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Windale Public School

TERM 3 WEEK 7

2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

Principal's Message

Only four more weeks of the term to go and still so much happening within those 20 days. Tuesday sees our Kindergarten students going on their first ever excursion to Oakvale Farm and on the same day some of our older students are participating in a Rugby League gala day at Valentine. I love that we are able to provide so many diverse learning opportunities for our students at Windale PS to meet their individual needs and interests.

TERM 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Notes have gone home regarding our Term 4 Swimming Program which is open to all students in Years 2-6. As a qualified swim instructor myself, I cannot stress enough the importance of all children learning to be safe around water. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world where there are many activities available that involve water. The cost of this year's swimming lessons should be \$7.50 per week per student and this does not include the cost of the bus travel to and from Valentine Pool. As I have been very transparent in the past, our school does receive significant funding to assist our students and families to be able to access activities and learning opportunities that otherwise many people would be unable to afford. **To enable more students to be able to access the swim program this year, the school will be putting in over \$3500 to keep the cost for our families to \$50.00 per child in 2019.** There are only 60 spots available so please send in your money and permission note as soon as you can to secure one of these potentially life saving positions.

BUILDING WORKS

Works are continuing well within the school with the new roof and guttering installed on the Library and our Year 1/2 classes relocating into this learning space while construction begins on their classrooms. Starting this week, the toilet blocks in the lower Infants playground will be closed for demolition as we will be getting a complete upgrade of both the boys and girls bathrooms. I am excited to finally see the money being spent on our school buildings which is long overdue and feedback I have received from members of our school community is that you feel the same. Our students deserve the best and we will always strive to provide them with that, now and into the future.

Have a fantastic week of learning everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Kindergarten Excursion
Oakvale Farm
Tuesday 3rd September**

**Rugby League Gala Day
@ Valentine 9am—3pm
Tuesday 3rd September**

**Fresh Food Kids Discovery
Tour -Woolworths 3/4H
Thursday 5th September**



PSSA State Championships

Last week our very talented footballer Joel Simon competed at the NSW PSSA Touch Football championship. Joel was a key member of the Hunter team.

After 3 days of competition, both Hunter and Sydney North couldn't be separated- joint WINNERS. An amazing achievement from Joel and this team.



Swim Scheme Term 4

Last week a note was sent home regarding swim scheme for Term 4. This is a great program run by Valentine Swim Centre for students Years 2 - 6. Even if your child can swim, lessons will help strengthen and refine their abilities.

All payments due Friday 20th September, limited space available.

Netball Gala

Well played, Netball Teams!

We loved seeing you all shine at Charlestown Netball Courts last week. You all displayed excellent sportsmanship and represented Windale Public School with pride.

A big thank you to Mrs Tonge for coaching the teams and organisation of a great gala day. A very big thank you to Julie MacBain and Jaime Martin who looked after a junior team each on the day. Without their wonderful help, the day would not have run as smoothly as it did. Also, thank you to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who came along to cheer for our students.

A great day was had by all!



What have 3/4H been up to?

Stage 2 working together, using their creative and critical thinking skills to design a boat that will transport the gingerbread man safely across the river.



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

Attendance

You may have noticed our new advertising material about the importance of school attendance and using the catch phrase 'JUST TURN UP'. This is a fantastic new initiative that has been developed by the Waiyarang Community of Schools. It has a clear message that we encourage all families to take note of. Turning up to school is a legal requirement. At Windale we say *Just Turn Up*.

Future-focused Learning

What a wonderful journey we are on with future-focused learning at Windale Public School. When we take the time to reflect on where we started and how far we have come we often think about the physical elements of our learning spaces. Yes, the furniture looks amazing and assists us in our journey, as well as helps the students (and teachers) adjust to the 'new' way of teaching and learning, but it's what's happening behind the scenes that is most impressive. Our teachers spend so much of their own private time writing and rewriting lessons to then implement in a high-interest manner that the students enjoy. Gone are the days of students rote learning facts. Gone are the days where the teacher stands at the front of the classroom all day talking at the students. Welcome to the future of education and the new direction Windale PS is paving the way for. At Windale we are leading the way. We hope you enjoy the ride.

Canberra Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Our Stage Three students really enjoyed the recent trip to Canberra, learning about our nation's capital.



Milabah

Schools as Community Centre

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Term 3 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:

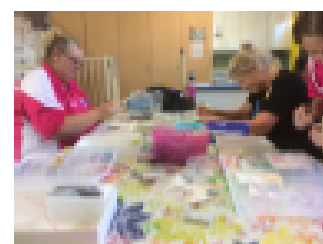
Allison Forsythe on 0428 166 119

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.

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.

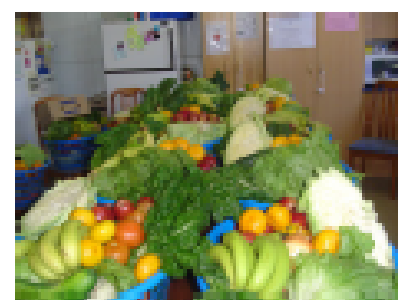
Children are welcome under your supervision. Give yourself some time out to relax, have a chat and discover that creative self you have hidden away.

Come and meet new friends

Windale Fresh

Dates for orders to be in for Term3:

I would love to see more community members take advantage of this great program. Last order for Term 3 needs to be in by: 13th September. 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.

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 6

HOME READING & INFANTS AWARDS



KD	Isaiah Hughes-Bekker, Nate Woolfrey
K/1M	Tex Feletti, Ayla Sams, Scott Forshaw, Shakayah Chapman
1/2L	Lucy Hinton, Ace Delany, Freddie Evans-Giggins, Jericho Dewar, Ella Christiansen, Alyssa Fitzsimmons
1/2S	Maxim Hobden, Aliyah Matthews, Khalifa Ahoy-Bates, Olivia Elvin
2/3S	Preston Jenkins, Talan Martin, Taj Hobden, Traie Williams (next page)

Windale PS Weekly Merit Award Winners WEEK 6

PRIMARY AWARDS



3/4H	Kiarra Nicholls, Lillyanna Menzies, Jai Laws, Bailey Aiston
4/5D	Charlie Gribble, Hayley Jefferson
5/6C	Chloe Christainsen, Taylor Adam
5/6T	Izack Hadley-Kelly, Sharna Wallace-Welch, Harmony Yates

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Left:

Bailey Aiston

3/4H

Ashlyn Southern

2/3S

Respectful & Responsible Awards Week 6



Left: Jericho Dewar 1/2L
 Scott Forshaw K/1M
 Bailey Aiston 3/4H
 Harmony Yates 5/6T
 Harley Evans-Giggins K/1M

Bottom:
 Nickolai Warden 1/2S



Putting more into school now...
 gets you more out of life later.

**JUST
 TURN UP**

MISSING SCHOOL MEANS MISSING OUT.

An Initiative of the Waiyaring Community of Schools





READING STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Join Mrs Smith and Mrs McKay to learn some practical and easy tips to help your child at home with their reading.

Date: 4th September 2019 Wednesday

Time: 2:00

Location: 5/6C Classroom

READING GIVES US SOMEPLACE TO GO WHEN
WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.



Invitation to Speech development workshop

- Do you have concerns about your child's speech?
- Did you know that speech is more than just saying a word?
- Swallowing, chewing and eating problems can be related to speech disorders.
- Articulation, expressive + receptive language skills can be affected



You are invited to attend an information session at Windale Public School for facts about your child's speech development and give you the opportunity to ask questions.



Where: Windale Public School - Library

When: Monday 16th September 2019

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Wilayi Pre-schooler's Excursion

Wilayi Pre-schoolers had lots of fun reading and drawing with our new friends on their first Intergenerational visit to Narla village.

We are very excited to be making this a regular excursion.





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Term 3

Parent Planner

(as at 30th August and subject to change)

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Week 1	21/07	22/07 Staff Development Day	23/07 Matter of Seconds Show Preschool NAIDOC Performance @ Belmont Hospital	24/07	25/07 Preschool 2020 Information Session 3pm-4pm	26/07 Netball and Football Resumes	27/07
Week 2	28/07	29/07 P&C Meeting @ Milabah 12.30pm-1.30pm Assembly	30/07	31/07	01/08	02/08	03/08
Week 3	04/08	05/08 Education Week	06/08 Education Week Zone Athletics Carnival	07/08 Education Week 2NURFM Live Radio Broadcast from the Hall Zone Athletics Carnival	08/08 Education Week Student Art Exhibition in Hall Open Classrooms showcasing Numeracy or Literacy P-6 Book Week Parade 1pm-2pm	09/08 Education Week	10/08
Week 4	11/08	12/08 Assembly	13/08	14/08 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	15/08 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	16/08 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	17/08
Week 5	18/08	19/08	20/08	21/08 Netball Gala Day	22/08 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition	23/08	24/08
Week 6	25/08	26/08 Assembly	27/08	28/08	29/08	30/08	31/08
Week 7	01/09	02/09	03/09 Kindy Excursion to Oakvale Farm ICAS Digital Tech Assessment Football Gala Day Spelling Bee Finals Brospeak	04/09 Parent Wellbeing Workshop Reading 2-2.45pm	05/09 ICAS Science Assessment Fresh Food Kids Tour - Woolworths	06/09 Aboriginal Community Meeting 10am-11am No Football-Bye Week	07/09
Week 8	08/09	09/09 Assembly	10/09 ICAS Writing Assessment Brospeak	11/09 Debating Gala Day	12/09 ICAS Spelling Assessment	13/09	14/09
Week 9	15/09	16/09 P&C Meeting @ Milabah 9.30-10.30am	17/09 ICAS English Assessment Brospeak	18/09	19/09 ICAS Maths Assessment	20/09	21/09
Week 10	22/09	23/09 Assembly	24/09 Brospeak Celebration	25/09	26/09 Windale's Got Talent 11.40am – 1.40pm	27/09 PBL Blackbutt	28/09