

Windale Public School

TERM 4 WEEK 2

16TH OCTOBER 2017



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Principal's Message

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Welcome back to another busy and productive term at Windale Public School.

I trust you have all enjoyed your 2 week break and spent some quality family time together. We had a lovely end to last term with our PBL Reward Day and Mini-fete enjoying fantastic weather which was reflected by the outstanding behaviour of students who attended and a fabulous community attending in large numbers.

It's hard to believe that it is Term 4 already! It was fantastic to see students return last week so happy and enthusiastic to be back at school. We held a superhero disco in Week 1, weekly swimming school lessons started and in Week 2 Bro Speak visits to HSHS begin. The Life Education Van will be visiting the school in Week 3 and 4, High School Transition Days for Year 6 students and Presentation Days, Year 6 Farewell and School Celebration Days all make for a very productive term.

Members of the Department of Education Executive to Visit to Windale PS

We were recently informed by the Director, Public Schools NSW, Lake Macquarie East Network, Mr Steve Harris, that we have been identified as a high performing school across several areas. Our use of School RAM Funds and Special Funding - particularly related to EAFs and improved academic student growth - which will be showcased during a visit by members of the Department of Education Executive to the school and preschool. I am immensely proud of the staff, students and community of Windale Public School. This visit will take place on Monday 23rd October from 9-11am.

Selective High School Applications

The selective high school application website is now open. Year 5 students have been provided with information today about this with a return slip to inform the school of your intentions. Please note that this slip is not the application. All applications must be completed online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>

Parents unsure as to whether their child is a possible candidate for a selective high school (Merewether High) should have a conversation with their child's teacher. Parents may also wish to have a conversation with your local high school (Hunter Sports High) to find out the opportunities for more able students.

School Planning for 2018-2020

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the School Planning and Feedback meeting at the end of Term 3 and to those who completed Tell Them From Me Surveys last Wednesday while the K-2 and 3-6 Disco was being held. We are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child. The school aims to provide a variety of opportunities for students, parents, carers and community to engage in the formation of the strategic directions of the school. At next week's assembly we will have a further opportunity to give us feedback in the form of one word which describes Windale PS on a display in the school hall.

Please remember to continue checking all correspondence that comes home from school as well as staying up to date by checking our regular additions to the school Facebook page and Skoolbag app so you know all of the fantastic events and learning opportunities that are coming up well in advance as Term 4 is the culmination of another outstanding year of learning at Windale Public School.

Finally, Ms Sadler is on her eagerly awaited Long Service Leave for the next two weeks and I will be relieving Principal during this time. Mrs Smith will be off class covering my role and Mrs. Sarah Dore will be on 1S on Mondays and Tuesdays during this time.

Have a great week,
Mr Watson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Friday of Term 4	Intensive Swim Scheme	
26-31st October	Life Education Van Visiting	
1st November	Kinder Transition	9am



MINI FETE



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wattle Pre-schooler's signing in at Preschool



New Camping Area

Following children's interests we have a new camping area to explore with role playing and conversation



Last day of Term 3



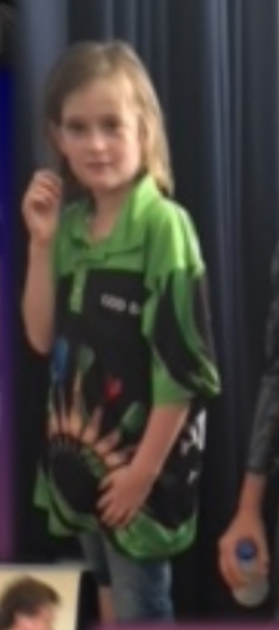
Aboriginal Parents & Carers Afternoon Tea



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the afternoon tea. We highly value your feedback for the planning of our 2018-2020 School Plan and appreciate your involvement in helping us extend our Aboriginal Education at Windale Public School.



SUPER HERO DISCO



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BUNNINGS FUNDRAISING BBQ



A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who donated their valuable time to help raise money for Windale Public School.



STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

Week 10 Term 3

Our SRC met last the Wednesday of Term 3 and had a very productive meeting. They all went around a circle and introduced themselves. They discussed what they love about our school and then broke up into group with students from across different years to brainstorm ideas. Finally they came back together to share a word they would use to describe W.P.S., what they like about our school, changes they would like to see and future learning directions for our students. It is a valuable tool to have feedback and suggestions from our student body and for our students to know they have a voice in our school. Keep up the good work SRC representatives and thanks to Mrs Houston for her dedication with this.

Week 1 Term 4

Our SRC met again last Wednesday to discuss the important business of deciding on an animal name to accompany our Sport House names. There were lots of great ideas and the SRC members will be voting and consulting the students and staff to finalise the names. Keep an eye out for the announcement of these in the near future.

There was also discussion about having a musical every two years along with holding another disco with infants and primary combined. They decided they would like an out of uniform disco with no theme that could maybe be used as a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. They talked about having another silent disco as the PBL Reward in Week 5 Term 4 as well.

All of these suggestions will presented to our staff for discussion and decisions made in conjunction with the SRC. It is great to see our SRC being so proactive and coming up with such great ideas and suggestions.

Milabah

SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Term 4 2017 Programs

What's happening at Milabah

Playgroups

Jarjums playgroup

Is for 0–5 year olds and is held in Milabah every Tuesday, 9.30am–11.30am.

Come and join Belinda, have some fun and pick up some great ideas to keep your children's active minds busy with reading, nursery rhymes, playdough and lots of craft activities.

We request a gold coin donation for craft items and morning tea will be provided.



Samaritans Supported Playgroup

Come along for lots of fun, crafts, games, music and stories – and it's free

When: Wednesdays, 9.30 – 11.30 am

Where: Milabah Schools As Community Centre, Windale Primary School – Kilfera Street Windale

Morning tea provided.

For more information

P: 0418 453 848 or 0428 166 119

E: hrobinson@samaritans.org.au or

aforseyth@samaritans.org.au

Visit www.samaritans.org.au

Legal Advice

Our Legal support at Milabah, Pat, is changing the way she out-reaches with us, as Pat has been fitting us in between other work commitments, sometimes it is difficult for her to get here. Our new legal outreach will work by appointments. If you need legal advice and would like to talk to Pat, ring Roselea and book in a day and time. This way, Pat can utilise her time to better accommodate everyone's needs. If the matter is urgent I can organise for Pat to give you a call.

Grandparents Group

Do you have the care of your grandchildren or are you involved in the lives of your grandchildren? Then come along to our Grandparent/carers group. The Grandparents Group meet the last Thursday of every month at 1pm. There are always lots of laughs, support for each other and ideas around the challenges of parenting second time round. All Grandparents are welcome. Next meeting 26th October.

Windale Fresh

Dates for orders to be in for Term 4:

Orders for Term 2 need to be in by: Friday 27th October, 10th and 24th November and 8th December. Orders can be picked up from Milabah on the following Monday from about 12pm.

Volunteers welcome to help pack baskets.

Fresh fruit and vegetables can be ordered fortnightly at great prices. We order online and fresh, seasonal produce is delivered to Milabah.

The cost is \$25 for a washing basket full of healthy goodies.

Please visit Milabah to place your order each fortnight.



Come and meet new friends

Coffee and Craft



Give yourself some Timeout to relax, have a chat and discover that creative self you have hidden away.

Thursdays 12:30 -2:30pm

@

MILABAH

SACC

Windale Public School

Please phone Roselea on 49487786 for expressions of interest.

Children are welcome under parent supervision.



Learning in our community

There are still places available

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It's here, Awabakal Medical Outreach.



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Awabakal will be hosting weekly Medical Outreach clinics to promote the health and wellbeing of our local Aboriginal communities.

Date Weekly starting from Thursday 7th September
Location Windale Public School - Kilfera St, Windale NSW 2306
Van will be based in the infants playground
Time 10am-3pm
Bookings Appointments are essential. Book by calling Awabakal Medical Service on 4907 8555.

The clinic will have a GP, Nurse, Family Health Worker and Aboriginal Liaison Officer. You will need to have a current Medicare card and parents must attend if the appointment is for a child. Awabakal will be on-site to provide information about other services and referral pathways.



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Happening in the Community

Community Garden

The Windale Community Garden is a project for ALL residents of Windale/ Gateshead. If you have an interest in gardening or skills and knowledge to share, come and see Roselea at Milabah. We would love to see the gardens used by our community.



This is a great day to connect to services in our community.



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Plus much more
including a
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WICA also produces the Phoenix news, so if you have an interesting story or a local champion you'd like to brag about, send your story with contact information.

wgtm.news@gmail.com



**For further events and updates keep an eye out in your
School newsletter.
Or call Roselea on 4948778**

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held next **Monday 30th September at 12.15pm** in the uniform shop. **PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN.** Without your support we are unable to continue to operate. P&C meetings are a great opportunity to have your say about things that are happening in our school. If we don't get people's thoughts, feedback and suggestions, we can't make positive changes so please support our P&C and by doing so, support our school.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISING BBQ - BELMONT

Thank you to all the beautiful volunteers that gave up their time on a Sunday to help out and make the Bunnings BBQ a success yesterday. Money raised will go towards a cover for the basketball court.



School Banking



Congratulations to all those students that are receiving prizes for making 10 deposits. It is always very exciting to see your savings growing and be rewarded for your efforts as well so well done!

Just a reminder SCHOOL BANKING is on a FRIDAY.

Please return your banking folder to the office on Friday mornings. Students are able to sign up for school banking at any time. Some of the prizes that students are able to choose from once they've earned their 10 tokens include bouncy balls, key rings, a tablet case, a pencil case, ear phones, textas and crayons.



School Banking is bringing the 3D Dollarmites and the future world to life with the new Future Savers App. As part of this, school banking students can enter an exciting competition for the chance to win a Game Master Prize. You can download the Future Savers App from the App store or Google Play from today. For more information go to commbank.com.au/futuregames



The uniform shop is open on **Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.45am – 9.05am**. School hats are also available through the uniform shop for \$8.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

A reminder to Parents and Carers of students that are participating in the School Swimming program. Students will be traveling to Valentine Pool every Friday during Term 4. Please ensure students bring Swimmers, Towel, Hat, Sunscreen, dry underwear and a plastic bag to put wet swimmers in.





AWABAKAL



WORD OF THE WEEK

Tina - Toes

"Wiggle your **Tina**.""Paint your **Tina** a rainbow of colours.""Be careful that you don't kick your **Tina** when you have no shoes on."

Sounds like



T - ee - na



AWABAKAL



WORD OF THE WEEK

Ngaikang - Eyes

"Blink your **Ngaikang**.""We can have different coloured **Ngaikang**.""Your **Ngaikang** must be on the teacher when they are talking.""We use our **Ngaikang** when reading."

Sounds like



N - eye - kung

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Variety Kids Xmas Party 2017
Newcastle

Join us for the first Newcastle Variety Kids Christmas Party, a special event full of fun and entertainment for kids who have a disability, chronic illness or who are experiencing financial hardship.

There will be on stage entertainment, games, rides and even some special guests all the way from the North Pole! See the details below:

Wednesday 15th November

4pm - 9pm

McDonald Jones Stadium; Turton Road Broadmeadow

Cost: **FREE!**

Parents, guardians and siblings also welcome

Register your interest now via:

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/events/>


For any questions, please contact us on 02 4965 4911
We hope to see you there!

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 10

KK	Jayleigha, Freddie, Darcy	3I	Tara, Taylor, Bianca	LUCKY AWARDS
K1D	Annabelle, Jakobi, Ebony	4D	Jesse, Bobbie, Laykin	Makayla, Bianca, Ruby
1S	Latiah, Ruby-Anne	5H	Bradley, Taleisha, Jeraki, Morgan, Tenasy	RESPECT AWARDS
2M	Noah, Makayla, Zac	6C	Taylah, Bianca, Caleb, Matilda	



INFANTS AWARDS



CLASS AWARDS



PRIMARY AWARDS



LUCKY AWARDS



READING AWARDS

INFANTS HOME READING AWARD

KK

INFANTS CLEANLINESS AWARD

K1D

PRIMARY HOME READING AWARD

4D

PRIMARY CLEANLINESS AWARD

3I

UNIFORM AWARD

1S

ATTENDANCE AWARD

KK

ASSEMBLY AWARD

K1D



SWIMMING FOR SPORTS AWARDS

Tell them from me survey



A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and community members that came in while the school disco was on and participated in the Tell Them From Me survey. Your feedback is crucial to help us with the future direction of our school. We also appreciated everyone that commented on our "Have Your Say" Poster. Your participation and comments are greatly appreciated.



Uni4You Project



**Have you ever thought about studying?
Why not try our FREE weekly workshops?**

Workshops start: Monday 16th October 2017
9:30am – 11:30am

Venue: Milabah, Schools as Community Centre,
Windale Public Primary School

Uni4You provides assistance and guidance with:

- Preparing for studying at a university level
- Balancing study & family demands
- Choosing study that's right for you and your interests
- Applications and enrolments for a tertiary preparation program (Newstep, Yapug, or Open Foundation)

Morning tea provided – Free child minding (please book)

What our participants say...

"I would not have taken the step into Open Foundation if it weren't for the Uni4You Project..."

"I definitely would not have done as well as I have without the Uni4You Project and everything that it offers."

"Uni4You helped me make life changing decisions for myself and my family."

To find out more, or to register, please contact:

Jenny Vazquez (Uni4You Project Coordinator)
4921 5840 or 0437 246 252

jenny.vazquez@newcastle.edu.au

or

Roselea Newburn (Windale SACC Coordinator)
Phone: 4948 7786

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- Hunter Tenants Advice & Advocacy
- HIPPY
- Police
- Housing

Human Services – Medicare, Centrelink, Child Support
Fair Trading
PCYC
Mount Hutton Windale Residents Action Group
Local Preschools

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Plus much more
Including a
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<http://www.windale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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Is turning the
BIG 40

Come celebrate with us!

Saturday 4th November 2017
11am to 2pm

Felton Street Preschool
74 Felton Street Gateshead

RSVP feltonstreet@bigpond.com or via our Facebook page

BBQ, food & drinks **fun activities**
face painting dancing **magic show**
entertainment **music** **kids sports**
celebration cake **jumping castle**

Sausage sizzle proceeds will be donated to 'The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation'

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017**
Year 6 - Information Night for Parents and Students
- 7.00pm – HSHS
- **FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2017**
- All Enrolment and Student Agreement forms completed and returned to HSHS
- **TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2017**
- Year 6 – Orientation Day
9.30am – 2.00pm – HSHS
- **TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018**
- School begins for Years 7, 11, 12