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Principal's Message



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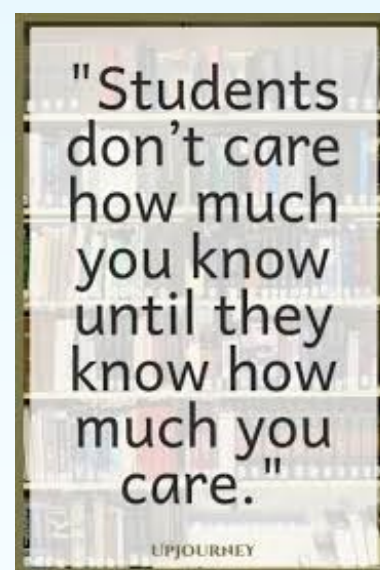
Well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who successfully completed NAPLAN Online over the last two weeks. Students were calm and confident which is due to the thorough preparation that staff have given them and will allow them to achieve the best results possible. We were fortunate that there were very few internet connection issues and that this did not hinder our students from performing at their best. We will let you know when we have heard more about when the results will be made available but I don't anticipate this to be for quite some time.

Regardless of how busy our school terms become, our core business still remains as outlined in the Windale PS 2018-2020 School Plan which can be found on our school website at https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/doe-nsw-schools/plan-report/2018/3893/2018-2020_Windale_Public_School_School_Plan.pdf This document developed in consultation with staff, students and community at the end of 2017 describes our vision for Windale PS to develop **fearless learners, dynamic staff and innovative leaders**. Research clearly shows that the quality of the teacher at the front of the room has a profound effect on the development of every child in that classroom. Just as we expect our students to see learning as a lifelong journey, staff too need to be constantly updating their knowledge of what practices and strategies have been proven to have the greatest impact on student learning and achievement. Every child is different and there is no one size fits all to education. I am proud to say that this is absolutely one of our strengths at Windale PS. Our staff develop genuine relationships with our students and every single one of them is known, valued and

cared for. Personalised Learning and Support Plans are developed to ensure that any child who requires additional support for any reason will get it through the best possible use of school resources, staffing and funding.

I am thrilled to announce that we will be receiving additional funding to develop the outdoor learning environment in our Preschool in the coming months and work will begin very soon. Plans are still being developed after consultation with our community through community days down at the Preschool and through Kinderloop (our Preschool social media platform) and also at our P&C and Aboriginal Community meetings with the feedback being overwhelmingly positive. We are hoping to extend the playground to make it larger as well as include more nature based materials and open ended learning spaces where students can take risks and use their imagination to use the environment in a variety of different ways. All I can say for now is watch this space!!

Have a fantastic week of learning everyone.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Athletics Carnival
P—2
Wednesday 12th June

**Stage 1 Reptile Park
Excursion**
Tuesday 18th June



Primary Athletics Carnival 2019

What a wonderful sunny autumn day we witnessed for what was a very successful athletics carnival.

Every student participated with enthusiasm and outstanding sportsmanship.

Many thanks goes to Hunter Sports High School staff and students that chose to give up their time to assist with duties on the day. Your efforts were a valuable contribution to the success of the carnival. A big thanks to the P & C volunteers for running our BBQ and feeding our hungry athletes, parents and caregivers.

An important part of the carnival is the marching in house teams, just like they do in the Olympics. The marching makes up a part of our Opening Ceremony and points are awarded to the houses based on the standard of the lines, united chanting, marching form and form of the flag bearers.

Congratulations to Hunter (Red) House for being the 2019 Marching Champions!

The students competed in a variety of field and track events and earned house points for their magnificent efforts. The house with the most points at the end of all the events wins the Athletics Carnival 2019 Shield.

This will be announced at our Athletics Ribbon Assembly.





Athletics Sports Assembly

The ribbon assembly will be held on Monday 3rd June at 2pm in the school hall. Students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in each event will receive a ribbon. The athletics age champions will be announced at Presentation Day.

Infants Sport

This term K-2 classes are enjoying improving their soccer skills by being involved in the ALDI MiniRoos Soccer program every Tuesday. The program is run by trained coaches from the Newcastle Jets.

Read the raving reviews from the students below:

"I've been having fun playing soccer with my friends. The coaches have taught me how to dodge when someone tried to take the ball from me. I had to dribble around the cones and that was a bit hard. We played a soccer game at the end. My team lost but I still had fun. I love playing soccer!"

Jayleigha (2/3S)

"The soccer coaches have been teaching me to dribble around the cones. It's a bit hard, but I like doing it. We played soccer at the end and we had fun!"

Isaac Edwards (1/2S)

"On Tuesdays we go down to the bottom oval to play soccer with the Jets coaches. First we warmed up our bodies. Then we played a game called 'shark', we had to try and keep the ball away from the soccer coaches but not kick the ball outside the cones. At the end we played a game of soccer. My team were the winners! I love playing soccer games."

Archer (1/2L)

Primary Sport

Students who don't compete in Windale Rugby League and Macquarie Cup Netball will participate in rotational sport every Friday. Sports include, basketball with Miss Wood, Table Tennis with Mrs Dugomanov, and soccer with Mrs Robinson. Each Friday, students are reminded to wear their wide brimmed school hat, water bottle and comfortable joggers.

Barry's Friday Football Report

Footy is back.

In games against Wiripaang and Belmont, Windale Juniors have played good, consistent football. In both games, all players played their hearts out, displaying great sportsmanship. The highlight of the game against Wiripaang was a great try by Shontay, who ran half of the field to score an awesome individual try.

Players of the Match against Belmont were Levi and Sienna.

Windale Seniors started their season with games against Floraville and Eleebana. Again, they played outstanding football, with Joel displaying his skills. Andrew also had a great game against Eleebana, scoring a fantastic try. Mitchell is to be congratulated on getting out on the field and having a real go. Well done.

A big thank you to the coaches, Luke and Tim.

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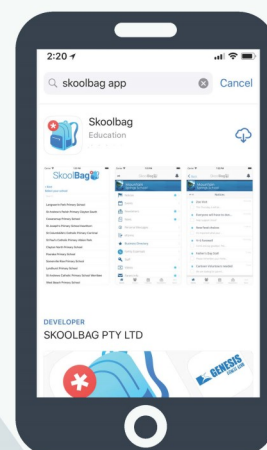


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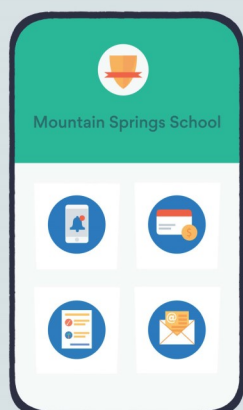
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SkoolBag 

3/4H in the Spotlight!

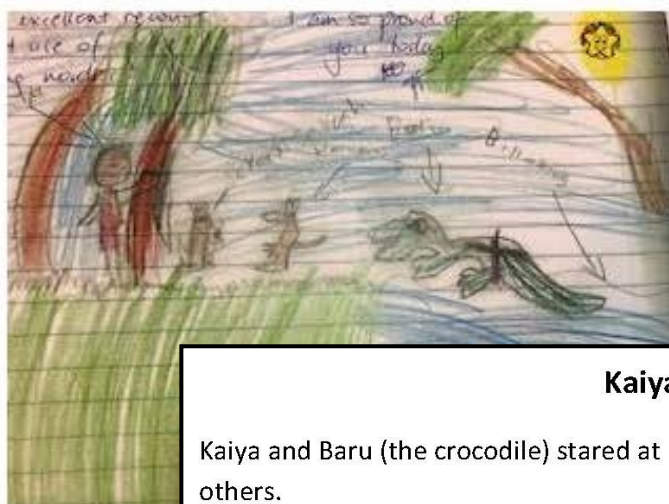
Kaiya goes hunting!

I was peacefully eating sweet green grass when suddenly the pond moved and my friend was scratching himself. I saw a human with a two barbed spear looking right at him. I was frightened. I went to tell the others but they looked around and didn't believe me!

I went to the pond to take a drink of water when suddenly a monster snapped at me. I bounced back. It was Baru the crocodile. The wallabies and the boy they called Kaiya bounced away. Baru never get either or of us.

Then a snake caught one of us. In fact it was me. I couldn't breathe. I started to feel dizzy, my friend helped me. He kicked it and then the snake let go and never attacked me again.

(Written by Aurora-Lee Jackson 3/4H)



Kaiya goes hunting!

Kaiya and Baru (the crocodile) stared at each other as if one of them had something of each others.

It was like a cowboy movie with a stare off. Kaiya made a dash for the delicious looking wallaby. All Baru had to do was snap his mighty jaws while showing off his razor sharp teeth. Kaiya clumsily fell back onto a pile of muddy grass in fright of what he was seeing..

Kaiya thought to himself 'I'm going to get that wallaby no matter what.'

It started again. The stare off between Kaiya and Baru. That's when Kaiya had a brilliant idea. He snapped a twig off the mammoth tree that was close by and threw it at Baru. Baru backed into the disgusting water of the billabong in fear. As this was happening Kaiya speared the wallaby and ran as fast as he could back to the campsite to show everyone that was truly a hero.

That was the day Kaiya believed that he was now a hero for his people. He had blood dripping down over his shoulder with his prized possession draggling over his shoulder.

Karu often wondered what happened to Baru. What would have happened if he hadn't speared the wallaby...

To be continued.

Written by Luke Sullivan 3/4/H

3/4H in the Spotlight!

Kaiya goes hunting



Then Baru the crocodile exploded out of the sweet nice grass and quickly moved ~~closer~~ ^{faster} to the ~~water~~ ^{wallaby} but Kaiya quickly moved back and looked up to the tallest tree then Kaiya said: expect that coming then Kaiya said: I have to defeat Baru.



Paragraph

Then Kaiya quickly looked at Baru and frowned by the short green grass because Baru blended in with the grass but Baru moved quickly through the short grass like a jaguar.

Then Baru quickly moved to the ^{oak} tree and shook it with its hard tail and the tree cracked slightly and Kaiya jumped out from the tree and grabbed his spear and quickly moved to him.

And Kaiya jumped up and he pointed his spear to Baru and his feet landed on the ground and he pushed his spear to Baru and hit Baru with the spear in the middle of his body.

Baru was snapping every ^{where} and then I thought ^{we don't have} a poor wallaby ^{need} a crocodile and Kaiya lifted Baru and put him on his back and walked home with a delicious crocodile.

7/5



CANTEEN NEWS!

For the remainder of Term 2 and all of Term 3, the canteen will be closed at Recess. You will still be able to put food orders in, but they will be distributed at Lunch.

The canteen will re-open at Recess again in Term 4.

Soccer Coaching



Location: Bottom Oval (wet weather – hall and primary cola)

Coaches- Two

Duration- 9 sessions (starting Term 2 week 2)

Day- Tuesdays (except for week 7 it will be a Wednesday session)

Session 1

11.50 - 12.35- 1/2S and 1/2L + Year 2 students from 2/3S

(45 minutes session)

Session 2

12.40 - 1.10 – KD and K/1D (30 minute session)

A word from one of our AP's

It really is hard to believe that we are half way through

Term 2 already. Our classroom teachers are busy behind the scenes writing Semester One reports. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our hardworking, passionate teachers for they are among the best of the best. Our students are achieving wonderful results in recent assessments, and this is in large part thanks to their regular attendance at school. Windale Public School is a wonderful place to work, learn and be. We can all work together to ensure all students are in attendance every day. Unless they are sick, in which case it is best to seek medical attention and stay at home. I meet with our Home-School Liaison Officer on a regular basis where attendance data is discussed. It was through these meetings I recently learnt that if a child is late on average of 20 minutes a day that equates to 14 days over the school year, this number increases to 21 days for 30 minutes a day of school missed. Every day counts.

On another note, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is an integrated approach to learning that provides hands-on and relevant learning experiences for students. Behind the scenes our teachers have been fine-tuning their skills in this new area. STEM was launched at Windale Public School last year during our Education Week Open Day and has since grown with interest and enthusiasm amongst the students. The students appear to really enjoy these hands-on lessons. As a result of these lessons we have received feedback from interested parents about running some parent workshops on STEM. Our Future-focused Learning Working Party is working towards this for Term 3 – Watch This Space!



Until next time,
Mr Garland

EVERY day
counts
attendance matters





Windale Public School

Term 2

Parent Planner

(as at 24th May 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 Muvani 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 MiniRoos Soccer Coaching - Infants	29/05	30/05	31/05 Dojo Master Morning Tea	01/06
Week 6	02/06	03/06 Assembly	04/06 MiniRoos Soccer Coaching - Infants	05/06	06/06	07/06	08/06
Week 7	09/06	10/06	11/06 MiniRoos Soccer Coaching - Infants	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 P&C Meeting – Milabah 12.30-2.30pm	18/06 Stage 1 Reptile Park Excursion MiniRoos Soccer Coaching - Infants	19/06	20/06	21/06	22/06
Week 9	23/06	24/06 Whole School Public Speaking Finals	25/06 MiniRoos Soccer Coaching - Infants	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 Dojo Master Morning Tea	06/07