



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 8

End Of Year Assemblies and Events

As we move closer towards the end of the 2020 school year, we look forward to celebrating and acknowledging student effort and achievement through the following events:

K-2 Presentation Day Assembly – 11:30am - Wednesday 9th December (students and staff only)

Year 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly – 9:15am-Wednesday 9th December (students and staff only)

Year 6 Graduation – Monday 14th December (students and staff plus ONE guest per student)

Year 6 Farewell – Monday 14th December, Rydges Parramatta

Year 6 Farewell Walkthrough – Wednesday 16th December (students and staff only)

Winston Heights students always look very respectful in their school uniforms; however, we would greatly appreciate all students wearing their full summer uniform including all black shoes.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, it will not be possible to have parents attend the assemblies. We understand this is not an ideal situation and we thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding. In an effort to share the Presentation Day Assemblies with our families, we will be videoing them and taking photos of award recipients. We will share the videos and photos with families following the events.

We do look forward to a time when we can all come together to celebrate our student achievements again.

2021 School Organisation

This year, we have seen many staffing changes due to a variety of factors – staff receiving positions and promotions at other schools, staff returning from roles in other schools, family circumstances and personal reasons. Our staff (teaching, admin and support) are extremely dedicated professionals who work above and beyond to provide the best possible learning environment and education for our students. On behalf of Mrs Creagh and Mrs Angeloudis, I would like to thank our always supportive community for your understanding with the many staffing changes that have occurred throughout the year.

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 of final student numbers. Consequently, we will have either 16 or 17 classes in 2021.

Can I please request that families who will be leaving our school at the end of this year, contact the office and confirm this with the school as soon as possible.

In preparation for 2021, many teachers (and their classes) will be moving rooms over the next two weeks. The layout of classes across the school for 2021 will look a little different to the current organisation, this is to allow grade and stage classes to be located within close proximity of each other. We understand that these changes may unsettle some students. Please be reassured that we will do our best to support all students over the coming weeks and when transitioning them into the new school year.

There will be a few staffing changes in 2021, with some well-known and greatly respected teachers moving to other schools and positions next year. We wish Mrs Goodall, Mrs Volpe, Mr Fitzsimmons and Miss Boyd all the best in 2021 and thank them for their passion, enthusiasm and dedication shown towards our school and students. We look forward to seeing them back at WHPS in the future.

Semester 2 Student Reports

Our teachers are currently very busy finalising the Semester 2 student reports. These reports will reflect the learning that students have been exposed to during Term 3 and 4 in all Key Learning Areas. Student reports will be sent home during Week 10 (Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th December).

COVID-safe summer pack

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

On behalf of the NSW Department of Education, we will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack home with each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your family stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow

Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)

We look forward to sharing further information and updates with you through a condensed version of the newsletter in Week 10. Until then – stay safe, keep cool and enjoy the countdown to the end of Term 4!



Terri Bullock
Principal

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 29th 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.*

December 2020

Wed 9th	K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day Assemblies (students only)
Thurs 10th	Year 6 Surf Day
Mon 14th	Year 6 Graduation Assembly (students + ONE guest per family ONLY) Year 6 Farewell - Rydges Parramatta
Tues 15th	Class Party Day & Sausage Sizzle & Christmas Mufti Gold coin donation
Wed 16th	Last day of term for students Farewell Walk Through for Year 6 students (students only)

January 2021

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

February 2021

Wed 3rd	Kindergarten Students start
Thurs 9th	School Swimming Carnival



News from our *Library*

Borrowing has unfortunately closed for 2020. Thank you to all who have returned your books. Over the next couple of weeks, please ensure students have returned to the library any overdue books.

Library days for each class are listed below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
S3P	S3A	S3L	S3B	2P
S3G	S2N	S2F	S2J	KH
S2G	2E	1LW	1C	KL
2V	1H		KB	

Book Club

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club for 2020. Issue 8 brochures were sent home in week 6 and LOOP orders have been closed. Our school library has benefited directly from all your orders. A special thank you to Mrs Edmonds and all our wonderful volunteers for coordinating Book Club throughout an unusual year!

Library Monitors

Thank you to all Library Monitors of 2020! You have each met your duties with dedication and enthusiasm and all of your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

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

Please pop in or send a note if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support,
Ms Samantha Jubb
WHPS Library



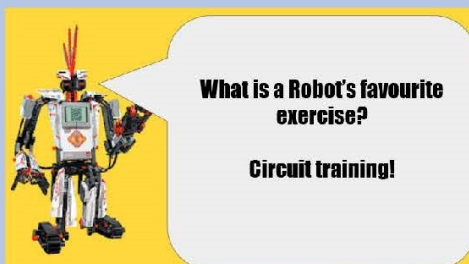
**This Term S3B built and programmed a
LEGO Mindstorm robot.**



**In small groups students used software to program their
robots and complete missions.**



**We had a great time and learned about teamwork,
collaboration, problem solving and the ability to fail and
persevere.**





Merit Certificates



Congratulations!

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

Harrison KL, Shadi KH, Jacob S2N, Michaela S3G, Walya 2P, Ella KH,
Ellie S3L, Brianna S2G

AWARDED TO

WEEK 7

KB : Theo & Harpah
KH : Chloe & Ella
KL : Bryant & Ella
1C : Layla & Xander
1H : Neerav & Aria
1LW : NFP & Estelle
2E : Hannah & Paige
2P : Evie & Georgina
2V : Havana & Aaryan
S2F : Jonah & Jaylah
S2G : Max & Rhea
S2J : Chase & Aaron
S2N : Oscar & Beth
S3A : Jack & Corey
S3B : Elissa & Jackson
S3G : Alex & Hayden
S3L : Zac & Ellie
S3P : Lauren & Layla

Library: 2V & S3B

Super Award: Jaylah S2F & Karam S2J

RFF/The Studio: Year 5 & 2V

AWARDED TO

WEEK 8

KB : Stephanie & Ela
KH : Annie & Tegan
KL : Radha & Harrison
1C : Bodhi & Ebony
1H : Beau & Troy
1LW : Nolan & Leo
2E : Daniel & Annabelle
2P : Zoe & Oliver
2V : Justin & Zarah
S2F : Sean & Amelia
S2G : Charlotte & Lucas
S2J : Lillian & Sunny
S2N : Andre & Olivia
S3A : Janvi & Mya
S3B : Liam & Noah
S3G : Zoe & Kira
S3L : Zerrin & Roshan
S3P : Haylee & Cheryl

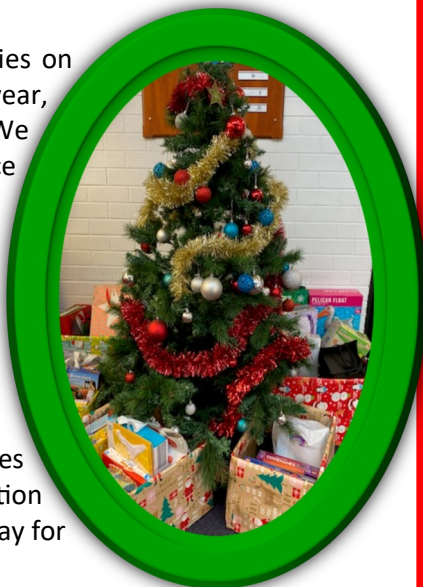
Library: S2J & ILW

Super Award: Sam S2G & Jack S2J

RFF/The Studio: 2E & S3P

Messages from The Office

- **Presentation Day:** Presentation Day notifications were emailed to families on Monday. As mentioned in the email parents are unable to attend this year, however we are going to take photos to send home to families. We understand this is not an ideal situation but we thank you for your patience and understanding.
- **P&C Raffle:** WOW! There are 54 prizes in the MEGA P&C Christmas raffle. A reminder tickets are just \$2 each or buy the whole book for \$30! Tickets are due back by Monday 7th December and the winners will be drawn here at school on Tuesday 8th December. If you need more booklets please contact the office and we will send more home with your children.
- **Reverse Christmas Tree:** A big thank you to all those children and families who have already donated to our reverse Christmas tree for the Salvation Army. Any donations of new toys will be donated to families in need. Last day for donations is 14th December.
- **Mosquitoes:** Summer is here and so are the mosquitoes. Unfortunately a few will make their way into our classrooms. If your children are prone to mosquito bites please ensure they have insect repellent applied before coming to school. We are not allowed to apply insect repellent at school.
- **Notes and Money due:**
Year 6 Surf Day - \$52 Due by 3rd December
Year 6 Graduation and Farewell Notes - Due by 7th 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.**



VACATION CARE
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!!!

📞 1300 553 583

"High School - the next Adventure"

Chaplain Chat

Do you have a child heading off to high school in 2021? The adventure of growing up is about to get real. No doubt there are a lot of conversations in your home about this. If you would like to help your child prepare, then here are some topics that you might like to discuss with them:

- What challenges does your child foresee in high school? Where can they go to find the resources or get help with these challenges? What can they do in response to these challenges?
- What strategies do they use now to manage stress? What is the difference between good and bad stress? What have they seen others do to manage stress? They could try the “hangry” meditation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ4yZnnPj7A>
- Who are their support networks? What does that mean? How can they help? What qualities would they look for in someone who supports them?
- What qualities or attributes do they look for in friends? What makes them feel comfortable with someone (e.g. someone who likes the same pet as them, etc). How would they find that out when they meet someone new?
- How can they be resilient? What does that mean for starting high school? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU3DsJ5aNZw> What would they say to a friend who isn't resilient?
- What is optimism? What is gratitude? How can these attitudes make your child stronger and more resilient? How can we develop them? Why will these traits be important in high school? Come up with some ways to make optimism and gratitude features of everyday life.
- What time management strategies will they need? (e.g. school diary, timetable, assignment planning, pack bags night before, colour coding, apps?) How can they start practising these now? Why might these be important?
- What are your child's goals for the future? What would they like to do? How would they like to think of themselves? How would they like others to think of them? Why are these goals important? How will they know they have achieved them?

How have you gone with the conversations with your near-highschooler? I hope this has helped them prepare for the new adventure they face in 2021. I hope they have helped you too. High school is an adventure for parents too, a bit like a roller coaster. I hope the ride is a great one.

Robyn Bowman (School Chaplain)



Winston Heights Public School

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Ph: 9624 7485

51 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills NSW 2153

25th November 2020

Reverse Christmas Tree



As a tradition each year our school sets up a Reverse Christmas Tree in the office foyer.

We ask families for donations of new toys or gifts for the Salvation Army, who then pass the gifts onto families in need this Christmas.

To help us with this very good cause, please bring unwrapped presents to the front office and place under the tree.

The last day for presents is Monday 14th December 2020.

We thank you in advance.



WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Canteen

Christmas Treats

Available Recess and Lunch **During Week 9**

Frozen
Watermelon
Trees
30¢

Jelly
Cups
50¢

Limit of 2 jelly cups

Reindeer
Chocolate
Custard
\$1.00

Juicies
Tubes*
\$1.00

*Only sold at Lunch.
Lemonade &
Wildberry flavours



WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

canteen

Trading Days

WEEKS 9 & 10

Date	Recess Orders	Lunch Orders	Over-the-counter sales
Monday, 7 December 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday, 8 December 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders
Wednesday, 9 December 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friday, 11 December 2020	No	No	Yes-no lunch orders
Monday, 14 December 2020	CLOSED		
Tuesday, 15 December 2020	CLOSED -		
Wednesday, 16 December 2020	CLOSED		
Thursday, 17 December 2020	CLOSED		
Friday, 18 December 2020	CLOSED		

thank you

A message from the P&C president

On behalf of the P&C we would like to extend a massive thankyou to all the businesses, parents and community members who helped contribute prizes to our Christmas raffle. We could not have done this without you! The P&C will use the proceeds raised from the raffle to go towards resources and programs that benefit both your children and the school as a whole. We are excited to announce that we now have 55 prizes up for grabs! Prizes include a \$500 voucher for an adult barefoot bowls party at Northmead Bowling club, a family pass to Taronga Zoo, family passes to Ultimate play centre, a Deli platter from our local IGA, a kids birthday party at Lollypops Playland, various meal vouchers, wine, kids book packs and loads more! Don't forget to sell those tickets and get them back to the office by Monday 7th December. You've got to be in it to win it!

Winston Heights Public School and the P&C would like to thank the below
sponsors for their generous donations to our Christmas raffle

Thank you





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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.

Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners



1st Kings Langley Scout Group is selling

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

~~Bunnings
Seven Hi~~

New location for 2020

Scout Hall

121 James Cook Drive Kings Langley
(behind Coles)

8:00am — 1:00pm

(or until sold out each weekend—Get in early so as not to miss out!)

Pre Sales from 8:00am

General Sales from 9:00am

Saturdays and Sundays

5th/6th and 12th/13th December

email mark.lee@nsw.scouts.com.au

or call 0412 466 018

\$72—same as

2019 prices

Direct Deposit or

EFTPOS preferred

Pre-orders recommended

Covid safe practises will apply



Christmas – celebrate a time of giving and receiving with Rotary

This Christmas, the Rotary Club of The Hills – Kellyville are giving families a chance to both give and receive. By coming to one of two easy locations, Hills families can 'receive' a wonderful fresh Christmas tree. The 'giving' part is that 100% of the profit from your Christmas tree purchase will go to great Rotary works in the local community and beyond.

The Christmas tree sale dates are across 3 weekends in December

- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December
- Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th December (the last days subject to Christmas tree stock)

In two locations over both weekends:

- The Bull & Bush Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd & Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills
- The Ettamogah Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd & Merryville Rd, Kellyville Ridge

Both locations are easy to get to with plenty of space to park & select a Christmas tree in a Covid safe manner – and, we'll even help you load. If you're really stuck, arrangements can be made for delivery. Our Christmas Trees are sourced from NSW farms around Sydney and are freshly delivered each weekend.

Visit us at www.hillsrotary.org.au or for more details about our Christmas Trees



Christmas tree sales are an annual Rotary fundraising event.



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