

Windale Public School

TERM 2 WEEK 9

24TH JUNE 2019

Principal's Message



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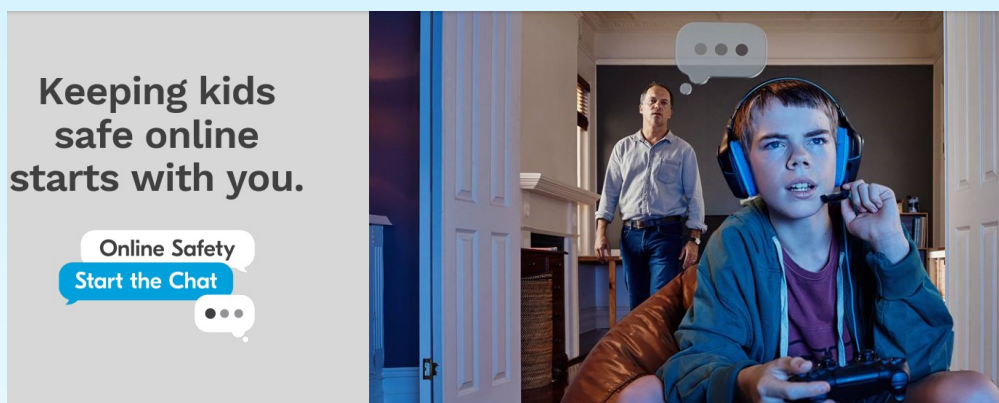
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ONLINE SAFETY – START THE CHAT

On Wednesday last week I attended a meeting with other Principals from the Lake Macquarie area at Belmont Police Station. We were shown a fantastic presentation by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. This department is responsible for promoting online safety for all Australians. The rate that technology and social media is evolving is mind blowing and will be an ongoing area of concern for all children and into the future as they become adults. We all have a role to play in keeping kids and young people safe online and we as a school are looking at how best to prepare our students who will be utilising emerging technologies throughout their education. We are currently updating our procedures and program content to ensure we remain up to date with the latest information and will be looking to run eSafety workshops in the future for interested community members. To start the discussion, I highly recommend taking the time to go to the website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> which has a wide range of resources available to assist you with talking to your children. It also explains how to report any online concerns you may have. This will be an ongoing focus for us moving forward from P-6 and as always we appreciate your support in this area.



BOOK WEEK PARADE THEME FOR 2019 – READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

The annual Book Week parade is one of the highlights of the school year at Windale PS. This year it will be held during Education Week on Thursday 8th August. The theme Reading is my super power I'm sure will be very popular with students, staff and also our dedicated community members who enjoy taking the opportunity to get dressed up and join in as well. By letting everyone know the theme before the holidays, we hope this will assist with finding materials, costumes and props well before the parade in Week 3 next term. I know I'll need to start looking for ideas myself!

HALF YEARLY REPORTS

Half yearly reports will be sent home next Wednesday 3rd July. I encourage you to take the time to sit down and read through these with your child and celebrate the many achievements and successes they have had in the first half of 2019. Our class teachers are more than happy to answer any questions you may have from the modified reporting format and interviews can be booked if requested through them directly.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our NAIDOC Week celebrations next Thursday. Have a fantastic week of learning everyone!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Netball Gala Day Wednesday 26th June	NAIDOC Week Celebrations Thursday 4th July	P&C BBQ @ Bunnings Belmont Sunday 7th July
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ENROL NOW FOR PRESCHOOL 2020!

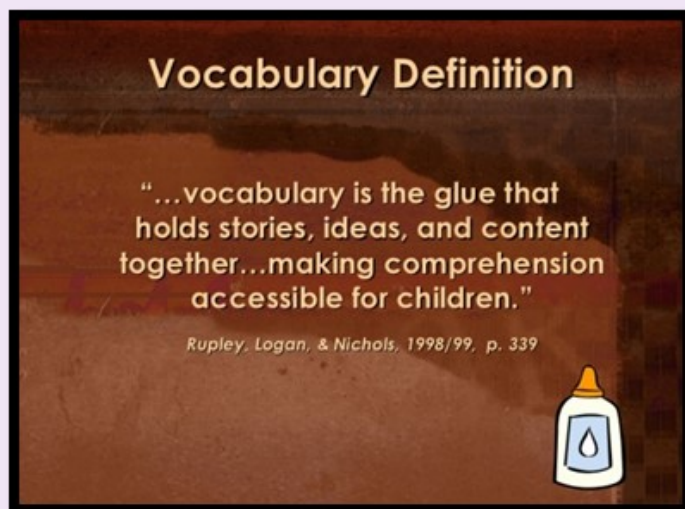


ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020!



A word from one of our AP's

Studies state that by the age of six, children can have vocabularies of 4000 words, whilst others may have only a few hundred. Reading and being read to AT ANY AGE contributes to building rich vocabulary. As children endeavour to read higher text levels in the classroom, they are encountering more challenging and sometimes unfamiliar vocabulary. Talking to your child about different words they read will help to build understanding and assist in comprehension of a wider range of texts.



Calling Kinders for 2020!!!



The search is on for the 2020 Kindergarten all-stars! For all those who have children who will be ready for Kindergarten in the New Year, now is the time to enroll!

Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July that year. By law, all children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday.

Please see the front office for an enrolment pack, complete this and receive a free t-shirt for your child. If you have neighbours or friends who might fit this criteria, please pass the message on. Hope to see you soon!

Enjoy the holidays coming up!

Angela Smith



A Word from one of our AP's...

Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance at school is essential for children to achieve their educational best.

Did you know? If a student is absent from school for eight days each school term, they will have missed out on an entire year of learning by the end of primary school!

We understand that, on occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Some justified reasons for absences are:

- illness
- unavoidable medical appointments
- being required to observe a religious holiday
- exceptional family circumstances

However, we strongly encourage you to avoid keeping your child away from school because of sleeping in, non-urgent travel, birthdays, social visits and other minor events.

Ensuring that children attend school all day, every day is one of the most important things parents / carers can do to support learning. Being at school, on time:

- maximises your child's opportunity to engage in valuable learning experiences
- ensures that your child does not miss out on carefully planned and sequenced learning activities
- helps children learn the importance of routine and punctuality
- supports children in forming and maintaining friendships with others

Windale Public School recognises the importance of working collaboratively with families to support the regular attendance of students. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss strategies for improving attendance.

Remember, every day counts!



You may remember reading in the last newsletter where I mentioned we will be looking to begin our parent workshops on STEM next term.

Since then, our Future Focused Working Party have been busy planning free seminars for our parent body to attend. So far we are in the process of planning three sessions from 'What is STEM?', 'What STEM looks like in the classroom', and 'what coding is and why it is important'.

If you feel you are interested in attending the session, please fill in the Expression of Interest form below and return to our Administration Office.

At the moment we are only gauging numbers, so we can organise times, a location and sessions.

Thank you.

Expression of Interest – Parent STEM Workshop

☐ Thank you for the offer, I would be interested in attending future Parent STEM workshops.



Parent Name: _____



Macquarie Cup Netball and Windale Rugby League

These sports are in full swing each Friday. Students are reminded to bring all their equipment to school with them on a Friday. All rugby league players will need a mouth guard to play. A reminder that the school will always endeavour to notify of any changes to sporting events ASAP. This information is communicated through the Skoolbag app and Facebook page.

Primary Sport

Students who remain at school on a Friday afternoon are reminded to have their hat, drink bottle and asthma puffer (if needed) with them ready to start sport at 1pm each week.

Infants Athletics Carnival

The sun was shining and so were our students in our very successful P-2 Athletics Carnival.

Every student participated with enthusiasm and outstanding sportsmanship.

Many thanks goes to our staff and senior students that chose to give up their time to assist with the setting up and running of activities on the day. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

A special thanks to the P&C volunteers for running our BBQ and feeding our hungry little athletes, teachers, parents and caregivers.

As students competed in their age races and novelty events, house points were awarded for their amazing efforts.

The house with the most points at the end of the day was **Hunter** on **125** points, followed closely behind by Macquarie on 123 points and Shortland on 110 points. Congratulations to the winning house!!



Barry's Friday Football

Both junior and senior football teams played brilliant football in games against Eleebana and Floraville. Highlights in both games were fantastic team bonding from both Chevy and Joel by setting up tries but unselfishly passing to other players to give each player a try for the year. Excellent football.

The juniors continued their great form against Eleebana with Chevy and Preston winning Man of the Match awards. A special mention to Levi and Shontay, who both scored great tries. Charlie was also fantastic in both attack and defence.

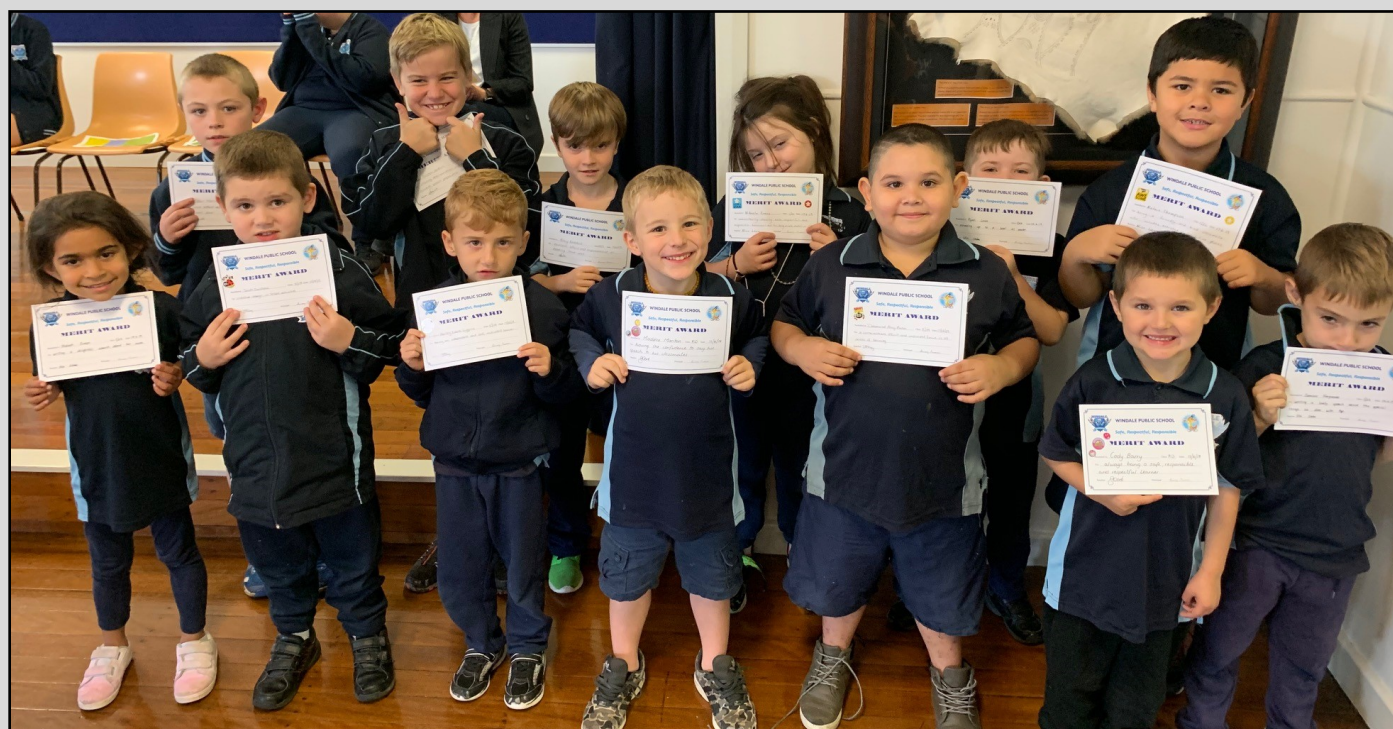
The seniors were brave against Floraville, proving amazing in attack and very strong in defence. There was a fantastic try by Tyrell who showed great strength in powering over the line to score a great try. Joel was involved in everything, and a big thank you to Chevy, Charlie and Kiarni who backed up in both games, playing awesome football.

Windale school is so lucky to have super coaches, Luke and Tim, coaching both teams and playing to such a high standard.

There were no football games this Friday.

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 8

HOME READING & INFANTS AWARDS



KD	Blair Ward, Isaiah Hughes-Bekker, Cody Barry, Maddox Manton
K/1M	Tex Feletti, Lyrik Clarke, Alikade Dixon, Ayla Sams, Scott Forshaw, Harley Evans-Giggins, Desmond Ahoy-Bates
1/2L	Lucy Hinton, Mataio Thompson, Mikaela Evans
1/2S	Jessie Clay, Payge Matthews, Wahta Handy, Maleah Simon, Ryan Lowe, Dominic Hargreaves
2/3S	Amelia Waller, Preston Jenkins, Riley Baddock, Talan Martin

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 8

PRIMARY AWARDS



3/4H	Lily Knight, Dakota Oaten, Jack Martin, Sienna Mascord, Jack Martin
4/5D	Hayley Jefferson (previous page), Guy Hilditch, Andrew Forbes
5/6C	Josh MacBain-Prouse (previous page), Georgia Hughes, Ben Scott, Ty-Rhys Towers
5/6T	Harmony Yates, Victor Holloway, Emily Patrikis

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



1/2S
Ryan Lowe

4/5D
Andrew Forbes

Windale PS Public Speaking Awards Week 8



Respectful & Responsible Awards Week 8



Lucky Legend Award Week 8



Above:

Andrew Forbes, Ryan Lowe,
Cody Barry, Isabella Lane, Tex Feletti,
Taylor Adam.

Right:

Koda Tisdell



Newcastle Knights Holiday Clinic

Registrations are open for the 2019 McDonald's Future Champions School Holiday Clinic!

Each participant will enjoy a Play NRL certified skills and drills clinic on the field, featuring a special guest appearance from Knights Captain Mitchell Pearce and Lachlan Fitzgibbon, as well as a Future Champions Clinic pack, including a participant t-shirt and NRL starter pack, valued at \$100.

Numbers are strictly limited, and pre-booking is essential.

Event: 2019 McDonald's Future Champions School Holiday Clinic

Date: Tuesday July 16, 2019

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Venue: Maitland No.1 Sportsground, High Street, Maitland

Participation Cost: \$50 includes Participant T-Shirt and NRL Starter Pack

Special guests: Appearance by Mitchell Pearce and Lachlan Fitzgibbon

To register a participant please visit: <https://knightshub.com.au/2019-school-holiday-clinic/>



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Windale Public School P&C Executive Incumbent

After the P&C AGM Meeting that was held on 13th May, the nominated positions have been filled by the following members:

President—Maree Crockett

Vice President—Andrea Nolan

Secretary—Jodie MacBain

Treasurer—Kerry Grentell

Canteen Supervisor—Sharon Newham

Canteen Treasurer—Jessica Hinton

School Banking Coordinator—Jaime Martin

Fundraising Committee—

- Jaime Martin
- Teneal Cleaver
- Belinda Hilditch
- Tammy Hinton

Uniform Shop Manager—Jaime Martin

Uniform Shop Assistant Manager—Maree Crockett

Congratulations to all.





OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

FUN

CRAFT SPORT

EXCURSIONS

COOKING

FRIENDSHIPS



KEEP CALM
IT'S
PYJAMA
DAY












Send your children along to PCYC these holidays for a jam packed, fun filled holidays! The children are involved in a variety of craft, cooking and sports each day. Plus they make friends with other children and get the opportunity to catch up each holidays! Most parents find that it is cheaper to send your child to us for excursions than it is to take them yourselves! This is thanks to Centrelink's Childcare Subsidy. Some days could be as low as \$9.04 or \$120.30 for the whole holidays! (All depending on CCS percentage)

For an information package, simply give us a call or email slenton@pcycnsw.org.au

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LAKE MACQUARIE
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PCYC LAKE MACQUARIE

OOSH VACATION CARE

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Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
ICE SKATING EXCURSION From \$11.90 - \$62 ICE SKATING DAY TODAY!  Make sure you wear warm clothes today. It can get very cold at the ice skating stadium.  Once back at the club we will be making treats and then discussing and learning all about NAIDOC week. Voice. Treaty. Truth. 	MAITLAND GAOL EXCURSION From \$11.90 - \$62 Today we will be going to GAOL!!! We will be getting a special tour of Maitland Gaol with our friends from PCYC Newcastle OOSH.  We will also learn how to dust for fingerprints!!! Children will get a special souvenir to take home.  For afternoon tea, we will make silly veggie and fruit faces. 	TOY STORY 4 @ HOYTS From \$11.90 - \$62 We are so lucky. These holidays we are going to the movies twice! Today we will be going to see Toy Story 4!  For lunch, we will be making French Bread Pizzas  Everyone will be making their own special artwork on a vinyl record to take home. 	AEROSOL ART FUN From \$10.63 - \$55 Today Sarah will be teaching us all how to spray paint correctly, safely and legally.  

PCYC LAKE MACQUARIE

OOSH VACATION CARE

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Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
MINI GOLF & LUNCH @ KAHIBAH From \$11.90 - \$62 The kids have been asking for it so we are going out for lunch today to Kahibah Sports Club!  Before we have our lunch at the clubs restaurant, we will be playing a round of mini golf! 	KIDS CHOICE & NATIONS From \$9.04 - \$47 Today Sarah and Jo are letting the kids take over!  It is all about what the children want to do today. What magical fun can they come up with? Only the kids do.  In the afternoon Sarah and Jo will take back over to teach the kids all about the different Indigenous Nations in NSW	NATIONS OF ORIGIN EXCURSION From \$11.90 - \$62 Today we are going on an excursion to the 'PCYC Nations of Origin' tournament at Raymond Terrace.  Children will get the opportunity to 'work' at this event, being 'ball kids'. Kids will get a uniform to have as well!  THIS EXCURSION IS LIMITED TO 10 CHILDREN SO GET IN QUICK!!!	NELSON MANDELA'S BIRTHDAY From \$9.04 - \$47 Today is the day of Nelson Mandela's Birthday.  To celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela we will be creating inspirational canvases and learning about forgiveness and equality. 	PJ DAY & THE LION KING @ HOYTS From \$11.90 - \$62  Its pyjama day today! Be sure to wear your comfy jammies today. Sarah and Jo will be wearing theirs too!  We will be going on our second trip to Hoyts these holidays to see The Lion King!



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK



**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH**
07 - 14
JULY 2019
Let's work together for a shared future.

Sausage Sandwich Combo Order

Thursday 4th July 2019

Childs name: _____

CLASS: _____

☐

X

Sausage Sandwich Combo

Tomato Sauce

☐

BBQ sauce

☐

Large Juice

☐

Water

☐

\$4.00



TOTAL

\$

PLEASE PAY & RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY **Thursday 27th JUNE**
PRE-ORDER so you don't miss out!



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 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 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