

Windale Public School



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TERM 1 WEEK 8

19TH MARCH 2018

Principal's Message

It was great to see so many of our parents/carers taking the opportunity to attend parent/teacher interviews in Week 6. We were able to complete learning plans with specific targets for individual students and address any questions/concerns that families had as early in the year as possible. If you were unable to attend, your child's class teacher will have endeavoured to contact you in person or over the phone. It is vital that we have your input as well as your child's when we devise these plans for them to be meaningful and a working document that changes with your child's changing needs throughout the year.

A couple of items that have come to my attention over the last fortnight which I would like to draw your attention to for the safety of all of our families at Windale PS:

- **STOPPING/PARKING IN THE STREETS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL** – Please ensure that you are obeying the signage in the streets around the school as we are having problems with cars stopping to drop off/pick up children in the "No Stopping" zones. This not only stops the traffic from being able to pass in the street but also has led to some children getting out of cars on the side where cars are driving by them rather than the footpath side. This is a real safety concern and I ask for your assistance with this matter.
- **STUDENTS RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL** – The law requires that all students must wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times when riding bikes or scooters, this includes travelling to and from school. I am concerned that several of our students are not doing this at the moment. The school has a duty of care and

must intervene if we are aware that students are breaking the law by riding without adequate headwear. It is also a requirement that students provide a bicycle lock when they ride to school to ensure their property will be securely attached to the school bike rack throughout the day. Please discuss both of these concerns with your children if they ride a bike or scooter. Again, it is the safety of them and their property that is our major concern.

Friday 16th March was National Day of Action against Bullying and like many other NSW public schools we participated in awareness raising activities and scenarios with all students from Preschool to Year 6. Schools can be much more effective when parents/carers report bullying and support their efforts to deal with it. Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues. Your first response when a child tells you of a concern can make a big difference to the outcome. Children and young people need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and that their issue will be investigated respectfully. We will work with you to resolve the situation and will also work with the other student's parents. Due to privacy laws, we will not be able to share information about any other students involved. Thank you for your continued support as we work towards providing your child with the very best possible education at Windale PS. I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Harmony Day celebrations this Wednesday, starting with our sausage sizzle lunch at 11.00am. Have a fantastic week of learning everyone!

Ms Cindy Sadler

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 21st March

**Harmony Day
Celebrations
11.00am**

Thursday 29th March

**Easter Hat Parade &
Year 6 Cake Stall**

Fri 30th March &

**Mon 2nd April
Good Friday &
Easter Monday
(No School)**

Introducing...

Ms Judy Wall School Counsellor



My name is Judy Wall and I am the school counsellor at Windale Public School. I used to teach at Windale Public School before I completed my studies to be a school counsellor. I enjoy my role helping individual students to achieve their academic, social and behavioural goals.

The school counsellor works through the school's Learning Support Team to improve student wellbeing and learning outcomes. Cognitive, social, emotional and behavioural assessments are administered to students who are referred by the Learning Support Team. Results of these assessments and recommended interventions are reported to parents and the Learning Support Team.

Counselling may focus on issues relating to grief, anger, conflict, friendship issues, anxiety, sadness, depression or behaviour changes. This is not a long-term service. Where ongoing and specialised counselling is required, school counsellors refer onto different agencies.

Easter Hat Parade

Come along to our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March. Watch our awesome students parade their 2018 Easter hats and make sure you have bought raffle tickets! The children will be making their Easter hats at school and so it is not necessary for parents to be purchasing items or making these at home. Please join us for lunch and purchase some sweet treats from our cake stall. At 12 noon we will assemble in the primary cola for the parade.



4H

Class 4H are really enjoying learning about how to play hockey as well as developing and strengthening sportsmanship skills. Class 4H really look forward to playing hockey every Friday with Natlee.



Milabah - Place of Fun.



Term 1 Week 8

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.

Term 1 we have Sing & Grow music program join us on the following dates:

1 - Feb 13 - School Week 3

2 - Feb 27 - School Week 5

3 - Mar 13 - School Week 7

4 - Mar 27 - School Week 9

5 - Apr 3 - School Week 10

6 - Apr 10 - School Week 11

Numbers are limited, so book early.



Free Legal Service

Our Legal support at Milabah, Pat, is changing the way she outreaches 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

Samaritans Supported Playgroup

Come along and join Sharna 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 information call:

Allison Forsythe on **0428 166 119**

WICA

WICA community markets @ Mount Hutton, local stallholders at Lake Macquarie Tavern car park.
1st Saturday of the month from February 3rd 8am – 1pm

Roselea
49487786

Come and meet new friends



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

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Please phone Roselea on 49487796 for expressions of interest.

Children are welcome under parent supervision.

Coming in 2018

Term 2

Circle of Security attachment program

Friday nutrition/ cooking and social skills program

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.



WICA community markets @ Mount Hutton, local stallholders at Lake Macquarie Tavern car park. 1st Saturday of the month from February 3rd 8am - 1pm

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. wqtm.news@gmail.com

Awabakal Medical Outreach.

The Medical Outreach starts again Thursday 1st February, appointments can be booked by calling Awabakal Health on 49078555



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 - Hillers 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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Do you have a child turning 4 in 2018? If so, there are vacancies in the HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) free program. HIPPY is a 2 year home-based early childhood program that builds the confidence and skills of parents and carers to create positive learning environment to prepare their child for school.

Do you want to find out more?
Please call HIPPY Eastlakes Coordinator Kathie Mackay on 0490503994
Or email kathie@jobquest.org.au
Limited spaces- Don't miss out!



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



Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 6

KD	Lillie, Ace, Isaac	3D	Alaska, Chevy, Mary	Respect Awards
KM	Jirra, Koda, Zahkyra	4H	Taylor, Tara, Tyrell, Aleyah	
1/2M	Ruby-Anne, Cooper, Paige, Latiah	5GM	William G, Joel, Sienna, Ayden	Lucky Awards
1/2S	Aurora-Lee, Riley, Lily, Dakota	6C	Jye, Ruby, Hunta	Krystal



LUCKY AWARD



INFANTS AWARDS



AWARD WINNERS



PRIMARY AWARDS



BOOMERANG BOOK
BORROWING
BRONZE AWARD



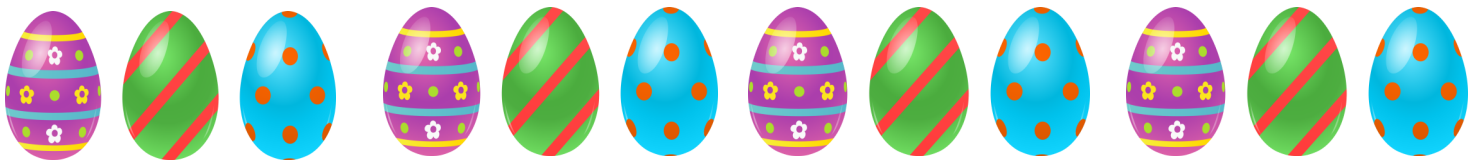
ATTENDANCE-4H

P&C NEWS

Introducing P & C Committee of 2018

President—Maree Crockett
Treasurer—Cheryl Field
Secretary—Serena Widdison

EASTER RAFFLE



A message to parents and carers & children,

If you could please help out the P & C Easter Raffle by donating an Easter Egg for our school. Please give Easter egg donations to the canteen.

Raffle tickets have been sent home—Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. Please return raffle tickets to the canteen or office by Thursday, 29th March. Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.



School Banking

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 earnt their 10 tokens include bouncy



balls, key rings, a tablet case, a pencil case, ear phones, textas and crayons and you can also win a holiday!



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.45am – 9.05am .

The Uniform Shop has also been restocked with all shirt sizes available.

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HARMONY DAY

WEDNESDAY

21ST MARCH

Harmony Day is about celebrating the cultures that make Australia great by promoting an environment in which all people feel a sense of belonging. This year as part of our celebrations students will be exploring another country and celebrating diversity. Everyone is invited to dress in orange and provide a gold coin donation.



Our celebrations begin at 11am:

- Playground: Enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch (\$2) followed by delicious cakes from the Year 6 cake stall with a range of playground activities such as the reading mat, a soccer game, a library visit to follow.
- Classrooms: Class visits from 11.40-12.40 where you will be invited to join your children to complete activities linked to the country they have been learning about.
- Hall: Celebration Assembly from 12.40-1.40 where each class will showcase their item related to the country studied

Aboriginal Education Community Meeting



Dear Parents/Carers and Community

This year at Windale Public School we would like to begin several new projects within the school and I would love to have some input from community, parents and carers.

Some of the projects include dance, art and construction of a new outdoor yarning circle.

As I am in class supporting students most days it is difficult to ensure these projects get started and I would love to have as many parents, carers and community members on board to assist. You don't have to have any special skills, just the enthusiasm to help our kids.

I would love to meet up with you all at 2pm on Thursday 22nd March 2018 in the P&C room to have a yarn about the exciting things planned for 2018.

Please help support making our school a culturally safe and happy environment for all our students.



We are collecting the Schools for Sport tokens here at Windale Public School. Every voucher received at our school will go towards our tally to help us order more sports equipment.

All vouchers need to be returned to the school by Friday, 6th April.





Are you in Kindergarten in 2018

1 X Free BSC Session

Bring in this flyer to receive a free before school care session free of charge.

Valid for Term 1 2018 only.



Good for Kids good for life

TARNAMBAI

Tarnambai is a Traditional Indigenous Game. Tarnambai means 'running' in the language used in the Batavia area of north Queensland.

How to play:

Players roll a tennis ball away from their partners, who sprint after it, pick it up on the run after it crosses a line 20 metres away, and return to the starting line. Time the attempts, hold a team relay, or use this as a tabloid event in small groups (two to four players) with a set time (2–3 minutes).

Check out the Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games resource book online to see more fun games for the family to enjoy and to learn more about Aboriginal culture.



Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games 2009

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.



Did you know that you can make payments to Windale Public School online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

How?

Log onto School site at <http://www.windale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

