PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Community,

Well our students have been working hard to keep focused on learning and co-operating over the last 2 weeks and they have done an amazing job. Co-operation in the classroom is on the increase and we are seeing all our students helping each other out to build a strong academic community who are all succeeding in their own way. We have also seen an increase in co-operation in the playground and we have to make sure this continues with safe play and games in the playground.

The P&C meeting is the first Monday of the month and we are looking forward to seeing community members there. It is a great chance to help the school leadership through the community. Our school Disco will be coming up soon and our staff are very excited about the great student dancing they have seen previously. The P&C will be running a yummy BBQ at the disco as well.

Thanks to the P&C volunteers that helped out with our Mother’s Day stall it was lovely to see the kids so excited that we were able to offer this service.

Wow, what amazing sporting events we have and great sportsmanship. It was great to see the positive community support in our school and a huge thank you to the families that helped transport students to events. We value your support and are hope it can continue. Well done all students involved in our sporting events you have done us proud and we are glad you could represent us.

As we are all aware parenting can be very difficult and any tips are always welcome if it will make parents lives easier. We are lucky enough to have a Parenting Program which is going to be run in our school. Any questions please see Roselea at Milibah.

Inspirational leaders from Windale PS are heading to our Leaders Day this week to help inspire them further and to give them the opportunity to meet other leaders who are currently changing the word we live in for the better, no matter how young or old they are.

Thanks everyone for making me feel so welcome at Windale PS

Amy Owens
Principal (Rel)

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

St Joseph’s Charlestown is offering the new Seasons for Growth Parent program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce this term.

For many years parents whose children have participated in the Seasons for Growth Young peoples program have been asking ‘Is there a program that can help parents too?’ The Seasons for Growth Parent Program has been developed to meet this need. The program provides an opportunity for parents to reflect on the experience of separation and divorce from their child’s perspective, and to explore ideas and strategies that might help parents support their child/ren through the changes happening in their family.

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VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2. How fast has it gone already?

Once again I am asking for input from any Parents, Carer’s, Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents who may be interested in supporting celebrations of NAIDOC Week being held at school on 25th June. Planning has started but I would love for anyone to give it a go and come and tell me what you would like to see celebrated on the day. I will be looking to our Year 5 and Year 6 students also to take leading roles in the running of the day. I look forward to working with you so come and have a yarn and we will get this happening.

Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day is currently being organised in conjunction with Bahtabah LALC and Lake Macquarie City Council. We are looking for stallholders and sponsors so if you are interested in supporting this fantastic event please contact Bahtabah LALC or myself for more details. Eastlakes NAIDOC are also looking for nominations for community awards that we present on the day recognising the work and commitment local members have made to our community. If you know someone who deserves to be recognised please come and see Roselea or myself at Milabah for a nomination form. Awards will be presented for Elder of the Year, Aboriginal Community Person of the Year and Youth of the Year – for young Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders between 12-25 years of age.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about my role within the school.

Aboriginal Education Officers (AEOs) work in schools where significant numbers of Aboriginal students are enrolled. We work closely with teachers to develop culturally appropriate resources and programs. We promote Aboriginal Education, encourage students and support parents. AEOs work with teachers to assist Aboriginal students achieve their potential and keep the Aboriginal community informed of students’ progress and achievements, and of things like parent meetings, school activities, new programs and other changes.

AEOs also provide role models for Aboriginal students and have a positive impact on helping them achieve their potential.

Please remember I am here to assist and support you so please do not hesitate to come and have a cuppa and discuss any concerns and successes your child has at Windale Public School.

Thank you to all parents at Windale Public School who have worked and supported me within my role at the school. It is very much appreciated!

Vanessa

STEWART HOUSE

No more envelopes for the Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive are being accepted. Thank you for your kind donations.

GOOD FOR KIDS GOOD FOR LIFE

Attention parents: Please return any consent forms by Wednesday 13th May.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

A reminder to all students who have paid their deposit for the Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion in Week 10 this term. Outstanding balances are to be finalised by the end of week 7 Friday 5th June.

The note for medical details will be sent home and needs to be completed and returned to school ASAP.

Mr Watson

SCHOOL DISCO

The Term 2 disco will be held in the Windale Public School Hall on Wednesday 17th June 2015.

**Times:**
- K-2: 3.00pm - 4.15pm
- 3-6: 4.30pm - 6.15pm

**Cost:** A gold coin donation

**Theme:** Pyjamas (school clothing appropriate) or a onesie.

Students must wear closed in footwear at all times.

The K-2 may wear their costume at school all day if parents/carers choose.

The 3-6 students may also wear their costume at school all day or go home and change after school.

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle during both discos.
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.

Windale Fresh
Windale Fresh orders will need to be in for the second run by Friday 15th May and delivery will be on Monday 18th 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.

Bringing Up Great Kids
Do you want to understand your parenting style, build a positive, respectful relationship with your child. Then come along to Bringing Up Great Kids, a 6 week program aimed to better equip you as a parent in 2015. See attached flyer for more information. Get in quick, limited numbers.

Roselea 49487786

RUGBY LEAGUE – PAUL HARRAGON CUP AND FRIDAY SPORT

Last Thursday the 7th May, the Senior Boys Rugby League Team participated in the Paul Harragon Cup at Smith Park, Hamilton North. They played 4 games against teams from Rathmines PS, Arcadia Vale PS, Wangi Wangi PS and Marks Point PS. The team performed very strongly and were very competitive in all games however they didn’t manage a win. Mr Watson and Mr Kennedy were highly impressed with the sportsmanship and conduct displayed by the boys on the day. Man of the match performances were awarded to Harry K, Brayden H, Callan H and Brian B. Well done boys!

On Friday the 8th May the Senior and Junior Rugby League teams represented Windale PS in the second round of the weekly rugby league competition. The Senior boys team played two games and lost both, playing short due to illness and injuries but putting in courageous displays in both games. The Junior team won their game and showed great tenacity and teamwork. We would like to thank the coaches of the Senior and Junior teams, Mr John Kennedy and Mr Luke Jenkins for the work they do in preparing both teams and volunteering their time.

Mr Watson and Mrs Dugomanov were both highly impressed with the effort and commitment of both teams. Well done!

Both the Senior and Junior League Teams are entered in the annual Knights Knockout Competition with the Senior team playing their knockout games on the 21st May and the Junior team playing their knockout games on the 4th June. Notes for these games will be sent home soon.

WINDALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Football is back and Windale started impressively against Eleebana.

Mason and Caleb took up from last year and played very well, both taking the ball up and showing great footwork in attack. Malakai was another to impress in both attack and defence. The brothers Sharp, Chris and Levi were tireless in defence, both making important tackles.

Jaxson is going to be an important member of the team, showing great attack at times. The two Jayden’s are going to fit into this team once they find their feet. Both played extremely well. Brayden and Connor also played well in both attack and defence.

Taleisha fitted in well in the team and did some nice things. Grace is another player finding her feet.

Thanks to legendary coach Luke and his apprentice Mrs Dugomanov who will lead the team well.

WET WEATHER INFO FOR NETBALL

This is the website to check if netball is called off on a Friday.

GOOGLE: Charlestown Netball Association, go to Wet Weather (left hand column), then go to CNA School Netball.

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.
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS
Classroom Achievements

KS
Mary H  Being a responsible class leader.
Gypsey McG  Consistently demonstrating our PBL expectations.
Lilly S  Working hard in Reading groups.
Jordan F  Being a responsible class leader.

1HP
Izack H-K  Always showing co-operation during class activities.
Hayley J  Having a love of reading. Great to Hayley.

1/2R
Chloe C  Enthusiasm during dance practice.
Lorenzo D  Excellent work during literacy. Well done Lorenzo!

2W
Sunny G  Trying his best in all school activities!
Logan B  Improvements in reading!
Jayden W  Improvement in reading and writing in class!
Logan B  Reading well in class!
Brooklyn W  Making more positive choices in the classroom.

3/4D
Tia C  Always bringing a smile and positive attitude to school.
Ryan S  Welcome to Wonderful Windale!
Ruby S  Consistent application and effort in the classroom.

3/4R
Emily W  Hard work during reading groups.
Ben T  Working co-operatively in the classroom.

5/6T
Tayla G  Excellent problems solving in mathematics.
Paris S  Excellent problem solving in mathematics.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN
♦ Great Aussie Bush Camp due no later than 5th June 2015
♦ Good For Kids, Good for Life - Wed 12/05

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2
14/05  Junior Choir Assembly item
17/06  Netball Gala Day
17/06  School Disco
22/23/24/06  Great Aussie Bush Camp (Week 10)
24/06  Stage 2 Wetlands Excursion
25/06  NAIDOC Day

“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”

Passenger Safety

• Click, Clack, front and back
• Always buckle up in your seatbelt
• Get in and out of the car on the footpath side
After completing this six week program parents will be better equipped to:

- Understand the origin and nature of their parenting style
- Understand the messages they give to, and receive from, their children
- Identify and respond to the needs of their children
- Build a positive, respectful relationship with their child

**When:** Wednesday Mornings  
20th May – 24th June  
10.00 To 12.30pm

**Where:** Milabah -Schools As Community Centre  
(Windale Primary School)  
Kilfera Street

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Contact: Kim at Brighter Futures on 4014 9333 or 0447 190 100 OR  
Allison at Brighter Futures on 4950 7220 or 0427 126 719  
This program is FREE of charge to participants  
Limited child minding available upon request