PRINCIPALS REPORT

What a great swimming carnival! I was really impressed with the ‘have a go’ attitude of our students despite their skill level. Congratulations to our swimmers who have made it through to Zone, I look forward to hearing how you go. My thanks to the teachers who organised and ran the day, encouraging our students to do their best and feel good about their efforts, and to parents and community who took the time to come and cheer!

I have just realised I have been part of the wonderful Windale community for ten school weeks already! I am constantly amazed at the effort the entire community puts into our students to ensure that opportunities are available and accessible. This focus on our students makes Windale a special and caring place to be part of. I continue to extend my invitation to all parents, carers and community members to come for a cuppa in the Meeting Room at 1.30pm Thursdays just before Assembly. This is just a chance to have a chat and catch up on things happening around the school.

Kind Regards

Jenny Crain - Principal (Rel)

Staffing

As a result of an advertised expression of interest we would like to welcome Miss Amber Simmons to the position of Complex Learning Needs Co-ordinator and Mr Alex Rogers to the RFF (Release from Face to Face) position.

I will be on leave for around two weeks due to unforeseen surgery. Mr Watson will be taking my place as relieving Principal. Please introduce yourself to him, and continue to raise any questions or concerns you may have. Mr Rogers will take 5/6W with Miss Robinson during this period.

Complex Learning Needs Program

We are pleased to welcome Miss Simmons to our school to establish a Complex Learning Needs Program, initially for students in K-2. Miss Simmons will be assisting some of our students to engage more fully in their learning through a range of play, social skills and literacy activities. Students will go to the CLNP room next to 2W for the early part of each day, re-joining their class in the middle session. This program will offer a great opportunity to address each student’s specific learning needs. Parents will be invited to discuss this option for their child if needed.

Attention: Kindergarten Parents,

Kindergarten students will begin to stay for the whole day from Tuesday, 17th February. They will now finish at 2.45pm as do all the other classes.
National disability Insurance Scheme

Would you or your child be eligible for the National Disability Insurance scheme?

We are a local not-for-profit service providing experienced, caring and confidential advocacy with regards to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Newcastle Local Government Area is a pilot area for this scheme. Anyone living in this area with a disability, aged between 0 to 65 years is eligible for the scheme.

Clients can access the service themselves but we have found that using an advocate, like our own service, is advantageous to the clients.

Our service will help you understand and navigate the specific details of the NDIS.

We will work with you to achieve the outcomes you desire.

All our services are provided FREE.

Judy Webb-Ryall
Coordinator
Stroke And Disability Information
Please contact us on 4943 9786 or via email at sadi@idl.net.au and ask for Judy.

Ethics Classes at Winndale Public School

We will commence ethics classes at Winndale Public School if there is enough demand and suitable volunteers. Please return the slip that will be given out to students today by 20th February 2015 if you are interested in choosing ethics for your child.

Stage 3 Excursion

This year, Stage 3 students will be attending an excursion to “The Great Aussie Bush Camp” in week 10 of Term 2. The excursion is for three days from Monday June 22 to Wednesday June 24. We would like all children from Stage 3 to attend this excursion and are seeking expressions of interest. We are advising parents and caregivers of this excursion well in advance so as to assist families with scheduling payments. The cost of the excursion will be $250.

PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK!

Words alone have power!

This week our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is showing respect to others by speaking kindly. Lucky Lizard tells us that we need to make sure that we are not verbal bullying people. Verbal bullying is name calling, insults or teasing. It can make people feel left out, sad and not want to participate in activities. At Winndale we like to show respect to people by using kind words and actions, letting everyone feel a part of our school community. Join Lucky in using please, thank you and respectful language when at school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1

19/2— Assembly Item 1 H
26/2— Assembly Item 2W
Home Reading Roster
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are seeking volunteers to be on a Home Reading Roster. This will involve the changing of home readers daily. If you are available please inform your child’s class teacher. We would appreciate your support whether that be one day a week or more.

Primary Swimming Carnival
Last Wednesday was a beautiful day weather wise for our swimming carnival. It was great to see all students that went, get into the water and have a go. Four of our students have made the qualifying times to attend zone next week, Charlee, Astrid, Lucy and Adam will be attending on Monday and Wednesday at Swansea pool and competing in freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

A big thank you to the families that attended on the day and cheered and got in the water for a bit of fun. The teacher, parent and student race saw the teachers winning after our parents who had the lead got tangled with their noodle. It’s time now for parents and teachers to get into training for our athletics carnival where there will be a three legged race.

P and C News
The P and C committee will be accepting any donations for the Easter Raffle from next week. If you have any gifts of chocolate eggs, toy bunnies, baskets and anything Easter related that will be suitable for prizes will be greatly appreciated. Tickets will go out soon once the Easter Hat Parade date is confirmed.

Thankyou in advance
Windale Public School P and C

Dan The Man Personal Training
(0423) 269 139
danthemanpt@gmail.com

The Windale $5 Boot Camp has moved to Windale Public School.

Everyone is welcome. First timers please come 10 minutes early to fill out paperwork.

Children are welcome however they are your responsibility and certain areas are out of bounds.

Please bring Water and a Towel.

Boot Camp is on Monday and Wednesday 5pm – 6pm.
Boxing is on Friday 5pm – 6pm.
Learn To Run Program is on Saturday 7am – 8am. Location to be announced.

Check Facebook or text 0423 269 139 for more information.
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

KS
Jensen E    Makayla N
Noah S      Lillanna M
Jordan F    Madison Mc

1H
Matthew L   Nicole H
Aleyah H    Izack H
Guy H       Ben S

3/4R
Courtney G  Jayden McH
Jaxxson W   Jessy S
Alyssa H

4/5C
Taylah L    Olivia K

1/2R
Steven F    Declan H
Lorenzo D   Hayley J
Sierra H    Brodie S

2W
Blake J     Logan B
Natasha Mc  Laykin H
Jayden W    Emily P

5/6T
Damien F    Paige C
Harry K     Charlee M

5/6W
Keisha S    Chloe-Ann B
Shallon L   Allira D
**“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”**

- Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road
- Always remain seated when the bus is moving
- Always sit quietly on the bus without distracting driver

**Windale Junior Rugby League Football Club**

Registration on Tuesday & Thursday’s from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the oval. U/6 to U/16—$60.00 (shorts & socks included)
Milabah – Place of Fun
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PACE (Parent & Community Engagement)

This group meets on Fridays from 11.30 am - 2pm at Milabah. The aim of the group is to connect families, bring ideas to the table about what we, as a community can do to support ourselves, our children and our schools. Parents from all schools are welcome to attend. At the moment the group is trying to come up with a name and they are planning a cultural day at Wollombi in early March. The PACE group is supported by Centre for Hope and we always have fun, food and friendship on offer.

Stories in The Street (SITS)

Stories in The Street has moved from the Library to Windale Public School's infants playground. Come along and join Lynda from Family InSight and Rosie for story time at 2pm every Thursday afternoon. If you have children 0-5, why not pop in and enjoy stories, puppets and songs with us.

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

The next Windale Fresh is this week, orders need to be in by Friday 20th Feb and delivery is on Monday 23rd February.
$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.

Creative Me

Creative Me will run a little differently this year, our beautiful Belinda will not be running the group. (However, she may join in when she can) The time is still set aside for craft activities on Wednesday so if you have any unfinished projects at home and never seem to find the time to finish them, bring them along or if you have ideas that you could share, bring them as well.
Come along and have a look and a cuppa. Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm

Roselea
49 487786

Windale Word by Email:

I wish to receive Windale Word by Email
My Email Address is: 
............................................................
Signature: ............................................................

Registrations are now open! Warners Bay Football Club invites all old and new players to play soccer in Season 2015. Warners Bay FC is a family friendly club which values fun and sportsmanship.
We have the highest number of female players in the region and girls are warmly welcome. Registrations are available online at MyFootballClub.com.au and the club will be open on Sunday 15th February. Team Identification Day is 22nd February where you catchup with your old teammates or meet new ones. Find us on Facebook or visit our website for more information.
www.Warnersbayfc.com.au
STARTING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016 OR 2017?
(Students currently in Years 5 or 6, or those wishing to enter other years at HSHS)

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT
FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuesday 24th February 2015
6.30pm in the Binishell

• Faculty Displays
• Big Picture Education
• Talented Sports Programs
• Positive Behaviour for Learning Program
• Redevelopment Information
• Performances & more
• Student & staff presentations

Come along and see all that Hunter Sports High School has to offer!

Hunter Sports High School
Pacific Highway, Gateshead
Ph: 4943 5755  www.huntersports.com.au

Find us on Facebook

Hunter Sports High School - NSW DEC
Theme: ‘Ozzies we are’

Hosts: Rick from Windale School
and Steve from Mt Hutton School

Come along and have a fun night and support
wonderful WICA at a trivia night to be held at
Windale-Gateshead Bowling Club Friday 27th February 2015.

Cost: $10

Time: 7pm

(No BYO food)

Tables of 8-10

Prize for best dressed

Contact Sue on 0413904597

To book your table