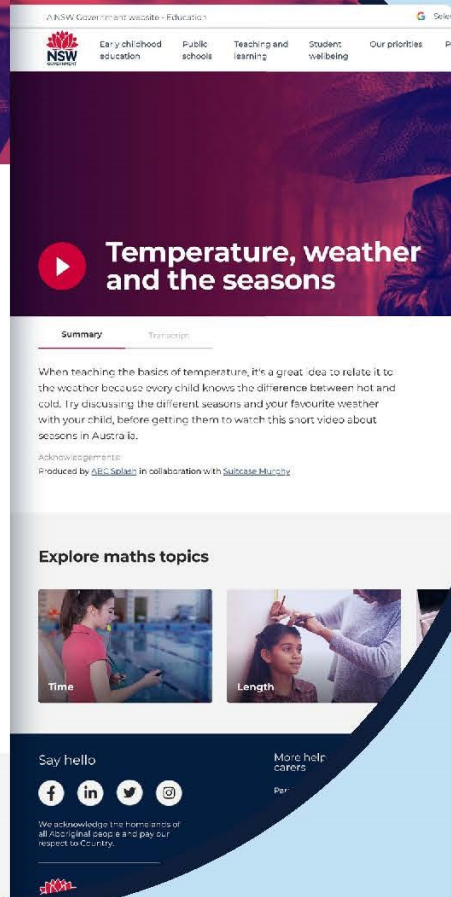
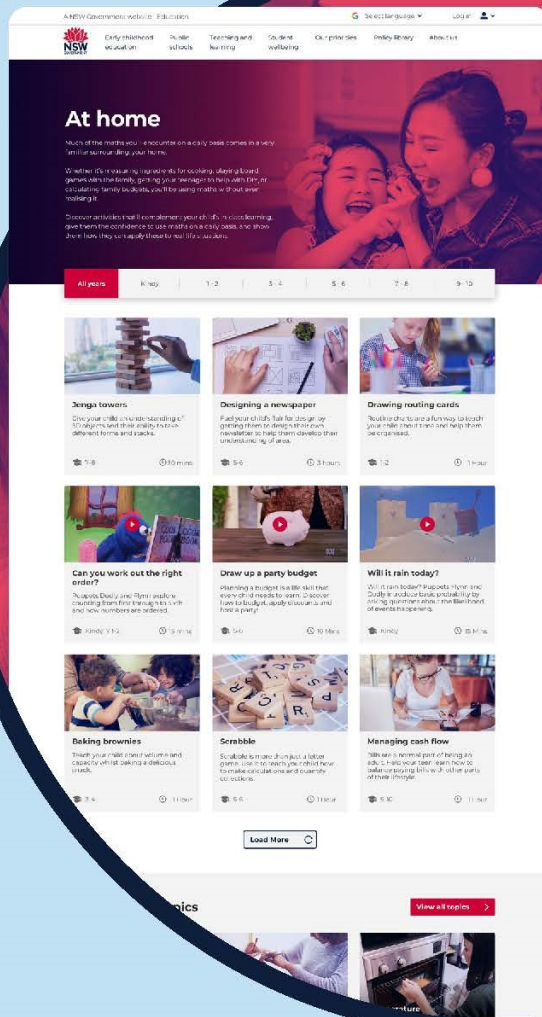
The Canteen is holding a promotion inspired by *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* where Golden Stickers will be hidden on over-the-counter snacks, drinks and frozen items. There are 18 stickers to find.

The promotion will start at recess on Monday 10th November 2020 and will finish when all 18 Golden Stickers are found.

When a student finds a Golden Sticker on the packaging of their snack, drink or frozen item, they must bring back the packaging to the Canteen to receive a Golden Ticket. This Golden Ticket can be redeemed for any purchase from the Canteen up to the value of \$2.00.

(The Canteen Volunteers will keep a record of the lucky student's name and class, just in case a Golden Ticket goes missing!)

Happy hunting and may you be a lucky one!



NSW Department of Education

Explore the **Everyday Maths Hub** >

It is easier for children to understand maths when they relate it to something real and see it as part of their everyday life. The Everyday Maths Hub is designed to support parents and carers to bring mathematics into their home, the outdoors and anywhere else their children learn and play.

You can find the Everyday Maths Hub at education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths





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22 October 2020

WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

During Term 4 the school will be organising classes for 2021. The students in Years 1 to 6 in 2021 return to school on Friday 29 January 2021. 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 Friday 29th January 2021, please fill in the details at Section 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 2021.

If you are not intending to return your child to Winston Heights Public School in 2021 at all, can you please indicate this at Section B below and return it to the school office.

If you are intending to return your child to school on Friday 29 January 2020, you do not need to return the form below.

Terri Bullock
Principal

SECTION A – LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2021

My child/ren will return to Winston Heights Public School after Friday 29th January 2021.

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Expected return to school date: _____

Reason: _____

Contact name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

OR

SECTION B – NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2021

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

Child's name: _____ 2020 class: _____

will not be returning to Winston Heights Public School in 2021. My child will be attending
_____ (name of new school in 2021).

Signed _____ Date _____

NB: If your child is returning to Winston Heights Public School on Friday 29th January 2021,
you **DO NOT** need to return this note.

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