POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The PBL focus has changed to the Expectation, being Responsible. This week the focus has been: How to be Organised!

There are 4 main steps to being organised:
1. Chunking tasks into manageable pieces
2. Setting goals
3. Making plans
4. Managing time

An example of being organised is setting routines for getting ready for school in the mornings. This may include having a list of everything that needs to be packed into pencil cases and school bags.

Another example is writing lists of what needs to be done and ticking them off as they are completed.

Making arrangements and being prepared = success.

As a reminder, a letter was sent home yesterday outlining the school’s expectations for behaviour prior to end of year events. It would be unfortunate if any student was to miss out on celebrating a great year’s achievements with their peers. Please go through this letter with your child.

You may have noticed that repairs to the front of the building have commenced. The fence panels have been replaced and the steps completely remade. There will now be a bit of a wait for the new set of doors to arrive. The area should be as good as new by the end of the term.

I am continuing to enjoy visits from students with quality work to share. Some of these students have shared amazing pieces of writing which show a huge improvement in just a few weeks. These students are taking responsibility for their learning and can explain what they are doing well and what they need to improve. This can only happen with quality teaching and strong parent support! These visits by students, visits to classrooms and by reading reports show me the many gains made by students over the semester!

Continued home reading and opportunities for writing over the holidays will help strengthen these skills. If you would like some ideas for these activities please see your child’s teacher.

Kind Regards

Jenny Crain - Principal Rel

THE UNIFORM SHOP will be open from 8.45-9.15 for the rest of the term.
**P&C**
The P&C are selling Christmas Raffle tickets - 50c each or 3 for $1. Assorted prizes to be won. The tickets come in books of 10 and will be drawn 11 Dec.

**2015 SCHOOL COUNSELLOR SPEECHES**
Year five students who are interested in becoming a school councillor next year will be presenting their speeches on Tuesday 2nd December, at 12:30 to the whole school in the school hall. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along to support our future leaders. Students are asked to do a short speech stating why they would be a good leader; it needs to be completed at home.

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION**
What a busy few weeks we have had! On Friday 17th October all 5/6 classes and I attended Yakka Day at Hunter Sports Stadium. Yakka Day is a “try-a-trade” day. The highlight of the day was the wonderful wooden boxes that the students got to make with help from the talented volunteers from Branxton Men’s Shed. It was great for everyone to have a look at different types of jobs and get a chance to do some hands on activities with different employers. Several businesses commented on the fantastic behaviour of our students and they should all be very proud of themselves.

Over the last few weeks we have been extremely lucky to have Markeeta, Dave and the team from Awabakal Health visiting the school. Markeeta and Dave introduced us to their friend Lil’ Mike who showed us how important it is to keep our ears healthy. We learnt that it is important not to use cotton buds to clean our ears and we all got to make a “tissue spear” which is a much safer way to keep our ears healthy. As a result from their visit the Awabakal team came and spent 2 days with us doing health check. All the team were impressed with the beautiful behaviour of the students and are very interested in coming back to the Windale community for more fun.

On Tuesday November 11th we had a visit from Adam Drylie from Ngurra Bu. Adam is a proud Wiradjuri man who came to Windale to share culture and dance with our students. Everyone had a great time participating in the workshops and we are very keen to have Adam come back and share some more of his stories with us.

For any parents interested in meeting Lil’ Mike you can view his cool hip-hop song about healthy ears on Awabakal.com.au. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families this is a great website with lots of information on Aboriginal health and where you can go to get utilise these services.

If you have any questions or want to become involved in any activities happening in the school please don’t hesitate to come and see me as we would love to see you all involved in our kids’ education!

Cheers

Vanessa Edwards
AEO
Dear Duncan,

Seriously man, can you please think about what you are doing when you are colouring. Going out of the lines, scribbling and leaving piles of white space is just not on. There comes a time when you have to act more maturely and take responsibility for your actions.

Wanting a bit more consideration

Crayon Box

Dear Duncan,

Thankyou for always using me more than the others. Since I’m your favourite crayon can you start using me less please because I won’t be here that much longer. I will get so small you won’t even find me, then everything will be bad because you can’t draw your oceans with your small sore blue crayon.

P.S Don’t use me so much

Dear Duncan

Thank you for using me, drawing oceans, rivers and raindrops, since I’m your favourite crayon can you start using me a little less than normal. If you don’t I will start disappearing so maybe you could start using a pencil or a texta because they might be feeling a little jealous. Can I please have a little holiday??

From your stubby friend blue crayon

Dear Duncan,

Roses, hearts, Santa, blood and strawberries, enough is enough. Give me a break, how would you like to be used over and over? There are loads of crayons in the box, share the work around. A little respect goes a long way.

Distressed Red Crayon
5/6 T and 5/6FS  
Over the last two weeks  
Years 5 and 6 have been experimenting with perspective. They have  
used the I-pads and worked collaboratively to create some interesting photographs.
END OF YEAR CONCERT - THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER - TICKET REQUEST FORM

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ of class ________________

Total number of tickets required: ____________ for the 9.30am Session

Total number of tickets required: ____________ for the 12pm Session

Please cut off and return to office
SFON
Next week will be the last week for our Active after School program. Due to funding changes, the program as we know it will end. Personally, I would like to thank all of the volunteers we have had helping us over the years, to community members who have become community coaches and helped us to run the program, the children who have come along and participated, the Australian Sports Commission with Sue Barben our Regional Coordinator for her continued support and especially to Peter Field for his tireless effort in being there every session for the last 7+ years. Sadly next Wednesday is our last session, but keep your eyes open for something new happening next year.

GRANDPARENT CARERS GROUP
Our Grannies group will meet for the last time this year on Thursday 27th. We are having a Christmas lunch and are meeting at the Bowling Club at 12.30pm. The group will continue to meet in 2015 on the last Thursday of each month. If you have the care of your grandchildren or a grannie who supports their grandchildren in any form, come and join us for information and support on second time parenting. Lots of fun is always on the agenda and a weekend away in September has become an annual event.

AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)
Minimbah AECG is holding its last meeting for the year at Windale Public School next Tuesday at 6pm. We have a guest speaker for the meeting, Raylene Gordon from Awabakal Health will be promoting Little Mike. This is our Christmas meeting and after the meeting we will have a feed and catch up with friends and colleagues old and new. If you have an interest in Aboriginal education come along and join us.

MITJI NGWALI (Little Waves)
Parent and Community Engagement Program Centre for Hope has been coaching and mentoring students at Windale Public School. Now we are offering the same opportunity for parents and community. The PACE program will offer the chance to connect with mentors and coaches, other families, have some fun, learn and share skills.

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**WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS**

**Classroom Achievements**

**KS**
- Nicole H: A superstar who is always safe, respectful and responsible.
- Declan H: KS memory game champion.
- Izack H: Very clever counting to 100 and back from 30.
- Keely G: Wonderful story writing and an entertaining speaking and listening presentation.
- Ben S: Making amazing number patterns.
- Tara G: Thoughtfully picking flowers for teachers everyday.
- Ashton R: An excellent drawing of King Pig.
- Kiesha M: Improved writing skills.
- William R: Consolidating ideas in writing.
- 1/2A:
  - Noah C: Excellent effort and application maths.
  - Kiara J: Being an organised learner.
  - Dean M: Outstanding effort in all reading recovery lessons.
- 1/2H:
  - Joshua M: Working well in class all week in literacy and numeracy tasks.
  - Taleisha D: Consistent effort this week in all writing tasks.
  - Blake J: Improvement in effort during writing lessons.
  - Eli J: Becoming an active participant during quality talk discussions.
- 1/2R:
  - Emily P: Creating a beautifully detailed artwork. Well done!
  - Ella K: Consistent effort and application during literacy.
  - Jelathiem B: Fantastic effort and improvement in reading.
  - Bindah D: Persistence and effort in writing. Well done!

**3/4D**
- Jasmine E: Enthusiasm and effort in completing set tasks.
- Kane B: Trying hard to improve his school work.
- Callan H: Great enthusiasm during music lessons.
- 3/4M:
  - Caleb G: Making a positive change in his choices and behaviour. Thanks!
  - Jasmyn T: Displaying resilience and always smiling.
- 3/4R:
  - Hunter J: Creative narrative writing. Well done!
- 5/6C:
  - Taylor C: Being a responsible and respectful superstar student.
- 5/6SF:
  - Summer M: Consistently working hard in all KLAs.
  - Jack G: Writing an outstanding news report.
  - Jarrod H: Working hard to quickly complete quality work.
  - Zac D: A more positive attitude towards his work this week.
- 5/6T:
  - Zane G: Improved effort in reading and writing. Keep up the great work!
  - Peita O: Working well in reading groups this week. Keep it up!
  - Paige C: Always having a positive approach to her learning.
- 1/2R:
  - Kodi H: Consistent effort and application in all key learning areas.