

Windale Public School

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Principal's Message



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It is such an exciting time to be at Windale PS. This time of year is prime learning time and our classrooms are buzzing with engaging learning activities that challenge our students to achieve their very best. As always our enthusiastic and dedicated staff are giving 110% to ensure that every single child at Windale PS is known, valued and cared for. No one caters for the diversity of student needs better than our amazing staff.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who came along and participated in our Mother's Day celebrations last Thursday. Every year we have more and more people come along and leave with huge smiles on their faces which is so pleasing to see. A big thank you to Mrs Maria Fernandez and the School Promotions committee for hosting such a wonderful event for the special women in the lives of our students and to our dedicated P&C members who ran the Mother's Day stall on the Wednesday and Thursday.

NAPLAN ONLINE

This week sees our Year 3 and Year 5 students involved in NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday to Thursday and continues until the end of next week. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Both Year 3 and Year 5 will be completing their assessments online this year. It is important that all students come to school each day prepared to do their very best after having a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Breakfast club will be running at Milabah as usual for those students who would like to take advantage of this. I know that our students will do well after being prepared and supported by their class teachers and additional support staff that work with Year 3 and Year 5 on a daily basis.

ANTI-RACISM PLAN

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 review of the school's **Anti-Racism Plan** which is available for viewing on our school website at <https://windale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies/anti-racism-policy-2018.html> Thank you to Ms Melissa Carter who has coordinated this review to ensure our plan meets Departmental requirements and is reflective of feedback from all stakeholders.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Do you want to enrol your child in our Preschool or Kindergarten classes for 2020? Enrolments are already being taken so make sure to pick up an enrolment pack and return it as soon as possible so you don't miss out. Preschool numbers are limited to only 20 places per group and we already have some of these spots filled for next year. Our Kindergarten transition program begins in Term 4. Have a fantastic week of learning everyone.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**Athletics Carnival
P—2
Wednesday 12th June**



Education

High Performing Students Team

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[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Team

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

[^] 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.



Education

High Performing Students Team

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"> • Application information sent to schools • Application information is updated on the High Performing Student Team's^A website
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"> • Principals' application processing site closes (government schools only) • Non-government principals complete <i>Principal's page for provision of school assessment scores</i> and return it to the Team
Wednesday 17 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are sent a <i>Test authority</i> letter from the Team • Test centre advice is sent to schools
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



2019 Cross Country Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to our 2019 Age Champions. We had a fabulous Cross Country Carnival and the following students were awarded their medals at our Cross Country presentation assembly last Monday. Students were also awarded ribbons for placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their age race. Congratulations to Macquarie House on winning the shield at this year's Cross Country Carnival.



Cross Country Age Champions 2019

8/9 Yr Girl: Kiarni Simon, 8/9 Yr Boy: Bailey Aiston
 10 Yr Girl: Aleyah Hudson, 8/9 Yr Boy: Cody Castle
 11 Yr Girl: Georgia Hughes, 11 Yr Boy: Taylor Adam
 12 Yr Girl: Sierra Hudson, 12 Yr Boy: Joel Simon



PSSA Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the PSSA Eastlakes Zone Cross Country carnival last Tuesday. Running conditions were perfect with a dry track. All of our students did their absolute best and enjoyed the day. Fantastic effort by Joel Simon who came 8th in his race.

A very special thank you must go to our fantastic parents and families for their outstanding support with transport, and encouragement.



PSSA Hunter Touch Football Trials

Last Friday, Kiarni and Joel Simon trialled for the Hunter PSSA Touch Football team. The trial took place at the

Croudace Bay football fields. The students were placed into teams and played 3 games against other zones within the Hunter. They had to go out and work hard to show their individual ability across the field in both attack and defence. Well Done! Congratulations to Joel Simon for being selected!!!



Athletics Carnival

Our annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at Hunter Sports High School on Friday 17th May (Week 3). All notes are due Wednesday 15th May and the school will be providing transport free of charge. At Windale Public school we always support full participation in all activities. Students will be competing in a range of events including running, high jump and long jump. This year we will be running shot put and discus in the school grounds for interested students not at the carnival. Students are not allowed to leave the Hunter Sports High School unless signed out by a parent or caregiver.

Infants Sport

The ALDI MiniRoos soccer program kicked off last Tuesday. The program is run by trained coaches from the Newcastle Jets. The students enjoyed practising skills and playing games. This program will take place every Tuesday in Term 2 for our infant students.



Term 2 Primary Sport

Students who don't complete in the Windale Rugby League and Macquarie Cup Netball will participate in rotational sport on our school grounds every Friday. Students will have a variety of sports from which to choose. Please ensure your child always has a school hat, refillable water bottle and their asthma puffer if they carry one.

Macquarie Cup Netball and Football

A reminder that the school will always endeavour to notify of any changes to sporting events ASAP.

This information is communicated through the school app and Facebook page.

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 2

HOME READING & INFANTS AWARDS



K/1M	Skarlett-Roze Ferguson, Blake Green, Tex Feletti, Ayla Sams, Scott Forshaw
1/2L	Lucy Hinton, Annalee Marinos, Lukas Donnelly, Izayah Davis, Faith Hall
1/2S	Payge Matthews, Wahta Handy, Jessie Clay, Isaac Edwards, Victor Scott, Lexxi Holmes
2/3S	Amelia Waller, Hannah Green, Talan Martin

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 2

PRIMARY AWARDS

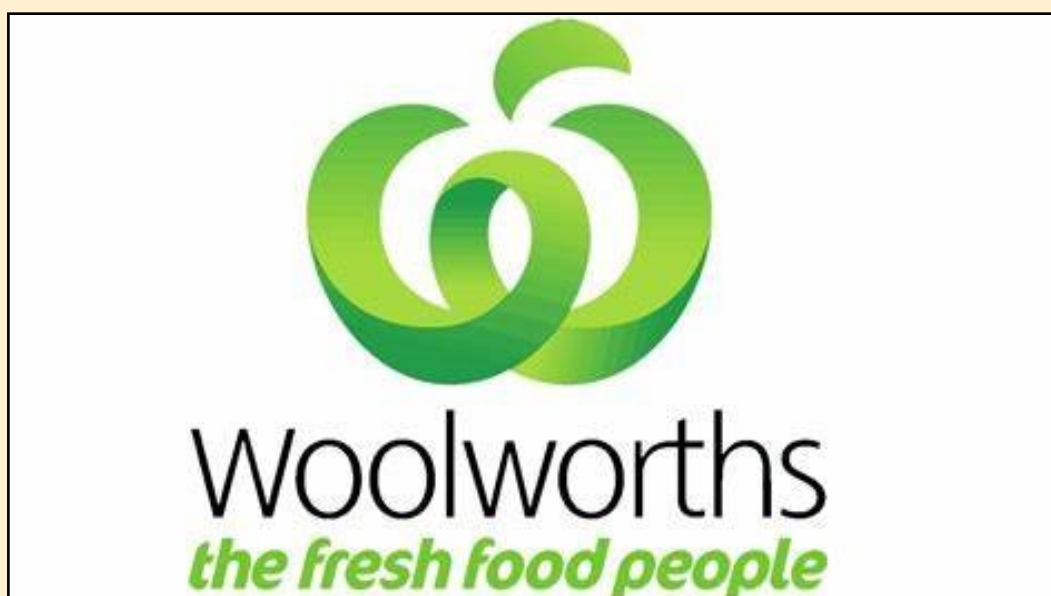


2/3S	Preston Jenkins, Sophie Ahoy, Kathleen Stephenson
3/4H	Bailey Aiston, Jai Laws, Luke Sullivan, Lillyanna Menzies
4/5D	Caitlyn Bellamy, Kaylan Donnelly, Neveah Killian
5/6C	Georgia Hughes, Lee Thornton, Tara Gresham
5/6T	Izaia Trill, Mathew Lambkin, Zak Donnelly, Kiana McCauley

LUCKY AWARDS



Taj Hobden





The Paint Australia REaD Book Relay 2019

The Paint Australia Book Relay is coming to Windale

Date: Wednesday 15th May

Place: Windale Public School

Time: 2.45pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of reading, fun activities and meet

the Reading Bug

We will be holding a gold coin donation sausage sizzle all money raised will

go to the relay team

I think Kora - The Reading Eagle will make an appearance as well

Kora is Lake Macquarie's Paint the Lake REaD mascot

Keep an eye out on Facebook / Paint the Lake REaD page for more information



BE AMBITIOUS**BE READY FOR FUTURE CAREERS &
TRAINING CHOICES****Up-Skill 4 U****CSO5555- 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:

9.30 am – 12.30 am

**Milabah, Kilfera St
Windale Public School**

There are still places available for this course.

Roselea Newburn, Facilitator at
Milabah SaCC on 4948 7786

For all other enquiries please
contact Cass Ralph

**Returns term2
Friday 10th May**

COURSE SNAPSHOT

CSO5555 – Statement of Attainment
Education & Employment Pathways

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

**STILL
ENROLLING**

CONTACT US TODAY!**For more information**

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PRESCHOOL!

The preschool educators are very excited to announce that we will be receiving a grant to significantly improve our outdoor learning environment.

We would love your feedback or any ideas that you have to make this a truly amazing space.





Windale Public School

Term 2

Parent Planner

(as at 29th 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