DEAR COMMUNITY

What an amazing year we have had.

Every day our students learn new things academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We are challenging them to be the amazing individuals they are.

Thank you to the parents and community members who have been supportive of the high number of changes that have occurred this year throughout the school. As a school we will continue to grow and develop and more and more strengths will shine. I will be continuing next year as Principal and I look forward to the great challenges we have in front of us.

We wish the year six students going on to High School the best of luck as they go from big fish to little fish in their new High School ponds. We can see that they are resilient, empowered students who are ready for the next step in their education. Good luck.

We welcome the Preschool and new students coming into Kinder who will begin their journey with us. We are excited to have you in our school and ready to learn. Welcome!

Thanks to the great parents and volunteers without whom, this school will not run.

Our achievements have been vast in the sporting and academic areas. Our students have worked hard and deserve this break to rest, relax and enjoy. We value each and every student and hope they have a safe and happy holiday.

Have a great Christmas and blessings for the new year

Be SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE and enjoy the time together.

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

Thank you
Amy Owens
Principal (Rel)

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DECEMBER 2015

KINDERGARTEN START MONDAY 1ST FEB 2016

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/12 Concert Day 9.30am & 12.00pm
- 11/12 Presentation Day 10.00am
- 14/12 YR 6 Farewell 6-9pm
- 16/12 YR 3-6 Party Day
- 16/12 K-2 Movie Day
- 18/12 Christmas Carnival 3pm to 7pm
JUNIOR LAND CARE

Over the past 2 months our land care team have been carefully tending our gardens and keeping an eye on the local wildlife and the local wildlife has been keeping an eye on them too. ‘Kenny’ the kookaburra became our garden mascot and was always close by...some say it was because he liked watching the land care team in action, but we think it might have had something to do with our amazing worm farm. Kookaburra’s love worms!

As the year winds down and our gardens overflow with vegetables it was time to harvest. Our land care team gathered beetroots, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers and fresh herbs which we turned into a delicious salad to share around the school. Yum, yum was the general consensus.

Congratulations 2015 Land Care Team!
We look forward to another fantastic year in 2016!
SWIM SCHOOL

Over the last 2 weeks, some students from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended Swim School at Swansea Pool. The weather was great every day, and the students had lots of fun. It was a very tiring 2 weeks for all, with lots of students taking the opportunity on the way back to school have a little nap on the bus.

Thank you to all students for their excellent behaviour over the two weeks.

We hope to see you in the pool again next year!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another year over, wow, hasn’t it flown.
I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. As always, thank you to everyone who has been involved at Milabah either attending programs, dropping in for a chat and especially to our dedicated group of volunteers. Without you we would not be able to keep things like Breakfast Buddies and Gardening going. Thank you all for giving up your time and being part of our Wonderful Windale Family.

Keep an eye on the School website under Milabah, I’ll update through the holidays with start dates for regular programs and some exciting new ones.

WICANext general meeting is on Wednesday 9th December at the Windale Gateshead Bowling Club from 10.15am.

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

P & Care you have noticed raffle tickets have gone out for this years Christmas Raffle. We have a variety of great items. Please put your name and class on the back of the front cover of the book to go into a draw for a prize for returning your tickets.

There is also a Christmas Carnival happening at the School on the 18th December from 3pm - 7pm. The P&C have joined with WICA this year to bring rides and games for all, young and old. There are wrist bands on sale for $5.00 per person for unlimited rides available from the P&C.

UNIFORM SHOP opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30am- 9.15 am.

The uniform shop will open at Milabah on the pupil free day if anyone needs to purchase from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday 27th January 2016.

NEW SHIRT CARE: Do not wash in hot water. Do not iron over print. Do not put in dryer.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

INFANT CLASSES

As part of our End of Year Celebrations Infants students (Classes K-2) will be travelling to Lake Cinema, Boolaroo to see a movie. Please return the signed permission note with $10.00 to the school Office by Friday 14th December.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs K. Houston
(Rel Assistant Principal)

YEAR 3 - 6 PARTY DAY

The Year 3-6 Party Day is on Wednesday, 16th December, between 9:30-11:00am. It will be a silent disco at the school held by Playground Sounds. The cost will be approximately $4 per child.

END OF YEAR CONCERT 10TH DECEMBER

Due to child protection laws there is to be NO filming or photography of students or the performance at our Wizard of Woz concert. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PRESENTATION DAY 11TH DECEMBER

The Presentation Day will be held at the Windale PCYC at 10am and conclude approximately 12pm.

CANTEEN CLOSURE

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WILL BE THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2106.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN

- Infants Movie Day
- Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
- Ticket Order under Primary Cola (mornings)
- Red Day order form to Canteen
Memo from Your Child

Dear Mum and Dad,

Please help me to love myself.

Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I shouldn't have all that I ask for; I'm only testing you - but please give me the discipline I need!

I need my sense of dignity, so please don't belittle me in front of people. I'll take more notice if you talk to me with as much respect as you give to your best grown up friends.

Don't ridicule me or imply that my inappropriate behaviour means that I am bad. It erodes my sense of worthiness.

Please be patient with me, I may be a late bloomer.

When you have a bad day, please don't take your frustrations out on me.

Please don't shout or nag. If you do I shall have to protect myself by appearing to be deaf.

Please help me feel good about myself by telling me of the good things about myself more often than you tell me of the things you don't like.

Don't bribe me or make rash promises. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.

Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.

Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.

Don't ever think that it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.

Please praise and acknowledge me for who I am and not for the things I do, for then I will grow up without the stress of comparing and competing.

P.S. I love you, and I don't expect you to be perfect either!
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

**KS**
- Chevy H: Awesome work in guided reading.
- Jayden B: Doing fantastic work in reading and writing.
- Makayla N: Writing a very special story.
- Kiarni S: Awesome work in Guided Reading.
- Jet H: Awesome work in Guided Reading.

**1HP**
- Ben S: Persevering when learning dance steps.
- Bodhi C: Being a wonderful dancer.
- Haylet J: Always being respectful for Miss Chatburn.
- Levi M: Amazing writing in class.

**1/2R**
- Tara G: Working efficiently during literacy.
- William R: Producing excellent results in writing.

**3/4D**
- Astrid B: Excellent work and attitude in all learning areas.
- Ella K: Being a respectful class member.
- Ella K: Fantastic dancing and singing for our class item.

**3/4R**
- Jessy S: Being respectful and attentive at all times.
- Hunta P: Outstanding knowledge and participation in our Volcanoes lessons.

**4/5C**
- Bianca H: Creative ideas in dance.
- Saffron G: Sensational suggestions for our dance.
- Adam P: Enthusiasm and skills in dancing.

**HOME READING AWARDS**

No more Home Reading Awards will be given out form now until the end of term.
Happy reading in 2016!

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Week 9: 1/2R  Week 10: 2W

**UNIFORM SHOP** Opening hours are now Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30am– 9.15 am.
Term 4 Week 10

Lake Mac Swim Centres Make a splash these holidays
Bargains are saved
Charlestown: 6457 7961
Stewarts: 4977 3291
Sports Point: 4988 1508
Toronto: 4997 2679
West Wallsend: 4997 2290

Saturday 2 January
Learn to Swim grading day
Starts 1pm (+1 years) fee
Swanswim Centre
Find out when your child fits in the Learn to Swim program with our free grading day. No need to book.

Week 1: 4-8 January
Week 2: 11-15 January
Week 3: 18-22 January

Learn to Swim From Rats (+2 years, Beginner to intermediate levels) 3½ hrs a session (paid in five, 10 or 15 day blocks)
Charlestown Swim Centre
Enrol your race entry form, turn in your race bib to your school swimming carnets and Book in for our one hour Freestyle race clinics.

Toronto summer intensive
Learn to Swim program
Verted times available - 3 years up to 13 years
(3½ hrs) 3 days a week (Beginner, pre-school, school and school aged)
3½ hrs a session (50m track) and 3½ hrs a session (25m track) connection for a shared learning environment
Toronto Swim Centre
Get your children to have a new swimming experience this summer. Beginner through intermediate classes are available.

Saturday 9, 16, 23 January
Parent and baby swim
From Rats (+2 years, Beginner to intermediate levels) 3½ hrs a session (paid in five, 10 or 15 day blocks)
Charlestown Swim Centre
Supervised SWIM with water activities to keep your little one and commence their learning of valuable skills. Learn water safety and swimming skills. Three week program.

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Wednesday 6 January
10m's World of Magic
11.30am-12.30pm - 130 children, 10-15 year olds at all ages, 80 members, 10 non members, 50 children prices
Charlestown Library
Learn more to create your own cartoon character with Proscripion and Computer drawing software! Access library at 10am handson workshop with take home equipment.

Wednesday 13 January
Stop Wars parties
10.30am 2.30pm
15 children, 15 non members
Swanswim Library
Do you know what wars mean to the people, want to feel your site with our knowledge of just how we can use our power to change things. As a young pacifist and dress up as your favorite peace worker and discuss with games, craft and a movie. Bookings essential.

Thursday 21 January
Family trivia night
6.30pm - 8.45pm - All ages, 10 ($10) for a family of 4
(Took to $15) for a family of 5
Charlestown Library
Join your friends and join MC, Josh Meredith (from BC Points) who's having a night with questions ranging from fun (towards Trivia volunteers provided.

Saturday 24 January
Super splash sessions
1pm-2pm (+6 years $2.50 a person $5 for family) fee addition to pool entry fee
Swanswim Centre
Try our new splash challenge! No need to book.

Sunday 20 December
Sunday 3, Sunday 17 and Sunday 31 January, Saturday 6th and Sunday 21 February
Coombeecho sessions
11am-2pm (+7 years $15 per child $25 for family) fee addition to pool entry fee
Swanswim Centre
Try our new aquatic challenge! No need to book.

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Lakeside Summer Holiday Activities
Explore Creek Great outdoors
(Thursdays, plus Friday 12 December, back to the back of the beach to discover the macro world of creek, plants, critters and corals some
Lake Mac, Industry Day between 6-10 January 2016 for the creek and boardwalk of how you are interested. Visit LakeMac.com.au for full terms and conditions.

Thursday 7 January
Movie screenings: Oddball
7pm - all ages (aged 3+) free admission
An eccentric, chicken farmer, is the help of his piglet, along with his middle distance dog, Oddball, to protect his property from the boardwalk and save the skies.

Sunday 10 January
Rainbow Connection
10am-12.30pm and 12.30pm-3pm (+4 years) free admission
A practical, creative garden making sessions using native products and local plants with teacher organic.

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Saturday 16 January
Uncovering our ecology
5.30pm - 7pm (+4 years) free admission
Join a hands-on 6km walk along the Creek Channel with nature's field guide. Discover how to help the environment.

Wednesday 20 January
Cycle discovery tour
10am-12pm (+7 years) free admission
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Tuesday 26 January
2.30pm-5pm (+7 years) free admission
Come join us in a hands-on 3km cycle along the Creek Channel with nature's field guide. Discover how to help the environment.

Monday 11 January
Cycling skills for new riders
10am-12pm (+5 years) free admission
Learn how to ride a bicycle safely in inner city streets and obey the rules.

Tuesday 12 January
Insight into making
10am-12pm (+12 years) free admission
Make a beautiful light! Open to anyone to find out about your favourite Tuesday Twilight, winter sessions, in the knowledge and more during this insightful discussion on romance.

Wednesday 13 January
Backpamper
2.30pm-5pm (+5 years) free admission
Learn to on an exciting adventure exploring the 10th and 11th century world of backpamper.

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January School Holiday Program at the Hunter Wetlands Centre

Tuesday 19 January 10am - 12.30pm for 7-10 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466
Making It! Use glue, wood, string, paper and other materials to make

Wednesday 20th January 9.30am – 12.30pm for 8 – 12 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466
Bush Skills. Make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn basic first aid and other survival skills.

Wednesday 20 January 10am - 12.30pm for 4 – 7 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466
Digby Fixit Live! Adapted from her book Digby’s Moon Mission, author and performer Renee Price will use storytelling, songs and puppets to bring her character Digby to life. This 30 minute performance will be followed by book signing, craft and a chance to meet some of our wetland reptiles at an interactive talk.

Thursday 21 January 10am – 2.00pm All ages
Cost: Entry by gold coin donation. No bookings
Wonders at the Wetlands - a family fun day activities for all ages and parents as well. Live music dip-netting, bird-spotting, reptile talks, crafts, face painting and so much more to see. Visit the Hunter Wetland facebook page or website for more information.

WINDALE EAGLES J.R.L.F.C

2016 REGISTRATIONS
Regos for the 2016 season will be taken every Monday from the 30th November between 4pm-5pm at Windale Ovals.

Also U13/14 Girls League Tag

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