

Windale Public School

TERM 3 WEEK 8

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Principal's Message

So many exciting things are happening within the school at the moment. Have you seen the improvements that our Gardening Group have made to the vegetable gardens up near the top carpark within the school grounds? Mrs McBay has been working very hard together with our Environmental Education committee to provide our students with a fantastic outdoor learning area that is proving to be very popular with our students. We thank Bunnings for their donations of timber sleepers and plants, Concrush for gravel and Lake Macquarie City Council for their ongoing assistance with planning, advice and visits. A big thank you also to Mr McBay from MRM Concrete who generously donated the concrete and many hours of labour to make our new vegetable gardens. Thank you to Kerry Yates for donating hours towards the project as well. We couldn't have possibly done it without your help.

It may only be Term 3 but already we are starting to look at planning for 2018. Do you know of anyone who has a child starting Preschool or Kindergarten next year who lives in our area? If so, please encourage them to come to the school and pick up an application to enrol. Kindergarten transition will be starting next term. The earlier we know of our numbers, the more organised we can be with regards to class formations, teachers and classrooms for next year. The decisions that will be made with class structures and staffing are based on

wanting to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for all of our students. I am excited about the changes that this will involve across the school moving into next year.

Last but not least, I would like to say a special thank you to all our SAS staff who work at Windale PS. It is School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week this week and the teaching staff will be taking this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication, enthusiasm and effort that our Office staff, School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs), Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) and General Assistant give to their roles on a daily basis. Our school is a much better place with every one of you in it and I cannot thank you enough for everything you do. If you see any of these people in your travels this week, give them an extra warm smile or a kind word just to show that we care about the great job they are doing in helping to educate our students at Windale.

Have a fantastic week of learning everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

6th September	Infants P-2 Athletics Carnival	
7th September	U10's Knights Rugby League Knockout	
18th September	P&C Meeting	12:15pm
21st September	Windale's Got Talent & Mini Fete	
22 September	Final day of TERM 3	



OWLS



Owls are found all over the world except Antarctica and there are 150 species of owls. A group of owls is called a parliament and they roost in silent holes like hawks. Owls have silent feathers that allow them to fly without being heard.

Owls have sharp talons and their eyes are very big to let in light at night.

Owls are exceptional hunters in the dark and have great camouflage so they blend in with the surroundings. They quickly swoop down and catch their prey using powerful talons.

They pick up food in their beaks as they swallow whole. From their food is broken up into small pieces that will spit out bones or pellets.

Owls will continue to be silent even when they hunt at night. They are and have been that way.

By Guy

Factual Writing

3I researched, planned, composed and edited an information report on owls. They looked at habitat, appearance, food and characteristics. When they were finished they published their work on the computer with accompanying pictures.

Narrative writing

The class completed writing pieces about two tigers in the jungle using a visual stimulus to start their writing.

Persuasive writing

3I were asked to design their own brochure about one section of an African safari. When making their

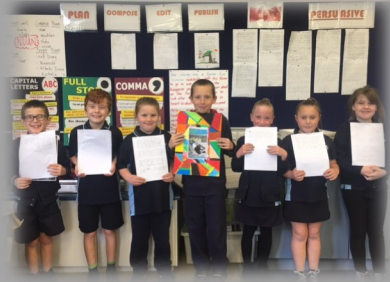
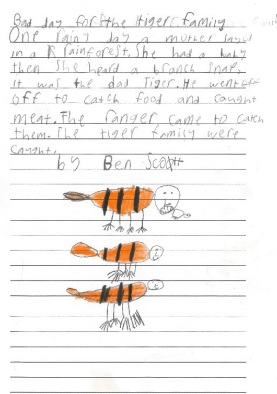
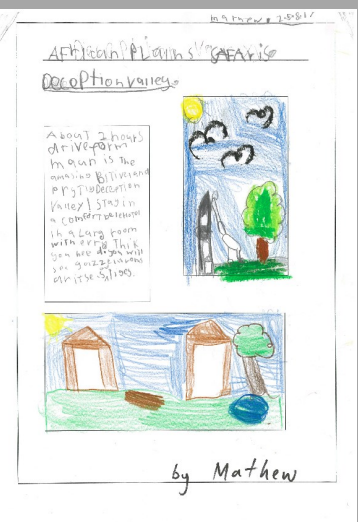
design they had to summarise the information they collected into their own words and the use words of modality to persuade travellers to visit the safari resort.

SCIENCE

As part of Science, we are studying a unit of work called Earth Beneath our Feet. Students are learning about the different layers of the earth. Students created different layers of the earth by using soil and rocks in a small cup.

Art

3I used oil pastel colours to create an artwork for the novel that they are reading in class - The 27th Annual African Hippopotamus Race by Morris Lurie. They used bright colours and geometric lines to match the fun and colourful themes of the book.



Our Week 7 and Week 8 PBL LESSON is "I AM SAFE WHEN WEARING A SCHOOL HAT". This lesson reinforces the importance of being safe, respectful and responsible when it comes to wearing a hat at school. Our PBL poster which will be displayed in all our classrooms outlines what wearing a hat looks like and why it is important we follow this rule. Our students will also take part in explicit lessons and class discussions and activities around wearing a hat at school. Please take the time to read over our poster and reinforce this important message with your children.

We are:	SAFE	RESPECTFUL	RESPONSIBLE
This is what it looks like:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing a school hat when outside. Wearing my school hat correctly. Playing in the correct places if I do not have my hat (i.e. under the shade). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing a school hat when outside. Wearing my school hat, not someone else's. Following teacher instructions to wear my school hat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bringing my school hat out with me at lunch and recess. Writing my name on my hat. Wearing my school hat in the playground.

Why do we need to do these things?:

- To show respect and pride to attend Windale PS, because a hat is apart of our school uniform.
- To be sun safe, protecting our skin form skin cancer.
- To create sense of community within the school.



Positive Behaviour for Learning Classroom Behaviour Management System

This term we have made some changes to our PBL Classroom Management System to include some positive rewards for students that display appropriate classroom behaviour and follow our values of being Safe, Respectful and Responsible. We will be explicitly teaching this system to our students to ensure that they understand both the expectations and consequences of their actions. We would like to share this system with our parents and school community in the hope that our expectations and consequences could also be discussed at home to reinforce their importance.

Student's names are moved to Super star if they have displayed constant positive behaviours and completing outstanding work in the learning environment.	Names can be moved up if students are being Safe, Respectful and Responsible in the learning environment.	All students start the day with their name on the green face.	Students who receive a verbal warning will have their name moved here.	Students who have persisted with misbehaviour after receiving their verbal warning will have their name moved to here. This is a 5-minute classroom timeout, allowing students to reflect on their behaviour before discussing it with the teacher and returning to their learning.	The student is still making choices that are not Safe, Respectful or Responsible. The student will go to buddy class time out away from distractions and really think about how they can change their behaviour. The buddy class teacher will also have a chat to the student to think of strategies to turn their behaviour around.	The student has persisted in not following the schools expectations of being Safe, Respectful and Responsible and will need to go to an executive member to discuss their behaviour. Parents and guardians will be contacted and students will receive a strike towards the next PBL reward day.
Types of behaviour which may result in students progressing to our positive rewards, include but are not limited to: quality work, growth mindset, consistent effort, respectful behaviour, responsibility for actions and belongings, dedication to learning, cooperation, staying on task			Types of behaviour which may result in students progressing to our negative consequences, include but are not limited to: MINOR BEHAVIOURS – not following teachers' directions, defiance, disruption, property misuse, inappropriate language, teasing/name calling, non-compliance MAJOR BEHAVIOURS – abusive language, constant defiance, continued disruption, property damage, harassment, physical aggression			

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Transition to School & Preschool Enrolments

We can't wait for Kindergarten transition so we can see what it's like to be big kids. Transition to school program runs for 4 Wednesdays starting from 1st November, 2017. Contact the school office for enrolments into Preschools or Kindergarten for 2018.

Shopping



Wattle and Gumnut pre-schoolers have been practicing shopping in our home corner shop. Last week it was very exciting as they got to use real money to buy Father's Day gifts from the stall.

Outdoor nap



Wattle pre-schoolers found a new use for our jumping sacks when they enjoyed a sleep on the grass in the sun last week.



Outdoor Play



Our Pre-schoolers always enjoy outdoor play. They are encouraged to take a variety of measured risks to help them learn and develop at preschool.

Year 6 Visitors

Our Preschool Gumnut group enjoyed having year 6 visitors Mason and Cooper to play with last Tuesday.



Thank you Redhead Men's Shed

A huge thank you to the Redhead Men's Shed for making and donating our beautiful outdoor table. It is fantastic and is perfect for our space. Thanks also to Miss Lindsay for organising this donation through the Men's Shed.



Reading at lunch



Wattle pre-schoolers are enjoying getting to know Mr McLean from "big school" when he visits for lunch and reads to us.

Play Based Learning

Our preschool runs a play base program. Our Gumnut Wonnai are learning through play, conversation and interactions with peers and staff.



Milabah – Place of Fun.



Friday Bread

As you might know, Peter Field, Milabah's champion volunteer, picks up bread from Bakers Delight at Mount Hutton every Thursday night. The bread is then bagged by volunteers on Friday at Milabah for freezing to be used at Breakfast Buddies, with the rest being offered to community. Pete has been doing this for many, many years, but sadly may have to finish. It's not an easy job and if we can't get some help, the free bread Friday may end. The role involves going to Bakers Delight on Thursday evenings, about 8pm, collect all of the left over bread, then deliver it to Milabah on Friday morning. If you might be able to help out, please give me a call.

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

For children aged from birth to 6 years and their parents/carers.



Heather is here every Wednesday morning and the playgroup runs from 9.30 – 11.30 am every Wednesday. Samaritans Supported Playgroup supports families to be their child's first teacher and has lots of great ideas for learning through play.

Coffee and Craft

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

Thursdays 12:30 -2:30pm @ MILABAH

For more information

P: 0418 453 848 or 0428 166 119

E: hrobinson@samaritans.org.au or

aforsyth@samaritans.org.au

Visit www.samaritans.org.au

Windale Fresh

The last order for term 3 needs to be in by Friday 8th September and pick up from Milabah on Monday 11th

\$25.00 for a washing basket of fresh fruit & veg. Good value, good quality, so why not order from us and give it a try.

Free Legal Service

Pat has returned from her travels, so, if you need any legal advice, call Roselea to book a time.

PLANT – We Need You!

The gardening group is an opportunity for you to learn new skills and share your skills with local men and women, tending vegetable gardens and school gardens. If you are interested in joining this great project call in and see Roselea for more information. Weekly working bees are on every Tuesday with lunch provided. Please join us and see if you have skills to make gardening a fun learning experience.

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



Uni4You

Will be holding another session on Monday 18th September, see flyer on page 10 .

Roselea
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FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA & SPORTING FUN

On Friday Afternoon our K-2 students and staff celebrated their Dads, Grandads and other special men in their lives with a Father's Day Afternoon Tea and sports event. They had lots of fun having sack races, playing soccer and having paper aeroplane throwing competitions. They finished up with some yummy cakes and treats for afternoon tea which they all enjoyed together. Thank you to our wonderful K-2 teachers for organising this special event and even more importantly to our dads, grandads and friends that came along to share it. We hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day.





On Wednesday 30th August 2017, KK, K/1D, 1SR and 2M travelled on a 'ginormous' bus to Oakvale Farm and Fauna World. All students were very excited and eager to see, pat and learn about some animals! We were very lucky to have our own personal animal keeper, Zoey with us all day to teach us about the animals, as well as have some private animal encounters.



All students had a terrific time as they learnt about farm animals, including where milk and eggs come from. The highlight was being able to bottle feed the very hungry piglets and lambs, as well as, milking a cow. All students also went on a tractor ride around the farm to see what other animals there was to see.

OAKVALE FARM & FAUNA WORLD

Students were very lucky to be able to feed some kangaroos and feel how soft they were. One kangaroo even had a baby joey, which popped its head out to say hello to us! A lot of friends were also very courageous as they patted a snake!!



The playground was a massive hit, with lots of friends enjoying swinging and sliding down the twisting tunnel, exhausting their last bit of energy before our bus ride home.

All students proudly represented Windale Public, being Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Well done infants!!



P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held next **Monday 18th 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.

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



FATHER'S DAY STALL

FATHERS DAY STALL

We hope all our Dads, Grandfathers and special father figures all had a fantastic Father's Day and enjoyed being spoilt. We held a very successful Father's Day stall on Wednesday and Friday of last week. A big thanks to our helpers that came along to assist and especially Cheryl who came along to help even though she was unwell.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISING BBQ - BELMONT

Our school is holding a major fundraiser with a BBQ at Bunnings Belmont on Sunday 15th October, 2017. Helpers will be needed to assist. There will be a note coming home in Week 9 (11/9/17) where families can fill in the timeslots that they are available to assist so please support this fundraiser and our school and return the notes to school by the end of this term.



School Banking

We presented some of our school banking students with their rewards for making 10 deposits and we have more rewards still to present. **Congratulations to all those students that received prizes.** 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.



UNIFORM SHOP

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.

SPORTS REPORT

We are very excited about our Preschool to Year 2 Athletics carnival that is being held this Wednesday down on the bottom field. There are lots of races and activities planned including the sack race and the egg and spoon race. The carnival will begin after lunch around 11.40am. We look forward to seeing lots of our families come and support this event. It is always very cute watching our little ones take part in all the activities. Fingers crossed the beautiful weather will continue.

Unfortunately there was no netball in Week 6 due to bad weather but we had a beautiful sunny day last Friday (the first in a while) and the Windale Public School girl's netball team played Belmont North Public School. We had all 10 players who demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and played an outstanding game. The girls won 19-5 which puts Windale Public School into the semi-finals in week 9. Congratulations girls!



Last Thursday Windale travelled to Valentine Oval for the Newcastle Rebels Gala Day. Against very tough opposition in St Mary's, Wiripaang, St Paul's Charlestown, Warners Bay, Biddabah and Swansea, we had 1 draw and five very close losses. Joel, William, Sierra, Kayhdan, Nate, Jye, Jaxxon, Eli, Morgan, Cohen, Cooper, Tyler, Jasmine, Mason and Lachlan W are all to be congratulated on playing great football and being fine ambassadors for Windale Public School. A special mention to Jasmine who never gave up all day, always with a glowing smile on her face. A huge thank you to our Super coaches, Luke and Mr Ikihele for always having the team ready to play and displaying great sportsmanship.

There was no football last Friday. This Thursday there will be a Knights Knockout gala day for our U10's at Windale Oval and this Friday will be our last rugby league games for the year.



On Friday 1st September, Joel represented East Lakes PSSA at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival. Joel did an amazing job and placed 11th in the 1500m run. Congratulations Joel on an amazing effort.

As Term 3 comes to an end we are starting to conclude our Friday Winter sports. Rugby League concludes this Friday with Swimming and our Hot Shots tennis finishing up at the end of Week 9. Our netball girls have made the semi-finals, which is an awesome effort, and they will play that in Week 9 as well. We have had a great season of Winter sport over Term 2 and Term 3 as well as lots of additional activities like our Premier's Sporting Challenge, Jump Rope for Heart, fitness testing and athletics carnival as well as our normal Friday sport. Congratulations to all our students for participating in our sporting activities and trying to keep fit and healthy.



AWABAKAL



WORD OF THE WEEK

Mirang - Shoulders



"Put your **matara** on your **Mirang**."

"Sit up straight and keep your **Mirang** back."

"Rub your **Mirang** to relax."

"Give your friend a tap on their **Mirang**."

Sounds like



M - ear - rung



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Medical Outreach

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.



awabakal



Ever wondered about studying at University?

Uni4You: Encouraging, supporting and connecting people who are interested in the possibility of study.

Venue: Milabah Schools as Community Centre
 Windale Primary School
 Kilfera St, Windale

Monday 18th September 2017
 9:30am-11:30am

Come along and learn about:

- How brain development and a growth mindset can assist learning.
- Preparing to study
- Pathways to further education (Yapug, Open Foundation or Newstep)

Morning tea and childcare provided – All Welcome!

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

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 4921 5840 or 0437 246 252
jenny.vazquez@newcastle.edu.au

Roselea Newburn (Milabah)
 Phone: 4948 7786
roselea.newburn@det.nsw.edu.au



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 6

KK	Payge, Lexi, Ethan	3I	Aleyah, Izack, Ty-Rhys,	LUCKY AWARDS
K1D	Lakeisha, Kiarra, Alyssa	4D	Bobbie, Sierra, Kiesha	Kiarra K1D, Isabell 1S, Taylah 6C, Lillia 6C
1S	Jack, Cooper, Traie, Sophie	5H	Jeraki, Taleisha, Ruby, Lucas, Morgan	RESPECT AWARDS
2M	Jet, Mary, Zack	6C	Ebony, Taylah, Bianca, Candace	



INFANTS AWARDS



CLASS AWARDS



PRIMARY AWARDS



READING AWARDS



LUCKY AWARDS



READING AWARDS

INFANTS HOME READING AWARD

INFANTS CLEANLINESS AWARD

PRIMARY HOME READING AWARD

PRIMARY CLEANLINESS AWARD

UNIFORM AWARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD

ASSEMBLY AWARD

K1D

KK

4D

3I

1S

4D

KK

Windale's Got Talent

Year 6 put on a mini version of Windale's got Talent as their class item for Week 6. They kept us very entertained with a mixture of singing, dancing and jokes. They set a great example to the school about the importance of getting up there and having a laugh at yourself and inspiring the rest of the school to get in and have a go at the real Windale's Got Talent – great work Year 6.



ATTENDANCE AWARD



Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 7

KK	Raymond, Seth, Izayah	3I	Guy, Amelia, Sharna	LUCKY AWARDS
K1D	Alyssa, Janahli, Jericho	4D	Yalondha, Emily, William G	Lakeisha K1D, Eliana KK, Morgan 5H, Lucas 5H
1S	Jai, Bailey, Aurora	5H	Craig, Emilia, Eli, Krystal, Bradley	RESPECT AWARDS
2M	Kiarra, Jordan, Cody, Thaddea	6C	Lachlan F, Tyler	



INFANTS AWARDS



PRIMARY AWARDS



READING AWARDS



LUCKY AWARDS

INFANTS HOME READING

INFANTS CLEANLINESS AWARD

PRIMARY HOME READING AWARD

PRIMARY CLEANLINESS AWARD

UNIFORM AWARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD

ASSEMBLY AWARD

1S

K1D

4D

3I

2M

K1D



ATTENDANCE AWARD



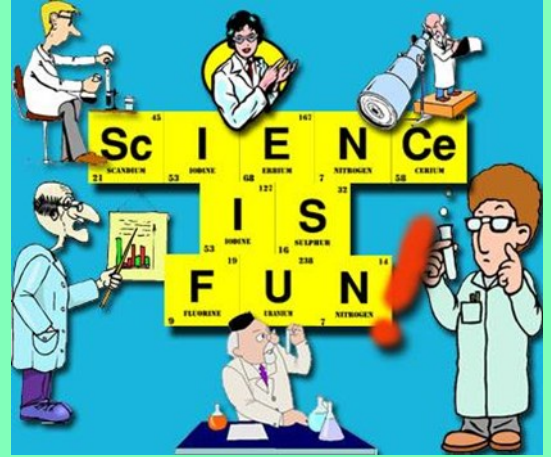
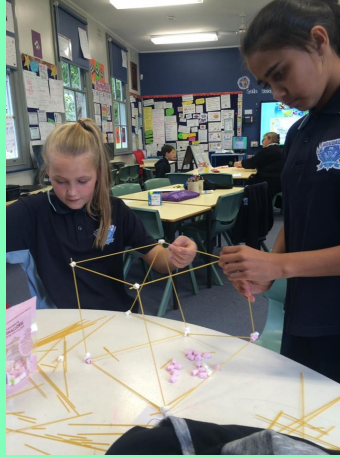
CLASS AWARDS

3I Class Item - "We Will Rock You"

3I performed a great rendition of the famous Queen song "We Will Rock You". They had the crowd clapping and singing along and Guy and Keely both did an outstanding lead vocal for a song that's not an easy one to sing.



Science Week

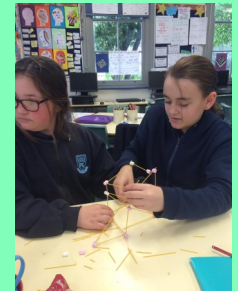
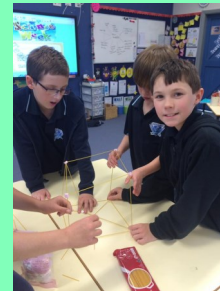


To acknowledge Science Week, 2M had lots of fun experimenting with balloons to see how many people they could get on top of a table that was balancing on a balloon, before it popped. They managed to get all of the 2M students, Mr Mitchell, Miss Jess and two visiting Year 5 students (approximately 20 people) all on the table without the balloon popping. They even got Ms Sadler in to join them and the balloon still didn't pop when it was only inflated a little bit. 2M discovered that the more air the balloon had in it, the less people it could hold before it popped.

5H also acknowledged the importance of all areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with a fun construction activity. They constructed the tallest possible towers they could using dry spaghetti and marshmallows. They came up with



some creative and innovative designs by working individually, in pairs and in small groups and experimenting with different designs and techniques for joining



Our students have been getting very involved in some of the environmental initiatives we currently have happening at Windale Public School. Students have been working very hard in their lunchtimes on Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs McBay, to try to get our new garden beds up and growing. Our student volunteers recently shoveled 4 cubic metres of soil into the new garden beds and planted some new herbs. Each of our classrooms have a fruit scrap bin which gets collected every day and put into the compost bin. We are have paper and cardboard recycling bins and we make sure we recycle paper and any other waste we can.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

MINI FETE

We are excited to announce that we are holding our Mini Fete on **Thursday 21st September** from 11am - 2pm. The mini fete will include rides, stalls, a sausage sizzle, red day food available through the canteen and sideshow alley games and activities hosted by our classes. Please save the date and start saving your pocket money as there will be lots of things to do and buy.



Just a reminder that we are in the final two weeks of the Earn to Learn Program. The program concludes on 19th September so please keep collecting and don't forget to either send in stickers to the box in the front office or look for our box at the supermarket. .



<http://www.windale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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FREE SWIM LESSONS @



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**141 Floraville Road
FLORAVILLE**

Take advantage of this special offer and help us to drive the number of childhood drownings in this country down to zero.

Kids Alive Do the Five have partnered with Poolwerx to offer Free Swim Lessons at various swim schools for Under 5's.

Jamie's Swim School values it's community and has signed up with this program BUT it is offering for children Under 12

**THREE FREE SWIM LESSONS – 3rd, 4th & 5th
October 2017**

We believe swimming is an essential skill for ALL children so we've extended the offer to include Primary School Aged Children. Group lessons during these dates only.

Visit the Learn2Swim Week website at www.learn2swimweek.com and sign up for a free lesson at our school

**OR call us DIRECTLY on 49461166
OR via FB Jamie's Swim SCHOOL**

But hurry bookings close 27th September 2017



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