This Week’s Virtue is: Participation
Participation is joining in activities without complaining.

This Week’s Road Safety Tip:
Use a safe place to cross the road!

Principal’s Report
Welcome to Term 2.

Staffing
I mentioned that we have a couple of changes in the Preschool and Kindergarten. The changes have multiplied somewhat with Mr Caddis taking long service leave for the term, Ms Moroney taking up a P-2 consultant position, Mrs Noble successfully gaining an Assistant Principal position at Hillsborough and Mr Thomas gaining a Principal position at Wyee.

For this term Mrs Smith will be relieving Assistant Principal in the Infants and Mrs Fernandez and Mrs Tonge will share the role of Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Mrs Wagner will be on 5/6SF for this period.

Activities
At the end of last term our pre-schoolers attended the “out loud” event at Windale Library. The event was opened by our 5/6 choir singing the National Anthem in Awabakal. Feedback on the behaviour of our pre-schoolers was excellent and community members expressed how awesome the choir performed. Thank you and well done to everyone, particularly Ms Carter for all her hard work with the choir.

On the same day we also had our ANZAC service at school. A huge thanks to Roz Scott for her presentation, the community for your support and the students for their excellent behaviour.

The Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term was again a highlight for the term.

Some wonderful and creative hats adorned the students and thanks again to family members for their support.

Coming up we have the PSSA netball game against Wiripaang here on Wednesday 7th May and NAPLAN Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May.

And another coup for Windale Public School. NITV (the National Indigenous Television Service), a division of SBS is in pre-production for children’s program that will be launched next year. The show profiles Indigenous children singers/songs and languages.

An NITV crew will be here on 19th May to film our pre-schoolers performing a song in Awabakal. Special thanks goes to Ms Carter and 5/6C who have been assisting in the preschool with this project.

On 20th May our senior boys will be involved the Knights Knockout. Good luck to the team.

Rick Budden
Principal

Important Dates to Remember
Term 2

Week 2
Wednesday 7 May PSSA Netball

Week 3
12th May to 16th May NAPLAN

Week 4
Mon 19th May NITV goes to Pre-school
Netball Term fees— As netball has now commenced any outstanding fees must be paid.
Term 2 & 3 Friday Sport—Football
Great Aussie Bush Camp—payments being accepted now.
School Photos going home this week.

Vanessa’s Message Stick
Hi Everyone,
Once again a fantastic start to the term! It was a busy start for me as I am currently doing an Indigenous Leadership Program and have been able to bring lots of positive energy back to Windale Public School. This term we will be celebrating our NAIDOC Day on Thursday 19th June here at the school. I am looking for some input from parents and community for what types of activities you would like on the day. I will be available at Milabah next Monday after school for anyone who would like to pop in for a cuppa and chat. I am looking for volunteers on the day to help also. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Hunter Homeless Connect Day special request - Donations would be greatly appreciated of wool and knitting needles for the children to knit scarves for the homeless.

Cheers
Vanessa Edwards
Relieving AEO

Pre-School News
Welcome back to Term 2.
We would like to welcome Mrs Kristine Partridge to the Preschool, she is replacing Mrs Jacobs until the end of the year.
We also look forward to celebrating Mothers Day and Naidoc Day this term with our Preschool families. As the weather is getting cooler in the mornings please send appropriate change of clothes considering all kinds of weather as it does warm up later in the day.
Reminder to check correspondence pockets for important information. As we have commenced Term 2 all outstanding fees should now have been paid.

Mrs Partridge, Mrs McKay and Mrs Lehman.

Canteen
Due to our manufacturers price rises the canteen has had to do a price rise on some items. The new price list will be effective as of Monday 12th May. See attached price list.

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) will hold its annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 with fire stations across the State opening their doors to give visitors a personal glimpse into Australia's busiest fire and rescue service. Open Day coincides with the launch of FRNSW’s Winter Fire Safety Campaign.
More than 80,000 people across NSW are expected to attend Open Day at their local station this year, with more fire stations than ever before taking part in this important annual community event.
Among the attractions for this year's Open Day include safety demonstrations, fire station tours and the chance to inspect firefighting equipment and trucks used by our firefighters when responding to fires and other emergencies. There will also be showbag giveaways as well as an array of kids activities.

Visitors can also speak to firefighters first-hand about fire safety in the home, including how to install and maintain smoke alarms and how to develop a home escape plan to ensure they can quickly and safely escape a fire.
With winter fast approaching and research showing fire deaths peak in the winter months, Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit your local fire station and learn first-hand how you can protect your family, home and contents and minimise the risk of a home fire.
During Term 1 our Preschool held a ‘Special Painting Day’. Family members were invited into our Preschool to assist their children in producing a painting on a 30x30cm canvas. A great time was had by all and the children loved to have family members visit them in their Preschool where they could show them lots of the wonderful things they do during their Preschool day. The paintings produced look great and have been proudly displayed on our wall for the duration of the Preschool year. We trust that you will get as much enjoyment out of them when they are displayed on your wall and be reminded of this very special day that you shared with your child at Preschool.
I hope everyone had a safe holiday and are ready for another busy term.

**Stories in the Street**
Starting this Thursday 8th May at Windale Library, SITS is a free story time for you and your child, under 5 years. Stories, songs, puppets and felt boards are some activities you might enjoy.

**Jarjums Playgroup**
Lots of fun activities are planned for this year and we hope to see some new faces as well as those we already know and love. We ask for a gold coin donation for craft items and morning tea is provided. Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

**Helping Kids Grow Strong**
A Samaritans supported playgroup with a nutrition focus. Every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm. Come along and have some fun, learn new skills and try some yummy new recipes.

**SFON**
Our Active After School Sports program started for term2 on Monday 5th May and Wednesday 7th. If your child is already enrolled they will automatically stay on the roll. If your child no longer wants to participate, could you please let me know.

**Hunter Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service**
Representatives from HTAAS will be holding Outreach services at Milabah from 9 – 11am, They will be here this Thursday, 8th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your tenancy, no matter who you rent from, come and talk to one of the friendly reps from HTAAS.

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## WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

### Classroom Achievements

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### ATTENDANCE AWARD

**Week 1 — 1/2R**

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**AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS**

Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition? You are invited to attend our **FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions**

**Where:** Club Macquarie, 488 Lake Road, Argenton

**Time:** 9.30am — 2:00pm

**Cost:** FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided

**RSVP:** Thursday 24th April — For Catering Purposes

Ph: 4921 4695 or 1300 887 776

**When:**

- **Wednesday 30th April 2014**
  - The Impact of being a Parent/Carer — HNE — Carer Education & Support Program — Hunter
  - Building Parent Resistance — Jackie Currey, Finn Chance

- **Wednesday 7th May 2014**
  - Stirling — HNE — Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
  - National Disability Insurance Agency — Suzanne Runshom
  - Using Assisted Technology — Ben Coombe, Samaritans

- **Wednesday 14th May 2014**
  - The Importance of Support Groups — Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
  - Child Behaviour that Challenges Us — Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
  - Discimination — Your Rights and Responsibilities — Claire Williams — Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Despite may be available by contacting Commonwealth Kepble & Cares 1800 652 222