FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday, 21st March
Harmony Day is a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia. The 2013 theme is ‘Many Stories – One Australia’. This gives us the opportunity to share the importance of diversity with others in our school and community.

On Thursday, 21st March, we would like to encourage all students to wear one ORANGE item of clothing to celebrate harmony in our school. Ideas might be orange socks, an orange head band, an orange shirt or an orange hat. The remainder of the uniform will stay the same with only one item being replaced by something orange. We will also be running a variety of activities in the classrooms to celebrate diversity and harmony in our school.

Have a look at the Harmony Day website for more information: http://www.harmony.gov.au

K - 2 Easter Celebrations
We will be holding our K – 2 Easter Parade on Thursday 28th March at 10am under the primary shade port. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the morning. Our SRC will have hot cross buns, tea and coffee for sale for morning tea. I hope that you can stay and enjoy morning tea with your children. I look forward to seeing you at the parade.

Cross Country Carnival – Years 3 to 6
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 10th April at school. We apologise that the date was omitted from our Term 1 Calendar.

New School Website – ‘Under Construction’
Thank you to Mr Lade who has spent many hours working on our new school website. However it is still ‘under construction’ and a number of our normal features have not yet been added. We appreciate your patience during this process of construction.

K-2 Easter Parade
Thursday, 28th March
10am
Primary Shadeport.

Children may wear colourful play clothes (mufti).

ALL WELCOME!

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Week 8
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd March Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 21st March Harmony Day
Friday, 22nd March Book Club Orders close

Week 9
Monday, 25th March National Young Leaders Day
Monday, 25th March Band AGM 6.00pm
Tuesday, 26th March P & C Meeting & AGM 7.30pm
Wednesday, 27th March Stage 3 COGS Day
Thursday, 28th March K-2 Easter Parade
Friday, 29th March Easter Holiday - Good Friday

Week 10
Monday, 1st April Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday, 2nd April School Development Day
Wednesday, 3rd April School Development Day
Friday, 5th April Support Unit Excursion

Week 11
Monday 8th April Principal’s Morning Tea
Wednesday 10th April Cross Country Carnival – Years 3 - 6
Thursday 11th April ‘Interrelate’ Evening

WHAT’S DUE?
Friday, 22nd March Term 1 School Account Payment
Friday 5th April ICAS Competition Fees
Monday 8th April ‘Interrelate’ Note & Payment

ACCOMPANYING NOTES
• Stewart House envelopes
• Hills Shire Council Holiday Guide
• Entertainment Book Note
• Stage 3 Milson Island Camp Permission Note
• ‘Interrelate’ Note
• HPAF – Ticket Sales Information Note
• ICAS University Competition Note
Community Flyers (email only)
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• Hill Sports High School Information Night

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Living and learning together

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**FROM THE DEPUTY**

**Hills Sports High School**

Hills Sports High School will be conducting talent Identification Trials between May 21 and June 11 for 2014. Talented students with a strong interest in one or more sports are encouraged to apply. An information night for parents and students will be held in the Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on May 15 2013 at 6:30pm. More details have been emailed with today’s newsletter.

**An Opportunity for Our Younger Athletes**

Our school cross country carnival is fast approaching with the 10th April the confirmed date. While our Year 3-6 students will be pounding the track as usual, this year we are offering an opportunity to Year 2 students who will turn 8 years of age by May 20, 2013 to compete. This will provide an opportunity for talented year 2 students who have the potential of being successful at the Zone Cross Country Carnival to challenge themselves in a more formal sporting arena. Parents who are interested in entering their child are asked to write a note to me, outlining their child’s name and class. When these names are compiled the school will hold a time trial and those students who are deemed to be ready for the more challenging competition will be given an invitation to the primary carnival.

**UNSW (ICAS) Competitions**

Traditionally Winston Hills participates in the ICAS competitions. These are competitions for Years -6 students in the areas of computers, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. The tests provide an opportunity for students to be challenged in these fields and can provide detailed information on the students’ strengths and abilities in comparison to thousands of other students. A permission slip is included in this week’s newsletter.

**Interrelate**

Interrelate’s sexuality and relationship education program is coming to Winston Hills on Thursday 11th April. These sessions, run after school, are designed to be delivered to both parents and children and are a great way to “Break the Ice” on the subjects of “Where did I come from?” and puberty. The program is highly recommended and the booking sheet is included in this newsletter.

**Principal’s Morning Tea**

Term One’s Principal’s Morning Tea will be held on Monday 8th April at 10:30. At this special occasion, students who have reached 50, 100 or 150 merits this term will be receiving a special Principal’s certificate and will enjoy a morning tea with their parents. While the K-2 assembly is yet to be scheduled, all children who have reached these milestones will be sent an invitation in the coming weeks.

**Hills Performing Arts Festival Tickets**

The 25th Hills Performing Arts festival is fast approaching and the tickets will be on sale on Monday 25th March at 9:00am. All ticketing information is included in this newsletter. Parents are encouraged to be quick as seats sell quickly.

**Stewart House**

Our school’s major charity Stewart House is asking for donations to keep their valuable programs running. Donation envelopes are included in this newsletter and any contributions will be gratefully accepted. Please return envelopes by Friday 5th April.

Ian Short

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**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Friday 8th March, 34 students represented our school at the Waves Pool, Baulkham Hills competing against 17 other schools in our zone. Outstanding results were achieved by all in their heats.

The Finals were the following Monday night. Our results in the finals were:

- Jack Maquire  2nd  Jnr Backstroke
- Zac Porter  4th  50m 8yrs Freestyle
- Jaime Maybery  5th  50m Jnr Breaststroke
- Emma Wilson  4th  50m 9yrs Freestyle
- Jnr Girls Relay  3rd  Emma Wilson, Trinity Loader
- Jnr Boys Relay  Jack Maquire, Joel MacSporran
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Congratulations to our Junior Girls Relay team who qualified for the Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the 19th March 2013.

Melissa Johnston

**PSSA CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Frances Bickham 5/6R who has been selected to represent our zone at the Sydney West Regional Girls Soccer Trials. This will be held on Tuesday 9th April at Marayong Oval, Marayong.

Melissa Johnston

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Many thanks, to the families who have returned their payment for the Term 1 accounts. These accounts are due this Friday (unless you have requested an extension of time to make payment).

Accounts which are not paid and 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 – Administration Manager

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**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.
STAGE 2
Powerhouse Museum
We had a great time learning about Simple Machines
SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS

Round 2 cancelled due to wet weather.

Round 3 - Friday, 15th March
Cricket
Jnr’s Vs Mathew Pearce PS won 4/26 – 8/21
Snr’s Vs Mathew Pearce PS lost 10/9 – 5/48

Softball
Snr Boys Vs North Rocks PS lost 0 - 13
Snr Girls Vs North Rocks PS lost 1 - 18

T-Ball
Jnr Boys Vs North Rocks PS lost 11 - 19
Jnr Girls Vs North Rocks PS lost 6 - 9

Touch Football
Jnr Boys Vs Crestwood PS draw 1-1
Jnr Girls Vs Crestwood PS lost 0-6
Snr Boys Vs Crestwood PS lost 2-6
Snr Girls Vs Crestwood PS lost 1-9

Training
T-Ball, Girls Touch Football - Thursday mornings at 8.15am
Softball and Cricket – Friday mornings at 8.15am

Draws & Tables
Can be located on Castle Hill PSSA website
http://www.chpssa.com/

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 2
Scholastic did not deliver our usual amount of brochures for Issue 2. I have distributed what we received in as fair a way as I could. Only a few classes may not have received as many brochures as they usually do. Please be aware that there will be no spare brochures available on the order collection day, so please keep the ones your children bring home in a safe place if you intend to order books.

Orders for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club will be collected in the old hall on Friday 22nd March 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 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

BLACK AND WHITE DAY

Our mufti day last Wednesday 13th March was a tremendous success. We raised over $700 for Ronald McDonald House. This is a wonderful charity organisation with all money used to support seriously ill children and their families. Thanks for your support!

Stage 3 teachers and students

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking envelopes were given to all students who banked on 5th March. They explained the new theme, included a savings poster and the new rewards redemption cards for 2013. If your child missed out, envelopes can be collected from the office or from the School Banking volunteers Wednesday mornings in the meeting room.

REWARDS
Due to the reduced number of banking weeks this term, we will have one reward redemption day in Term 2. Every time a student makes 10 deposits via school banking they are eligible for a reward. Samples of rewards can be seen on a poster in the office. Students need to choose a reward available in Term 1 or 2 and return the reward card in their deposit book by Tuesday the 26th March (last Banking day for Term 1).

The Commonwealth Bank keeps a record of each student deposit. If you are unsure if your child has made 10 deposits, please email us at schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com and we can let you know.

For more information on School Banking:

Micaela Ashton-Standring
WHPS School Banking Co-ordinator
schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Years 3 - 6
Wednesday, 10th April
(Year 2 students who will turn 8 years of age by May 20, 2013 may enter – please see Mr Short)
On Wednesday 6th March Winnie the Wallaby made a much anticipated return to WHPS. He was accompanied by his very special ‘Carer’ Ruth Bevitt. Winnie was very happy to be back and went to a special assembly for the whole school to encourage students to “Play the right game in the right place”.

He then toured the playground at lunchtime where he met the children and handed out lots of Winnie awards.

Winnie would like to congratulate all the children at WPHS for being Safe, Responsible and Respectful, and give an extra special thank you to Mrs Bevitt for taking such good care of him.
P & C

Next Meeting - Tuesday 26th March

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.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Tuesday 26th March at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Please bring 50c to this or the first meeting you attend this year for your Association membership.

At the AGM, all positions will be declared vacant; however we are particularly looking for a Secretary. Please consider this and contact me if you are interested. Main responsibility is minute taking.

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

BAND NEWS

Many thanks to the parents who have given up their time to help out on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. A band program such as this cannot run so smoothly without this parent assistance. Although, we are fortunate enough to have a committee of 4 dedicated volunteers who give up their time each week we are always looking for new volunteers to join our committee. So why not come along to the AGM on Monday 25th March @ 6pm-7pm. The current committee would love to see as many new faces as we can. Remember, no musical experience or knowledge is needed! See you there.

REMINDER - There is NO band this week due to parent teacher interviews.

- Band camp notes are all due back on Wednesday 27th March 2013.
- Anzac day performance-Senior Concert Band only
- Tuesday 30th April 2013 - A hard copy note was sent home last week containing all details of this performance. Training Band, Intermediate Band and Senior Concert Band save the date!
- Sunday 4th August we will all be performing at the NSW UNI festival. More details to come closer to the date……
- Sadly, some children have been arriving to school after the 9am bell and leaving their instruments outside the new hall doors. As per procedure as outlined in the 2013 Handbook, if your child arrives after 9am and the band room doors are closed they are to proceed to the school office and leave their instrument there for the day. It is then their responsibility to collect their instrument from the office at 3pm.

Sue Bryant

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The school will be selling the Entertainment Books again this year! For every book we sell, the school retains $13.00 per purchase.

To ensure you don’t miss out on your copy (Greater Western Sydney/Hills, Sydney North or Sydney areas), please complete the form included in this Newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

Early Bird orders placed before 31st March will receive bonus coupons.

Family and friends are also welcome to make a purchase. Your ordered book will be sent to you before the Term 1 holidays. Don’t forget that you can use the book up until 30th June, 2014!!!!

If you would like more information about the Entertainment Book, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9639 1931

Judy Jones

LIBRARY NEWS

Nana Leslie Visits Winston Hills

The library last week was host to a very special guest, Nana Leslie, the grandparent of Kai (4SM) and Zac (KA). Nana Leslie shared traditional stories of the First Nation people of Canada.

Classes experienced the rhythmic sound of a drum that accompanied numerous stories including of how Silver Fox and Coyote created the world. Students enjoyed role playing the characters of Bear and Chipmunk as they battle to see who was stronger. There was dancing around the library in a line just as the rabbits had shown the hunters how to dance and sang just like butterflies did many years ago.

Students were given a wonderful opportunity to hear the traditional stories of another culture and compare these stories to the dreaming stories of Australian Aboriginal. We would like to thank Nana Leslie for the experience that she brought to all our students, which I am sure will not be forgotten.

Sue Bryant
P & C NEWS

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Canteen Roster

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The Canteen Roster is slowing filling up, so thank you again to everyone who has volunteered their time. We still however really need some help for Tuesdays and Thursdays. We currently have some kind Tuesday mums filling in fortnightly to help out but they are really needing to return to their once a month commitment. We also have a Thursday team, that if not able to be filled, we will have to look at closing the canteen once a month on those Thursday dates. Please let us know if you can help out even for ½ day (8.30-11.30am or 11.30am -2.30pm) or a full day if you can – we only require you to assist once a month.

Canteen Compost Bin

We have recently been advised that the Green Team have a compost bin located in the Vege Garden - near the Library. To assist with this process and to promote recycling within the school, we now have a new Canteen Compost bin for the fruit & salad scraps to be placed in and then emptied into the Green Team’s compost bin at the end of the day!

Harmony Day – ORANGE Treats

Treat Day has been arranged for Harmony Day Thursday 21st March. We will have various ‘Orange’ treats available over the lunch period ranging in price from 10c up to 50c.

Canteen Committee

Jenny W, Janelle, Carly, Michelle & Jenny B
Carly Kirk (0414) 427804, Jenny Bradfield (0412) 321447 or whpscanteen@yahoo.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Open during the school term every Thursday morning from 8:40am to 9:30am and the first Thursday evening of the month from 6pm to 7pm.

- Next evening open: 4th April

Grey Socks
Please note that until a decision has been made on the uniform change we will only be stocking plain grey socks until further notice.

Winter Uniform Orders
Again due to the possible uniform change we do not want to purchase unnecessary stock.

If you would like to order any winter uniforms, please fill in an order form and give it to the uniform shop or hand it in at the office. An order form is attached to this newsletter. Thank you for your co-operation.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser
Please donate old (clean) bras to the uniform shop for a breast cancer fundraiser. Your donation will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

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Uniform Shop Contact Details
Please email Michelle at chelly_anderson@yahoo.com or phone her on 0407263686.

Alterations
For all alterations to school uniforms, please drop your clothes off at Uniform Shop on Thursdays. Finished alterations will be available for pick up the following Thursday. Thanks to Bernice Harker for this service who is also donating 10% of sales back to the school.

Michelle Anderson

HEALTH TIP – KEEP ACTIVE

Sedentary living causes over 20 different health problems including heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Obesity can make nine different conditions worse including chronic back pain and stroke. Get active and stay healthy!

Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.
Class of the Week

3Limes

Fast, fresh and full of zing!