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Windale Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 6

4TH MARCH, 2019

Principal's Message

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As mentioned in our last newsletter the school is abuzz with activity at the moment.

BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS

Since starting in the role as Principal here over two years ago I have been very clear in my expectations of student behaviour and our commitment to ensuring the students at Windale PS are given every opportunity to receive the best education possible. In this newsletter I am including a copy of the NSW Department of Education's behaviour code for students for your reference as I do each year. This outlines the expectations of all students in NSW public schools across the state and is the foundation on which all decisions are made regarding expectations of how our students will behave at school. The learning, wellbeing and safety of all students is a high priority at Windale PS and we implement teaching and learning approaches designed specifically to support the development of skills needed by our students to meet these high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Every student has a right to the best education possible and every teacher has the right to teach. Students who choose not to follow these expectations and are impinging on the learning of others will be dealt with in accordance with Departmental policy and guidelines which may include the suspension policy if necessary. Every person of our school community deserves to be treated with respect and in our next newsletter I will be discussing the Department of Education's newly released school community charter which outlines the expectations of how respectful communication is expected when parents and families deal with the school.

FLEXIBLE FURNITURE

New flexible furniture was delivered for 4/5D and 5/6C as well as our Library on Wednesday which has made a massive difference to the engaging feel of those learning spaces. We have already started planning for the purchase of new flexible furniture also for 2/3S and 3/4H so hopefully we can organise the funding and ordering for this in the near future.

SAFETY DRILLS

Just a friendly reminder that as part of our Work Health and Safety procedures, we are required to hold regular evacuation and lockdown drills throughout the school year which means there will be one in the coming weeks. These drills are designed to ensure that in the event of a real emergency situation that everyone on our school site knows what to do. Staff will discuss this with their classes to ensure they are not unnecessarily upset by the process. Discussing why this occurs at home with your own child would also be helpful.

ASSEMBLIES

As I mentioned in my report last week I took to the last P&C meeting a proposal for us to change our weekly Monday afternoon assemblies to once a fortnight. This is designed to free up extra time for learning in the classrooms and will mean that our fortnightly Monday afternoon assemblies will hopefully have more parent representation. All community members at the meeting agreed with this proposal so after this Monday's assembly our next one will then be held on Monday 18th March.

DONATIONS FOR P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Any donations of yummy Easter Eggs for this year's raffle can be left at our school canteen. Thank you for supporting this fantastic fundraiser for our school.

Looking forward to seeing lots of families at this week's parent/teacher interviews. Have a great week everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 12th March

Robotics Day

@ Windale Public School

Wednesday 13th March

Eastlakes Zone Trials

Friday 29th March

Annual Cross Country

@ Hunter Sports HS



After last year's positive feedback regarding our parent/teacher interviews being held in Term 1, we are again doing the same thing this year with all our K-6 classes holding interviews this week. This will be when our new Kindergarten families will also receive their Best Start feedback reports as well as their First Day of Kinder photo. It is crucial that all families take time to meet with their new class teacher to discuss their child's learning, and to have input into the development of specific plans to meet their individual needs.

The link is below to make an online booking with your child's teacher on their scheduled interview day off class. If you are unable to come on that particular day, please contact us and we will arrange a mutually convenient time on another day.

Alternatively if you are having problems making your booking online, please come and see our front office staff who will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education at Windale PS.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=ch8wz>



Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 5 students represented Windale Public School at the Eastlakes Swimming Carnival. The students swam exceptionally well during the rainy day carnival at Charlestown Swim Centre. Congratulations!



UPCOMING DATES!

Wednesday 13th March, 2019

Eastlakes Zone Trials

Friday 29th March 2019

Our Annual Cross Country is to be held at Hunter Sports High School and is for students 8 to 13 years old. More details to come very soon—start practicing so you're ready for the big race!

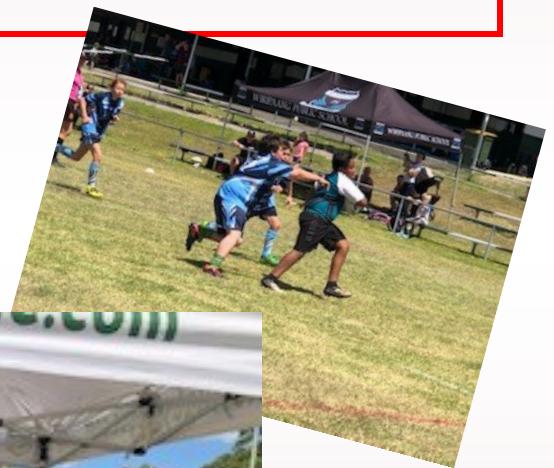
SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

TABLE TENNIS

This week our table tennis program will start for school sport. We were able to purchase 4 table tennis tables and receive professional coaching due to being successful in receiving a Sports in Schools Grant.

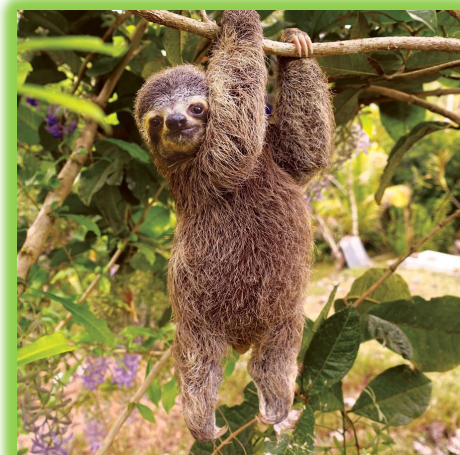
Paul Harragon Cup

Some of our lucky students participated in the Paul Harragon Cup League Carnival on Tuesday 26th February at Windale Oval. All students played with enthusiasm and demonstrated good sportsmanship skills. We played 4 games and were very proud of our team efforts in each game. A BIG thanks to Luke Jenkins for coaching us on the day. Students were very excited to meet and chat to Knights player Matt Croker.



SID THE SLOTH

Class 3/4H has adopted an endangered sloth (Sid) as their class pet. Students are learning through Sid all about endangered animals and environmental issues that many of our animals are facing everyday through human interference in our world today. Students are invited to take Sid home on weekends and allow him to join in with their family adventures. Sid is loved by everyone in 3/4H!



Windale Junior Rugby League

Registrations Open

Only \$50*

includes socks and shorts for all registered players

Register online playnrl.com

Or

Come down to the club Tuesday's & Thursdays 4pm - 6pm

**Full price \$150 however \$100 Active Kids Voucher Can be redeemed.*

Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help us this year at the club?

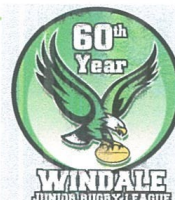
We need Volunteers for Weekday School events at the field &/or weekend game days

Including First Aid Officers, Canteen, General helpers (setting fields)

If interested come on down to a rego afternoon or contact the email below

(First aid officers will have training and must be at all weekend home games, All Volunteers must complete a free working with children check)

For Further information reach out to
Jess Waddington (Registrar)
windalejrllfc@hotmail.com



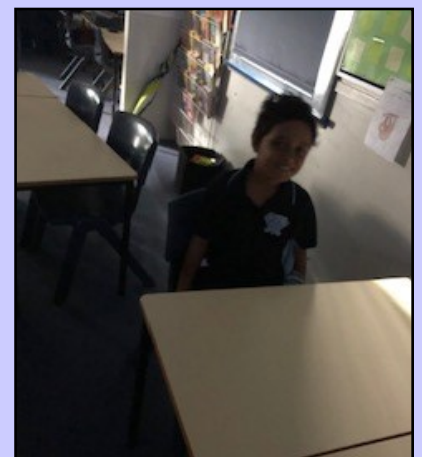
**CLUB OF
THE YEAR
2018**

Meditation Mode

Students in 3/4H practise mindfulness meditation every day after a lunchtime of playing and physical activity.

Mindfulness meditation trains one to develop this quality of attention. This practice supports students to commence tasks with the understanding that 'class time is learning time.'

Students in 3/4H have responded positively to this practice and are achieving academic success in all areas of learning.



What have our Preschoolers been up to?



PRESCHOOLERS
LEARNING
ABOUT
ABORIGINAL
CULTURE

Preschool children have enjoyed time with Aunty Boo learning new things about Aboriginal culture. We have experienced art, dance, music and nature all from an Aboriginal perspective.



WE LOVE WHEN
AUNTY BOO
VISITS
PRESCHOOL



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is valued and significant and it's important to us at preschool to help all our children understand the history, culture and lives of the Aboriginal community



**Monday 15th****All Hands on Drums**

Join in on the fun with Tom Harding & create music with drums & get everyone singing and dancing.

Create your own**Instrument**

Create your own unique instrument using materials at OOSH to use in the talent show.

Excursion**Tuesday 16th****Kurri Kurri Indoor Pool**

Enjoy the inflatable pool obstacle course & 4 hours of non stop splashing in the pool.

Lunch In the Park

Enjoy the Autumn day while you eat your lunch in the park.

Excursion**Wednesday 17th****Movie Mayhem***"Wonderpark"*

Recline in style and enjoy a gold class movie experience seeing the latest flick.

*Popcorn included***OOSH Arcade**

Design and create your own game for people to play.

Excursion**Thursday 18th****Reptile Park**

Get up close and personal and hands on with reptiles from around the world and native Australian animals in the natural bush setting

Wind down and relax for the afternoon with art, craft and tech time.

Excursion**Friday 19th****Monday 22nd****Tuesday 23rd****Ninja Parc & Climb**

Use your skills to tackle the obstacle course in true ninja style. Challenge your friends to see who can finish the course the quickest.

Then...

Clip and climb your way to the top of the colourful and exciting walls.

Excursion**Wednesday 24th****Australian Army Infantry Museum**

Show your respect for the diggers past and present and take a tour of the museum.

Rose Point Park

Eat lunch with your friends and enjoy some fun on the playground before heading back to OOSH.

Excursion**Thursday 25th****Friday 26th****Foot Golf**

Jump on the bus for a game of foot golf, the new way to enjoy golf. Kick the soccer ball into a cup.

Mini Golf

Take on the top notch mini golf course

Excursion**Monday 29th****Sandboarding Safari**

Enjoy a sandboarding safari on the largest moving dunes in the Southern Hemisphere.

Travel across the dunes in a 4WD and stay and play as long as you like on the dunes.

Bring your snacks and lunch and enjoy lunch with a view.

Excursion

Fair Play OOSH Gateshead

0412 728 915

stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au

www.fairplayoosh.com.au





April 2019

Vacation Care information



Fees

Day Camps \$50
Incursions & Excursions \$65
Coach Fee / Hire Bus \$10
Late Collection Fee \$5per child per minute
Excursion **Green** Shirt \$15

Daily incursion and excursion fee of \$65 is inclusive of excursion costs and travel under 25km.

Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy

NO cancellation Policy for Vacations Care Excursions and Incursions and 24 hours for Day Camps.



Things your children will need daily

- Send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snack and drink bottle.
- A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing.
- **Enclosed shoes. No thongs, sandals and ballet flats.**
- Positive Attitude.
- **Green** Fair Play shirt for Excursions. (Compulsory)
- Sunscreen to be supplied if your child is sensitive to sunscreen.



Risk Assessments

Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place.

The companies/ locations Risk Assessment and Public Liability and WWCC are obtained.

Ratios

1:15 in service
1:10 on excursion
1:5 water activities



How to Book

Phone - 0412 728 915

Email- stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au

Family Lounge - www.fairplayoosh.com.au

you will be required to complete a booking form to confirm bookings



Operational Hours & Location

7am - 6pm

(Please confirm with Centrelink your approved hours for care)

St Pauls Primary School

Felton Street, Gateshead NSW 2290

**Play, learn & grow
together in a quality
service where kids can be
kids.**



Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 6

KD	Cody Barry, Savannah Fairley, Jaxon Pengilley	3/4H	Cameron Hadley-Kelly, Lily Knight	Home Reader Awards
K/1M	Azaryah Alao, Lyrik Clarke, Alikade Dixon	4/5D	Shontay Ahoy-Bates, Cody Castle, Kiarra Clarke	Lucy Hinton
1/2L	Lucy Hinton, Ashtyn Millan	5/6C	Taylor Adam, Tallyn McPhee, Ty-Rhys Towers	Lucky Awards
1/2S	Brayden Barry, Lexxi Holmes, Victor Scott	5/6T	Matthew Lambkin, Sharna Wallace-Welch	Emily Burgess
2/3S	Riley Baddock, Amelia Waller, Latiah Murray			



INFANTS AWARDS



PRIMARY AWARDS



HOME READER AWARDS



LUCKY AWARDS

Milabah - Place of Fun.

Term 1 Week 6

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.



Good for Kids Good for Life

CONSENT FORM EXTENSION. The Good for Life Good for Kids is a Hunter New England Health initiative, Windale Public School is partnering on a research program that will focus on healthy lunchboxes. If you have lost your note and would still like to participate, there is a link below where you can fill out an online registration.

<https://redcap.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/redcap/surveys/?s=N88D4HH3DC> or if you want more information, give Nayerra a call 49246064

Good for kids
good for life



Helping Improve Your Child's Health

Windale Public School has been working with the Good for Kids, Good for Life program to encourage children's healthy eating and physical activity since 2006.

You are invited to take part in some research, to see if the program changes what children eat. A team of researchers will come to the school and take a snapshot of the types of foods children like to eat and Year 5 & 6 students will be invited to participate in a survey. An information letter and consent form was previously sent home.

If you are happy for your child to participate, we ask that you complete one form per child) enrolled at this school by **Friday 8th March**.

You can also provide consent by clicking [here](#)

If you have any questions about this research please contact:

Nayerra Hudson on 4924 6064 or email

nayerra.hudson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



Free Legal Service

Our Legal support at Milabah, Pat, has changed 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**

TAFE Outreach

It's not too late to enroll in this course. Come along and chat to Nadene about what the course involves. The course will start Friday 1st March, with opportunity to enroll for two weeks.

BE AMBITIOUS

BE READY FOR FUTURE CAREERS & TRAINING CHOICES

Up-Skill 4 U

CS05555- Statement of Attainment in Education and Employment Pathways



COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide learners guidance & planning for their future training and career options.

This community focused course will include a range of essential computer operations and employability skills, focusing on future training and employment opportunities.

You can pathway into various Certificate level courses after identifying your options.

Topics will include:

- Microsoft office computer skills
- Resumes & Interview variables
- Recognition of your transferable skills and prior qualifications

Course start:
Friday, 1st March 2019
9.30 am – 11.30 am
Milabah, Kilfera St
Windale Public School

There are still places available for this course.

Rosalee Newburn, Coordinator at Milabah SaCC on 4948 7786

For all other enquiries please contact Cass Ralph

COURSE SNAPSHOT

CS05555 – Statement of Attainment Education & Employment Pathways

Cost: This training is fully subsidised by the NSW Government.

Course start:
Friday, 1st March 2019 at Milabah, Windale Public School
1 day per week, 9.30 – 12.30 Term 1

CONTACT US TODAY!

For more information
Contact: Cassandra Ralph
Phone: 4923 7414 or 4923 7295
Email: cassandra.ralph@talenor.nsw.edu.au

TAFE NSW





Windale Public School

Term 1

Parent Planner

(as at 26th February and subject to change)

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Week 1	27/01	28/01	29/01	30/01 Preschool, Year 1-6 students return	31/01 Kindergarten first day of school	01/02 School Photos for Kindy and School Leaders	02/02
Week 2	03/02	04/02 Permission notes for Swap It	05/02	06/02 Swimming Carnival Charlestown Pool	07/02	08/02	09/02
Week 3	10/02	11/02 School Leaders Photos	12/02	13/02 Waiyarang CoS opening of Hunter Sports HS, Year 4-6	14/02	15/02 Swap It notes due back	16/02
Week 4	17/02	18/02 Best Start Testing	19/02	20/02 Crazy Hair Disco, K-2 3.30-4.30pm, Year 3-6 4.45-6pm	21/02 Zone Swimming Carnival	22/02 Zone Swimming Carnival Best Start Follow Up Training	23/02
Week 5	24/02	25/02 P&C Meeting 9.30- 11am	26/02 Paul Harragon Cup 9- 2.45pm AECG Meeting – Awabakal EEC 6-8pm	27/02	28/02	01/03	02/03
Week 6	03/03	04/03 Parent/Teacher Interviews - Hub	05/03 Parent/Teacher Interviews - Hub	06/03 Parent/Teacher Interviews - Hub	07/03 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Hub Clean Up Australia	08/03 Parent/Teacher Interviews - Hub	09/03
Week 7	10/03	11/03 Halogen Leaders Day - Sydney	12/03 Robokids Sessions	13/03 Zone Soccer	14/03 Water Bubble Show – Hall P-Year 2	15/03 National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence	16/03
Week 8	17/03	18/03	19/03 Year 6 2020 Enrolment forms due	20/03	21/03	22/03 Colour Run – 12pm	23/03
Week 9	24/03	25/03 NAPLAN Practice Test P&C/AGM Meeting 9.30-11am	26/03 NAPLAN Practice Test	27/03 NAPLAN Practice Test Living Safely with dogs – Preschool 10-11am	28/03 NAPLAN Practice Test	29/03 NAPLAN Practice Test Cross Country – Hunter Sports HS	30/03
Week 10	31/03	01/04 NAPLAN Practice Test	02/04 NAPLAN Practice Test	03/04 NAPLAN Practice Test T Ball Gala Day Living Safely with dogs – Preschool 10-11am	04/04 NAPLAN Practice Test	05/04 NAPLAN Practice Test	06/04
Week 11	07/04	08/04	09/04 School Photos	10/04	11/04 School Photos - Preschool	12/04	13/04