

Windale Public School



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TERM 1 WEEK 4

18TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Principal's Message

There's so much happening already and we are only in Week 4. I am excited to let you know about what is happening at Windale PS over the coming few weeks.

BEST START TESTING

Best Start testing will begin today for our Kindergarten students with their classroom teachers during the school day. This week also sees our Kindergarten students extending their time at school to end at 2.45pm each day which is the same as the rest of the school. Thank you to our families for supporting us to make a smooth transition to school for our Kinder students. KD and K/1M teachers will still walk their classes around to under the COLA in the top playground each day.

CRAZY HAIR DISCO – WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Our first disco for the year will be held this Wednesday 20th February in our school hall. The K-2 Disco is from 3.30-4.30pm and the 3-6 Disco is from 4.45-6.00pm. The cost of entry is \$2.50 and there will be food and drinks and also glow bands for sale. Thank you to our fantastic staff and DJ Daz for giving up their own time to supervise the disco. We know it will be a great event!

P&C MEETING – MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Monday 25th February at 9.30am in our meeting room. I encourage everyone to come along and have a say in your child's education at Windale PS. I will be discussing proposed changes to school assemblies and construction works to be done to the classrooms and grounds. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

FUTURE FOCUSED LEARNING

We pride ourselves at Windale PS on building the capacity of our students to become fearless learners and develop the skills necessary for an everchanging world. This year will see all of our classrooms equipped with new Promethean boards to replace the old Smart boards and 4/5D

and 5/6C will have new flexible furniture delivered this Wednesday which the staff and students are very excited about. We have also put more money aside in the budget to hopefully allow for two more classes to have flexible furniture bought in the near future.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Over the coming few weeks we will have a considerable amount of works completed across the grounds including a long overdue upgrade of I Block which is the long building facing Kilfera Street which currently houses our KD and K/1M classrooms. This will mean that these two classes will need to relocate to the Library for approximately two weeks while these works are being completed but I am sure you will agree this is a short term inconvenience for a long term gain. Our bottom carpark gate will also remain locked at all times for the near future as this will be used to hold the construction materials needed for these large building and roof works to occur. I am also following up at the moment regarding a start date for our new playground equipment in the top playground which is very exciting, tree works that need to occur to ensure the safety of our students and community when on site and also the replacement of the garden underneath the flagpoles using concrete blocks to allow the construction of additional seating as well.

It has been such a busy start to the year coordinating all of these works which will significantly improve the look of our grounds and classrooms. Our students are working hard in their classrooms and our teachers are giving 110% to everything as they always do. I truly am blessed to work with such talented and dedicated people every day who help to make Windale PS the special place that it is. Here's to another great week of learning ahead!

Ms Cindy Sadler

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 20th February	Monday 25th February	Tuesday 12th March
Crazy Hair Disco	P&C Meeting	Robotics Day
From 3.30pm	9:30am	@ Windale Public School

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Crazy Hair Disco 2019



Glow bands for sale
Drinks, Chips &
Lollies for sale

Wednesday 20th February 2019

K-2 3:30pm - 4:30pm

3-6 4:45pm - 6pm

COST: \$2.50

ROBOTICS DAY

Dear Parents / Caregiver,

We are very fortunate to be hosting a Robotics Day at our school enabling our students the opportunity to engage in Science, Maths, Engineering, Digital Technology, and Coding.

Detailed information about the programs are attached.

If you would like your child to participate in this amazing opportunity please complete the permission note below and return to the office with payment. Full payment is required for your child/children to participate in the session.

When	Tuesday, 12 th March
Where	Windale Public School
K-2 Cost	Half-day \$25.00 per student
Yrs 3-6 Cost	Full-day \$40.00 per student

Robokids Workshops – We Do 2.0 Years K – 6

Year K – 2 half day 2. 5 hours

Year 3- 6 full day

Designed for primary classrooms, the WeDo 2.0 set, Software, and Get Started Project is a hands-on solution that ignites students' curiosity, while enhancing their skills in science, maths, engineering, digital technology, and coding. WeDo 2.0 is used with an iPad. This classroom-friendly digital tool makes technology come to life. In our We Do workshops the students will initially build a robot following a set of guided instructions, learn to code, then move quickly to the creative phase where they will build a robot of their own design, apply the coding & programming skills learnt, create a design brief of their own choice. Our students simply love the freedom to create and innovate, amazing designs and ideas come to life. Students create 4-8 programs throughout the workshops, dependent on the half or full day option chosen.

Key Learning Values:

- Investigating, modelling, and designing solutions
- Engaging students in science and maths by making it real and relevant
- Programming, sequential logical thought processes
- Recognition of data, computational thinking
- Collaboration and presentation skills



Years 4 to 6 Open Day at Hunter Sports High School



Our First Assembly for 2019

Right:

Dakota Oaten 3/4H
 Luke Sullivan 3/4H
 Hayley Jefferson 4/5D
 Bailey Fairley 4/5D
 Joshua MacBain-Prouse 5/6C
 Jarrama Nicholls 5/6C
 Jesse Wells 5/6C
 Izack Hadley-Kelly 5/6T
 Izaia Trill 5/6T



Below: Kayla Fitzsimmons 4/5D



Above:

Liam Sneddon K/1M	Koda Tisdell 1/2S
Peyton Ayres 1/2L	Brayden Barry 1/2S
Alyssa Fitzsimmons 1/2L	Ashlyn Southern 2/3S
Archer Hennessey 1/2L	Deacon Ayres 2/3S
Eliana Llorente 1/2S	James Burns 2/3S

Introducing...

Mrs Lyn Stokes -ARCO

Anti Racism Contact Officer

My name is Lyn Stokes and in addition to my classroom teaching role, I am also the Anti Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). I have been trained in this role which is to:

1. Receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism
2. Assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required
3. Advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed in lodging a complaint
4. Refer the complaint to a member of the school executive who will be responsible for resolving the complaint

All members of the school community are able to report complaints to me. The school community includes students, parents, staff members and members of the school's wider community.



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. You can also win a holiday!



The uniform shop is open on **Thursday and Friday** mornings from 8.45am – 9.15am .

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

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Safe, Respectful, Responsible



When there is a problem or issue that you need to speak to someone about please follow the correct procedure outlined below.

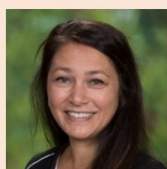
STEP 1

Speak to your child's classroom teacher.
If it is a playground issue, please see the staff member on duty identifiable by the yellow vest.

STEP 2

After speaking to the classroom teacher if you feel the issue needs more support, please see one of the following Executive.

Mrs Angela Smith



Assistant Principal

Mr Timothy Garland



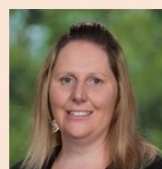
Assistant Principal

Mr Paul Mclean



Instructional Leader

Miss Melissa Carter



Assistant Principal

Mrs Maria Fernandez



Assistant Principal

STEP 3

After you have gone through the steps of speaking to the classroom teacher and an executive member and the matter is still not resolved call the school office on 49488864 to make an appointment to speak to Ms Cindy Sadler our principal.

Ms Cindy Sadler



Principal

Dream, Believe, Achieve



Windale Public School provides quality programs and quality teaching by highly educated, skilled and dedicated staff. We also provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that develops respect, understanding