FROM THE PRINCIPAL

K-2 Sports Day – Mini Commonwealth Games
Congratulations to all our K-2 staff on their organisation and running of a fabulous athletics carnival on Friday 15th August. What a great day with wonderful weather for the first K-2 carnival at Max Ruddock Reserve! While the successful running of such a day is indeed a team effort, particular mention must go to Mrs Rooke, Ms McDonald and Ivan for their invaluable contribution to the day’s success. It was also great to see so many parents, family members and friends support our K-2 students during the event. Well done everyone!

NEW – Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Program
Successful transition is all about effective communication and partnership with parents. This year we will be holding our very first Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Program. This program aims to prepare the children and parents for the move to ‘Primary’.

Although the transition from Year 2 to Year 3 may not be considered as a major change for students, it is important that the children are familiar with the routines and expectations specific to the primary grades. Careful consideration has been given to the major areas to be addressed in this program, with an aim to limiting the disruption to the ongoing class and stage programs.

Parents of Year 2 students will receive a note today about this new initiative. A pamphlet with the full program will be going home with the next newsletter.

URGENT - Kinder Enrolments for 2015
Our 2015 Kinder Orientation program commences early next term. 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 and receive information about Kindergarten Orientation.

2015-2017 School Planning – Parent Survey DUE
Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete the Teaching, Learning and School Culture survey which was sent out with the last newsletter. A reminder, that the survey is now overdue. If you have not sent it back to school, please return it as soon as possible.

Are You Moving In 2015?
If you are intending to leave the school this year, could you please notify the office on 9639 8518, as soon as possible (excluding year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2015.

Maxelle Matthews

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Thursday, 28th Aug Year 4 Camp – Taronga Zoo
Friday, 29th Aug Year 4 Camp – Taronga Zoo
Friday, 29th Aug Book Club orders taken in old hall

Week 8
Monday, 1st Sept Year 3 Camp – Taronga Zoo
Tuesday, 2nd Sept Year 3 Camp – Taronga Zoo
Tuesday, 2nd Sept P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday, 4th Sept Father’s Day Breakfast - 8am
Thursday, 4th Sept Father’s Day Stall
Friday, 5th Sept Hills Performing Arts Festival

Week 9
Wed 10th – Fri 12th Sept Stage 3 Canberra/Snowy Excursion
Thursday, 11th Sept Support Unit Excursion

Week 10
Monday 15th Sept Principal’s Morning Tea
Thursday, 18th Sept ‘Footy Fever” Mufti Day
Thursday, 19th Sept Last day of school

WHAT’S DUE?
Thursday, 4th Sept Stage 3 McDonald’s Dinner order and payment.

ACCOMPANYING NOTES
- Stage 2 Zoo Camp Information
- Stage 3 Canberra Camp Information
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- St Michael’s Softball Club
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FROM THE DEPUTY
Hills Performing Arts Festival
With just over a week to go, the kids and teachers are getting very excited about the upcoming festival. At the business end of the preparations for such a big event, it is important we remember some important house-keeping hints to ensure the day runs smoothly.

- **Date:** Friday 5th September
- **Rehearsal:** Students will need to be at school by 8:00am to make sure we have commenced the rehearsal by 9:30am. The children will need to bring their recess, lunch and a game to play in a small bag.
- **Performance Time:** Children need to be at the club by 6:15pm. The concert will finish at approximately 9:00pm
- **Address:** Evan Theatre, Penrith Panthers, Mulgoa Road, Penrith.

Upon arrival at the club in the evening, parents are asked to take their children up the escalators, following the signs in the foyer. At the top of the stairs, teachers will take the children to their waiting rooms and parents are asked to return to the foyer and sign in to the club. Please remember to take some photo ID. To ensure the students’ safety, only Festival officials will be permitted in the waiting rooms. Please be aware that traffic can be horrendous at that time of day so please leave enough time for the journey. Tickets have almost sold out. Please purchase tickets as soon as possible if you have not already. and finally….enjoy the night!!!!!! The kids have been working hard to refine their performances so you are certain to be entertained.

Planning for the Future
The teachers have recently been working hard planning for the next three year management plan. It is an exciting project discussing how we would like Winston Hills to be in three years and then planning the journey to ensure we achieve our aims. Of course we have asked ourselves what we would like student learning to look like in three years, picturing students who are engaged in their learning and have ownership of their learning goals. Students will know where their learning is, where it needs to go and how they are going to get there and are working in an environment that allows creativity, problem solving, open communication and ready access to a variety of technology. To ensure we meet these goals we need to plan for the quality of teaching that is required and in turn the professional learning that will be necessary. Of course we need to also consult the community to help develop a culture where students, teachers and parents are all working towards the same goals. It is definitely an exciting venture.

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall
Friday 4th September will see the annual Father’s Day Breakfast. This event grows every year and Mr MacSporran is already starting to write the very long shopping list. It will start at 8:00am in the Primary Quadrangle. Please write this date on your calendar. It is definitely an event not to be missed. Students will also have an opportunity in the day to purchase a gift for Dad.

Winston Winners
Anyone who managed to survive last week’s District Athletics Carnival is definitely a Winston Winner. It was a long, cold and wet day and our kids and teachers managed to survive the conditions with a brave smile and competitive spirit. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Ian Short

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) UPDATE
Stage 2 and 3 Student Welfare Initiative
This term we are trialling an exciting new student welfare initiative for a small group of Stage 2 and 3 students. This program is a result of playground data collected from teachers and students regarding social issues such as tolerance, understanding, conflict resolution and peer mediation. Information notes have been sent home to participating students. The program will be coordinated by Mr MacSporran and taught every Wednesday from 12.15 – 1.00pm. Lessons will take place in the old hall and on the multipurpose court during role play and game-based initiatives. The aim of this program is to further develop the students’ social skills by using specific techniques to understand and resolve conflict when it occurs.

New Focus Area – ‘We cooperate with each other and play fairly’
Our new focus area started last week and it again addresses the skills needed for our students to play respectfully in our limited playground space. We will be teaching these skills in the classroom this fortnight and discussing the focus area daily when the students line up.

House Points (as at Week 5, Term 3)

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Last week, our house captains counted the Winnie awards and we announced the winning house so far this term.

During Week 10, we will have the final count of awards and announce the winning house for Term 3. Each student in that house will receive an ice-block and an extra 30 min play time with ‘Winnie’

Multipurpose Court
Last week we started a new system of rotations for students using the multipurpose court at recess and lunch. Stage 2 will now use the court on Monday and Wednesday, Stage 3 on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will continue to be an open day for all students.

David MacSporran
PBL Team Coordinator
PSSA – DISTRICT CARNIVAL

Last Monday, the District Athletics Track events were held at Blacktown on a very wet day. Unfortunately, the field events had to be cancelled on Friday and will now be held on Thursday, 28th August. A report will be included in the next newsletter.

PSSA Results – GRAND FINAL

Netball – Congratulations!
Junior A’s Vs Kellyville PS won 14-5!

Congratulations to our ‘Junior A’ Netball Team who won the District Grand Final on Friday 15th August! Well done to the team on a fantastic game of netball and a wonderful display of sportsmanship on the day.

Melissa Johnston

BAILEY TO THE RESCUE!

What do you do when a baby plover falls metres down a drain pipe? Call The WHPS rescue team!

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs McDowall heard loud chirping from the bottom of a drain pipe. She enlisted the help of Mrs Moon, Mrs Davis, Mrs Kitchener, Mrs Shelton and the hero of the day – Bailey Davis. Using our problem solving skills we went on a search for any type of equipment that would help to rescue the helpless, very scared baby bird. After many attempts were made with our make shift bird rescue instruments, Bailey saved the day with the help of his broomstick, ladle and a whole lot of sticky tape, as well as his precision scooping skills and the steady hand of Mrs Moon who was the guiding light. The bird was pulled to safety and reunited with its family, just in time for the Wildlife Rescue officer to arrive and pat Bailey on the back for a job well done! This is just another example of the community spirit and compassionate students that we have here at Winston Hills Public School – we think we may have a vet in the making. Well done Bailey!

Mrs Kitchener & Mrs Shelton

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday, 4th September
8.00 am – 8.50am
$8 per family
Money due on Thursday 29th August

P & C FATHER’S DAY STALL

Thursday 4th September
Prices for goods for sale range from $1 to $5
Students are asked to bring a plastic bag for their gifts.
K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL

We had a great day where the children displayed their athletic talents. Many thanks to the staff, and the Primary Sport Leaders who made the day such a success. Thank you, also, to the parents who came and enthusiastically supported their children.

To all our budding Olympians, remember anything is possible if you follow your dream and work hard.

Mrs Rooke & Mrs McDonald
P & C NEWS

P & C FUNDRAISING

- **Heather Brae Slice Drive**
  Due to the overwhelming success of last years drive, it’s on again, more details below.

- **Bargain Buys Bus Shopping Trip**
  Some keen shoppers have already secured their seats, we have limited numbers so get in quick to secure your place for a fun day of shopping.

- **Fathers Day Stall**
  Will be held on Thursday 4th September, gift prices will range from $1 to $5. We ask children bring a plastic bag to carry their gift home.

P & C SLICE DRIVE

As part of the school’s fundraising, the P & C has decided to run a Heather Brae Slice Drive. Order forms have been sent home today to each family. Complete your order form and return with the money NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Please ensure your name, phone number and child’s class is filled out on the order form. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Payment is to be made by cash or cheque only. Cheques are to be made out to Winston Hills Public School P & C.

There are 2 options for delivery of your goods:

1. Goods can go home with your child (bear in mind – if you have a large order you may need to collect from school)
2. You can collect your good from the school hall. There will be 2 pick-up dates (before and after school).
3. Please indicate your delivery preference on the front of the order form.

Note: Heather Brae do not refund or exchange. If you have any enquiries, please contact Fiona West on 0413 342 871.

Fund Raising Committee

UNIFORM SHOP

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

New Uniforms

- Raincoats $17
- Scarves $10

Rosters

- 4/9/14: Julia Maguire, Melissa Thomas, Kate Salmon, Jen Barclay & Jackie Mardling
- 11/9/14: 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.

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 MEETING

Tuesday 2nd September at 7:30PM

Our P&C is a friendly forum where we discuss issues relating to the school and the work of our sub-committees involved in providing services to the school.

This will be our final meeting for Term 3. Everyone is welcome. If you have anything you would like to discuss at P&C, please email me at vincentlisa@optusnet.com.au or phone me on 0403556654.

Vincent Riordan
President

BAND NEWS

Raffle

Please return all sold and unsold tickets to a band committee member asap.

Thanks in advance to those who have volunteered an hour of your time to sell tickets at Winston Hills Mall, there are still spots available. Please see a band committee member if you can assist.

Bowling Night

Many thanks to the 50 ten pin bowlers who are supporting our bowling fundraiser. We are looking forward to a fun-filled night. Don’t forget your loose change to enter games, competitions and more……..

Save the Following Dates

More details to come closer to the event.

Training Band

- Sunday 12th October-local community event
- Sunday 26th October-festival/competition

School Band

- Sunday 12th October-local community event
- Sunday 26th October-festival/competition

Performance Band

- Friday 19th September (after school) - TBC local community event. Please return these notes by 3/9/14.
- Sunday 12th October - local community event

Don’t forget the return to band notes need to be returned to a band committee member by 3rd September.

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

I have had a few parents approach me in regards to joining the band next year- mark the following date in your diary!

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.

Sue Bryant
Band Committee
Bandwhps@gmail.com
Classes of the Week:

1F and 1K

TERM 3 IS BUSY!!!

Living and learning together