

# Windale Public School

TERM 2 WEEK 1

30TH APRIL, 2019

## Principal's Message



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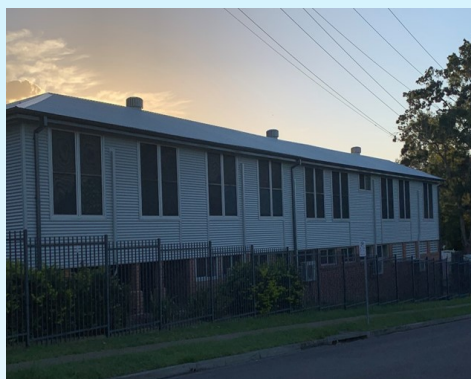
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Welcome back everyone to another fantastic term of learning at Windale PS. It will be hard to top all the hard work and progress we made as a school in Term 1 as we achieved so much but I know our fearless learners and dynamic teaching staff are up to the challenge! In this Principal's Report I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on a couple of our major achievements in Term 1 before shifting our focus to the term ahead.

### I BLOCK REFURBISHMENT AND NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Term 1 saw the refurbishment of the external walls and roofing of I Block (the long building closest to the road near our bottom oval) finally being completed after many years of lobbying for it to be upgraded. What a difference the look of that building makes to the image of our school. Our new playground equipment has been finished too and our students and staff absolutely love it!! This is just the beginning of continuing works that are to be completed across the school in the coming months which is really exciting. We thank everyone in our school community for understanding that such work with many trades involved does have an impact on how the school runs each day but that the benefits in the long run for short term inconvenience are definitely worth it.



### CHILDREN ARE AT THE CENTRE OF EVERY DECISION WE MAKE

As outlined in the Department of Education's Strategic Plan 2018-2022, **we at Windale PS believe it is our mission to prepare our students to lead rewarding and productive lives in a complex and dynamic world.** No matter how busy our school gets with special events and activities, our core business still remains improving the learning outcomes for every student in our school from Preschool to Year 6. This is only possible with everyone including students, parents/carers and the school working together in partnership. As part of our annual review of school procedures and guidelines to meet Department of Education policy requirements, we have recently completed our update of the school's **Anti-Bullying Plan** which is now available for viewing on our school website at <http://www.windale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/anti-bullying-plan> Thank you to Ms Melissa Carter who has coordinated this review to ensure our 2019-2020 plan meets Departmental requirements and is reflective of feedback from all stakeholders.

### DOES YOUR CHILD CURRENTLY RECEIVE SUPPORT THROUGH THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME?

We are currently updating our procedures and paperwork to allow external NDIS service providers to work with students within our setting during school time. **If you wish for your child to be able to access support from any current or future external agency provider through NDIS, can you please come to the school administration office and pick up an application form to start the process.** Personnel from external providers will then need to provide all appropriate documentation for approval before any therapy can recommence this term. This is to ensure that the educational needs of all students are being met and valuable class time is utilised to its full potential with as few as distractions as possible during prime learning time. Have a fantastic week of learning everyone.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Zone Cross Country  
Tuesday 7th May**

**Athletics Carnival @  
Hunter Sports High  
Friday 17th May**

**Stage 2 Excursion to Point  
Wolstoncroft  
Tuesday 28th May**



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# Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

# 2020

(Parents must read this document before submitting an online application)

## Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020?

You must apply online at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



### Key dates

**Tuesday 30 April 2019**

Application website opens

**Friday 17 May 2019**

Application website closes at 5.00pm

You must apply by the due date.

**Wednesday 17 July 2019**

Test authority letters sent to applicants

**Wednesday 31 July 2019**

Opportunity Class Placement Test

**Mid-October 2019**

Placement outcome information is sent

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

**Note:** The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents\* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team<sup>^</sup>.

### Contact details

High Performing Students Team

NSW Department of Education

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Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

<sup>^</sup> In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

\*"Parent" is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.





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# Information bulletin for primary schools

Year 5 entry to an  
opportunity class  
in **2020**

## Changes to the bulletin

This bulletin contains detailed guidance for provision of school assessment scores. Please read carefully the information on pages 7 and 8 so you can ensure that the scores you give are most effective.

## Important dates

Date	Process
Late March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application information sent to schools</li> <li>• Application information is updated on the High Performing Student Team's<sup>A</sup> website</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30 April 2019	Application website opens and parents apply online
Wednesday 1 May 2019	Advertisement announcing availability of application information in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> and <i>Daily Telegraph</i> . Advertisements also on Facebook and Twitter
Friday 17 May 2019	Application website closes. The closing date for applications will be strictly observed except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where the extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented
Tuesday 21 May 2019	Principals' application processing site opens (government schools only)
Friday 7 June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principals' application processing site closes (government schools only)</li> <li>• Non-government principals complete <i>Principal's page for provision of school assessment scores</i> and return it to the Team</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are sent a <i>Test authority</i> letter from the Team</li> <li>• Test centre advice is sent to schools</li> </ul>
Wednesday 31 July 2019	Opportunity Class Placement Test
Wednesday 14 August 2019	Illness/misadventure requests lodged with the Team
September 2019	Selection committees meet
Mid-October 2019	Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information
Friday 25 October 2019	Appeals submitted to principals
Friday 1 November 2019	Appeals forwarded to the Team with principals' comments
Mid-November 2019	Appeals panel meets
Late November 2019	Appeals outcome advised
January 2020	<i>Authority to attend an opportunity class</i> letters sent to parents of successful students



### Hunter Touch Football Trials

Good luck to Kiarni and Joel Simon at the Hunter PSSA Touch Football trials on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### Hunter PSSA Rugby League Trials

Last term, Joel Simon travelled to Raymond Terrace for the Hunter Rugby League trials. The competition was very strong and Joel did himself and his school proud.

### Cross Country

Students who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their race will receive a ribbon at the Cross Country Presentation assembly on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Students who placed top 4 in their race received a permission note to attend the PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival which is on Week 2, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Belmont. Good luck to our Windale Cross Country Team!

### Macquarie Cup Netball and Football

Please return permission notes as soon as possible. Please refer to permission notes and other information for start dates. A reminder that the school will always endeavour to notify of any changes to sporting events ASAP. This information is communicated through the school's app and Facebook page. Looking forward to another great term of sport at Windale.

### Athletics Carnival

Our annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival will again be run for Years 3-6 students and any interested Year 2 student who turn 8 in 2019. It will be held at Hunter Sports High School on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2 Week 3). All notes are due Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May., and the school will provide transport free of charge.

### Term 2 Primary Sport

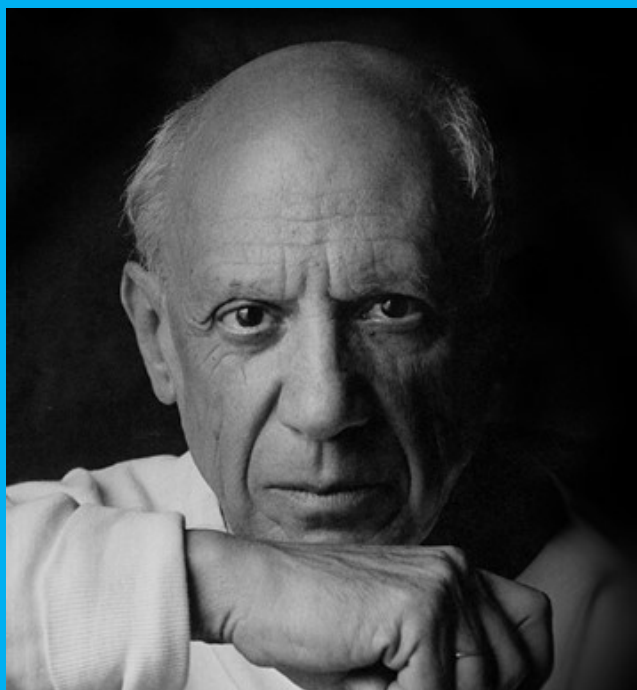
Term 2 sport will begin in Week 2, students who will not compete in the Windale Rugby League and Macquarie Cup will participate in rotational sport on our school grounds. Please ensure your child always has a school hat, refillable water bottle and their asthma puffer if they carry one.

### Term 2 Aldi MiniRoos Soccer Program Infants

Windale Public School has been successful in receiving a \$2700 grant from the Australian Government as part of the Sporting Schools Initiative. In the past we have used funding to implement sporting programs for all students free of charge in sports of hockey, tennis, table tennis, athletics and gymnastics. This term we will be participating in a 9 week soccer program, led by trained coaches from the Newcastle Jets. This program will take place on Tuesdays from Week 2 and will be **FREE OF CHARGE**. This means that all infants' students need to wear their joggers on Tuesdays. Watch Facebook for some photos of our progress in soccer.

## What has 3/4H been up to?

*We have been studying the artist Pablo Picasso and his techniques when he is drawing portraits. Picasso's paintings defined modern art. Our portraits illustrate how we are all different in the way we look as people. As the quote reads: "What makes you different makes you beautiful!"*



**Every child** is an artist.  
The problem is to **remain** an  
artist once they **grow up**.

- Pablo Picasso



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## Aboriginal Education Parent Meeting

**Our next Aboriginal Education Meeting will be Friday 10th May 2019.**

**Time: 1.45pm-2.45pm**

**Where: Milabah (Afternoon tea provided)**

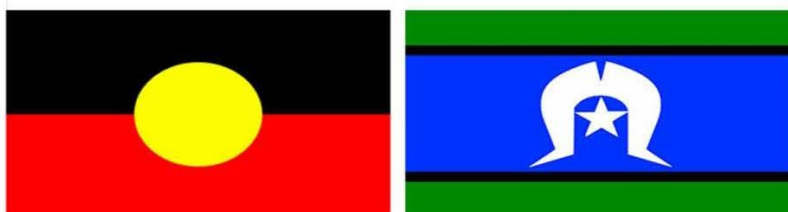
**Agenda: NAIDOC Celebrations**

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

**Education is the passport to our children's future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.**

Belinda Schueppenhauer  
Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer

Cindy Sadler  
Principal



# Milabah

Schools as Community Centre

Roselea Newburn – Facilitator

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## Term 2 2019 Programs

## What's happening at Milabah

### Playgroups

#### 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

Come along and join Sharna and Allison 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**

### Legal Advice

Free legal advice is available through Milabah. If you need legal advice and would like to talk to Pat (our solicitor), 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.



Circle of Security  
PARENTING SERIES

**Presented by:** Allison Forsyth and Roselea Newburn registered COS facilitators  
**Sponsored by:** Samaritans & Milabah Schools as Community Centre (SaCC)  
**Location:** Milabah Schools as Community Centre  
Windale Public School, Kilfera St, Windale  
**When:** Mondays **Times:** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm  
**Dates:** 6<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> June  
**Childcare:** Limited numbers, must be booked when registering **Cost:** Free  
**Call to register:** Allison - 49507215 0428166119  
Roselea - 49487786 0402317820

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

#### Learning Objectives of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure



### Come and meet new friends

#### Coffee and Craft

Do you have unfinished projects? Do you want to learn new skills, or do you have skills to share? Come along to Coffee and Craft on:



**Thursdays: 12.30PM – 2.30 PM at Milabah.**

Children are welcome under your supervision. Give yourself some time out to relax, have a chat and discover that creative self you have hidden away.



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## The simplest way

... to get kids involved in packing a healthy lunch box.

Getting kids involved in selecting – from healthy choices – what they would like to eat at school means they are more likely to eat what's packed in the lunch box.



Visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) and use our interactive [lunch box builder](#) with your children to plan a healthy lunch box.

Kids can choose lunch box foods from the pictures in each of the food groups to pack a healthy lunch box they will enjoy.

To help you plan for the week ahead, saving you time and money, you can email or print the lunch boxes your children pack online along with **personalised tips and recipes.**

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

## Windale Fresh

### Dates for orders to be in for Term2:

I would love to see more community members take advantage of this great program. Orders for Term 2 need to be in by: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June. Orders can be picked up from



Milabah on the following Monday from about 12pm. Volunteers welcome to help pack baskets. Fresh fruit and vegetables can be ordered fortnightly at great prices. We order online and fresh, seasonal produce is delivered to Milabah. The cost will still be \$25 for a box full of healthy goodies. Please visit Milabah to place your order each fortnight.



Lake Macquarie Square  
Charter Hall

## Windale Health, Safety and Wellbeing Expo

The day is to bring agencies and services together to showcase the strong local support available in our community. This could be health providers, early learning, housing, family support, youth services or anything that enhances the wellbeing of the families

Come along for a fun day of information and links to services:

When: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Where: Lake Macquarie Square

Time: 10am – 2pm

## Happening in the Community



Eastlakes

Do you have a child turning 4 in 2019? 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 Jaylene McKenzie on 0490503994

Or email [jaylene@jobquest.org.au](mailto:jaylene@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 49487786**







# Windale Public School

## Term 2

### Parent Planner

(as at 29<sup>th</sup> April and subject to change)

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Week 1	28/04	29/04	30/04	01/05 Class Photos – Eagles and Falcons Health & Safety Expo at Lake Mac Square 10am	02/05	03/05	04/05
Week 2	05/05	06/05 Cross Country Ribbon Presentation & Assembly 2-2.45pm	07/05 Zone Cross Country	08/05 Muwani Mother's Day Stall	09/05 K-6 Mother's Day Stall & Activities	10/05 PSSA Girls/Boys Hunter Touch Trials Aboriginal Community Meeting 1.45-2.45pm	11/05
Week 3	12/05	13/05 P&C AGM 12.30-2pm at Milabah	14/05 NAPLAN Online test Preschool Community Day 1-2.30pm	15/05 NAPLAN Online test	16/05 NAPLAN Online test Preschool Community Day 1-2.30pm	17/05 NAPLAN Online test 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports HS	18/05
Week 4	19/05	20/05 NAPLAN Online test Assembly	21/05 NAPLAN Online test	22/05 NAPLAN Online test	23/05 NAPLAN Online test	24/05 NAPLAN Online test	25/05
Week 5	26/05	27/05	28/05 Stage 2 Excursion to Point Wolstoncroft	29/05	30/05	31/05	01/06
Week 6	02/06	03/06 Assembly	04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06	08/06
Week 7	09/06	10/06	11/06	12/06 P-2 Athletics Carnival	13/06	14/06 Aboriginal Community Meeting 1.45-2.45pm	15/06
Week 8	16/06	17/06 Assembly	18/06 Stage 1 Reptile Park Excursion	19/06	20/06	21/06	22/06
Week 9	23/06	24/06	25/06	26/06 Netball Gala Day	27/06	28/06	29/06
Week 10	30/06	01/07 Assembly	02/07	03/07	04/07 NAIDOC Week Celebrations	05/07	06/07