PRINCIPALS REPORT

A school uniform has many benefits which are often unrecognized by students. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student. A student wearing their uniform with pride also means they are already on their journey to being respectful and productive in the school environment. A school uniform gives students a sense of belonging and creates a profile for a school in a community. At Windale Public School we have a fantastic school uniform, which not only is comfortable, practical and sun safe, it is a uniform that looks terrific on all students. It is essential that all students wear their uniform each day, this includes closed in shoes and a broad brimmed hat.

Did you know? The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free. Smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building in NSW. This law is called the ‘4 metre law’. As schools, colleges and universities are public buildings on the spot fines of $300 may apply to individuals who do not comply with the ‘4 metre law’.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette and the smoke emitted from a burning cigarette. For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children’s airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed. These differences make children more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma. Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as smoke-free entrances and exits from public buildings, supports those who have quit and makes smoking less visible to children and young people.

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.

Finally, an Expression of Interest for the Principal position is currently advertised and closes on Monday March 23rd. Stay tuned for an announcement as soon as news breaks.

Kind Regards

Mr Damien Watson - Principal (Rel)
**T-ball Gala Day**

All students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to attend the T-ball gala day which is on 25/3/2015. Notes have been sent home. This event is held at Barton Oval Belmont and Parents are more than welcome to go along for the day to act as team supervisors or be a part of Windale’s Cheer Squad. There will be a canteen on the day at the oval. Any enquires about the day please see Mrs Dugamanov.

**Cross Country Reschedule and Change of Venue.**

Our cross country has been rescheduled to next week 27/3/2015 as part of Our Community of Schools, students from Wiripaang, Mount Hutton and Windale will be going to Hunter Sports High to complete the run. Students will be walking to the High School under the supervision on the class teachers and will leave at approximately 11:30am. The actual running is scheduled to start at 12:00pm and we will be starting our walk back to school at approx. 2:00pm.

**Harmony Day**

We will be holding our Harmony Day next week on Thursday 26/3/2015 and you are invited to attend, it will start at 11:40am with students rotating around activities that include art, storytelling, sport, dance and food tasting. Students, Parents, Caregivers and Teachers are encouraged to wear orange on the day. Parents are welcome to bring along a picnic to enjoy with your child at 11.00am.

**Vanessa’s Message Stick**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our PLP afternoon tea in the Library on 5th March. Any parents who were unable to attend on the day please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time to meet and discuss what you would like your child to be achieving at school. This is also a great opportunity to hear about some of the fabulous work our teachers are doing in and out of the classroom. Next week I will be looking for Parents/Carers who would be interested in being involved in our NAIDOC Week celebrations here at Windale Public School. If you are interested please come along and have a yarn with me. Any help at all would be very much appreciated!

Cheers

Vanessa Edwards
Relieving AEO

**PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK!**

We are learning to be respectful!

A big thank you to Emily P (2W) and Blake, J (2W) for their outstanding performance in the role play showing the importance of being respectful at all times.

Be respectful
♦ Of others
♦ Of property
♦ Of yourself

**Windale Word by Email:**

**I wish to receive Windale Word by Email**

My Email Address is:

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**Signature:**..........................................................................................
Canteen News

To celebrate World Oral Health Day on Friday 20th March this week, the canteen are providing all students with a free healthy lunch sample. This will consist of a Lettuce Bowl containing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and is especially aimed at having the children try alternative, healthy foods. A bottle of water will also be provided.

Forms will also be sent out soon for our special lunch orders for Red Day on Thursday 26th March. Hotdogs, potato gems (limit of 15) and can of drink or juice. Please contact the Canteen for more details.

School Photographs

Newcastle School Portraits will be here to take the annual School photos.

When: Monday 23rd March 2015

Class: Years K-6 and PM

Class: PP will be taken on Friday 27th March 2015

Your online order code is: 152421

Your speciality group code is: 67369AK

Envelopes must be handed to the office no later than 20th March 2015, otherwise it will have to be given to the photographer on the morning when your child’s photograph is taken.

P and C Reminder

The P and C committee will be accepting any donations for the Easter Raffle. If you have any gifts of chocolate eggs, toy bunnies, baskets or anything Easter related that would be suitable for prizes that would 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

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN

Ethics Classes Note due back to front office
Book Packs $40.00 at the front office
Emergency Contact List 2015 Update Forms due
Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp $50.00 deposit due
School Photo Envelopes due back to office by 20/03
T-Ball Gala Day—Reminder $6/00 due to office
Netball Term 2&3—Reminder $20.00 due to office
Football Term 2 & 3—Reminder notes due to office

3/4D News

What a fantastic and busy start 3/4D has had to the year. After lots of assessments we are working hard in all areas of our learning. The children are proving themselves to be creative writers, clever mathematicians and are fond of a good game of T-ball. 3/4D are becoming a great team and we are looking forward to the great year ahead!

Guess Who?

Windale Public School P and C
This term in HSIE stage 2 we have been learning about ‘British Colonisation’. The children have explored the effects of the British Colonisation of Australia, on the environment, fauna and flora and native inhabitants. As part of this investigation children have explored how colonisation contributed to the development of Australia.

3/4D students have completed some magnificent art works focusing on our theme- ‘Our Fleeting Past’.

The First Fleet

3/4R HUMPIES

3/4R have been learning about the First Australians, the Aboriginal people. We have learnt about their culture and way of life, before British Colonisation. We had lots of fun having a go at building humpies in our school garden, using natural products like sticks, bark and leaves. Have a look at some of our humpies, built by the very clever students of 3/4R!
**WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS**

**Classroom Achievements**

**KS**

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<td>Kiana Mc</td>
<td>Always showing safety in class. And on the playground.</td>
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<td>Jet. H</td>
<td>Working hard in English groups.</td>
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<td>Riley. S</td>
<td>A safe, respectful and responsible class leader.</td>
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<td>Excellent work in reading and writing.</td>
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<td>Tahli. D</td>
<td>Being a wonderful class leader this week.</td>
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<td>Ashton. R</td>
<td>Trying so hard with his learning.</td>
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<td>Elijah. W</td>
<td>Trying very hard to “count on” during Maths activities.</td>
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<td>Always being respectful in the classroom and the playground.</td>
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<td>Sharna. W</td>
<td>Working hard during maths activities.</td>
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<td>.Levi. S</td>
<td>Being respectful and responsible in class.</td>
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<td>Mason. F</td>
<td>Excellent behaviour for casual teacher.</td>
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**5/6T**

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<td>Paige. C</td>
<td>Always working quietly.</td>
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<td>Tayla. G</td>
<td>Working really hard in class.</td>
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<td>Lucien. S</td>
<td>Interest and enthusiasm in Aboriginal painting.</td>
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<td>Owen. N</td>
<td>Continual persistence in literacy.</td>
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<td>Williams. R</td>
<td>A fantastic effort in writing. Well done!</td>
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<td>Tara. G</td>
<td>Always being safe, respectful and responsible.</td>
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**2W**

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<td>Keisha. M</td>
<td>Completing her writing more quickly in class.</td>
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<td>Shatayah. N</td>
<td>Improvement in attitude towards writing.</td>
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<td>Jayden. W</td>
<td>Contributing fabulous ideas to our class discussions.</td>
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<td>Jarrama. N</td>
<td>Always displaying our school expectations.</td>
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<td>Lucy. E</td>
<td>Proactive and dedication to mathematics.</td>
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<td>Brian. B</td>
<td>Bringing a positive attitude to class.</td>
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<td>Kaleb. D</td>
<td>Bringing a more positive attitude to class.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tarni. E</td>
<td>Striving for excellence.</td>
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Milabah - Place of Fun.
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. Our clever Jarjums will be joining the students for the Easter Hat Parade, so we will be making our Easter Hats over the next two weeks. 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 March and delivery is 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.

Windale Gateshead Bowling Club has a new CEO, Peter Hemingway, has taken on the role and is promoting our local Club.

Last Saturday, WGBC held its first Monthly Markets and these will be on the 1st Saturday of every month. If you are interested in having a stall, call Sue on 0413904597.

Our Jack High Brasserie (new name for the Bistro) will have the following specials every week from Monday 16th March 2015:

- Monday Schnitzel Night $8.50 for Members/ $9.50 for Non Members
- Tuesday Steak Night $8 for Members/$9 for Non Members
- Wednesday Fish & Chip Night with Side Salad $7.50 Members/ $8.50 Non Members
- Thursday Kid’s Eat Free (when a main meal is purchased) All kid’s receive a glass of soft drink and activity pack
- Sunday Roast & Dessert Night
  - Standard Size $10 for Members/ $11 for Non Members
  - Large Size $13 for Members/ $14 for Non Members
  - Includes dessert served with cream and ice cream

From Monday the 16th March we will also be opening our Coffee Shop (at the front of the bistro) which will offer light meals, cakes, snacks and quality coffee / milkshakes / thick shakes etc) from 10.00am till 5.30pm daily.

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Oficial Shed Opening

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2015
Time: 1:00pm
Where: Lake Macquarie Fair
By Jodie Harrison MP

Come along and learn about our community bike shed project.
You might even want to become a volunteer!

Special thanks to our sponsors

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“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”

- Click, clack, front and back
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt
- Get in and out of the car on the footpath side