

# Windale Public School

TERM 2 WEEK 7

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## Principal's Message



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I hope everyone had a great long weekend and enjoyed the opportunity to recharge for the rest of the term.

### STAGE TWO OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

Congratulations to our Stage 2 students on a fantastic excursion to Sydney last week. Thanks must go to our wonderful staff Miss Davies, Mrs Houston, Mrs Henderson, Ms Woolaston and Mr Skinner who gave up their own time to allow our children to access this amazing learning experience which included sleeping overnight at Taronga Zoo. Without our dedicated staff, this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you also to our P&C for subsidising the costs of the excursion along with what the school has provided to keep costs down to just \$100 per child. It was truly an experience our students will never forget.

### LEARNING PROGRESSIONS

This year our staff have been involved in ongoing training as we move from using the Learning Continuums to the new Learning Progressions. The learning progressions allow teachers to more accurately locate a student's current literacy and numeracy knowledge, understanding and skills to support planning for learning and teaching from the syllabus. As can often happen when new things are introduced, there have been challenges with the new software that is used to enter this data and I must commend our staff on their willingness to work through these problems to ensure that we are assessing and tracking our students to the very best of our abilities. When more information becomes available, we will look at running parent sessions to further inform you of what these changes mean for your

child's learning now and into the future.

### ATTENDANCE

One of our ongoing focus areas in our three year School Plan is increasing student attendance. Students need to be at school every day and on time to reach their full potential. The school has a legal responsibility to follow up the absences of all students and ensure parents are fully aware of their obligations as well. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will be conducting a roll check this week and we will be contacting parents/carers if students are flagged as having attendance concerns. This may involve you coming in for a face to face meeting with the HSLO and a representative from our school. Thank you for continuing to work with us to get your children to school each day and on time.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

At Windale PS we believe every student, every teacher, every leader and every school can improve. To assist us in meeting these high expectations, we need your help in our classrooms from Preschool to Year 6. This could be assisting with reading, writing or numeracy activities, just to name a few. Even a short amount of time each week can make a real difference. We are sending home notes asking for your help with this newsletter and I look forward to seeing lots of our community working shoulder to shoulder with our staff and students in our classrooms in the coming weeks. Together we can give your children the very best learning opportunities possible at any school in the state here at Windale.

Have a fantastic week of learning everyone!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wednesday 27th June</b> <b>Netball Gala Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd July</b> <b>Touch Football Gala Day</b>	<b>Thursday 5th July</b> <b>NAIDOC week Celebrations &amp; Yr 6 Cake stall</b>
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We have a junior and a senior netball team that are playing in the mixed netball competition on Fridays at the Charlestown Netball Courts.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May the junior team played Floraville and we had a win. The senior team played St Mary's Warners Bay and had a very convincing win. Congratulations to all players for their efforts and good sportsmanship. Particular mention to Taylor Adam for playing two (2) games on the day.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May the junior team played Mt Hutton. They played their best but just lost this game. The senior team also lost to St Mary's Warners Bay. Once again, players did their best and enjoyed their games.





### WEEK 7

Each week in our newsletter we will be focusing on an issue related to attendance. This week we would like to focus on the importance of regular attendance. **Did you know that for every day your child misses of school, it takes them 3 days to catch up?** This is because absences from school affect students in many ways. Not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. If you are having trouble getting your child to come to school, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that we can work together to fix the problem. For your child to reach their full potential in the future, regular attendance is vital. Thank you for your ongoing support in the area of attendance

### WEEK 8

#### **Why must I send my child to school?**

Education in NSW is compulsory. Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance. Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified. For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness. If Principals do not consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified. It is important to understand that the NSW Department of Education may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.



#### **Background TV**

Paediatric studies have shown that on average children from 8 months to eight years are exposed to at least 4 hours of background tv a day. Background tv diverts children's attention from other worthwhile and important play opportunities. It can also result in less focussed play and fleeting attention. This can have an adverse reaction for language and general development.

Here are some tips to combat the TV

- Turn off the TV when no one is watching it.
- Minimise media consumption when children are around
- Schedule media downtime



## Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 5

KD	Mia D, Annalee M, Landon R	3D	Luke S, Kiarni S, Alaska L	Respect Awards
KM	Ryan L, Mataio T,	4H	Amelia Y-S, Sharna W-W,	
1/2M	Eliana L, Cameran H-K, Maxim H, Annabelle D	5GM		Lucky Awards
1/2S	Lily K, Lexi M, Taj H	6C	Elle F, Bindah D, Jye A	



**CLASS AWARDS**



**HOME READER AWARDS**



**INFANTS AWARDS**



**PRIMARY AWARDS**

<b>INFANTS HOME READING AWARD</b>	<b>KM</b>
<b>INFANTS CLEANLINESS AWARD</b>	<b>1 / 2 S</b>
<b>PRIMARY HOME READING AWARD</b>	<b>3D</b>
<b>PRIMARY CLEANLINESS AWARD</b>	<b>4H</b>
<b>UNIFORM AWARD</b>	<b>1 / 2M</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b>	<b>6C</b>
<b>ASSEMBLY AWARD</b>	<b>4H</b>

## Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 6

KD	Dominic H, Maleah S, Noah S, Ivy H	3D		Respect Awards
KM		4H	Tara G, Levi M, Felecity B, Elijah W	
1/2M	Ashlyn S, Jayleigha M, Jericho D, Brayden B	5GM		Lucky Awards
1/2S		6C	Tenasy L, Morgan D-K, Craig C	



LUCKY AWARDS



ATTENDANCE AWARD



HOME READER AWARDS



INFANTS AWARDS



PRIMARY AWARDS

**INFANTS HOME READING AWARD**

**KD**

**INFANTS CLEANLINESS AWARD**

**1 / 2S**

**PRIMARY HOME READING AWARD**

**5GM**

**PRIMARY CLEANLINESS AWARD**

**4H**

**UNIFORM AWARD**

**KD**

**ATTENDANCE AWARD**

**KM**

**ASSEMBLY AWARD**

**KD**

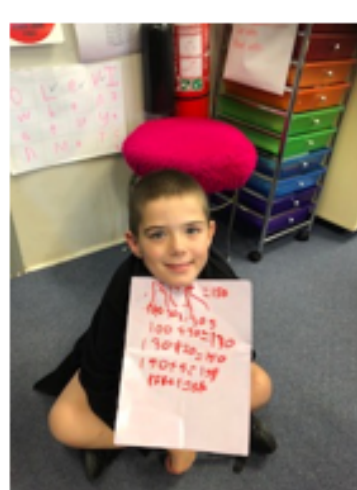


# We Maths

**We are mathematicians in 4H!!**

We are learning to solve and justify our answers in maths. We know it is great to get the correct answer but it very important that we can **explain** or **justify** the **process** of how the problem was solved.

Look at us go!!!





**Week 6 at Preschool, Kookaburras have enjoyed cooking pizzas even adding parsley from our garden and Possums picked oranges from our tree and made healthy orange juice by squeezing them.**



*Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world*



**What do children learn from growing and preparing food?**

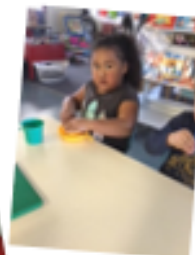
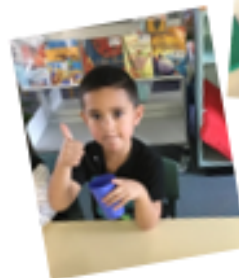
**Responsibility**

**Self confidence**

**Co-operation**

**Nutrition**

**Love of nature**





# P&C NEWS

## 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 earned 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 are available.



## FRIDAY FOOTBALL

On Friday, 25th May we travelled to Windale Oval for the second week of footy. The juniors has 2 fantastic wins against Eleebana and Wiripaang. Again, sportsmanship was of the highest order. Player of the match awards went to Ben and Kiarni. Special mention to Chevy and Tyrell who scored a blockbusting try!

The seniors also has a win against Wiripaang, playing great attacking football. Players of the match awards went to Nate and Eli.

A Big thank you to coaches Luke and Tim.

After 2 weeks of Rugby League, well known Australian Rules supporter Miss Hannah Davies was heard saying "What a great game Rugby League is. What have I been missing all my life?"

The Knights Knockout for the seniors was unfortunately postponed because of the heavy rain and will be played on Friday, 22nd June. We have lost the last 2 Friday's of footy because of the inclement weather.





## fair Play OOSH – gateshead

Come in and meet our wonderful staff  
and try a **free** Morning Session during  
Term 2 on us.

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### includes

- transport to and from school
- Nutritious breakfast



### 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.



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