DEAR COMMUNITY

Writing and producing text is our number one goal at the moment across the whole school. We are challenging students to believe in themselves and take risks with words they do not know. Please encourage your children to ask about new words and find bigger and better words that will improve their vocabulary and word knowledge.

Our first round of transition started last week and we are having a wonderful time getting to know parents and new children coming to our school. There are new faces to see and many new smiles to make our school even brighter.

If you child is 4 or 5 years or older we would LOVE to enrol them in our school so please come and join the festivities and activities that we provide to support students, families and parents in the community. Please see the office if you would like to have your 4 year old start preschool next year as it is a DET preschool and we provide a highly successful school readiness program and assist in providing quality education and guidance for what you and your child will need in the years to come.

Thank you to Vanessa Edwards for organising our Year 5 and Year 6 students to attend Yakka Day where students get to experience trades and work programs in the community. Unfortunately the University exploration day was cancelled by the university but they assure us it will be back next year.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program rewards our students for their great learning and behaviour choices. It is a challenge but our students are working hard to make this a success. In the next few weeks students will be given notice if they are able to attend the end of year celebrations for students on gold, silver and bronze. It is an exciting time for all where we get to acknowledge that Windale students are academic and driven to succeed.

We will be having a school disco soon. Please see Mr Watson and the Year 6 committee for more details around this.

Our new logo has begun to be used 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.

Captains Speeches will be on Nov 19th, we look forward to hearing from our future leaders. The disco is also on this day so get your balloon skirts and fluro socks ready for the disco Infants 3.30-4.30pm, Primary 5-6.30pm, with a sausage sizzle in the middle. Students will be allowed to wear their outfit to school if they wish.

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

- 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
- 18/12 Community Carols by Candlelight
PUBLIC SPEAKING: SPEAK-OFF

Congratulations to all student finalists participating in the school ‘Speak-Off’ on Wednesday 4th November to determine the Champion Public Speaker for each stage. All students spoke exceptionally well on a variety of topics. The level of speeches and presentations was amazing!

Congratulations to our stage winners!

ES1 – Jensen E  Stage 1 – Keely G
Stage 2 – Astrid B and Bianca H  Stage 3 – Olivia K

Let’s turn back the clock to 1985. Marty McFly went back to the future and everyone was wearing hyper-colour clothing. The theme for our disco is the ‘awesome 80s’. Students and teachers are encouraged to come to school in costume.

When:  19th November 2015
Where:  In the Hall
Time:  Infants:  3:30 – 4:30
        Primary:  5:00 – 6:30
Cost:  $2

Just like last time, there will be prizes for best dancers and best costumes. Of course the legendary ‘dance off’ will once again take place. A ‘sausage sizzle’ will be happening in between the infants and primary sets.

Don’t blame it on the sunshine
Don’t blame it on the moonlight
Don’t blame it on the good times
Blame it on the boogie

SPEECHES

Speeches for 2016 School Leaders
Will be presented on Thursday, 19th November at 12.40pm, in the hall.
All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.
Mrs Tonge
## Windale Public School 2015
### Kindergarten Transition Program
#### Lucky door prize every session!

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<td>Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities.</td>
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LUNCHEON – sausage sizzle with parents, students and staff of preschool.
Milabah - Place of Fun.

**Transition**
Don’t forget Awabakal transition is on Friday 13th at Bahloo Oval. See attached flyer.

**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 20th November and delivery will be on Monday 23rd.
$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

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**VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK**
What a fantastic excursion to Yakka Day we had! I would like to say congratulations to all students in Years 5 and 6 who attended Yakka Day last Friday. Many stallholders commented how wonderful, polite and engaged students from Windale Public School were. Well done everyone! Students were able to have some hands on experience at many different career options. Some of the most popular displays were the Hairdresser, Vet, Photography and Police.

The end of the term is coming up quickly. Teachers are busy preparing reports and finishing end of year projects. All teachers are currently updating Aboriginal students PLP’s (Personalised Learning Plans) and goals for the end of the year. If you have not been contacted by your child’s teacher please give the school a call and make a time to come have a yarn with staff. If you have any concerns please come and coffee and a yarn with me at Milabah.

Vanessa Edwards
Relieving AEO
KS Quality Story Writing

Last week KS read the book called “If Kids Ran the World”.

After some quality talk about the vocabulary and the themes and concepts in the book, all of the students in KS wrote about what they would do if they ran the world. Everyone did an awesome job, with the stories reflecting the students’ kindness, compassion and generosity.

When these wonderful kids do run the world, it will make the world a better place.

Below is a picture of some of the students presenting their work to Mrs Owens.
Digital Publishing in 5/6 W

This week our students have been working on creating posters for the school disco. The creative process has been wonderful all the way through class discussion, planning and digital creation of 80s inspired disco posters. The students have used ‘PosterMyWall’ and ‘Publisher’ programs to create these awesome posters.
MEDIA RELEASE

SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAP ONTO OPAL NEXT YEAR

More than 420,000 school students will be provided with an Opal card at the start of the 2016 school year so they can travel for free between home and school while accessing the ease and simplicity of the Opal electronic ticketing system.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance and Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced today that parents and students will be able to apply for a School Opal card and get information about the card from next week.

"More than 4 million Opal cards are already in use and now we’re expanding Opal to give school students the same kind of convenience from the start of the 2016 school year," Mr Constance said.

Mr Piccoli described today as a win for school kids and families, with the travel program providing more than $550 million to fund 60 million school trips each year.

"School travel assistance gets students from Kindergarten to year 12 to and from home safely and keeps cars off the road at busy peak periods," Mr Piccoli said.

The School Opal card will be for travel within the Opal footprint covering schools and students travelling on public transport across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

"We have more than 2,000 schools from the Public, Catholic and Independent sectors in the metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas whose students will be able to use an Opal card on trains, buses and ferries to get from home to school," Mr Piccoli said.

"To make it easier for families, students who have a paper school pass this year will automatically be issued with an Opal card at their school from the start of term in 2016."

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their School Opal card, which will be delivered in 2016. This includes parents who have children starting at kindergarten, moving from Year 2 to 3, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year.

Parents and students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website transportnsw.info/school-students from Monday 2 November.

MEDIA: Josh Murphy | Minister Constance | 0409 086 207
Caelin Worthington | Minister Piccoli | 0437 427 445
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

KS
Alaska L  Welcome to Wonderful Windale
Talia Mc  An enthusiastic, responsible learner
Alaska L  A responsible class leader
Lillyanna M  An awesome effort in story telling

1HP
Levi M  Being a kind student to Mrs Houston on her special day
Benjamin S  Always trying to be a good learner
Aleyah H  Settled classroom behaviour. Well done
Kiarna Mc  Always doing her best in reading and writing tasks

1/2R
Sienna M  Working co-operatively in a small group during TEN activities
Chloe C  Beginning to reflect on and edit her writing
Steven F  Beginning to independently reflect on his writing.
Keely G  Confidently representing 1/2R in the Windale P.S. Public Speaking competition

2W
Georgia K  Always being an absolute delight to teach!
Jarrama N  Trying very hard with his reading and showing improvement too!
Logan B  Improvement in quality and quantity of writing
Sierra H  Giving 100% effort with fantastic results in all areas.

3/4D
Robert K  Excellent effort in class public speaking competition
Jake K  Excellent effort in class public speaking competition

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Week 5 :  KS  Week 6 :  4/5C

ASSEMBLY ITEM ROSTER
Week 6 :  KS  Week 7 :  5/6T

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
ACYFS EARLY YEARS PROJECT

Support for Aboriginal Families

Free stuff for big school is back! Is your child attending kindergarten at big school in 2016?

Come along for a fun, relaxed day on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2015

Lunch including wraps/sandwiches/fruit patters

You must register for free back packs

Talk with the Awabakal health team including a nurse, nutritionist and hearing worker.

Meet staff from your local school, your Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and other local support services.

Free Raffle. Prizes include school shirt and pants.

Activities for the kids and so much more.

Children are the responsibility of their parents.

Please RSVP on or before the 9\textsuperscript{th} of November for catering purposes

Contact Roselea at Milabah School as Community Centre on: 49487786 or Krystal Astill on: 0429881163

Or fill out the slip and return to your local school/preschool

Location: Bahloo Oval - South St Windale. Time: 10:30-11:30 Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} November. Lunch to follow.

Awabakal ACYFS early years project

Please fill out and return to your school/preschool before the 9\textsuperscript{th} of November 2015

Please circle:

Yes I will be attending. Name: Contact number:

Number of adults and children attending: Adult: Children: