FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Evenings – This Week
This week we are holding information sessions for parents. At these meetings teachers will provide details of class routines, homework, student expectations and general curriculum information. Details of times and venues for the Parent Information Evenings were included in our previous newsletter.

P&C Meeting – Next Week
Our first P&C Meeting for the year is being held next Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm in the staff room. At the end of the meeting, a short presentation will be made by Mr Short on our 2012 NAPLAN results. There are a number of new parents at our school and we would like to extend to you and to all our parents an invitation to attend. It would be great to see some new faces at the meeting as well as our very faithful regulars.

Anaphylaxis Notice to Parents – General Use of Autoinjectors
The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and Health Care Plan and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:
- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Students with Allergies
In line with the procedures above, the Department requires us to obtain accurate information on allergies and so a copy of the new form ‘Students with Allergies’ is being sent home today with the newsletter. Parents of students with allergies are asked to complete the form and return it to their teacher as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday 26th February. Thank you for your assistance with this important health matter.

Maxelle Matthews

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CALENDAR
Week 4
Mon 18th – Thur 21st Feb Parent Information Evenings
Wednesday, 20th Feb Band Tutorials start

Week 5
Monday, 25th Feb Band rehearsals start
Tuesday, 26th Feb P & C meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday, 27th Feb School Photos
Thursday, 28th Feb SRC & Library Monitors Induction
Friday, 1st March Feb Clean Up Australia

Week 6
Monday, 4th March Stage 3 Excursion
– Cumberland Forest
Tuesday, 5th March Stage 2 Excursion
– Powerhouse Museum

WHAT’S DUE?
Friday, 22nd Feb Book Club orders due
Friday, 22nd Feb Stage 3 Excursion Permission note
Friday, 22nd Feb Stage 2 Excursion Permission note
Wednesday, 27th Feb 2/6P Community Access Permission
Friday, 1st March Kinder Excursion Permission
Monday, 4th March Zone Swimming Permission
Friday, 22nd March Term 1 Account due

ACCOMPANYING NOTES
- Senior Dance Note
- Stage 3 Cumberland Forest Excursion note
- Senior Choir Note
- Kinder – Fagan Park Excursion Note
- School Photo Envelopes
- ‘Students with Allergies’ Form
- Zone Swimming Carnival – Issued to competitors only
- Model Farms High Open Day – Years 5 & 6
- Community Access Note – 2/6P

Community Notices – Email only
- Northmead High Open Day
- Northmead High Gifted & Talented Program
- Model Farms Netball – vacancy
- Join ‘Joeys’
- Bunnings Dads and Kids Night
- Hills Family Day Care
FROM THE DEPUTY

Winnie Goes Digital!

In an effort to include our school mascot Winnie in the school’s signage and letter heads, we have given Winnie a digital facelift! While maintaining Winnie’s original appearance, the new digital image is popping up in all manner of places. Keep a look out! You will never guess where he will be next!

School Photos
The annual School Photo Day is on Wednesday 27th February. The students have received their named envelopes today. These can be returned before or on the day and are for the ordering of individual and class photos. Parents interested in ordering family photos will need to request the appropriate envelopes from the front office. Please send in the correct money as no change can be given. Families interested in paying with credit card can use the new online ordering service and then simply write the order reference number on their child’s envelope. Spare order forms are available at the front office. So get to the hairdresser and brush those teeth. The big day will be here before you know it!

SRC and Library Monitor Induction Assembly
On Thursday 28th February at 2:15pm, we will be holding the SRC and Library Monitor Induction Assembly in the new hall. During this assembly students who were successful in gaining these positions will be awarded their badges and will be officially inducted into their new role. Once the elections and applications are finalised invitations will be sent home with the children.

Health Care Plans
Health Care Plans have been sent home to the appropriate students to ensure our records of your child’s medical needs are accurate. Please return these as a matter of urgency.

Northmead High School Open Day
The Open Day for prospective Year 7 students in 2014 will be held on Tuesday 19 March 2013. The format will include a day visit for students commencing at 9.15am and finishing at 1.00pm and also an evening session commencing at 7.00pm for parents and students. The program will include information about Northmead CAPA High School and the school’s educational programs. The information sessions, school tours, items and displays will provide a valuable insight into high school life. Interested families will need to provide their own transport.

Please be Safe around Parking Areas
We have recently had two minor accidents in the staff car park and adjacent road. They are a timely reminder to us all to park in the appropriate areas. OOSH parents are reminded to park in the taxi bay after 3:15 not the teachers’ carpark, when picking up their children.

PSSA SPORT UPDATE

Congratulations and good luck to all those students who were successful in the PSSA trials, to play in the Summer CHPSSA competition. For your information:

- Summer PSSA starts this Friday, 22nd February and will cease this term on the 22nd March. There will be no PSSA sport played on 8th March, as the CHPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival is being held on this day.
- Winter PSSA will commence in Term 1 and start on the 5th April. The winter rounds for Term 1 will be played in the morning. In Term 2 winter rounds will be played as usual in the afternoons.

The CHPSSA calendar of events, trials and carnival can be accessed on the following website: www.chpssa.com/

Melissa Johnston

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Your school account will be sent home with your child Wednesday or Thursday next week.

This account will itemise your Term 1 account which may include:

- School Contributions (optional)
- Resource Levy and Workbooks
- Excursions/Sport/Choir/In school activities
- Your term 1 account is required to be paid by 22nd March, 2013. We accept cash, cheque or credit card (Visa & M/Card) If you are unable to meet this deadline, you will need to contact Judy Jones, Administration Manager to request an extension of time.
- Accounts which are not paid and if we have received no communication from you, unfortunately, will be placed on the PAY-AS-YOU-GO system. You will need to finalise all overdue accounts before we will be able to process payments for future activities.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9639 8518.

Judy Jones
School Administration Manager
SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICE CAROLS
What a privilege it was to take the Senior Choir and our Senior Jazz Band members to our local villages last December and bring some much needed Christmas cheer to our elderly community members. The children sang and played to residents in The Vista (Nursing home), the Terrace and Woodberry Village (assisted living and self-care). Their efforts were very well received and appreciated by the residents and staff alike, even being called on for an encore at our last gig. The children sang like angels and were ably assisted musically by our band members led by Robert Di Marzo who joined us for the Woodberry experience, and as always our lovely Mrs Handley at the piano. I don’t know what we would do without her (although this year we are finding that out!)

Many a resident joined in with our carol singing which brought a tear to a few of our eyes. I congratulate the children for the care and respect that they showed to the residents whose homes we were invited into, and thank them for their efforts in singing and playing a 30-40 minute program three times over. I know my voice was getting a little hoarse and tired by the end. But what a special thing it is to do!

Many thanks go to Ms Russell who has been an invaluable asset to our choir this year, Mrs Handley, and Mrs Kirchberger (band rep).

We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Noelene Luther Choir Co-ordinator

HILLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2013
Senior Choir
Our Senior Choir has been chosen and they are fast learning the repertoire for this special year. 2013 is the 25th anniversary of the Hills Performing Arts Festival, the largest teacher run festival of its kind in Sydney and we are looking forward to this special event. As the Hills Centre is closing down in May this year and no alternative venue has yet been found, the committee has decided to run the festival before the centre closes down.

This year’s festival date is Friday 3rd May 2013.
Please keep this date aside in your calendar. A note detailing all rehearsals and dates accompanies this newsletter.

Noelene Luther and Stephanie Russell

CONGRATULATIONS YEARS 3-6 DANCE GROUP!
Over the past weeks students at Winston Hills Public School have been auditioning for the Senior Dance Group. Congratulations to the following students who were successful. They are now looking forward to rehearsing and performing their item for and in the festivals throughout the year.
Callie Radford, Kira Yeoman, Nikita Byrnes, Sophie Kirwan, Kahleah Scott, Alana Evans, Nikiah Harker, Megan Urkanci, Brooke Facer, Emily Zhou, Alyssa Connelly, Lily Kirchberger, Caitlin Carpenter, Charlotte Bradfield, Amelia Gifford, Kate Anderson, Ruby Condell, Hayley Duncan, Sienna Beldham - Collins, Michelle Hamilton, Clare Giffin, Trinity Loader, Chloe McKay, Abbey Camporeale, Sarah Henry, Emily Clarke, Mary Alexandrou, Chloe Stewart, Naomi Byrnes, Liana Segui, Ilana Scicluna, Lauren Saad, Sam Bryant, Jared Anderson, Dylan Ho, J’Den Alvarez

Claire Downton

ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our School Swimming Carnival was at Parramatta Swimming Pool on Monday 4th February. All four houses were pumped up for the day and the students looked superb dressed in their house colours. The House Captains did a fantastic job of motivating their troops for the ‘dance off’ and enthusiastic cheering their houses, throughout out the day. All students were keen to participate in the pool.

While some students competed in competitive events, others participated in a water tabloid session. Attendance and participation rates again increased this year.

Thanks to all students, staff and parents for making the carnival a success. Congratulations to swimmers who received ribbons. Good Luck to those swimmers who qualified to represent WHPS at the CHPSSA Zone Carnival to be held at Waves Swimming Pool Baulkham Hills on 8th March 2013.

Melissa Johnston

REMINDER TO PARENTS!!!
CHANGE TO SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
There will be no school on Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April as our school has swapped the SDDs in Term 2 & 3 so the teachers can attend a 2 day workshop.
THANK YOU FROM CAMBODIA!

Bak Rotes Primary School has been rebuilt!
The school building at Bak Rotes Primary School has been completed! The main building was sponsored by a European charity *Child’s Dream* but the ‘legs’ (which make the new building flood-proof) were brought to you by *See Beyond Borders* and Winston Hills Public School!

*See Beyond Borders* will continue to work with the school by running sports and art programs and by providing mentoring for their teachers to help improve their practice.

A big thank you to the children of Winston Hills Public School for wearing your jammies and for helping the children in Bak Rotes have a safe place to learn.

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Issue 1**

Orders for Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club will collected in the old hall on Friday 22nd February from 8.40-9.15am. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted. Payment can be by cash, cheque or credit card. If you are paying with cash, please have as close to the correct amount as possible. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to *Winston Hills Public School*. Credit card orders need to be completed online or by phone prior to giving in your order. Please see the brochures for Scholastic’s contact details.

*Margaret Collier*

*Book Club Coordinator*

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BAND NEWS

Training Band attended their first tutorials last week. Many thanks to Karen Fornari and the wonderful dedicated band committee members - Michelle, Lisa and Alison who assisted in a smooth running afternoon. Also thanks to our 2013 band captains, Johnny and Sarine who were a great help too.

Training Band - see you at 3pm next Wednesday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Wednesday 20th Feb at 3pm - 4.45pm**

Tutorials for Intermediate and Senior Concert Band commence.

- **Senior Concert Band** tutorials commencing at 3pm-4.45pm (extended time for this week only). A parent must be present during this first session to sign all contracts, collect hire instruments, meet band committee and tutors etc. Please meet in the new hall.
- **Training Band** second tutorial 3-4pm
- **Intermediate Band** tutorials commencing at 4pm-5.30pm (extended time for this week only). A parent must be present during this first session to sign all contracts, collect hire instruments, meet band committee and tutors etc. Please meet in the new hall.

Don’t forget to bring your music folders and book.

**Monday 25th Feb - Rehearsals commence**

- 3-4pm Senior concert band
- 4-5pm Intermediate band

**Wednesday 27th Feb - Tutorials and Rehearsal**

- 3-4pm Senior Concert Band rehearsals*
- 3-4pm Training Band tutorials*
- 4.45-5.30pm Intermediate Band tutorials
*Senior concert band please BYO a small afternoon tea snack and drink to consume in between your sessions.

Reminder - there are NO training band rehearsals until Term 2

**Monday 4th March ALL Band fees are due!**

The band program is *urgently* looking for more students in Years 3-6 to join our program.

Currently on offer are the following hire an instrument positions:

- Clarinet x 1 Intermediate Band
- Keyboard x 1 Intermediate Band
- Flute x 1 Training Band
- Tuba x 1 Training Band
- Baritone x 1 Training Band
- Euphonium x 1 Training Band

If interested please contact the band committee at *bandwhps@gmail.com*

OR

Own your own instrument and want to join band? Please contact us via email asap.

*Sue Bryant*

*Band Committee*
Volunteers
Thank you to all our first week volunteers who made themselves available so that the Canteen could open up from Monday 11th Feb while the rosters were still being finalised. These have now been completed and sent home to all our teams. We are however still quite short for volunteers to assist on the full days of service: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. If you feel that you could spare even a ½ day to assist or you would like to come in and give it a go, please contact Carly (0414) 427804 or Jenny (0412) 321447 or email whpscanteen@yahoo.com.au

Sushi Success
Sushi service began on Wednesday 13th Feb with 32 rolls being ordered for Day 1. Thank you to Carly, Amy, Libby & Julia for being our first team to test run this service.

Trial
We would also like to trial opening up both the service doors separating the K-2 and 3-6 queues once we have filled a few more of the vacant spots for the Tue, Wed & Thurs teams. Stay tuned for the update.

Healthy Options
In the interest of offering healthier options some items have been removed, so please ensure that you check the latest menu on the school website.

Menu Items
Regrettably however the following items have been missed off the menu:
- Tomato / BBQ / Sweet & Sour Sauce 30c and Paper Bags 10c.
These are still available and the menu will be updated soon. Your feedback is always welcome & appreciated so please let us know your thoughts.

Jenny W, Janelle, Carly, Michelle & Jenny B.
Canteen Committee – whpscanteen@yahoo.com.au

P&C
Next Meeting - Tuesday 26th February at 7:30pm
Usually our P&C meetings are Week 4 and 8, however this term they will be Weeks 5 and 9, so as not to clash with teacher information evenings and interviews.
The first meeting for the year will be Tuesday 26th February at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Please bring 50c to the first meeting you attend this year for your Association membership.
If you have anything you would like to discuss at P&C, please email me on bdschuster@optusnet.com.au or phone me on 9688 6664 by the Friday before the meeting. This enables me to construct the agenda and research your request.

Belinda Schuster
ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

We are the Champions!

Take Yea Mark!

Well done!