FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You…
I returned from long service leave last week after a wonderful trip to Eastern Canada and New York. A big ‘thank you’ to Mr Short, who relieved so capably as Principal during my leave, to Mr MacSporran who relieved in the Deputy Principal position and to Mrs Kayello who relieved as Assistant Principal for Stage 3.

‘Parent/Volunteers Thank You Evening’ – Tuesday 25th November, 7.30pm
Every year we receive overwhelming support and assistance from the parents and volunteers in our community. This help enables us to run many of our school and classroom programs more effectively. As the participation of parents is invaluable to us we like to take the time every year to say thank you. On Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm, we will be holding a ‘Thank You Evening’ to thank our willing helpers. An invitation is accompanying this newsletter. If you are planning to attend, we ask that you RSVP by 20th November. I look forward to seeing many of our parents and volunteers on the night.

Please Note: Parents are asked not to bring their children on the night as we are not able to have alcohol at a school function where children are present.

Enrolments for 2015 – Are you moving?
Thank you to those parents who have notified the school that they are moving schools in 2015. If you are intending to leave the school this year and not already notified the teacher and the office on 9639 8518, please do so as soon as possible (excluding Year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for next year.

REMEMBER! Uniform Changes – Compulsory in 2015
A reminder to parents that the uniform changes listed below will become the compulsory school uniform from the beginning of 2015.

The four items that have changed are:
• The hat will change from yellow to green
• The boys’ shirt will change from white to green & gold and match the grey pants
• The boys’ and girls’ sports shirt will change from a yellow polo to a green & gold microfibre polo shirt
• A black multipurpose / hybrid shoe will be the uniform shoe to be worn every day

Parents are asked to purchase new uniform items in readiness for 2015, when the new items will be compulsory. A reminder, that both school shoes and sport shoes must be BLACK in 2015.

Maxelle Matthews
FROM THE DEPUTY

As we approach the business end of the year, there are always lots of reminders to give, people to congratulate and information to disseminate. This fortnight’s column is definitely in that spirit.

Dental Checks
Free dental checks are scheduled for Thursday 20th November, Thursday 27th November and Wednesday 3rd December. Permission notes to take advantage of this opportunity are included in this newsletter.

School Hats – Faulty Batch
An increasing number of parents have expressed concerns about the school hats tearing along the seam between the back flap and the material beneath the visor. The supplier has investigated the issue, have identified a manufacturing fault and have agreed to replace the offending hats. Details of delivery dates and how to have the hats replaced will be sent out later in the year.

School Photos
The School Photos will be arriving soon. Many thanks for your patience while waiting for these to be delivered.

Prefects and House Captain Elections
The selection process for the 2015 School captain, prefects and house captains will commence next week. Year 5 students and their parents will find the information sheet explaining this process included in this newsletter.

SRC Fundraiser
The SRC will be running a series of lunchtime discos to raise money for Westmead Children’s Hospital and for Parramatta Mission. The dates are as follows:
- Tuesday 11th November- Early Stage 1
- Tuesday 18th November- Stage 1
- Tuesday 25th November- Stage 2
- Tuesday 2nd December- Stage 3

Participating students will be asked for a gold coin donation.

Winston Winners
Congratulations to Alyssa Neagle who was a finalist in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition. Her story will be published and she will receive her reward at a presentation night at Parliament House. A big pat on the back is extended to Isaiah McDonald and Lachlan Neagle who have been selected in a representative cricket side recently.

And well done to the following students for their efforts in the ICAS competitions.

Mathematics Competition
Distinctions
- Eric Hwang, Josh Adams, Thomas Latimore, Parth Purohit, Silviu Szkipala, Jacob Tyson, Grace Montgomery, Martin Toole, Kevin Zhu and Isaac Obermaier

High Distinctions
- Tyrone McBriarty, Jarrod Plummer, Daniel Toole, James Bernard, Frangi Giang

More results will be published in the next newsletter
Ian Short

PARENT WORKING BEE
Sunday, 26th October
Thank you to all the parents and students who generously gave hours of their time at our annual parent working bee last Sunday morning. Your hard work and dedication helped to create a beautiful garden bed outside 2D and 2R which the Year 2 students will now maintain. Congratulations to: Leona & Martin Bibb (and their boys), Kevin & Aaron Lewis, Louis Tuyau, April Karmeen, Belinda & Dominic Schuster, Stephanie Russell, Amy, Ben, Joel and Ella MacSporran.

David MacSporran
## SCHOOL NEWS

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

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### FATHER AND SON CAMP OUT

**This Friday – 7th November**

Starting at 4.30pm
Details will be sent home today for those who are camping.

**David MacSporran, Co-ordinator**

### OVERDUE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The final school account for 2014 was due on 10th October. All accounts **MUST** be finalised by this **Friday, 7th November** due to the Department of Education and Communities Financial Rollover. Late notes and payments will not be accepted after this date as numbers for the ‘end of year’ activities will be finalised by this Friday. Students who have not paid cannot be included in the end of year activities, including the Year 6 Farewell.

If you have a concern or a problem with your account, please contact the school immediately on 9639 1931.

**Judy Jones**
School Administration Manager

### STAGE 2 CRICKET GALA DAY

On Monday 20/10/14 32 boys and girls from stage 2 attended the Milo. The competition was an opportunity for non-PSSA students to play competitive cricket in a fun, safe and learning environment. All the students participated in 4 matches against other schools in the area. The students were given the opportunity to play and learn the fundamental skills involved. Each student was able to hit fours and sixes, take plenty of wickets and classic catches. Our four teams did a wonderful job winning several matches with one boy and girls team being undefeated on the day. The students played the game in a respectful manner and showed great sportsmanship to their team mates and the other teams. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who supported the teams on the day.

**Steve Freney**<br>(cricket coach)

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### YR 2 – 3 TRANSITION for 2015...

**Parent Information Session**

When – Wednesday 5th November
Time – 5.30pm
Where – School Hall
Who – Year 2 Parents

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**Living and learning together**
Hornsby North Festival
The training and school band recently performed at the Hornsby North Festival on Sunday 26th October. Congratulations on your efforts results were-
- Training Band-Credit + Distinction
- School Band-Credit + credit

Band Offers For 2015
36 applications were received with all students being offered a place in our training band in 2015. We welcome all those new families to our band program. Look out for the letter of acceptance that was issued to your child yesterday.

Concert Night – Wednesday 26th November
The annual band concert night will be held on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm, all welcome. RSVP slips are due by the 19th.

Muirfield High School Workshop
The band workshop at Muirfield High School was a great experience for Winston Hills Performance Band. There were approximately 150 students at the workshop. A mixture of high school and primary school children came to participate. We learnt new music such as melodies from Frozen, YMCA and much more. Mr Lavis was our talented and humorous conductor. All five schools strove for their best. We had a delicious and fun break with pizza and drinks. And finally, we had a spectacular performance at the end where all bands performed individually and all together. Even though some parts were quite exhausting, it was a really fun day in the end!

By Arthi Sundaram (band captain)

Winston Hills Public School Band
TWILIGHT MARKETS

Friday 21st November
7.00pm to 9.00pm

$10 pp pre-ordered

Over 30 + stalls, silent auctions, games, prizes, food plates and more........
Get in quick, organise a group of friends and order your tickets now!
All pre-ordered tickets receive a complimentary glass of champagne
First 100 tickets ordered will also receive a complimentary shopping bag and free entry into our lucky door prize draw.
(Sorry! Adults Only Event)

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

To those students in Years 3 in 2015 and beyond who may wish to become part of our school band in 2015 and you missed the Band information evening, please contact the band committee at bandwhps@gmail.com or come and see us new school hall Mondays or Wednesdays 3-5pm to express an interest. But be quick spots are filling fast!!!

Winston Hills Painted the New Hall in Song!
Last Thursday 30th October at 12:30pm all students and teachers from Kindergarten to Year 6 at Winston Hills participated in Australia’s biggest school music initiative with more than 500 000 participating students from over 2100 schools nationwide. Music education has been proven to improve student's literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song 'Let Me Paint You a Song' at the same time, right across the country.

Lana Frank
UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours
Open during School term every Thursday morning’s 8.40-9.30am. First Thursday night of each month 6.00-7.00pm.

New Uniforms
Reminder: Uniforms will be changing next year, please remember to purchase new shirts.

Rosters
13/11/14 – Julia Maguire, Melissa Tomas, Kate Salmon
20/11/14- Belinda Schuster, Janine Cameron, Jane Nguyen

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.

If anyone would like to volunteer for the Uniform shop next year, please contact Kellie and Irish on our email below.

Uniform Shop Contact Details
Please email Kellie Bramble or Irish Lewis at kellie_irish@live.com to place an order or for any enquiries.
Email orders can be delivered to your child’s class on Thursdays only.

P&C FUNDRAISING

Bargain Buys Bus Shopping Trip:
Our first Bargain Buys Shopping Trip held on Sat 25 Oct was a huge success. We visited a selection of warehouses, picked up some bargains and got a good start on our Christmas shopping. Wonderful gifts were donated by each of the warehouses which were raffled off on the day. Thank you to all those who came along, thanks for the feedback and we look forward to running it again next year.

A big thank you should also go to Donna Plummer for all her efforts pulling this day together.

The Year That Was:
2014 has been a successful fundraising year. Through your support of our events we raised $25,000 which has gone towards:

- the shadecloth over infants sandpit
- reading resources
- Replacement air-conditioning in classrooms
- other school resources

We look forward to more exciting fundraising events next year. If you would like to join the Fundraising Committee please call Jen on 0410 481 633

Sandra Emott
Fundraising Committee

‘PARENT MORNING TEA - MATHEMATICS’ POSTPONED

NEW DATE - Wednesday 19th November 9.15AM
New Hall
(Our apologies for the change of date)

WINSTON MO BROS
This Movember, our very ‘attractive’ team of David MacSporran, Ian Short, Colin Booth, Steve Freney, and Andrew Petersen will again be raising money to support prostate cancer research and Beyond Blue. If you like to donate to this great cause, please follow this link - http://au.movember.com/team/1753809.
All donations are tax deductible.
David MacSporran

STEWART HOUSE BAGS – URGENT

Clothing Collection – return by Friday 7th Nov

Winston Hills Public School is a strong supporter of The NSW Public School Charity – ‘STEWART HOUSE’. This charity supports NSW School students who would benefit from a two week holiday (respite) at South Curl Curl Beach. Students from our school have been helped by this excellent organisation in the past, and one way we support Stewart House is by donations and the Rag Collection each year.

Our annual rag collection will take place over the next week and the eldest child in each family from Year 1 to Year 6 will bring home the rag bag and can be returned back to outside the infants sports store roller door. There will be some extra bags available from the office for any families who did not receive a bag and would like one.

THE VAN WILL BE COLLECTING THE RAG BAGS THIS FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

Colin Booth

PARENT TIPS

Sun Safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents. Find out more:

Digital Citizenship
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.
Here are some tips to get you started:
What's the matter Year 4F and 4L?