



# Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 10

## **Winston Heights Finishes 2020 in Spectacular Style!**

The past few weeks have seen many exciting events take place at Winston Heights PS and this has been a welcomed and very special way to end such an unprecedented year. Among the fun, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have enjoyed participating in:

- Gift giving Christmas tree
- High school orientation day
- Stage 3 Interrelate
- P&C raffle (with 56 prizes being drawn!)
- Band Celebration lunch
- K-2 Presentation assembly
- Year 3-6 Presentation assembly
- Year 6 Surf day
- Year 6 Graduation assembly
- Year 6 farewell
- Class/Christmas Party Day
- P&C free sausage sizzle, drink and ice block for all students and staff
- Virtual talent quest

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our amazing teachers, admin team, P&C and parent community who have generously given up countless hours and have shown immense dedication and enthusiasm in organising the above events. It is because of them, that our students have enjoyed a fun and memorable end to the 2020 school year. Time and time again I have been overwhelmed with the lavish community feeling that is cultivated at our school. These end of year events are proof that we have the most amazing school and community at Winston Heights PS.

## **2021 School Organisation**

School organisation and staffing for 2021 is underway and this will be guided by student enrolment numbers. 2021 enrolment numbers have been fluctuating over the past few weeks (current students leaving WHPS in 2021 and new students enrolling to start next year) and this has meant that we are unsure if we will have 16 or 17 classes next year.

To minimise disruption for our students for the first few days of school in Term 1, we will be in a 'holding pattern'. This means that students will remain in their 2020 classes for the first few days of 2021.

Friday 29 January is the first day of Term 1, 2021 for our students in Years 1-6. On this day our students will remain with their 2020 class and class teacher (please note: some teachers may differ for the first few days).

On Friday 29 January, when students arrive at school, they will need to go to the following morning play areas:

**2021 Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students - K-2 COLA**

**2021 Year 4 Year 5 and Year 6 students - 3-6 COLA**

Teaching and learning will continue while we are in the 'holding pattern'. During this time, students will be taught a grade-based program by their 2020 teacher or another member of our teaching staff. We anticipate forming 2021 classes in Week 2 of Term 1, once we have confirmed student enrolment numbers.

Kindergarten 2021 classes will begin as planned on Wednesday 3 February.

We will provide further information about our 2021 school structure to our school community when we return to school in Term 1.

### **Congratulations to Our 2021 Student Leadership Team**

On Tuesday along with Mr Nicolussi, I had the pleasure of hosting a special morning tea to say "thank you" to our 2020 school captains and vice captains, and to say "congratulations" to our 2021 school captains and vice captains.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with our 2020 captains and vice captains and I would like to thank them for their dedication and service towards our school and students. Throughout the challenges presented this year, they have maintained complete responsibility, pride and honour for their role in leading our school and students. On behalf of all staff, students and our community - thank you Maya, Alex, Haylee and Will.



Last week, our 2021 student leadership team was announced at our Presentation Day assemblies. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our 2021 school captains - Riley and Kieran - and our 2021 school vice captains - Peyton and Zac.



### **Thank You to our P&C**

Throughout Term 4, our Winston Heights P&C have been working feverishly behind the scenes to organise our P&C raffle, the Christmas sausage sizzle and plan many exciting events for next year. In addition, our canteen and uniform shop continues to operate and service our school community. I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of our community who generously volunteered their time and efforts to support our school and provide these fun events for our students.

### **Happy Holidays!**

Well ... 2020 will certainly be a year to remember - bushfires, floods, a global pandemic, social distancing, toilet paper panic buying, online learning, learning (and working) from home, three principals for WHPS ... and the list goes on. It's no wonder that we are all looking forward to the holidays with great excitement.

I may have only been at Winston Heights for one term, but hand on heart, I can absolutely say that I love everything about our school and our community. In a year where it could have been very easy to feel disheartened by the constant restrictions and devastation, I choose to be thankful for the opportunities that this year has presented and grateful for the health and happiness of my family, friends, colleagues and our students.

More than ever before, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing, safe and enjoyable break. I sincerely hope you will have the opportunity to recharge your batteries and spend time with your loved ones. From my family to yours - Merry Christmas and may the joy of the holiday season bring good health, love and laughter to you, your family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2021, ready for an exciting and busy year ahead!



**Terri Bullock**  
**Principal**

# Diary Dates

## 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 29th Jan to Thurs 1st April**

**Kindergarten start Wednesday 3rd February 2021**

**Term 2** - Tuesday 20th April to Friday 25th June

**Term 3** - Tuesday 13th July to Friday 17th September

**Term 4** - Tuesday 5th October to Thursday 16th December

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

### January 2021

<b>Wed 27th</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>Thurs 28th</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>Fri 29th</b>	Year 1 to Year 6 Students return

### February 2021

<b>Wed 3rd</b>	Kindergarten Students start
<b>Tues 9th</b>	School Swimming Carnival

## Chaplain Chat Week 10

Well we made it through the year from... well... from wherever challenging stuff comes from. Well done, to everyone!!!! You have persevered and cared for your families, your friends and your school. Thankyou for your patience, resourcefulness and your adaptability. Who'd have thought we would have been challenged so much.

Now that it's holidays and Christmas time, can I wish you all a relaxing, refreshing and most of all, enjoyable break. Please try and take it easy. You deserve it. Like I told the Year 6 students the other day, no one will realise when you are struggling, so if that's you (I think it's all of us this year), please take some time to look after yourself and to care for your mental health. Do whatever it is that most refreshes you, whether that is talking to a friend, baking a cake, going to the beach, singing, taking a bushwalk, gardening, watching Netflix, reading a book or just sleeping in. Your health, physical and mental is so important, for you and for your family, so please, show everyone that your health matters to you, as you get yourself refreshed.

At the end of each year, I reflect on what worked the year before and how I would like the next year to be different. I often feel like busyness has taken over my mind and I have lost sight of what I actually want to achieve and who I want to be. So I use a tool by Amanda Viviers, called Seeking Clarity. A quick google search has shown be some others also. I know I find it so helpful to take some quiet time to deliberately think about the year past and future. Perhaps you do this too, or would like to. Here are some websites. I hope they help you to take stock of things during the break.

<https://amandaviviers.com/product/seeking-clarity-printable/>

<http://www.minimizeorganize.com/theblog/journal-prompts-yearly-reflection>

<https://theblissfulmind.com/journal-prompts-yearly-reflection/>

<https://www.peppermakepeace.com/year-end-reflection/>

and here's one for you to do with your children <https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2019/05/30/reflecting-on-the-school-years-end/>

So, may I wish you a very merry, safe and in all ways, excellent holiday and Christmas. I look forward to seeing you and your children again in 2021, but for now, I am going for a walk, then I will bake a cake, then I will go to the beach, etc etc.

With love from Mrs Bowman, School Chaplain.

A festive graphic for Christmas. The word "Merry" is in a red, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, "Christmas" is written in a large, colorful, 3D-style font where each letter is a different color (red, green, red, green, red, green, red, green, red, green, red). The letter 'i' in "Christmas" is replaced by a red and white striped candy cane with a green holly leaf and red berries at the top. The word "mas" is in a red, bold, sans-serif font.



## News from our *Library*

Thank you to all who have returned their books. We hope you have enjoyed your reading throughout the year.

### *Book Club*

Thank you to families, our school library has benefited greatly from your support of Book Club. A special thank you to all our volunteers who have been incredibly generous with their time.

### *Library Monitors*

Thank you to all Library Monitors of 2020! Your efforts have been greatly appreciated by myself, Mrs Hinton, and the school.

### *Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)*

Congratulations to all who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge of 2020. Certificates will continue to be awarded during student's last library lesson.

On behalf of Mrs Hinton and myself, wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy joy-filled holidays. Keep up the wonderful reading everyone!!

Thank you for your support,  
*Ms Samantha Jubb*  
WHPS Library



# Messages from The Office

- **Office News:** Our wonderful Mrs Rachael Calvar is home resting after her operation. She passes on her thanks for all the well wishes and hopes to be back with us in Term 1. We have certainly missed you Mrs Calvar! A big thank you also to our wonderful casual staff who stepped in to help us in the office while Mrs Calvar was in hospital. Mrs Bronwyn Mercer, Mrs Katie Francia and Mrs Marlaina Schulz—we couldn't have done it without you—Thank you!
- **Salvation Army Reverse Christmas Tree:** The Salvation Army wish to thank all our families who contributed to the reverse Christmas tree! All the toys have now gone to families in need.
- **School Requirements for 2021:** These notes were sent home on Tuesday and emailed to families yesterday. They list all the students will need when they return to school in 2021.
- **2021 Students return:** A reminder students in Years 1-6 in 2021 will return to school on Friday 29th January. Our new Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday 3rd February. The school office will reopen for enquiries on Wednesday 27th January at 11am.

**Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm**

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



## THANK YOU AWARD GROUP REAL ESTATE!

The P&C would like to acknowledge Leighton Avery and David Johnson of AWARD GROUP Real Estate for their generous sponsorship of \$500 towards the "EOY Party Day/ Sausage Sizzle" that will be held at school, on 15 December for all our children.

Leighton & Michelle Avery are parents at our school and their business AWARD GROUP Real Estate have always been generous supporters of the P&C and events held at Winston Heights Public School. The P&C and school community would like to express our sincere gratitude for their continued support.

With Kind Regards from  
The P&C Winston Heights Public School

*Congratulations to all the P&C Christmas raffle winners from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December! Our fundraiser was a huge success raising over \$4,700!!! The P&C will use the funds raised to go towards resources and programs that benefit both your children and the school as a whole. The Winston Heights P&C Association would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry and safe Christmas!*

**And the winners are.....**

1. Barefoot Bowls Party at NBC Sports Club – **NFP**
2. Dan Luke Photography family photography voucher – **Estelle 1LW**
3. Lollypops classic party for up to 8 kids – **Lily S2J**
4. Kids Barefoot Bowls Party at NBC Sports Club – **NFP**
5. Kids sleeping bag, soft toy and 2 x animal statues – **Ruby S3B**
6. Taronga Zoo Family Pass (2x Adult and 2x Children) – **Ela 1CB**
7. Ultimate Northmead Family Pass (2x Adult and 2x Children) – **Lillian S23**
8. Ultimate Northmead Family Pass (2x Adult and 2x Children) – **Avangeline – 1H**
9. Dinner for two at NBC Sports Club – **Lucinda – S2J**
10. \$100 Deli Platter - Mint Fresh IGA Baulkham Hills – **Jackson KH**
11. \$100 Fruit Platter - Mint Fresh IGA Baulkham Hills – **Chase – S2J**
12. \$100 Winston Voucher – **Taraneh**
13. One adult, One child pass to the Australian Reptile Park – **Alissa S2N**
14. Raging Waters Single Admission x2 – **Harrison KL**
15. Momentum Dance Studio \$50 Voucher – **Aiden 1LW**
16. George's Pizza \$50 gift voucher with wine – **Hailey 2V**
17. George's Pizza \$50 gift voucher with wine – **Jackson KH**
18. George's Pizza \$20 gift voucher with wine – **Ruby S3B**
19. George's Pizza \$20 gift voucher with wine – **Adon**
20. Meal Voucher - Mint Fresh IGA Baulkham Hills plus wine – **Lee**
21. Meal Voucher - Mint Fresh IGA Baulkham Hills plus wine – **Ruby S3B**
22. Joico K-Pac Colour Therapy pack – **Kenan 1LW**

23. Bottle of red wine – **Beth**
24. Bottle of red wine – **Janelle**
25. Bottle of red wine – **Amy**
26. Bottle of white wine – **Pamela**
27. Bottle of white wine – **Lily**
28. Bottle of white wine – **Monika**
29. Bottle of white wine – **Margaret**
30. Bottle of white wine – **Kylie**
31. Bottle of white wine – **Beth**
32. Bottle of white wine – **Greg**
33. Bottle of white wine – **Hayley**
34. Bottle of white wine – **Gwen**
35. Bottle of white wine – **Ange**
36. Bottle of white wine – **Gus**
37. Art pack + lesson plans – **Lora 1LW**
38. Art pack + lesson plans – **Emily S3P**
39. Art pack + lesson plans – **Alyssa S3L**
40. Kids sleeping bag, soft toy and 1 x animal statues – **Svend S3P**
41. Cheeseboard, pickles and a bottle of wine – **Jackson KH**
42. Cheese board and a bottle of wine – **NFP**
43. Chutneys and wine – **Cheryl**
44. Beauty Pack - Sukin Essential Face Pack & Bath Bombs – **Arya 1LW**
45. Hair care pack – **Oliver 2V**
46. Mums Pack - Cook book, Diffuser and wine – **Kylie**
47. Kids Book Packs – **Mrs Leverton**
48. Kids Book Packs – **NFP**
49. Kids Book Packs – **Rhea S2G**
50. Kids Book Packs – **Aria 1H**
51. Christmas DVD and book – **NFP**
52. Friendship Bracelets Kit – **Jackson S3B**
53. Sequin Art Kit – **Adam S3A**



54. Gift in a tin with Christmas book - **Ela**
55. Little Miss Mug with Sunglasses – **Avangeline 1H**
56. Where's Wally? Book Pack – **Chase S2J**



## Cubby OOSH – Before and After School Care

Our resident before and after school care provider, Cubby OOSH, has been providing active and engaging care to our school community throughout the entire year, staying open during the pandemic to provide a much needed essential service despite the challenging circumstances.

There are a range of fantastic activities on offer, including Stem Superstars, Brick Masters, Code Commanders, Cubby Cook Off, and Hip Hop All Stars. Cubby OOSH delivers all of these activities as standard, at no additional cost to the base daily fee, so we encourage you to contact the Cubby OOSH team and reserve a spot for next year if this sounds like something your child would enjoy!

Cubby OOSH is also pleased to announce the launch of its new website, making it easier for you to access the information you need. You can access the homepage here: <https://cubbyoosh.com.au/> and the dedicated Winston Heights Public School service here <https://cubbyoosh.com.au/services/winston-heights/>. If you click the 'Key Service Information' button within this page you will immediately access a downloadable service information summary that you can print or save for future reference if you wish.

Finally, as we were unable to have a traditional Kindergarten Orientation this year, the Cubby OOSH team has made a brief video explaining what is on offer at the service, including the procedures for ensuring first time Kindergarten attendees settle into the service smoothly and safely. You can watch the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXI-VcVn4Xk&feature=youtu.be> Or, if you would rather just see and hear from the children themselves what they love about Cubby OOSH – here they are! <https://youtu.be/egG71Tquorw>

We wish you a well-deserved Christmas and New year break and look forward to a successful 2021 partnership.

