

Heights Happenings

Winston Heights PS - Term 4, Week 4 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome to Winston Heights PS Kindergarten 2023!

We were very excited to welcome our 2023 Kindergarten students and their families to Winston Heights over the past two weeks.

Our new students have enjoyed exploring the kindy classrooms and engaging in play and learning experiences with their new friends. It has been wonderful to see the increased confidence of these children during their visit to big school. The final orientation session will take place this Wednesday.

Our parent information session was very well attended and provided families with lots of information about Kindergarten and our school. Thank you to our P&C for providing a delicious morning tea for families to enjoy while mingling and making new connections. We can't wait for our Kindergarten 2023 students to start big school and their families to 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 2023. We wish them all the very best as they plan and prepare their speeches at school 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. Captains and Vice Captains for 2023 will be announced at the Presentation Day assembly, to be held on Monday 12 December.

Teachers Day

On Friday 28 October we celebrated Teachers 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 and treat from the coffee van, as a token of thanks from the community.

We are very grateful for the supportive and positive partnerships that we have with our P&C and community. On behalf of the teaching staff at Winston Heights - thank you to the P&C and community for providing the morning tea and coffee.





SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2023

Our school has begun the complex process of organising school and class structures for 2023.

In order to ensure that the needs of students are met, parents and carers are invited to forward information that you believe should be considered in regards to the formation of classes for next year. Requests can include information regarding medical conditions, requests to have particular children separated and/or any other aspect that you feel may have an impact on your child's learning.

Parents are asked to forward requests to the Principal, Mrs Bullock, in writing no later than **Friday 18 November** to ensure that your request can be considered when classes are formed by the teachers and executive team.

Please note that consideration for placement with specific teachers and/or students are unable to be considered due to the complexity of school organisation. Whilst we make every effort to accommodate requests, please note this is not always possible due to the complex nature of forming classes.

ARE YOU LEAVING WHPS AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

To assist with school planning for 2023, it is essential to know the anticipated student enrolment numbers for next year.

If your child is currently in Kindergarten to Year 5 and will be leaving our school at the end of the year, could you please inform the office as soon as possible.

Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Please find below information from the NSW Department of Education regarding school attendance.



Compulsory_School_Attendance_Information_for_Parents_2
022.pdf

[Download](#)
770.3 KB

Application for Extended Leave - Travel

This year, we have seen an increase in families planning and taking holidays during school term. We thank families who have notified the school in advance when their child will be absent.

When a student will be absent for 6 or more days due to travel and family holidays, parents will be asked to complete an application for *Extended Leave - Travel*. This is a NSW Department of Education process with guidelines found in the Department of Education's *School Attendance Policy* and *Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures* (School Attendance Policy PD 2005 0259).

As Principal, I need to ensure adherence to all NSW DoE policy and guidelines.

An application for *Extended Leave - Travel* may have the following outcomes:

- **Application accepted** - parents issued with a Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel. The absences will be recorded as "L" - Leave.
- **Application not approved** - parents issued a letter declining the request. In this instance, parents are able to travel with their child as planned, however the absence will be recorded as "A" - Explained Unjustified.

Unfortunately, family holidays may no longer be considered under the *Exemption from School - Procedures*. Travel outside of the school holiday period is now counted as an absence and will be recorded as "A" Explained Unjustified.

Section 14.1 of the Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures states:

"From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School - Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes."

In declining leave applications for a family holiday, I am following the guidelines contained in the Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures.

I understand parents/carers may wish to seek further information when an application for leave has been declined. As always, please feel free to contact the office to make a time to meet with me.

Financial assistance

More so now than ever, families may be experiencing financial hardship, which may place increasing demands on the family budget. If you are unable to pay for school activities, uniforms, or excursions because of financial difficulties, you may be eligible for assistance from the school.

We want all students to have essential uniform items and learning resources for school, and to be able to participate in school activities and excursions. No child should miss out or be excluded due to financial hardship.

Families wishing to discuss financial assistance from the school are encouraged to contact the office to organise a confidential conversation with me. This will allow the school to assess and discuss possible financial support on a case-by-case basis. Assistance may then be applied in the most helpful way, which may include delayed or split payments, borrowing of resources/materials, provision of



uniform articles, discounts, or full support for some items. All conversations will remain discreet, and confidential and will remain with the Principal and School Administration Manager (SAM).



We've almost made it halfway through Term 4. Our students are busy learning and participating in school activities and our teachers are busy writing student Semester 2 reports and preparing for our end-of-year events such as our Presentation Day assemblies. Let's hope the run down to the end of the year is all smooth sailing ...

Mrs Terri Bullock
Principal

What's happening in 3L



On Tuesday 18 October Stage 2 students departed for a two-day adventure to Camp Yarramundi. Students in Year 3 and 4 spent both days in group activities that included Archery, Flying Fox, Cave Maze, The Giant Swing and Alpine Rescue. The students were challenged to face their fears, for some it was the first time to try such adventurous activities. Overall, students loved spending time with friends and completing challenges.

3L Camp Reflections:

I feel great that I have been to camp my most enjoyable part was the 'Cave Maze'! **Abby**

The most enjoyable activity was 'Archery'! I have learnt a lot about teamwork by going on camp! **Emily**

The 'Flying Fox' was the best activity on camp because it was ten metres high. **Jack R.**

I liked the 'Cave Maze' the most. It was challenging because it was pitch black. I got lost in the pockets of space but eventually found my way out. **Benjamin**

I loved camp, I faced a lot of fears. I found 'Archery' the easiest because all you had to do was hit the target. Camp was incredibly fun! **Ebony**

I love camp, the activities were so much fun. I want to go on camp again. **Victoria**





Year 6 Mini-Fair





YEAR 6



MINI-FAIR

Thursday 24 November 2022

Pre-order your sausage sizzle and tokens now (**no cash** accepted on the day).

Activities may include:

- Haunted House
- Guessing competition
- Cake stall
- White elephant stall
- Carnival games
- Ice-cream decorating
- Disco room



Mufti Day





Token price list



Activity	Token price
Haunted House	3 token entry (\$1.50)
Disco Room	2 tokens entry (\$1.00)
Ice cream	3 tokens (\$1.50)
White elephant stall	Between 1-5 tokens
Dunk tank	2 tokens for 1 go (\$1.00) 3 token for 2 (\$1.50)
Fish cup carnival game	2 token for 3 shots (\$1.00)
Cake stall	Between 2-4 tokens
Lolly Guessing comp	1 token for one guess (0.50) 2 tokens for 3 guesses (\$1.00)
AFL kick	2 tokens for 3 kicks (\$1.00)
Soccer kick	2 tokens for 3 shots (\$1.00)



Diary Dates

TERM DATES 2022

Term 4 - Monday 10th October to Friday 16th December 2022

TERM DATES 2023

Term 1 2023 - Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April 2023

Term 2 2023 - Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June 2023

Term 3 2023 - Tuesday 18 July to Friday 22 September 2023

Term 4 2023 - Monday 9 October to Monday 18 December 2023



Please note: 27 January, 30 January, 24 April, 17 July, 19 December 2023 are staff development days. These days are for staff-only.

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

Term 4 - 2022

November 2022

Wed 9th - Kindergarten 2023 Orientation - FINAL SESSION

Thur 10th - Interrelate Year 5 & 6

Thur 10th - Assembly K-2

Thur 17th - K-2 Grandparents Day

Thur 17th - Interrelate Years 5 & 6

Thur 17th - Assembly 3-6

Monday 21st-Ice Cream Day

Thur 24th - Year 6 Fundraiser - Mini Fair

Mon 28th - Keyboard Presentation Night

Mon 28th - P&C Meeting (Last meeting for the year at the Winston- All Welcome)

Tue 29th - Year 6 to year 7 Public High School Orientation Day

Wed 30th - Year 6 Big Day In

December 2022

Thur 1st - Assembly 3-6

Mon 5th - Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Mon 5th - Year 6 Farewell

Wed 7th - Combined Scripture

Wed 7th - Band Presentation Night

Thur 8th - Assembly K-2

Fri 9th - P&C Class Party & Mufti Day

Fri 9th - P&C Xmas Raffle

Mon 12th - K-2 Presentation Day

Mon 12th - 3-6 Presentation Day

Tues 13th - Winston's Beary Christmas Carols Evening

Wed 14th - Talent Quest

Fri 16th - Last Day of Term 4 for Students



CONGRATULATIONS to the Winners of Halloween Colouring
Competition





K-2 colouring competition -

- 1st Place - Zoey
- 2nd Place - Stephanie

3-6 colouring competition -

- 1st Place - Eve
- 2nd Place - Livia

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Halloween colouring competition.

Chaplain Chat

Boundaries in Friendships

A lot of students talk to me about friendship issues. Everyone wants to have better friendships, but they aren't always sure how to. One issue is boundaries. Setting healthy boundaries is crucial for building strong relationships and a foundation of respect for yourself and others and it's a great conversation to have with your children because the school environment often leads to children stretching their boundaries too much. Teaching kids at a young age about their own limits and the importance of respecting others, helps them to better navigate those boundaries as adults. This can be as easy as having the right language for it. The poster below offers some simple words to describe good boundaries. (I also have a blank version that you can add your own great boundary descriptions to. If you want one, just send me an email)

It might also be a good idea to enlarge the poster and print it, and put it in a place where you and your child can easily see it to help remind you of different ways to strengthen and hold their boundaries.

If you have a moment, let me know what you think of this resource. Also, if you have a specific wellbeing topic that you would like me to write about, please let me know and I will seek out some great resources,

Best wishes,
Robyn Bowman (School Chaplain)







WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
MUSIC COMMITTEE



ICE CREAM DAY

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

On Monday 21 November at lunchtime, the Music Committee will be holding an Ice Cream Fundraiser for all students in K-6.

An ice cream cone with one scoop of either **chocolate**, **strawberry** or vanilla ice cream will cost **\$2**. We hope everyone enjoys them!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Bullock
Principal

WHPS Music Committee



From the Office

* **Label all items:** Please label all lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jumpers so they can be easily returned when lost.

Permission Notes and Money Due:

All permission notes are emailed and hard copies are sent home.

Spare copies of permission notes are available in the office foyer.

- **Year 6 Mini Fete Pre-Order Sausage Sizzle & Tokens** - Due 10 November
- **Year 6 Big Day In** - Due Wednesday 9 November

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm
Mrs Carolyn Leverton, Mrs Rachael Calvar, Miss Rosie Griffin

Enrolments Are Open



Now taking enrolments for Kindy 2023

Orientation dates for Kindergarten 2023 have been set. Please ensure you complete an enrolment form as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Contact the office for more information or [ENROL NOW](#) online.



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

Harriet & Arielle

Week 3 - Awarded to:

KE: Poppy, Scarlet, Zayne & Megeurditch

KT : Maliza, Marlie, Maryam, Wing

1N : Aaron, Donny, Jayden, Lillian

1V : Renan, Zachary, Lucas & Shahzayn

1/2K : Harpah, Renny, Addison & Harriet

2G : Nicolas, Charlie, Ella & Bronte

2S: Radha, Isha, Ethan & Marcus

Library: KT

Mrs Hall: Joseph

RFF K-2: Kinder:Ayla

Year 1: Arvin

Year 2: Nicholas

Week 4 - Awarded to:

3B: Yohan, Mackenzie & Xander

3L: Olivia, Aiden & Jayden

4N: Winnie, Scarlett, Zoe & Kaira

4O: Stacey, Paige, Aaryan & Sienna

5/6B: Eva, Elena, Sanvi & Chahd

5/6L:

5/6N: Owen, Lillian, Livia & Lachlan

5/6P: Ella, Rayaana, Lucinda & Jayden

Library: 3L & 5/6L


RFF 3-6: 5/6N & 5/6B



WINSTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL Canteen

Nutrition Snippet

CAULIFLOWER BARLEY SALAD



Ingredients (serves 4)

- 2½ cup pearl barley
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 red onion, finely diced
- 1 cup mixed cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, diced
- 1 cup baby spinach
- ½ cup parsley, chopped
- ½ cup mint, chopped
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 tbsp olive oil, extra

Method

- 1) Pre-heat oven to 180°C.
- 2) Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- 3) Cook barley in a large pot of boiling water for 20 minutes or until tender. Refresh under running water and drain.
- 4) Meanwhile, toss the cauliflower in olive oil and garlic powder and spread on the baking tray. Roast for 10-15 minutes or until tender and golden. Cool.
- 5) In a large bowl, place the barley, cauliflower, red onion, tomatoes, cucumber, baby spinach, mint and parsley.
- 6) Drizzle with the lemon juice and extra olive oil and toss to combine.

Sunsmart Snippet

It's never too late. Sun protection at any age will reduce your risk of skin cancer.

Protect your skin in five ways.



Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE when the UV is 3 or above.

SLIP SLOP SLAP SEEK SLIDE

Canteen

BIRTHDAY BASKETS

Is your child having a birthday at school?

Let them celebrate with their classmates by sharing a basket full of ice-blocks.

Kindy & Years 1-2: \$13
Years 3-6: \$18

Birthday baskets come with a Quatch ice-block for all classmates, including the teacher, with a balloon and \$2 canteen voucher for the birthday child to take home.



Online orders only at Flexischools
Birthday baskets to be picked up by birthday child at lunchtime



Monday 28th November

The last P&C Meeting for 2022 to be held on Monday 28 November at the Winston from 7pm

RSVP to school office by 18th November.

Christmas Hamper Donations Needed

Winston Heights PS P&C are seeking your help with donations to make up hampers for our Christmas Raffle



Hamper ideas include: Christmas Food Hampers; Family Fun Hampers; Summer Fun Hampers; Party Food Hampers; Pamper Hampers.



Donations may include: non-perishable food – plum puddings, pretzels, fruit cake, chips, tins of biscuits, condiments; Christmas bon-bons; novelty items; family games; cards; toys; colouring in books; packs or pencils/textas; DVDs; books; bathroom supplies – shampoos, body creams, bath bombs, soaps, towels etc.



Donations containing alcohol can only be brought to the school by an adult.

If you can help, please take donations to the school office by 18th November



If you have any questions please email event@winstonheightspandc.com