POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL assists us to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community. Windale Public School recognises the vital role that parents and caregivers play in promoting positive behaviour for their children at home and at school.

Save the Date

Our PBL launch will be prior to our Mini Fete on 18th September. The official ceremony will commence at 11:00 am but will be preceded by a performance by Hunter Sports High School band from 10:30-11:00.

Please feel free to join your child/ren for the performance and then the official ceremony.

Following the launch refreshments will be available to students and community members and the Mini Fete will run from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week we are Learning to be Responsible. This involves:

- Being Organised
- Having a Positive Attitude
- Owning our Choices (and the consequences)

Some of our responsibilities include:

- Respecting the rights of others
- Looking after our own belongings and respecting the property of others
- Following the rules at home, at school and in the community

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to the halfway point of the term which is going extremely fast. We have a very busy second half of the term with P&C on August 25th (all welcome), Year 6 Transition Commonwealth Games Day at Hunter Sports High, 28th August, International Children’s Games Torch Relay, 28th August, Stage 2 Excursion, 10th September, our Mini Fete and PBL launch 18th September and International Talk Like a Pirate Day 19th September.

Science Day

On Monday our Yrs 3-6 students attended a Science day at Wiripaang to mark International Science Week. The day was run by staff from the Hunter Sports High School Science faculty with the assistance of some wonderful Year 9 and 10 students. We had great feedback from the students who were impressed by the demonstrations and hands on activities. We need to thank HSHS for such an exciting educational experience, Wiripaang for hosting us and Ms Smart for all her efforts in organising the day.

The spirit of our Community of Schools was certainly alight and to highlight this the High School made their buses available to us in the afternoon when it started to pour and Wiripaang staff helped us out by driving.

We had a number of enquiries from parents as to why there had not been a note sent home. As this was a local educational excursion and parents sign at the beginning of the year we did not feel that a separate note was necessary.

A message with information on the day was posted last week. While I realise that everyone does not access this it is far more effective than notes which often do not make it home.
Uniform

There has been a marked improvement in uniform overall but the number of “hoodies” is still unacceptable. We ask for your continued support in raising the standard of uniform.

Rick Budden
Principal

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PARAPROFESSIONAL WINDALE/WIRIPAANG/MT HUTTON SCHOOLS

An expression of interest is sought from a suitability qualified person to fill the role of a paraprofessional to work across the three sites with children from Preschool to Year 2. The position will be 3 days a week for Weeks 8-10, Term 3, 2014 and all of Term 4, 2014 with the possibility of extension.

Interested persons should submit an application of no more than 2 pages to: Rick Budden, Windale PS, Kilfera St, Windale 2306

By 4:00pm Wednesday 27th August 2014

The position criteria are:

**Essential**

- Bachelor of Speech Pathology
- Current drivers licence and the ability to travel between school sites
- Comprehensively ensured vehicle
- Willingness to undergo a Working with Children check

**Desirable**

- A willingness to work within the guidelines of DEC Welfare Policies and Procedures
- The ability to work collaboratively with Learning Support Teams to identify student support needs, develop education plans and support the enrolment process
- The ability to communicate effectively with a range of people including classroom teachers, support staff, administration, parents and students in a complex setting.
- Ability to design a speech program to suit a complex setting.

SENIOR FOOTBALL NEWS

The senior team has had another busy couple of weeks at Friday football.

On the 6th August, the team played against Wirapaang P.S. Dane B and Marshall P played exceptionally well and Samuel W, Jye C and Zane G also had fantastic games. Everyone played great footy but Wirapaang took the win.

Last week the team were again up against Wirapaang P.S in their first game. Playing without any substitutes, Jayden KB, Cade H, Riley S, Jarrod H and Britney S were strong in attack while Ethan H and Brian B were the strength in the back. Harry K, Brock M, Zac D, Bradley F, Jayden G and Blake R ran hard and tackled harder. Unfortunately, Wirapaang was just too good on the day and we went down by one try.

The second game of the day was against a fresh Eleebana side and despite being fatigued, the team really dug deep. Playing again without any subs, it was a tough game but the team held their ground. Despite missing out on a win, it was a fantastic effort from all. Well done everyone!

JARROD MULLEN CUP

On Tuesday, 5th August, the senior football team competed at Croudace Bay Oval for the Jarrod Mullen Cup. Our boys and girls stood tall for this competition and they played some great footy.

Our first game against Warners Bay P.S was fast and hard. The team was strong in the back. They defeated our exhausted team 20-0. In our second game we played against St Paul’s Gateshead. The team defeated us in our last meeting but this time we held them to a 12-12 draw. Our third challenge was against Mt Hutton P.S, a well-trained squad. Our team was tiring and unfortunately we couldn’t hold them. We went down 20-12. In our last game of the day we played Biddabah P.S, another tough team. They defeated our exhausted team 20-0.

It was a really great day with many fantastic performances in attack and defence. The team were very supportive of one another and played exceptionally well as a team. Jayden KB, Jarrod H, Kade H and Riley S displayed great leadership by directing and sharing the play. Try scorers on the day were Kade H, Jayden KB, Dane B, Riley S and Jarrod H. Well done to all players and a big thank you to the parents that came along and supported the team!

Miss Wagner and John Kennedy.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Windale again have started the new term impressively. The teams are now showing great attack and strong defence and more importantly everyone is getting involved.

Welcome back Callen after missing a few games, he always takes the team forward. Brayden and Hunter always give their all in both attack and defence. Caleb has shown strong defence in the last few games. Malakai and Josh have really lifted their game and are playing great football. Chris is another who is tackling everything in sight. Adam and Jesse have both scored outstanding tries, showing great speed and footwork. Mason is starting to hit top form while Jack takes the ball up strongly. Zac and Tim are improving each week. Lachlan W and Lachlan K-B have been outstanding week in week out.

The girls, Olivia, Candace and Keisha are all very important members of the team, playing key roles in the running of the team. Our new player, Jasmine has started her football career impressively. Thanks to super coaches Luke, Matt and Miss Riley for putting it all together, they are fantastic!!

Barry
BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CLUB

Thanks to the money raised at our Book Fair (over $1000 when the final tally was made), each class in the school will be able to select 2 books from this month’s Book Club to be purchased for our library. There will still be money left over to purchase other teaching resources.

Thanks again to everyone who supported the Book Fair and made this possible.

The Book Club order sheets for August went out last week and are due back at school by the morning of Thursday 28th.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last week, 2 students from each stage competed in the Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Competition held in various schools around Newcastle. They chose diverse topics for their presentations.

Early St 1
Keely G  My Day at Taronga Park Zoo
Aaron S  Elvis (The Crocodile)

St 1
Astrid B  Geronimo Stilton
Jeraki N  I Wish My Life Was A Musical

St 2
Bianca H  Children of The Titanic
Kiara D  Saturn

St 3
Jasmin W  Australian Slang
Jasmin E  Crime and Punishment

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts made by these students in their practice times with me and also thank their class teachers and parents for their invaluable work to ensure that the children were confident and well-rehearsed speakers.

A special congratulations to Jasmin E and Keely G who were both awarded Highly Commended certificates for their outstanding efforts.

DEBATING

Our wonderful team suffered their first defeat last Friday at the hands of Warners Bay who successfully argued that “Sporting Heroes Are Not Good Role Models.”

This means that there is no clear winner in our pool of schools and further debates may be necessary.

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Milabah – Place of Fun

Stories in the Street

Every Thursday, 9.30-10am, during school terms, 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. Come and enjoy the free Wi-Fi at the Library while your child enjoys story time!!!!!!!!!

Mitji Ngwali (Little Waves)

Parent and Community Engagement Program Centre for Hope has been coaching and mentoring students at Windale Public School through term 2. 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.

Call Roselea on 49487786 or 0402317820 for information

Grandparent Group

Our Grannies group meet next week, Thursday 28th August. We are meeting at Anita’s and we will be planning our weekend away that is happening in September. We’re booked and ready to go, just need to do some last minute planning.

Free Legal Services

Our outreach solicitor, Pat, is at Milabah Tuesday mornings from 9.45. No appointment needed, just call in for any legal advice and referrals.

Have you thought of making a Will, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship, we are hoping to have a day for you to do this here at Milabah. Please call 49487786 if you are interested, as soon as I have names we’ll book the day.

WICA

Save the date:

WICA is hosting a Health & Lifestyle expo on Wednesday 17th September at the Windale Gateshead Bowling Club starting at 10am. There will be lots of information stalls including Ability Links, NSW Fair Trading and once again the RSPCA van will be there to check your pet’s health. Keep an eye out for flyers and more information.

Roselea
49487786
3/4D Hairy Twits

The Hairy Twits

3/4D Reading Chains

How many books can we read?
**Classroom Achievements**

**K/1J**  
Tara G: Improvement in neat and tidy handwriting.  
Aleyah H: Isolating beginning and ending sounds in words.  
Ashton R: Completing an assessment task during speech.  
Sharna W: Trying hard to use pronouns correctly in speech.  
Owen N: Excellence in understanding the PBL motto Safe, Respectful, Responsible.  

**KS**  
Izack H-K: Making extremely neat playdough words.  
Aaron S: Knowing the names of 3D shapes.  
Kiana M: A safe, responsible and respectful student at all times.  
Declan H: A fabulous effort at independent writing.  

**1/2A**  
Jayden M: Excellent listening and enthusiasm in Maths learning about money.  
Dean M: Great application in Maths group.  

**1/2H**  
Natasha M: Writing an impressive response during reading groups.  
Jayden C: For always wanting to read to Mrs Houston. Keep it up!  
Jake N: Always showing his virtue of respect at school.  
William R: Always showing his virtue of safety at school.  
Connor P: Always showing his virtue of respect at school.  

**1/2R**  
Ella K: Improvement in the writing process. Keep it up!  
Sunny G: Consistent effort and application in numeracy.  
Jelathiem B: Consistent effort and application in class.  
Emily P: Always being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.  

**3/4 D**  
Ben T: Great improvement in spelling and reading.  
Blanca H: Always showing enthusiasm during literacy.  
Kiara D: Fantastic effort at public speaking competition.  
Saffron G: Welcome to Wonderful Windale!  
Bianca H: Fantastic effort at public speaking competition.  
Alyssa H: Always showing her virtue of respect at school.  

**3/4M**  
Lachlan K-B: Consistent effort and application in the classroom.  
Jamelia B: Consistent effort in writing tasks!  
Jenelle B: Always having a positive attitude! And always smiling!  
Malaki S-C: Improved application and effort in the classroom! Well done!  

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Assembly Roster 2014  
(Thursdays each week)  
**Term 3**  
**Week 6 - KS**  
**Week 8 - Infants Dance**