Welcome Back
Welcome back to another exciting term at Winston Hills Public School. Term 4 is always a frenetic time of year and this one will be no exception. With the Life Education Program, the Junior Cricket Gala Day, Kindergarten orientation days, band information sessions and student leadership elections, the next few months will definitely be keeping us all very busy.

New Additions to the Playground
The children were very excited this morning as they arrived at school and noticed some very significant changes to the playground. The sandpit and the fixed play equipment areas have had a major facelift with the shadeport over both sections of the playground being erected over the holidays. Many thanks to Ivan Fidanza for coordinating this large project. The Year 3-6 playground will also be improved with a substantial part of the field being re-turfed over the next few weeks. This of course will require some playground changes, but ones that are definitely worth the inconvenience.

Parent Forum
A new strategic plan is being developed for our school to define our directions and vision over the next three years (2015-2017) in order to develop a shared vision for the education of our students. This plan has been informed by international research into what makes a high performing educational system. We are seeking input from the parents, students and staff during this planning process. Our focus will be upon continuous educational improvement, delivering a consistently high standard of educational programs in providing quality education, building the capacity of all staff to deliver high quality education and teaching and student learning that is driven by research, data analysis and assessment data.

To help us gain your valuable input there will be a Parent Forum on Wednesday 15th October at 9:15 am in the new hall. We are looking forward to working with the community to form a truly collaboratively written 3 year plan.

NAPLAN
As the parents of Year 3 and 5 students would know, the NAPLAN results for 2014 have been released. This year’s results are quite positive and reflect the quality of the educational programs at Winston Hills as well as confirm the need to continue some of our initiatives to further extend and enrich our children.

In general the Year 3 results are of a very high standard and demonstrate significant improvements relative to previous year results. Year 5 are also above state average in Reading and Mathematics, however writing, grammar and punctuation are areas in need of continued attention. A more in-depth analysis will be conducted this term and feedback will be given to a P and C meeting early next year.

Life Education- Parent Information Session
As detailed in the Deputy Principal Report later in this newsletter, the Life Education Program will be held in weeks 2 and 3 this term. Parents interested in gaining a clearer understanding of the program’s content are asked to attend the Parent Session on Friday, 17th October at 9:15am, in the van that will be parked outside the school office.

WHAT’S DUE?
Friday, 10th Oct Term 4 Account
Signed permission notes for:
- Life Education
- End of Year Party Day Activities
Friday, 24th October Father & Son Camp Out Payment

ACCOMPANYING NOTES
- Father and Son Camp Out Note
- Band Information Evening – Year 2
- School Newsletter and Email Subscription

Community Notices (email only)
- Twilight Markets – Band Fundraiser
- St Matthews Netball
- Winston Hills Netball
- Model Farms Netball
- Baulkham Hills Netball
- Hills Sports
FROM THE DEPUTY

Principal's Morning Tea – Monday, 15th September

Congratulations to the following students who attended the Term 3 Principal's Morning tea, for receiving medals for 50, 100 or 150 merit awards last term: Christian Herrera, Isobel Boxall, Natalia Byrnes, Jeremy Cassidy, Beau Connelly, Bailey Davis, Tyler Davis, Brooke Dunk, Jessie Gonzalez, Tamara Grieves, Felicity Herrera, Zane McCabe, Isaac Obermaier, Nina Palko, Aydin Shaik,Charlotte Bradfield, Melis Aica, Damien Guild and Michael Lee.

APOLOGY - GYM MAKE-UP DAY

Last term a note was sent home notifying parents that a gym make-up session would be run today, Tuesday 7th October. Unfortunately these notes were sent home to the incorrect classes. As a result some students were surprised to have a make-up lesson today, while others expecting a lesson were disappointed to hear of the error.

My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.
Ian Short

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder - we are fast approaching the Department of Education and Communities financial end of year. All outstanding monies owing as well as payment for Term 4 activities will need to be returned to school by this Friday, 10th October, 2014.
Parents who have concerns about outstanding monies owing are requested to contact the school immediately.

Judy Jones
School Admin Manager

STAFF NEWS

Later this term we will be welcoming back Trish Scott who will be taking 2D for 3 weeks from Tuesday 14th October, while Miss Downton takes leave for her wedding.

Miss Downton's wedding ceremony will be taking place on Saturday 18th October at 2pm at St Mary Cathedral, Sydney.

If you wish to attend the ceremony, she kindly welcomes your attendance.

FATHER AND SON CAMP OUT

Our annual Father and Son Camp Out will be held on Friday, 7th November, starting at 5pm. Permission notes and money need to be brought in by this Friday, 24th October.

If you are able to donate any prizes for our raffle on the night, please email me at david.macsporran@det.nsw.edu.au

David MacSporran
Co-ordinator

Life Education – Healthy Harold

Starting in Week 2, all students in K-6 will participate in the Healthy Harold program which supports the health and drug education components of our curriculum. This program is information and skills based with an emphasis on student interaction. Students will be issued with work books which will be used in the classroom as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum.

PBL News - Clarke is the Winner!

Congratulations to Clarke - the winning house for Term 3. All students in Clarke received an ice-block and an extra 30 minutes play time in Week 10. ‘Winnie’ was there playing soccer with the students and having a great time. Well done, Clarke!

New PBL Focus Area – ‘We Move To Lines When the Music Starts’

Our new PBL focus area for this fortnight will require the students to be on time to lines in the morning, at recess and at lunch. Teachers will be rewarding students for following this rule, as well as being safe, respectful and responsible in the playground and classroom. Our brand new outdoor clock in Area A will no doubt help the students to be on time.

Parent Working Bee – Sunday, 26th October

We will be having our annual parent working bee next term to revitalise our gardens and give our grounds a spring makeover. Afterwards, we will be having a free sausage sizzle and drink. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

David MacSporran
SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA RESULTS – ROUND 7

Cricket
Jnr’s Vs North Rocks PS lost 51 – 63
Snr’s Vs North Rocks PS won 1/78 – 6/59

Softball
Snr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 1-14
Snr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS drew 4-4

T-Ball
Jnr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 9 -11
Jnr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 17-16

Touch Football
Jnr Boys Vs Northmead PS drew 3-3
Jnr Girls Vs Northmead PS won 5-1
Snr Boys Vs Northmead PS lost 2-5
Snr Girls Vs Northmead PS won 3-1

Training
Girls Touch Football – Thursday 8.15
T-ball – Thursday lunch time
Boys Touch Football, Softball and Cricket – Friday mornings
at 8.15am

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

BAZAAR DAY

Raffle Prizes
This term Year 6 will be collecting prizes for our Bazaar Day raffle draws. If you would like to donate a prize, please send it with your child to Mr MacSporran. In the past we have had gift vouchers, teddy bears, toys, chocolate and CDs – any item that would be a popular raffle prize.

White Elephant Stall
One of our most popular stalls on Bazaar Day is the White Elephant stall, where children buy second hand toys, books, DVDs, jewellery and craft. We are asking for donations of these items that you may have at home and no longer need.

In past years, we have spent many hours sorting donations and throwing out broken and dirty toys. We ask that all donated items are clean, in working order and appropriate for children. Donations can be left outside the sports shed located in the K-2 shade port. Please have your donations in bags or boxes so they can be stored easily.

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.
Stage 3 teachers

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR BAND IN 2015?

To those students in Years 2 and beyond who may wish to become part of our school band in 2015 we have an upcoming compulsory Band information evening for you to attend on Wednesday 15th October 6.30pm in the new school hall.

More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.
Band committee
bandwhps@gmail.com

PARENT TIP

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Twilight market night – band fundraiser
Friday 21st November
7-9pm
New school Hall
$10 pp
See email for more information……..

Living and learning together
Stage 3 Canberra & Snowy Mountains Excursion
BAND NEWS

On Monday 8th September Performance Band introduced the band program to Year 2 students. We welcome all students in Year 2 and beyond to join our program in 2015. There is a compulsory information evening on Wednesday 15th October 6.30pm in the school hall, hope to see you there.

P & C NEWS

P&C FUNDRAISING

HEATHER BRAE SLICE DRIVE
Orders have been processed, slices and cookies will be delivered next week. Don't forget pick up days are Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October.

BARGAIN BUYS BUS SHOPPING TRIP
Saturday, 25th October
We are looking forward to a day of shopping. Don't forget to bring a large bag so all of your purchases can be stowed in coach luggage hold. Bring along coins, as we will also be hosting raffles on the day.

FAMILY PORTRAITS
Saturday, 1st November
There are still limited bookings available.
A photography sitting costs $55 per family
Each sitting will be divided into 15 minute intervals for photography, followed by a 15 minute image viewing session.
The booking form will be attached as an email. Please complete form and return it along with payment to the school office or email Judy Jones on JUDITH.A.JONES@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking Dates
The dates for School Banking Term 4 are:
School banking re-commences Week 2 (next week):
Tuesday 14th October
Ends Week 9:
Tuesday 2nd December
New Account Openings
A School Banking Representative will be at the school opening new Dollarmite (student) accounts on Wednesday 29th October before and after the Kindergarten Orientation session: 9:00-9:30 and 10:30-11:00. Anyone interested in opening a Dollarmite account for their child needs to bring the child’s birth certificate and photo ID for the parent (Drivers License or Passport etc).
Siblings of current students are also welcome to participate in school banking with the school, just send the deposit book to school along with the current student on banking day.


Micaela & Lynelle
School Banking Co-ordinators
schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com

Practice card draw winners-
Congratulations to.....
Training Band-Isabella.C
School Band-Poppy.R
Performance Band-Maya.L

Save the dates-Please check emails over the holidays for final details.

Training band-
Sunday 12th October-Oktoberfest, Winston Hills
Sunday 26th October-festival/competition

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