DEAR COMMUNITY

Well we are humming along now; there is amazing academic progress happening left, right and centre!

Our wonderful debate team are progressing into the finals with strong confident public speaking skills. They are curious, considered and thoughtful in their responses and they will be a tough team to beat. We wish you the best of luck and we are proud of you just for being there.

Swim school is now full. We have had a good response with returning money and notes, which has been great. We thank the P&C, Sports and Rec NSW and the Department of Education for making that scheme so affordable for our students.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program, rewarding our students for their great learning and behaviour choices is a challenge, but our students are working hard to make this a success. We have had some issues with infants students playing rough games and putting their hands on each other but the staff are being pro-active in preventing this and monitoring things very closely. Please help us by working with your children to learn games they can play that do not involve wrestling or punching.

Transition is happening all over our school at the moment to give all students a chance to know what is coming next year.

- Year 2 will be doing some lessons in Year 3 as they transition from ‘Learning to Read’ into the ‘Reading to Learn’ phase of their learning. It has proven to be overwhelming for some students in the past but hopefully this transition will show students that they can achieve and cope with the expectations.
- Our Year 6 students are doing high school activities to support the ongoing needs of each individual student heading into high school. It is a big change, and we are encouraging all students to stay focused on their studies and learn as much as they can while they can.

- Preschool transition is starting next week with not only our Preschoolers coming into the Kindergarten but the new Preschoolers coming to visit as well.

Our new logo has been approved and we will be working with the P&C to release the new uniform and emblem as well as developing an official release date. Watch this space for more information.

Windale Public School is a fantastic place for students to learn.

Windale students are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

Thank you

Amy Owens -Principal (Rel)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 03/11 Crazy Hat Day
- 04/11 Public Speaking
- 04/11 Kindergarten Transition Program begins
- 06/11 Yakka Day
- 18/11 Helpers Morning Tea
- 19/11 Leaders Speeches
- 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
LEADERS SPEECHES

Speeches for 2016 School Leaders will be presented on Thursday, 19 November at 12.40pm in the hall.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Mrs Tonge

PUBLIC SPEAKING

At Windale we are very proud of our public speaking programs which help develop very important communication skills as well as confidence and ability to relate to an audience. Thank you to all students who prepared and delivered a speech as part of their English assessment this term. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in their stage finals ‘Speak-Off’ on Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am in the school hall. Trophies will be awarded for the winner in each stage group and all students representing their class will receive a certificate. An invitation will be sent to those parents of students who will be participating in the finals however all parents are welcome to attend.

ES1 – Jensen E, Madison M, Jordan F
Stage 1 – Tempest C, Keely G, Kiesha M
Stage 2 – Astrid B, Bianca H, Mason F
Stage 3 – Olivia K, Jasmin W, Kiara D

CRAZY HAT DAY

On the 3rd of November 2015, Windale Public School students are invited to participate in our annual ‘Crazy Hat Day’.

Why you may ask? Well aside from crazy hats being awesome and fun, we are trying to raise money for the ‘Year Six Gift’ that will be presented to the school at the end of the year. We would appreciate a ‘gold coin’ donation from everyone to help our wonderful school leaders achieve their goal.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Preschoolers recently commenced their transition activities which involve weekly visits to the kindergarten classroom followed by recess in the infant’s playground with the K-2 children. During these visits to big school, the Preschool children are involved in literacy and numeracy activities and exposure to some of the routines that they will experience in Kindergarten next year. Each group has had their first visit and it was smiles all round.

Our Transition to School Information sessions for parents begin next Wednesday, 4th November, at 9:00am – 11:00am and will run each Wednesday morning for 4 weeks, finishing on Wednesday 25/11/15. While parents attend these, Preschool children will be attending their transition activities in the Kindergarten room with Kindergarten and Preschool teachers. The parent sessions will provide you with information about our school, our programs and services available to support children in their learning. We look forward to seeing all of our Preschool parents for these valuable information sessions. If either parent is unable to attend due to other commitments another family member is encouraged to attend in your place.

FOOTBALL SHORTS

Please return football shorts ASAP.

“Pedestrian Safety”

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road.
- Use a safe place to cross the road.
- Hold a grown up’s hand when you’re in a car park.
- Hold an adult’s hand when you cross the road.
## Windale Public School 2015
### Kindergarten Transition Program

**Lucky door prize every session!**

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<td>- Importance of transition and parent community involvement, sport, classroom, playground, gardens, Milabah (Kay Houston)</td>
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Thank You
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Health & Safety Expo last week, I would love to hear your feedback. If you have any ideas on how to make this event better in the future, I’d love to hear from you.

Grannies Group
Grannies Group meets this Thursday at 1pm in Milabah. If you are a recycled parent, caring for your grandchildren, or a grandparent who helps to support your grandchildren, come along and meet others and share ideas and support. This week Interelate will be joining us to talk about the supports they can offer.

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 6th November and delivery will be on Monday 9th November. $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.

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

VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK
Heading towards the end of the year and things are getting very busy here at beautiful Windale.

On November 6th our Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend Yakka Day being held at Broadmeadow Basketball stadium.

Yakka Day provides students with the chance to try a skill to learn more about various occupations by attempting some of the skills used in particular jobs. Career related learning helps students to make the connection between learning and work. It encourages them to think about their present and future roles in families, as workers and community members. Yakka day encourages young students to contemplate their future and the importance it plays in getting a job. Employers will be presenting hands on activities and talk about their chosen job, but also to reinforce the importance of staying at school or going on to further education and training.

Notes have been sent home and must be returned by Monday 2nd November. There is no cost for this excursion.

Cheers
Vanessa Edwards
Relieving AEO
**Numeracy**

'King of the Circle' is one of 1/2R's favourite games to play during mathematics. Students actively participate and are focusing on counting on and/or back to find a solution. We often play this game as an ignition to our mathematics lesson.

Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) is also a program that is implemented within 1/2R, to promote students to enhance their number skills. Students are placed into small groups where they work cooperatively with each other to complete an activity. In these photos we are playing 'Fill the Bucket'. Each group has a focus and all students are continuing to develop to count on from a number and use strategies such as doubles or finding 'friends of ten' to help them solve the problem quickly.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

This week we are focusing on being Respectful by raising our hand and waiting to be called upon. In our PBL lesson we engaged in role playing, where students had the opportunity to be the 'teacher' in order to develop the importance of being respectful.

**Our Vegetable Garden**

Our vegetable garden is growing at a rapid speed!! Hopefully we will soon have some tomatoes, snow peas and carrots to enjoy. 1/2R have been very responsible, making sure our garden gets plenty of water in this hot weather!
2W’s Journey into Speech Writing

It’s been a very busy few weeks in class 2W! Students have been writing speeches during lesson time in preparation for our whole school speaking competition. Below, is a snap shot of our learning journey towards this.

Firstly, students chose a topic. With a designated partner, all students could choose to research an animal, bird or reptile. We went to the library to gather some information. Topics of interest that students chose were: tigers, sharks, koalas, puppies, stingrays and lorikeets.

Students then read through the books themselves building up their knowledge and understanding of their research topic.

They then recorded relevant facts, as dot points, under various headings such as physical attributes, habitat, breeding habits and interesting facts, to help plan their writing.

Students used this planning sheet with the various points to then write informative paragraphs in a sequential order for their topic.

Once written, students edited their own work and then each other’s. Their writing was also conferenced with Mrs Williams. Students then published their own work, by typing their own speeches on computers, in the Computer Lab. They typed their speeches in boxes, which when printed was cut out into palm cards, ready to present their speeches, in class. All students did an amazing job, with their efforts being reflected in their results.

This is some our wonderful work, displayed in our classroom on our writing wall!

All students presented their speeches in class and some students had the opportunity to practise their speeches again during assembly for our item last week. They all did an awesome job, as their fine efforts in preparation helped them to deliver a more polished, confident speech. One of these students will then progress onto the finals, in our whole school public speaking competition. We wish that student all the very best!
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

KS
Lilly Anne S  Respectful behaviour for a visiting teacher.
Levi L       An extremely settled start to the week.
1HP
Matthew L    Excellent participation during the Sport for Life program.
Aaron S      Excellent participation during the Sport for Life program.
Nicole H     Always being Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
Matthew L    Always being Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
1/2R
Nadia B      Excellent dictionary skills.
William R    Always taking care of his school environment.
Tara G       Being a respectful learner by raising his hand in class.
Victor H     Writing an interesting and descriptive speech.
2W
Laykin H     Being a kind, thoughtful and generous class helper.
Joel S       Excellent efforts and results in all class work!
Kiesha M     A positive attitude and writing well in class.
Jesse W      A fantastic start to Windale Public School!
3/4D
Kane B       Excellent effort during mathematics.
Ella K       Always being respectful in class.
3/4R
Emily W      Being a great volunteer in the classroom.
Jayden M     Making a great tessellating pattern.
Alyssa H     Excellent 3D shape making.
Jasmine K    Excellent effort in class.

5/6T
Paige C     Excellent results in Mathematics.
Jayden G    Precise drawing to scale in Maths. Well done!
Marshal P   Clever and creative ideas for Public Speaking.
Nellie D    Always being a respectful and responsible member of 5/6T.
5/6W
Tami E      Academy award for best supporting actor.
Jasmine W   Academy award for best supporting actor.
Nathaniel S Excellent work as member of the camera crew in class.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Week 3 : 1/2R  Week 4 : 4/5C

ASSEMBLY ITEM ROSTER
Week 4 : 3/4R  Week 5 : 3/4D

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

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN
• Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
• Yakka Day-Try-a-Skill
• Swim program
What’s Happening in Class 1HP?

Every day we practise reading to ourselves so we can become good readers and develop a love for books.

Sometimes we read our books lying on our stomachs as it is very comfortable and good for our core strength.
AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carer Connections. Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER:

interrelate

TOPIC: Managing Stress & Self Care
VENUE: Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: Free - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Wednesday 11 November 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 4 November 2015

For more information or to Register Contact:
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter:
on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Aging@hneh.health.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Term 4 Week 4

Public Works

Hunter Sports High School

Redevelopment

PROJECT UPDATE: OCTOBER 2015

- The project involves the staged demolition of existing buildings that have reached the end of their economic life and construction of an entirely new 5 storey sports High School on the same site.
- Key tasks completed last 3 months:
  - Master planning for the site completed
  - EIE: Architecture awarded the tender to undertake the detailed design for the project
  - Ongoing community consultation and surveys are informing the development of the design
  - Key tasks to be completed in next 3 months:
    - Development of schematic design
    - Commencement of early works demolition on site

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After School Fun with LEGO®

Term 4 Theme “Gadgets and Gizmos”
This unit is all about the fun of doing something with what you’ve built. From a spinning top to a spin art model, kids have fun, learn and love playing with their creations!

Key Learning outcomes
* Understanding Probability
* Learning about Friction
* Learning about Symmetry

At Bricks 4 Kids®, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. At Bricks 4 Kids® our Mottos is: We Learn, We Build, We Play with Lego Bricks.

Where: The Place: Charleton Community Centre
When: Thursdays
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Starts: 5th November
Ends: 10th December
Cost: $60 ($10 per week)

Contact Brad Levery on 0499 006 056
Or book your spot online at: Bricks4kidzAustralia.com.au/NSW-LakeMacquarie/

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Ten Minutes a Day

"At Mums’ Cottage
“Ten Minutes a Day”
Reading Program

Follows each Thursday after the launch on 22nd October for 5 weeks.

Dates:
- Thursday 29th October,
- Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November.

Where: Mums’ Cottage
29 El Helen Street, Holmesville NSW 2286

1st session: babies 6 months to 18 months
Time: 9.45 am

2nd session: 2 – 5 year olds
Time: 10.45 am

Each 40-minute session will include stories, poems, songs and puppets.