FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C Meeting and AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting & regular meeting were held two weeks ago. Thank you to all the keen parents who attended. It was great to see some new parents, along with many familiar faces.

Congratulations and thank you to the parents who were re-elected to the following positions for the P&C this year:

- President: Vincent Riordan
- Vice President: Belinda Schuster
- Secretary: Kylie Baker
- Treasurer: Fiona West

Parents were also asked to join a number of school committees. Thank you to the parents who volunteered in the following roles:

- Enrolment: Belinda Schuster
- Annual School Report: Kylie Baker & Leona Bibb

Thank you to the P&C who have pledged approximately $7,500 in Term 1, for new library books and classroom resources. A second commitment of funds will be pledged in Term 2 for home reading books, class sets of readers and novels and a possible upgrade of the sandpit. A reserve amount will also be allocated to replace old classroom air conditioners as they breakdown.

Term 2 Calendar & Permission Notes
A copy of the school’s ‘Term 2 Calendar’ is accompanying the newsletter today. Permission notes for excursions are being sent home today. Please sign the note and return it to your class teacher by Friday 2nd May.

Reminder - New School Account System
A reminder to parents, that we have changed our school account system and several changes have been introduced this year. The following changes will apply:

- Term accounts will only include: school/grade/stage based fees, excursions and school/grade activities
- All extra-curricular activities will be ‘pay as you go’, that is, payment must be returned with the permission note, e.g. swimming scheme, dance groups, choir, PSSA teams, zone sport, UNSW competitions, support unit activities etc

School accounts will be sent home in the next week and payment must be made by Friday 2nd May.

Happy Holidays!
It’s been a long and busy term, but a very good start to the year. We are all in need of a rest and a relaxing holiday. I would like to thank all the teachers, staff, students and parents for their hard work and dedication this term and wish you all a very enjoyable holiday break.

Maxelle Matthews
FROM THE DEPUTY

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Winston Hills students have been encouraged to take risks and give new ventures a go. In response we have had many children raise their hand for some extra curricula activities, with groups such as the Rugby Union Gala Day team, Primary Choir and School Band bursting at the seams with enthusiastic kids. The Premier’s Reading Challenge has traditionally been another challenge that our kids readily accept. It is a program that encourages children to read more often but also opens the door to other genres of books. So let’s make this year the best year ever- get reading kids!

Be responsible- Recycle
Our environmental programs are blooming with the Green Team busy mulching our gardens and the Science Club starting to clean out the school’s greenhouse, but the PBL committee are encouraging all children to play their part by having the PBL focus for the next few weeks being “Be responsible- Recycle.” With Earth Hour last weekend, now is a perfect time to make sure paper and other recyclables are put in the appropriate bins.

Gymnastics
Next term K-2, 2/6P and 1/5G will be participating in our biennial Gymnastics program. Sports Pro will be teaching the students gymnastic skills and allowing the kids to use equipment not available at our school. The note for this enjoyable and essential part of the PDHPE program is included with this newsletter.

Science Club
Our Science Club have been busy blogging with their Science Mentor, Dr. Melissa Johnston. They have been asking lots of questions, offering many answers and planning several experiments, with a chemistry session being planned for next week. The kids’ enthusiasm is truly inspirational.

ICAS Competitions
A reminder that the entry form for the ICAS competitions is due this Friday. This is another opportunity for our GAT kids to be challenged and for students to throw their hat in the ring with these challenging competitions.

Model Farms High School’s GAT class
Year 6 are finalising their Expressions of Interest for high school placements. Parents who have indicated that they wish for their children to attend Model farms will receive an application form later next term, upon which they can indicate if they would like to try out for the GAT class. The school will then provide the necessary information about application and portfolio requirements.

Principal Morning Tea
Invitations for this term’s Principal’s Morning Tea will be coming home this week to all children who received, or are due to receive a medal as part of the Honour Award system. The celebratory function will be held next Monday at 10:30 in the new hall.

Winston Winners
Congratulations to our State Knock-Out Cricket team who have been successful in advancing to the second round with a convincing win over Jasper Road PS last week. Next week will see the kids compete against Murray Farm PS. Good luck kids!
Congratulations to Arthur who came 27th in the State BMX Championships and to our Debating squad who cut their teeth on some challenging tasks at last week’s debating camp and workshop in preparation for another challenging season.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Tuesday 11th March, 25 students represented our school at the Waves Pool, Baulkham Hills competing against 17 other schools in our PSSA zone. Outstanding results were achieved by all in their heats.

The Finals were the following night. Our finalists were:

- Jack Maguire    Open 100M Freestyle
- Snr 200M IM
- 11yrs 50M Freestyle
- 11yrs 50M Backstroke
- 11yrs 50M Breaststroke
- 11yrs 50M Butterfly

- Ben Pentland 9yrs 50M Freestyle
- Ben MacSporran 11yrs 50M Breaststroke

- Emma Wilson Jnr 200M IM
- 10yrs 50M Freestyle
- Jnr 50M Breaststroke
- Jnr 50M Butterfly

- Snr Boys Relay Jack Maguire
- Aydin Shaik
- Elliot Robson
- Ryan McGuckin

Congratulations and good luck to Jack Maguire & Emma Wilson, who qualified for the PSSA Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the 20th March 2014.

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- Jack Maguire 1st 11yrs 50M Backstroke
- 4th 11yrs 50M Freestyle

- Emma Wilson 5th 10yrs 50M Freestyle

Congratulations and good luck to Jack Maguire, who qualified in the Boys 11yrs 50m Backstroke for the PSSA NSW Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the 9th-10th April 2014.

Melissa Johnston
Sports Co-ordinator

K-2 Easter Parade

Thursday, 10th April
10am
Primary - Shadeport.

Children may wear colourful play clothes (mufti).

ALL WELCOME!
SCHOOL NEWS

PSSA Results – Round 5

Cricket
Jnr’s Vs Jasper Rd PS win 1/48 – 3/42
Snr’s Vs Jasper Rd PS lost 4/37 – 3/63

Softball
Snr Boys Vs Jasper PS lost 1-21
Snr Girls Vs Jasper PS drew 12-12

T-Ball
Jnr Boys Vs Jasper PS lost 10 -26
Jnr Girls Vs Jasper PS lost 17 -21

Touch Football
Jnr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 2-3
Jnr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS won 2-1
Snr Boys Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 1-6
Snr Girls Vs Matthew Pearce PS lost 4-5

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

WINTER PSSA – Starts this Friday

Please ensure that all contracts are signed and returned to school to coaches.

For Term 1, games will be played in the morning. Terms 2 & 3 the games will be played in the afternoon.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, 9th April - 9.15am

The School Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6) will be held on Wednesday 9th April commencing at 9.15am. All children in classes 3-6 are expected to compete in one of the following events:

• 8/9 yrs 2000m
• 10yrs 2000m
• 11yrs 3000m
• 12/13yrs 3000m

Students are encouraged to wear something to indicate their House colour (eg T-shirt, ribbons, socks, coloured hair spray). Parents who are able to help directing children on the course are asked to contact me at school.

Melissa Johnston
Sports Coordinator

NSW PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Winston Hills Public School has entered into the NSW PSSA Cricket Knockout Competition. On March 26th the Snr cricket team played Jasper Rd in round one of the competition. In rainy conditions the team performed well winning the game. Batting first Winston Hills scored 6/125 thanks to great partnerships at the top of the order. With a great target to defend the team bowled and fielded well restricting the opposition to be all out for 62. The highlight of the day was the great sportsmanship shown by the team and the encouragement by all the players. Thank you to parents and grandparents of the team for coming and showing your support. Our next game will be against Murray Farm Public School on Tuesday 8th April at View St Park West Pennant Hills.

Steve Freney

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School accounts will be sent home this week. The accounts will include excursions and activities for next term and are required to be finalised by Friday, 2nd May, 2014 (end of Week 1 Term 2). Payment by this date will ensure your child’s participation in these educational programs.

Judy Jones
Administration Manager
MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday 8th May
Celebrate Mother’s Day by joining your child/children at school on Thursday 8th May for a delicious breakfast.

Cost: $7 per Family
Time: 8:15am– 8:45am
Where: Primary Quadrangle

Please fill in the form that is accompanying this newsletter and return it by Tuesday 6th May. We are looking forward to sharing this special breakfast with all the mums and special people.

Glenda Rooke
Co-ordinator

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SCHOOL BANKING

Volunteer Needed:
We still need one more volunteer to help process the school banking. It is for only 1 hour between 9-10am, every second Wednesday for only 3 days in term 2. The dates are:

May 14 & 28
June 11

Please email us at school banking if you’re able to help out. It’s good fun with a friendly group of mums & no experience is required.

Term 2 Dates:
School banking resumes Tuesday 6th May & the last banking day for term 2 will be Tuesday 17th June.

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

PARENT TIPS

Helping Your Child To Become A Good Speller
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.


Helping Kids Learn How To Make Friends
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.


TERM 2
All students and staff return to school on Monday, 28th April
**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

Please note: The uniform shop will be closing 9.30am sharp on Hat Parade Day (10/4/14) due to volunteer’s having children in the parade. We thank you for your understanding & we wish you all a happy & safe Easter holidays

**New Uniforms**

- Raincoats $17, Scarfs $10
- Winter White Polo’s sale $8.00

**Rosters**

10TH April: Julia Maguire, Kate Salmon & Melissa Thomas

**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 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**

The Fundraising Committee has been busy planning events for each term.

**Would you like a peek at upcoming events?**

We will be running the event that all the kids love - the Dance-a-thon, an after school disco, the yummy ‘Slice Drive’ for all the family and just in time for a Christmas - a bus shopping tour.

Be sure to check future newsletters for more details and dates as they become available.

We look forward to your support in raising funds for our school and your help when we ask for volunteers closer to the event.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 8 May. Gifts on sale will range from $1- $5 and children are asked to bring a shopping bag to take their gifts home.

*Sandra Emett  
Fundraising Committee*

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**BAND NEWS**

**AGM**

Our annual AGM was held on Monday 17th March 2014

Our 2014 band committee is:

- Co-ordinators - Sue Bryant and Karen Seamons
- TB Assistants - Sarah Johnstone and Meghna Mody
- SB Assistant - Donna Alexandrou
- PB assistant - Lisa White
- Secretary - Maria Visvikis
- Treasurer - Karen Fornari

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be part of the committee for 2014 and to all the ongoing support we receive from our band parents throughout the year.

**Band Camp**

Notes will be distributed today 2nd April 2014. Please ensure that all notes are returned by 9th April 2014.

**Term 2 Lessons**

Some slight changes may need to be made to some students timetables. We will notify you via email if your child’s time needs to be changed.

**Anzac Day Performance**

Performance band only. Look out for the hardcopy note issued today!

**Save The Date!**

Sunday 3rd August 2014 all three bands will be competing at the NSW UNI Band Festival. Further details will be issued closer to the date.

**Payments**

From Term 2 onwards payment of fees can only be made via cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments on WEDNESDAYS only. NO cash please.

We are seeking an experienced keyboard player for our performance band. If you have piano/keyboard experience and can play approx. grades 1.5- 2 music please contact as immediately.

*Sue Bryant  
Band Committee*

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**Cross Country Carnival**

**Years 3 To 6**

**Wednesday, 9th April at 9.15am**

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**CLASS OF THE WEEK 🐧**

Kinder Rainbow Fish and Kinder Penguins have had a fantastic time in our classroom this term. We have settled into school very quickly and are enjoying many fun and interesting activities.

We really enjoyed our first excursion to Fagan Park.

**KA Rainbow Fish & KPE Penguins**