FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations – School Band Concert
The band concert was held Wednesday last night. What a fabulous evening of entertainment! It was exciting to see how the talents of our students have grown over the year. I would like to congratulate all the students on a great effort and thank all the parents for their support and commitment to this program. In particular I would like to particularly acknowledge the wonderful work of Rob Di Marzo, our Band Director, Mr Short, our Deputy Principal and the dedicated parent band committee led by Sue Bryant.

End of Year ‘Parent Survey’ – Cast Your Vote!
Our last parent survey for the year is being sent home today and is asking parents to answer some specific questions about the timing of ‘Parent/Teacher Interviews’, ‘Mathletics’, Homework Grid and other important issues for 2015. Survey completion is optional but it is hoped that you will take a few minutes to fill in the form and return it to school. Please return it by Friday, 12th December (next week).

2015 - Change to Term 2 School Development Day
In 2015, the teachers at Winston Hills PS have the opportunity to attend a one day workshop on ‘Dyslexia’ in Term 1 with one of the foremost authorities in Australia. The presenter’s name is Dr Amanda Tucci. To attend this course, requires us to again change the date of our Term 2 school development day in 2015. As these changes will affect the days that children will be at school, we hope that this advanced notice will give parents plenty of time to organise for child minding on the changed days.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no more or less school days in 2015, only a change in the date for Term 2.

This would mean the 2015 dates for SDD would be:

Term 1 Day 1 - 27th January
Week 8 – 16th March (replacing Term 2)
Term 2 No SDD (Students attend school)
Term 3 SDD (No students)

Principal’s Morning Tea – Monday 15th December
This is our final morning tea for the year. Students who have achieved a medal this term through our merit award system will have their special morning tea on Monday 15th December at 10.30am. Parents of these students are invited to attend. I look forward to congratulating all these students.

Happy Holidays!
It has been a very busy, exciting and rewarding year. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the school this year in our endeavours to provide your children with the best possible education. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday!

Maxelle Matthews

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CALENDAR

Week 9
Wednesday, 3rd Dec High School Orientation Day – Yr 6
Thursday, 4th Dec Bazaar Day for K-Yr 6
Friday, 5th Dec K-2 Christmas Concert & Yr 2 Presentation

Week 10
Monday, 8th Dec Last day for Band
Tuesday, 9th Dec 3-6 Presentation Day - 9.15am
Wednesday, 10th Dec Band Party Day
Thursday, 11th Dec Year 6 Farewell – 5.30pm
Friday, 12th Dec Yr3-6 Special Awards Presentation - 9.15am
Friday, 12th Dec Student Reports go home

Week 11
Monday, 15th Dec Principal’s Morning Tea – 10.30am
Tuesday, 16th Dec Party Day K-6
Wednesday, 17th Dec Last day of term for students
Thursday, 18th Dec Staff Development Day
Friday, 19th Dec Staff Development Day

WHAT’S DUE?
Wednesday, 3rd Dec Parent Satisfaction Survey
Friday, 5th Dec Swimming Carnival 2015 note and payment
Friday, 5th Dec Stage 3 Enrichment Class note
Wednesday, 10th Dec Excursion Lunch Order- Party Day from the Canteen

ACCOMPANYING NOTES
- End of Year Parent Survey
- Bazaar Day Flyer
- Stage 3 Enrichment Class Placement for Year 5 students
- Class Requirements for 2015
- Canteen Menu for 2015
- Excursion Food Pack
- Party Day Reminder - Kindergarten & Stage 1
  Note: Stages 2 & 3 and Support Unit reminder notes will be sent home next week.
- School Holiday Guide – The Hills Shire
- Chicken Pox Fact Sheet – email only

Maxelle Matthews

Living and learning together
FROM THE DEPUTY

It is that time of year when we acknowledge exemplary students and reward those who have reached and exceeded personal and grade expectations. Congratulations to the following students.

Premiers Sporting Challenge Legends

Every student at Winston Hills this year participated in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The challenge involved the students trying to be as active as possible during the week, then recording the hours of activity on a chart at school. Class averages were calculated and sent to the challenge’s administrators who have just recently sent out the certificates. Many Gold and Diamond certificates have been awarded and will be distributed in the coming week.

Year 2 Graduates

All our Year 2 students who are graduating at the end of this year will receive their Graduation Certificate at the K-2 concert this Friday. With all their hard work and the ongoing Year 2-3 Transition program, they are more than ready for Year 3 in 2015.

Year 3-6 Presentation Day Award Recipients

On Tuesday 9th December, many Year 3-6 students will be acknowledged for their achievements throughout the year. The annual Year 6 awards, class awards, sporting age champions and debating awards will be presented along with the traditional prefect and school captain induction service. Invitations to award recipients will be sent home this week.

Special Award Recipients

On Friday 12th December the annual Special Awards Assembly will be held when certificates of Appreciation will be presented to the debaters, 2014 prefects, House captains, PSSA award recipients, the 2014 SRC members, the school’s technology and Sport leaders and the Year 6 band members. Certificates will also be handed out to students with 100% attendance this year. Invitations will be sent home this week.

Principal Morning Tea Invitees

The children who received medals for 50, 100 and 150 Merit Awards this term will also receive invitations next week to the last Principal’s Morning Tea for 2014. This will be held on Monday 15th December.

Winston Winners – Congratulations!

Winston Hills was very successful in the ICAS Writing Competition this year. The award recipients included:

Distinctions
- Liam Condell, Alyssa Neagle, Nazanin Pour, Silviu Szkipala, Connor Fornari, Emma Wilson and Cameron Stewart.

High Distinctions
- Elijah Barclay, Amelia Dooley, Frangi Giang and Grace Montgomery.

Congratulations also to:
- Amelia Dooley and Michelle Hamilton, who are performing in the Packemin Production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Well done girls!

And a final pat on the back for Daniel Toole (see photo opposite) who received the Highest Award in the state for the ICAS Mathematics Competition. He received his medal at a wonderful ceremony at the UNSW last Friday.

Congratulations on an amazing effort Daniel!

Ian Short

‘PARENT THANK YOU’ EVENING

Thank you to the parents, friends and volunteers of our school who attended the ‘Thank You Evening’ last week. We extend a special farewell to those parents who will be leaving us this year as their youngest child goes off to high school in 2014. We wish you well in the future and thank you for your contributions to our school over the years. A special thank you goes to the lovely Judy Jones who catered for the evening so beautifully.

Maxelle Matthews

K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT & YEAR TWO PRESENTATION DAY

Please come along and join us for our K-2 Christmas Celebration to be held under the Primary Shade-port on Friday, 5th December, beginning at 9.30am. We hope to see lots of parents, grandparents and friends dressed in Christmas clothes ready to sing and dance with us all. Year 2 students will receive their presentation certificates at the completion of the Christmas Concert.

GIVING TREE K-6

On Friday, 5th Dec as part of the K-2 Christmas Concert, the children are asked to bring along a present to go under the ‘Giving Tree’. The presents will be collected by the Salvation Army for distribution to children in the local area. The Salvation Army requests that presents not be wrapped but would be very grateful to receive any donations of gift wrapping or cards.

Erin Rafferty

CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL TOOLE!
PSSA SEMI FINALS RESULT

Touch Football
- Jnr Girls Vs Samuel Gilbert PS lost 1-2

Congratulations!
Congratulations, to Mrs Stewart and the Junior Girls Touch Football Team for making it into CHPSSA semi finals and finishing at the top their pool.

Melissa Johnston

THE WINSTON MO BROS

Thank you to all those parents and teachers who donated to the Winston Mo Bros and raised money for prostate cancer research and the Beyond Blue Foundation. We raised over $600.

If you would still like to donate to this great cause, please follow this link - http://au.movember.com/team/1753809
All donations are tax deductible.

Winston Mo Bros

STUDENT REPORTS - SEMESTER 2

Your child’s Semester Two report will go home on Friday 12th December. Teachers have been busy completing assessments and writing comments over the past few weeks. Some important points for parents to remember are:

- **SOUND** is the expected achievement level that most students should achieve in all learning areas.
- The reports are a **POINT IN TIME** report. This means that we only report on what has been taught and assessed over Term 3 and Term 4 (Weeks 1-7). So, it is possible that your child has performed differently during this reporting period and may receive a different level to Semester One reports.
- Information about the number of achievements levels (High-Limited) allocated across a grade is available on request from the school.
- We do not schedule parent—teacher interviews at this time. However, should you have any concerns about your child’s report, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss any issues.

INTERIM REPORTING ON THE NEW ENGLISH SYLLABUS

All schools in NSW are implementing the new English syllabus for the first time and there will be changes to the way student progress in English is reported this semester, from previous reports. Schools have been advised by the Department that given the changes to the curriculum, the current *Curriculum, Planning, Programming, Assessing and Reporting (K-12)* policy is under review.

Until the policy review is completed next year, NSW teachers will report on student progress in English with an overall comment and one overall grade, based on the A – E scale. That is, the reports will not be structured under the headings of reading, writing and talking and listening, as the new English syllabus is not structured around these strands. Even so, clear information on these aspects of English will be included in the comments section of the reports.

The teachers are currently assessing student progress and preparing report comments that accurately reflect the progress of each child. During this time, attendance at school is particularly important so that individual assessments of students can be carried out with the same task preparation in class and timeframe.

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2015 DATES

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***CHICKEN POX – ALERT***

- A number of cases of 'Chicken Pox' have been reported this week.
- An information sheet has been sent out with the Newsletter, via the email system to all families.
SCHOOL and P & C NEWS

BAND NEWS

Calling all percussionists!!!

Would you like to be part of our band in 2015 as a percussionist?

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 asap.

Muirfield High School

Congratulations to Owen, Chris and Thomas who have been attending the MHS Band rehearsals and performances over the past few weeks.

SCHOOL BANKING

Last Day for School Banking 2014

Today is the last banking day for 2014. Thank you to all the students who have banked with the school this year. We wish all those with entries into the Go-Pro/Wave rider and $1000/iPad competitions the best of luck! With the large number of students who banked in Term 4 we’re hopeful we’ll have a Winston Hills winner!

A huge thank you to all the School Banking team volunteers who have processed the banking each week- in 2014 Terms 1-3, over $10,000 in student deposits was counted and the School Banking program has raised over $780 for the school so far this year! Term 4 is yet to be tallied.

We hope everyone enjoys the school holidays and School Banking will resume in 2015- Term 1, week 3.

For more information about the School Banking Program visit the School Banking Website below:


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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We have had a great year for Book Club and have raised $2,800 for the school to purchase books and resources. A big thank you to everyone who has purchased over the year!

You will soon be receiving books from the latest order of Book Club. If you have any problems please let me know via email at sarah.johnstone@iinet.net.au. Keep an eye out for the first issue of Book Club early in Term 1.

Sarah Johnstone
Book Club Coordinator

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 22nd January 2015
10am – 2pm

• You can pick-up pre-ordered uniforms.
• This will be pickup for the new design shirts & hats. If you would like to pre-order these now, orders will need to be placed with payment upfront.
• Orders can be placed in person in the Uniform Shop
(Thursday mornings – or 1st Thursday night of every month)
• Or you can order via email kellie_irish@live.com

TWILIGHT MARKET – THANK YOU!

Thank you Winston Hills! I’m sure that you will agree with me that the Twilight Markets on Friday 21st November was an enjoyable event. A total of $3500.00 was raised which will go directly towards purchasing equipment and resources for the band program in 2015.

Many thanks go to:
- Market organizers especially Karen, Kirsten, Sarah, Donna and Sue
- Helpers on the night - Belinda, Lisa, Giulia, Jacqui
- Yuan and Co for the yummy sushi
- Carinderie for the lovely macaroons
- Stall holders
- All silent auction donors especially ‘Celebrate Photography’ for the major prize

And last but not least all the buyers who supported us!

Thank you!
CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS – STAGE 2
Stage 2 students were very proud to show off their artistic, creative talents and smooth moves at our ‘Celebration of the Arts’ assembly. A fun filled afternoon was had by all with singing, art displays and a surprise Flash Mob! Thank you to all parents who came to support us. Well done Stage 2 students for being such wonderful artists and entertainers!

Mrs Shelton
Stage 2 Assistant Principal (Relieving)

STAFF NEWS
• Farewell to Mrs Lyn Booth who is retiring at the end of this year after 17 years of service in the office at Winston Hills PS. We all wish you a very happy and healthy retirement. You will be greatly missed!
• We wish Ms Monica Kazmierski well in 2015, as she leaves our school to pursue a career change. Thank you for the wonderful contributions you have made to our school!

PARENT TIPS
For The Love Of Science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.


Pleasures Of Free Play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.


YEAR 2 – 3 TRANSITION
What a wonderful transition process we have had so far and there is still more to come. With 2 more events left we know that the Year 2 students will be ready for their move to Primary next year. This Wednesday, the Year 2 students will spend a day in the Year 3 classrooms to experience a variety of educational activities. Monday in Week 10, the Year 2 and 3 students will get together for a Q & A session. We hope that your students have enjoyed the experiences so far and we look forward to spending more time with them over the next two weeks.

Mrs Shelton
Stage 2 Assistant Principal (Relieving)

K-6 HOMEWORK & K-2 HOME READING
Homework for 2014 finishes this week – ending Friday, 5th December.

BAZAAR DAY
Thursday 4th December
There will be lots of stalls, prizes and fun! Sausage sizzle lunch (for those who ordered)
Canteen WILL also be open
DON’T FORGET TO BRING MONEY TO SPEND!
Bazaar Day is a MUFTI DAY!
SUPPORT UNIT CAMP – MYUNA BAY

Last week students from the Support Unit swapped desks and computers for fresh air and fun when they visited Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. The group of 29 students attended as part of their Living Skills and PD/H/PE program. The 3-day active outdoor learning program included canoeing, archery, bush walking, giant swing, rock climbing, swimming, damper cooking and a games night. While the weather wasn’t great it certainly had no effect on the amount of fun the students had nor their energy levels. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork, self-care skills and communication. A big thank-you to all staff involved and to all the parents for making it run as smoothly as possible. A huge congratulations also to all students for their outstanding behaviour.
**BAND NEWS**

**Band Concert Night 2014**
What a wonderful night was had by all. We have received some very positive feedback and appreciate the support we received from family and friends.
In total $300.00 was raised from entry donations/drinks stall which will go towards purchasing new instruments and equipment in 2015.
If anyone still has a band t-shirt which was worn home accidently from concert night could you please return it asap

**Upcoming Dates for Your Diary**

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**P & C NEWS**

**P&C**
**Thank You for a Successful Year!**
A big thank you, to all of those who have worked so hard supporting the work of the P&C this year. This includes all those who have worked to assist the work of our sub committees and those who have come along to the P&C meetings.
This year saw some significant transitions with new parents taking on responsibility for some of the important work the P&C oversees. Thank you so much for your contribution.
2015 promises to be another exciting year for us. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Vincent Riordan
President

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours**
Open during School term every Thursday morning’s 8.40 - 9.30am. 1st Thursday night of each month 6.00-7.00pm.

**New Uniforms**
Don’t forget to buy your new uniforms for next year
Hats are still not in. Hope to have these on the 11th Dec.

**Rosters**
4th Dec: Libby Davies, Karen Carpenter
Evening: Jen Barclay, Jackie Mardling.
11th Dec: Julia Maguire, Melissa Thomas, Kate Salmon
Stock take will be done on this day so any volunteers that are free to help just let me know.

**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.

**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.
Irish and myself would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays!

**CANTEEN – EXCURSION PACK**

**Party Day – Tuesday, 16th December**

Please fill out the order form (sent home today) if you would like the School Canteen to provide lunch for your child on Party Day.

Order forms must be returned to the Canteen by next Wednesday, 10th December.
Kindergarten Day of Invention

On Thursday 27th of November Kindergarten students and their families participated in a Day of Invention. As a grade we were inspired by a little boy named Caine who had the imagination to build an entire arcade from cardboard boxes.

So Winston Hills Public School joined the Imagination Revolution and built all sorts of amazing inventions!