PRINCIPALS REPORT

As the new Principal in your beautiful school and community, I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and thank the amazingly strong, diverse community for welcoming me so warmly over the last few days. It will be my privilege to work with you as we build on the great work you have done to keep this community and the students within it safe, respectful and responsible.

Due to the devastating storms we have had, I am sure there are families out there in need of assistance. Our thoughts are with the community and if there is anything you think we as a school can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask. Milibah is open for breakfast to support all students and is an excellent point of call if you think there is anything community orientated you can see that might help someone else in need. We are here to help and are happy to do so, just let us know.

Thank you to the inspiring volunteers, staff and students who helped clean up in and around our school, it was an all in effort to ensure that the school was safe and clean for the students to resume classes as soon as possible.

The School ANZAC Service has been postponed to Wednesday 29th April, and we apologise greatly for any confusion. We are all juggling different events in school and regionally to make sure the students don’t miss out on things that have had to be rescheduled due to the storm. Thank you to the great staff and students who have organised this event.

Good luck to our Zone cross Country people on Thursday and our Netball and Football teams that start on Friday.

We are going to have a great year,

Thank you
Amy Owens
Principal (Rel) of Windale, Safe, Respectful, Responsible

CLASSES AND STAFF

PM - Mrs McKay
PP - Mrs Partridge
KS - Mrs Stokes
1H - Mrs Houston & Mrs Partridge
1/2R - Mrs Roach
2W - Mrs Williams
3/4D - Mrs Dugamonov
3/4R - Ms Riley
4/5C - Ms Carter
5/6T - Mrs Tonge
5/6W - Mrs Robinson & Mr Rogers
Library - Mrs Richards
RFF - Mr Rogers
LAST - Mrs Smart & Mr Watson
APs - Mr Watson Stage 3, Ms Patterson Stage 2, Mrs Houston P-2
Instructional Leader - Mrs Stothard, assisted by Miss Davies
Reading Recovery - Miss Avery
SaCC Coordinator - Roselea Newburn
Aboriginal Educational Officer - Vanessa Edwards
SLSOs - Peta Lehman, Barry Williams, Darrin Sparks, Karen Tinson, Mel Wilson, Khel Britt, Nicole Harrison, & Sandra Couples
Speech Pathologist - Megan Osborn
Administration - Robyn McCabe (SAM), Janelle Hayman (SAO), Jane Campbell-Horn (SAO)
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLEASE ensure you do not let ANY litter fall out of your car into the community gutters or gardens as we are trying to keep our surrounds as safe and clean as possible. The community has been notified to report all incidents of this to the Ranger and reporting body for this issue.

There is NO smoking on school grounds and we ask that you make sure you are not standing at the school entrance gates smoking to ensure that children and other people do not have to walk through your smoke. Legally you must be at least 5m from the school to be having a cigarette.

VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK

Welcome back to Term 2! It is great to see everyone back at school safe and sound after a wild start to the term. Coming up at the end of the term is our NAIDOC week celebrations. Once again it will be a fun day of sharing culture and knowledge, so I would like to invite all Parents/Carers, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles along next Monday at 2pm to Milabah to have a yarn and share some ideas. If you are unable to come along but would like to be involved please don’t hesitate to come see me and have a cuppa and a yarn. Looking forward to another fun filled term at wonderful Windale!

BOOK CLUB

Order forms for this month have been distributed and are due back at school no later than Thursday, 7th May.

ANZAC SERVICE

Our School ANZAC Service will be held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2015. Recess will be from 1.10pm and our service will begin at approximately 1.40pm. There will be no assembly on Thursday this week.

STEWART HOUSE

Envelopes for the Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive are being sent home this week. Please make sure that the back of the envelope is filled out with the child's name, address and phone number and name of our school. Entries need to be returned by Friday 8th of May 2015.

WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

2W
Jayden W Improvement in reading and writing in class.
Logan B Reading well in class!

Canteen Roster
Monday—Laura Knight, Ros—Prep only, Sinead
Tuesday—Kelly Stevens, Melissa B, Melissa Donaldson
Wednesday—Lauren Knight, Ros Scott
Thursday—Serena Waddison, Melissa Donaldson, Melissa B
Friday—Kelly Stevens, Sinead, Ros Scott

Volunteers are always required, so if you have a morning free and willing to help, just pop into the canteen.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN

♦ Great Aussie Bush Camp
♦ Starstruck
♦ Netball - Juniors closed still vacant spots in Seniors

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

My Email Address is:
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Signature:..................................................................................

Student Name/s:........................................................................

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Welcome back to term 2, I hope everyone is safe and are now getting back to normal with power and hopefully little damage.

**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.

**Windale Fresh**
Windale Fresh will be back in term 2, orders will need to be in for the first run by Friday 1st May and delivery will be on Monday 4th May.
$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.

**Monthly Markets**
Next Saturday, Windale Gateshead Bowling Club Monthly Markets and the 1st Saturday of every month. If you are interested in having a stall, call Sue on 0413904597.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2**

TERM 2
29/4  ANZAC Service 1.40pm
(No Thursday Assembly)
8/5  Stewart House Donation Drive due
22—24/6  Great Aussie Bush Camp  (Week 10)
**Parent Information Night**

**Wednesday 13th May**

7pm

Hunter Sports High School Gymnasium

Information will be provided on:

- School readiness
- Curriculum information
- Guest Speakers
- Meg Osborne – Speech Therapist
- Sally Hewett – Occupational Therapist

Supper Provided

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**“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”**

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike in a safe place away from the road
Milabah

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Schools as Community Centre
Windale Public School
Roselea Newburn – Facilitator

For the latest information on what’s happening at Milabah and in the community
Call Roselea or drop in for a cuppa and a yarn

Milabah Schools as Community Centre covers the Waiyarang Community of Schools area. This includes Windale, Gateshead, Gateshead West, Mount Hutton, Lakeside and Hunter Sports High. Everyone from the community is welcome to come along to programs, volunteer or just call in for a chat.

Overview of Milabah

The Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) program is an early intervention and prevention interagency program funded through Families NSW with other interagency partnerships. The Department of Education and Communities, as the lead agency responsible for the administration of the program, commits to provide a range of evidence to support the program to various stakeholders as part of the funding arrangements.

Priorities

Priorities are to ensure that all children have every opportunity to live and learn in a supporting family and community environment.

Term 2 Week 2 2014

What’s happening at Windale PS

Playgroup

Jarjums playgroup (0–5 year olds) is held in Milabah every Tuesday, 9.30am – 11.30am

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.

Mitji Ngwali (Little Waves)
Parent/ Community Gathering
Parent and Community Engagement Program

Centre for Hope has been coaching and mentoring students at Windale Public School through 2015. Now we are offering the same opportunity for parents and community. The PACE program will offer the chance to connect with mentors and coaches, other families, have some fun, learn and share skills. This group is open to all local community members.

Call Roselea on 49487786 or 0402317820

Windale Fresh

Dates for orders to be in for Term 1:

Orders for Term 2 need to be in by: Friday 1st, 15th, 29th May, and 12th June. Orders can be picked up from Milabah on the following Monday from about 12pm. Volunteers welcome to help pack baskets.

Fresh fruit and vegetables can be ordered fortnightly at great prices. We order online and fresh, seasonal produce is delivered to Milabah.

The cost is $25 for a washing basket full of healthy goodies.

Please visit Milabah to place your order each fortnight.

Legal Advice

Unfortunately, Pat underwent ankle surgery last week and while she is recovering well at home, she is unable to attend Milabah for a few weeks. If you have any legal questions, please still come to Milabah and I will put a call through so you can still talk to Pat for any legal matters you have.
PLANT – We Need You!

The gardening group is an opportunity for you to learn new skills and share your skills with local men and women, tending vegetable gardens and school gardens. If you are interested in joining this great project call in and see Roselea for more information. Weekly working bees are on every Tuesday with lunch provided. Please join us and see if you have skills to make gardening a fun learning experience.

Grandparents Group

Do you have the care of your grandchildren or are you involved in the lives of your grandchildren? Then come along to our Grandparent/carers group. The Grandparents Group meet the last Thursday of every month at 1pm. There are always lots of laughs, support for each other and ideas around the challenges of parenting second time round. All Grandparents are welcome.

Happening in the Community

WICA – Windale Interagency & Community Alliance

WICA hosts bimonthly community and interagency meetings to address areas of interest in the community. If you love your community and want to help promote it as a place that your children will be proud to grow up in, give us a call on 0416304058 or 0413904597 to find out more.

The next general meeting for WICA will be held on Wednesday 10th June at 10.15 at Windale Gateshead Bowling Club.

Community Garden

The Windale Community Garden is a project for ALL residents of Windale/ Gateshead. If you have an interest in gardening or skills and knowledge to share, come and see Roselea at Milabah. We would love to see the gardens used by our community.