PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Community,

Welcome back I hope you had a great break full of fun and adventure. I am so proud of all of our students as we are working together with such respect to create an amazing academic environment. What a great beginning to the term!

Parents and carers, it is your last chance to complete the ‘Tell them from me’ survey. It is on our Facebook page and it is your opportunity to tell us how we can improve the school. We value your ideas and your feedback in all areas as we are all striving for the common goal of keeping Windale PS a Safe, Respectful and Responsible place.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program rewarding our students for their great learning and behaviour choices is a great success. We had a celebration lunch on the last day of the term with a large amount of students attending. PBL is alive and well in our school, we are in the process of getting signage completed for the school and ensuring that all students are aware of the expectations all over the school. We hope to have a great week with all students behaviour.

Staff will be completing training in Occupational Therapy for schools and children. We have had OT’s assist us already and they are currently doing some assessments and observations of classrooms and playgrounds. Thanks to government targeted funding we are working to develop a framework that will help all students build a strong base of physical abilities on a regular basis.

We are lucky enough to have Milabah, the community centre on our grounds. Please make sure you have a badge if you are a parent up at Milabah who is walking through the school grounds. Carers and students are also reminded that staff are not on duty until 8.30 and students are to sit under the cola if they are coming from breakfast club.

Swim school is filling up fast. It is highly subsidised this year by the school and the P&C so make the most of it while it is available as it is not guaranteed to be that cheap every year. No bookings will be taken it is a first in first served scheme that students from year 2-6 can access.

Come on in and enjoy the fun of school!! If you have a child in your house that is starting Kinder next year please come and enrol them so we can include you and your child in our great transition to school program. It will be starting on Wed 4th of November. Please see the school for details.

Windale Public School is a fantastic place for students to learn.
Windale students are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

Amy Owens -Principal (Rel)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15/10 Debate at WPS
- 04/11 Public Speaking
- 04/11 Kindergarten Transition Program begins
- 18/11 Helpers Morning Tea
- 23/11-04/12 School Swimming Program
- 19/11 Captains Speeches
- 10/12 Concert Day
- 11/12 Presentation Day
- 14/12 YR 6 Farewell
- 15/12 YR 3-6 Party Day
- 16/12 K-2 Movie Day
PUBLIC SPEAKING

Notes have been sent home regarding the Windale Public School Public Speaking Competition. All students from K-6 are currently busy drafting, writing, practising and presenting their speeches in readiness for their class Public Speaking competition. Students have chosen topics of their choice. Each class will then select representatives to present their speech at the finals which will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 4th November (week 5). We are looking forward to hearing these speeches.

DEBATING

Our final debate will take place this Thursday 15th in our Library at 12.30pm. The team is hoping to convince the adjudicator that “Our world really is a peaceful place.”

MULTI-SPORTS SELECTED FOR SPORTING SCHOOL INITIATIVE

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has launched the new Sporting Schools initiative to help strengthen the connection between schools and sport so that all Australian children can get active and experience the joy of sport. In Term 4 your children have the opportunity to participate in Sport for Life Multi-Sports Program. The program will run on Wednesday starting week 1 for 7 weeks. Sport for Life is a provider of school PD/HPE sport programs.

The program works with your children’s classroom teacher to provide your child the very best opportunities in learning. Your children will benefit from the staffs’ expertise, they are nationally accredited for the program they teach and are child protection screened and trained. They supply all the equipment each lesson, the programs are linked to the syllabus and National sporting bodies. Every child receives a certificate of participation at the end of the program. Our hope is, by participating, your child will develop skills that will lead to a life long enjoyment of sport that will give them good exercise habits “for Life”.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Who is Lucky Lizard?

Lucky is our PBL mascot who helps our students and staff learn about appropriate behaviours and reminds us to work together to make school awesome.

This week students are learning about the importance of being prepared and ready to learn, we can demonstrate these behaviours by -

- Having our books and pencils ready.
- Knowing where our school hat is and having it handy.
- Coming to school with a positive attitude towards our learning and our fellow peers.

Students who are caught being Safe, Responsible and Respectful by teachers are given Gotchas that go into the draw every Thursday assembly for the opportunity to win a free lunch from the canteen and for those students who are actively learning and showing positive behaviours they receive white awards which accumulate towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold PBL awards.

SWIMMING SCHOOL YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6

Swimming school will begin in Week 7 and go for two weeks, previously Year 1 students were able to participate in the Swimming School program unfortunately this year the guidelines that schools have to follow only allow us to send students from Year 2 onwards.

There are only 20 spots still available and they are being filled very quickly, cost is $33 and full payment with the note are to be handed into the front office to guarantee your child’s spot. Learning to swim is an essential skill that all students need to have the P&C and school recognises this and have assisted with keeping the costs low by paying for the buses.

NETBALL DRESSES

Could all girls with netball dresses please return them to Mrs Tonge as soon as possible. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

Order forms went out last week. They are due back on Wednesday, 21st so they will arrive and can be given out early the following week.
STAGE THREE NEWS

Every term is busy and at times hectic but none more so than Term 4. Stage 3 students have got some important dates coming up as they end the school year.

- “Have a go day” is a day for students who are transitioning to Year 7 2016 to Whitebridge High School on Friday 23rd October – Week 3 of this term.
- Year 5 Captain Speeches will take place in the school hall on Thursday the 19th November – Week 7 of this Term at 12:40.
- Year 6 Hunter Sports High School Orientation for students attending the school in Year 7 2016 will be on Wednesday the 2nd of December – Week 9 of this Term.
- Presentation Day will be on Friday 11th December – Week 10 of this Term.
- Year 6 Farewell is being held on Monday the 14th December – Week 11 of this Term.
- The 3-6 Party Day will be held Tuesday 15th December - Week 11 of this Term.

Please make note of these date in your diary or on your calendar. Have a great Term 4!

Mr Watson and Stage 3 Teachers.

CANTEEN NEWS

This term students can now order 10 cent jelly sticks for recess. There is a limit of 2 jelly sticks per child. This order must be given to the canteen in the morning with any other orders.

Other items: Crumbed drumstick $3.00 each

Meal Deals: Crumbed drumstick or 5 fish pieces and small salad tub (lettuce, tomato, carrot & cheese) $4.00 each

Canteen will also be open on Fridays at recess. Infants are allowed jelly sticks at recess only if ordered. They will not be permitted to come and buy.

Canteen remains closed on Mondays at recess.

VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK

Welcome back to Term 4! It was fantastic to see everyone happy and smiling and ready to finish the year off with a bang!

In Week 4 I am organising a Parent/Carer meeting as next year I would like more family involvement in Aboriginal Education within our school. I am looking for Parents, Carers, Aunts, Uncles Grandparents or even family friends who are willing to help organise special events within the school to promote Aboriginal Culture for ALL students at Windale Public. You don’t have to have any amazing talents but if you do that is great! This is for ALL parents as I believe Aboriginal Education is important for all our students and families. I will be sending a note home early next week with details and a slip to return for catering purposes.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions as I am always happy to have a yarn.

Cheers

Vanessa (Relieving AEO)

“Passenger Safety”

- Wait till the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross
- Always remain seated when the bus is moving
- Always sit quietly on the bus without distracting the driver
## Windale Public School 2015
### Kindergarten Transition Program

**Lucky door prize every session!**

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| **Visit 1**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:00 – 11am** | Students working in literacy groups  
Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. | - Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country **(School Leaders)**  
- Importance of transition and parent community involvement, sport, classroom, playground, gardens, Milabah **(Kay Houston)**  
- Introductions of school staff, attendance and role of HSLO/ASLO, office support, social media, Counsellor, SaCC – Milabah, resources within school **(Amy Owens/Roselea Newburn)**  
- Uniforms/P&C **(Maree)**  
- Welcome from the Office **(Robyn McCabe)**  
- Understanding school talk, acronyms, initial notes for 2016, school pack.  
**LUNCHEON** |
| **Visit 2**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:00 – 11am** | Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities.  
Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. | - Best Start/Early Action for Success **(Emma Stothard/Hannah Davies)**  
- L3 Kindergarten Program, read alouds and home reading **(Sarah Baldwin)**  
- Speech Pathology and Language Presentation **(Megan Osborn)**  
- Occupational Therapy  
- HIPPY Home Interaction program for Parents and Youngsters **(Lynda)**  
**LUNCHEON** |
| **Visit 3**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:00 – 11am** | Students will be creating crafty artworks.  
Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. | - Literacy and Numeracy through play – how to support your children at home **(Sharon Buck)**  
- Targeting Early Numeracy K-2 TEN **(Kieran Egan)**  
- Numeracy games and resources to take home  
**LUNCHEON** |
| **Visit 4**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:00 – 11am** | Student performance  
Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, a hat and a drink of water. | - Positive Behaviour for Learning, performance, lesson expectations, technology in learning, smartboards & ipads **(Melissa Carter)**  
- Seasons for Growth **(Pauline Patterson)**  
- First Day of Kinder **(Lyn Stokes)**  
- Eat it to Beat it, Road Safety **(Roselea Newburn)**  
- School Canteen **(Roz)**  
- Performance by Preschool transition students **(Diane McKay)**  
**LUNCHEON** – sausage sizzle with parents, students and staff of preschool. |
Milabah – Place of Fun.

**Supported Playgroup**
It is a learning through play based group that will be facilitated by Samaritans. It is running on a Wednesday from 10am - 12pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Jarjums Playgroup**
Come along and have some fun and pick up some great ideas to keep your children’s active minds busy with reading, nursery rhymes, playdough and lots of craft activities. We request a gold coin donation for craft items and morning tea will be provided.

**Windale Fresh**
Windale Fresh orders for Term 4. Next orders will need to be in by Friday 23rd October and delivery will be on Monday 26th October. $25.00 for a washing basket of fresh fruit & veg. Good value, good quality, so why not order from us and give it a try.

**Stories in the Street**
Don’t forget to join Lynda and Larissa in the infants playground on Thursday mornings from 8.45am, for stories, rhyming, songs and more.

**WICA**
WICA General meeting is on Wednesday 14th October at 10.15 am at the Windale Gateshead Bowling Club. Come along and see how you can get involved in your community.

Don’t forget to have a look at the Health & Safety Expo next Wednesday 21st at Lake Fair. There will be lots of information stalls. See the flyer attached.

For information on what’s happening at Milabah call Roselea 49487786

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**Active as a Family**

Busy lives and long work schedules can mean that many families spend time apart during the week and exercise on their own.

Here are some ways to connect as a family, revive energy levels and feel fit and healthy:

- A simple walk after dinner
- Join an all ages group like a fun run or cycling group
- Play touch football or cricket in the backyard on weekends
- Go for a hike or bike ride around local walking tracks
- Spend the day at the beach or your local swimming pool.

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**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Week 1 : 1H  Week 2 : 5/6W

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Opening hours are now **Thursday and Friday** mornings from 8.30am– 9.15 am.

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**NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN**

- Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
- Swim program
In 5/6T we have been studying the birds on Lake Macquarie Island.
Here are some wonderful illustrations by our students.
“We Will, We Will Stop You”

This week 5/6 W has been working on an ‘anti-bullying’ movie for our class item. The students have spent time writing lyrics, storyboarding scenes and actively participating in the production of our class item ‘We Will, We Will Stop You.

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend Thursday’s assembly to watch the movie and see all the wonderful work the kids have done. Bring your cameras to record the live performance.

Lights, camera……Action!
KS
Jet H  Awesome story writing.
Mary H Taking pride in the neatness of her work.
Madison M An Awesome performance at the Jump Rope for Heart skip off.
Kiarni S An Awesome performance at the Jump Rope for Heart skip off.
Makenzie K Always being respectful in Miss Chatburn’s class.
Jayden B Settling in well with KS. Great job Jayden!

1HP
Kiana M Wonderful drawing skills. She’s an artist!
Aaron S Always sharing his general knowledge with others.
Levi M Showing kindness towards others in class.
Elijah W Showing kindness towards others in class.

1/2R
Lorenzo D Participating and trying hard to “count on” during Kind of the Circle.
William G Being a more focused and engaged learner.
Lorenzo D Becoming a more fluent reader.
Lucien S Creating more descriptive and imaginative writing.

2W
Georgia K Always being safe, respectful and responsible.
Sierra H Writing some super sizzling starts.
Amber S A settled and enthusiastic start to Term 4.
Tallyn M Listening well and improvements in Maths.

3/4D
Jeraki N Fantastic effort on his mini project.
Grace B Fantastic effort on her mini project.
Mia J Consistent effort and application in all areas.
Jerika N A settled, co-operative approach to class learning.

3/4R
Jack C Excellent effort with reading.
Bindah D Excellent effort in reading.
Jaxxson W Great effort in class.
Bindah D Excellent effort in literacy.

4/5C
Callan H Improved attitude towards work.
Lilliila J Being awesome in class all day every day.
Shakira M Always showing enthusiasm in class.

5/6T
Jayden G Being a great sport in our class soccer match.
Nellie D Enthusiasm in Creative Writing.
Sabbath S An outstanding sketch of the World Map.
Marshal P An outstanding sketch of the World Map.

5/6W
Shallon L Exceptional patience in creating a block tower.
Lucy E Excellent creation of Diamante Poem.
Shontay W Enthusiasm participation in class item practice.
Zac W Great camera work while filming class item.
Supported Decision Making

WISDOM, LIFE EXPERIENCE AND COMMON SENSE NEEDED

Wednesday 21 October Wollongong Sage Hotel
Monday 26 October Parramatta RSL
Wednesday 28 October South Newcastle Rugby Leagues Club

9:30 AM—2:30 PM

It is challenging for anyone to make decisions about life and even harder for people who require support from others to assist with decision making. This workshop will cover many of the important considerations that others need to be aware of if they are to be the best possible support for vulnerable people to make decisions for their lives.

Cost per person:
- Families $30
- Professionals $100

We have places reserved for families who may have difficulty making payment. Please contact us.

Register online
Or call 1800 774 764

www.resourcingfamilies.org.au
presents the

Windale Health & Safety Expo

- Government Services
- Information on Community programs
- Aged Care
- Youth Services
- Eastlakes Family Support
- Ability Links
- Parenting Support
- Nova for Women & Children
- Mental Health Info
- Baptist Care

Come along for a fun day of information and links to services:

When: 21 October 2015
Where: Lake Macquarie Fair (Car Park, near Wheels for Hope)
Time: 10am – 2pm

WICA TOURS

COACH DAY TRIP

Sunday 22nd November 2015
Departs - Windale Community Hall at 7.45am
Returns - Approx 5.00pm
Cost $40 per seat required by 1st November.

Contact Sue on 0413 904 597 or smacq@bigpond.com
Have you prepared your Will?

Take control of your future for only $50

Local solicitors will be on hand to prepare a simple Will or change your existing Will for a cost of $50 (per Will).

8am to 6pm
Wednesday 21 October, 2015
The Salvation Army
360 Pacific Highway, Belmont North

All money raised will go directly to helping The Salvation Army Belmont Corps facilitate local work in the community.

Contact The Salvation Army today to make an appointment on 4929 5273.

Lake Macquarie City Council presents

Children's Week
family picnic fun day
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
Sunday 25 October
10am-1pm

to launch
Paint the Lake REaD!

Meet our reading mascot
Storywalk with local author Susan Whelan
Free sausage sizzle (bring a picnic rug)
Mask and library bag making
Police van
Fire truck
Plus, lots more fun activities!

Find out more: 1300 0359 021
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grandparents day