FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Winston Hills PS for Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful holiday break. Once again we have a very busy term coming up, starting with Education Week in two weeks.

Dance-a-thon – Congratulations to our Winners!
Our Dance-a-thon was a huge success on Thursday 29th May. The sponsor money has been returned and the total amount raised is $15,476.20!!! These funds will be used to purchase resources for use in our classrooms.

Winners were announced at the end of last term:
• Class that raised the most money K-2 – KPE
• Class that raised the most money 3-6 - 4F
• K-2 student who raised the most – Leroy 2HB
• 3-6 student who raised the most – Lily 5/6M
• Two ‘lucky draw’ prizes per class were also drawn at the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies on the last day of Term 2. The winning students received a $2 canteen credit.

Congratulations to the winning classes and thank you again for your wonderful support!

Education Week & Book Week Celebrations
Similar to last year, we are combining Education Week and Book Week. We have planned a wonderful week of activities for students and parents this year. A flyer with all the details is accompanying our newsletter today.

Parent Evening – Topic: ‘Homework’
As part of our Education Week events, I will be running a repeat of the session on ‘Homework’ that I presented at a parent morning tea earlier this year. Parents are invited to attend on Thursday 31st July from 7.00 – 8.30pm in the staff room. During the workshop I will be:
• presenting the results of the parent survey in 2013
• looking at the research and the Department’s policy guidelines
• presenting and discussing the use of ‘homework grids’ at our school in 2014
• discussing parent expectations for homework

Parents who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the school office on 9639 8518 by Tuesday 29th July. I am looking forward to discussing these issues about homework with parents at the workshop. All welcome!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015
If you are aware of any in-area children intending to enrol for next year (who haven’t already done so), please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible to fill in enrolment forms.

Maxelle Matthews
FROM THE DEPUTY
Hills Performing Arts Festival
Welcome back to another busy school term. Term 3 already is shaping up to be a very eventful ten weeks with Primary gymnastics starting this week, the school photos being taken in Week 4, sporting opportunities such as the Ball Games carnival, the K-2 Athletics carnival and gala days, incursions and camps being just of the few programs being offered over the next two months.

One of the biggest events this term of course is the Hills Performing Arts Festival. This year our Primary Choir and dance groups will be performing at Penrith’s Evan’s Theatre on September 5. Apart from rehearsals and numerous practice sessions, all the children will attend a rehearsal during the day on September 5 then perform from 7-9pm that night.

More information will be sent home in the next few weeks about costumes, T-shirts for the choir, ticket purchases and performance details, but write the date on your calendar. It will definitely be a big night.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
The PBL team is constantly collecting data to assist in the running and implementation of numerous student welfare programs. Data is collected via teacher behaviour referrals, learning support referrals, parent requests and student surveys.

Last term stage 2 and 3 conducted a student bullying survey to collect information on the student’s perceptions on bullying at Winston Hills Public School. The survey helped give clarity to types of bullying that occasionally occur, the location and time of such behaviour, the students needing support and the types of interventions that may be necessary.

Over the next few weeks the Learning Support Team and the PBL committee will use this data to establish social skills lessons that will marry well with structured play activities and the regular PBL focus areas that will not only assist those children who will need targeted support, but will also be of benefit to all the children, to ensure that our school is a safe place to learn and socialise.

The next PBL focus area as a result of the above data is related to “Sharing the playground space with others.” Adjustments have been made to the playground structures this term and teachers will be reinforcing the social skills needed to play in a safe and cooperative way in these new areas.

Sport
As mentioned above and in previous newsletters, Winston Hills are constantly endeavouring to promote participation in sport. This term will be no exception with Mrs Rooke busily organising the K-2 carnival with a Commonwealth Games theme and Years 3-6 kids who have not had an opportunity to participate in a PSSA team will be offered a position in a cricket Gala Day side.

To further enthuse the students, all children will be participating in the Premiers Sporting Challenge, where the children will be given a card to tally the amount of physical activity they partake in during school and at home. The hours are tallied and each class will aim to receive various levels of awards. Get active kids!

Winston Winners
Good luck to Ben MacSporran who will be attending the State Cross Country Carnival this Friday. This is a great honour and a huge opportunity to rub shoulders with the best long distance runners in New South Wales.

IAN SHORT

EDUCATION WEEK & BOOK WEEK
This year we are combining Education Week and Book Week. We have planned a wonderful week of activities for students and parents this year which include:

Monday 28th & Wednesday 30th July
Gymnastics – Years 3-6
Parents are welcome to observe gym lessons in the new hall.

Tuesday 29th July
OPEN DAY 8.30am – 12.15pm
8.30 – 9.00 Book Fair in the New Hall
9.30 – 10.30 Book Character Parade – Primary Playground
10.30 -11.30 Morning Tea for Parents – outside the New Hall
11.00 –11.25 Normal recess for students
11.25 Students return to class
11.30 – 12.15 K-6 classroom visits will showcase class work completed by the students

Please note: This a regular school day and children should remain at school after our Book Parade and Open Day activities.

Thursday 31st July
Parent Session – ‘Homework’ 7.00pm - Staff room
A repeat of the session held earlier in the year during the day, will be presented in the evening for parents who could not attend. Parents are asked to RSVP on 9639 8518 by 29th July. Please note that parents are asked not to bring any children to this evening session.

AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH - PERMISSION NOTES
Before placing a photo in the newsletter or on the school’s website, teachers refer to a data base to ensure that all children in that photo have permission to have their photos published. To ensure that this information is accurate and current, all children without authority to publish permission have or will be issued with a permission note. Please return if you would like your details changed.

IAN SHORT

TERM 3 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Due this Friday, 18th July
Payment may be made by cash, cheque, credit card or online by going to the school website: www.winstonhil-pschools.nsw.edu.au

Please contact the school if you have a problem with your account.
PARENT TIPS
Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page. Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Character Parade and Book Fair
Education Week is fast approaching and as part of the school’s celebrations, we are holding the annual book character parade, with the Book Week theme of ‘Connect to Reading’. On Tuesday 29th July students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Students will parade around in their costumes starting at 9:30am in the primary playground - Area A for all parents and guardians to see the amazing and creative costumes.

The annual school Book Fair will also be held on the 29th July. The book fair will be open from 8:30 until 9am and re-open after the book character parade until 12:15pm. Unfortunately this year EFTPOS is NOT available. Credit cards are able to be used on a manual machine, however cash is preferred. Come along and buy a book for a loved one. You may also like to donate a book to the school library.

Keep on Reading!
Bronwyn Grant, Teacher Librarian

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
1st prize - $100 gift voucher from ‘Sports on the Run’ (Winston Hills Mall)
2nd & 3rd prize - Sports equipment from ‘Sports on the Run’
Cost - Tickets cost $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00.
Raffle draw - Thursday, 14th August, 2014
Tickets issued to every family today.
SUPPORT UNIT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 12th June, a group of students from the Support Unit participated in a combined athletics carnival at Sydney Olympic Park to compete with schools from across the state. The day got off to a great start with our team coming second in the March Past (with help from our team leader Winnie). From then, things only got better with every member of the team placing in at least 1 event and most students coming home with a swag of ribbons on their chests. At the end of the day, Winston Hills PS was named the Junior Champions for the third straight year – a great team effort. I would like to congratulate all children not only for their outstanding performances on the track but also for their exemplary behaviour throughout the day. A huge thanks also goes to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support the team and for all their help during the day as well as transporting students to the carnival.


Andrew Petersen
P & C NEWS

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
• Raincoats $17, Scarfs $10

Roster
17th July: 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.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking Term 3
School banking recommences next week 22nd July (Tuesday week 2). A reminder that after every 10th deposit rewards are ordered automatically now and they take a few weeks to arrive. Rewards are then distributed by class teachers when the banking is returned.

Volunteer Needed
We still need one volunteer to help process the banking. If you have one hour to spare every second Wednesday we would love to have you join the Banking team. (It’s only about 4 days each Term!)

It’s good fun and no experience is required! Please send us an email if you’d like to join the team or to find out more.

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

P&C MEETING
Next Meeting - Tuesday 5th August
Welcome back. Our first P&C meeting for term 3 will be in Week 4 on Tuesday 5 August at 7.30pm in the staff room.

If you have anything you would like to raise anything at the meeting, please email me or phone me by the Friday before the meeting.

I can be contacted on 0403556654 or email me at vincentlisa@optusnet.com.au.

Vincent Riordan, President

BAND NEWS
Welcome back to Term 3!
A few reminders of upcoming events:

NSW UNI Festival - Sunday 3rd August
• Training band arrival time 8am,
• School band arrival time 10.30am,
• Performance band arrival time 12.15pm.

Invoices were issued via email over the holidays. Please contact us immediately if you did not receive your child’s invoice form Term 3. Band fees due week 3 of term.

Practice Card Draw
Congratulations winners of Term 2 draw-
• TB- Alana Attard
• SB-Sam Bryant
• PB-Thomas Griffiths

Band Reports will be issued to families over the next week or two.

Save The Date
On the 6th September 2014 from 5-7pm a family fundraiser event is being held. Details will be distributed shortly.

Band Committee

BOOK CLUB
NO Book Club in Week 3.
As there will be a Book Fair as part of Education Week, there will be no Book Club during Week 3.

The next Book Club will be in Week 7 – Friday, 29th August

EDUCATION WEEK
OPEN DAY
& BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
& BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 29th July
See flyer for details

Living and learning together
Classes of the Week:
1/6G and 2/6P

Guppies and Dugongs have been having a great year of fun and learning. Some of the Programs/events we attended this Semester were: Combined Swimming Carnival, Combined Athletic Carnival, Swim School, excursion to Sydney Aquarium, Gymnastics, Sports, Dance-a-thon and Community Access.