Dear Community,

Thank you for being so caring towards each other and keeping each other safe.

Welcome back, I hope you had a great holiday where everyone was safe respectful and responsible.

We are making sure that your child has the best education possible and that they are achieving above and beyond all our expectations.

This week our data will be collected to support all the adjustments we are making in the classroom and to ensure all children are provided access to the curriculum. There is more information around this further on the newsletter. Please feel free to ask me about this if you have any questions.

Our PBL Targets are to be on task and to be respectful learners. We will be working towards achieving this in the future.

Our NAIDOC Day was a great success and these celebrations have continued over to the high school this week with our students heading up to HSHS for the celebrations.

REMEMBER: Students are to be taken by their parents to the High School tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd July, if they are attending Hunter Sports High School, from 9am - 11am, to attend the student testing for High School placement.

Your children continue to demonstrate amazing educational achievements.

It is great to be working in a school where all students are welcome.

Thank you

Windale is a fantastic place for students to learn.

Windale students are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

Amy Owens
Principal (rel)

Welcome back from Lucky and the BPL Team, we hope you had a Safe, Respectful and Responsible holiday.

Our PBL Target for the next two weeks is being on task and what it means to be a positive learner. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to go to school as other children in our world do not. Our focus is for our students to understand that everyone has the opportunity to learn in the classroom without distractions. Our target behaviours are:

- Respecting everyone’s opportunity to be the best that they can be
- Doing your best work
- Joining in classroom activities
- Listening to others and being respectful of other people’s opinions
- Meeting classroom expectations for respectful learners

Things you can do at home could be teaching respectful conversation skills, sitting together for an activity for a set amount of time.

EDUCATION WEEK PERFORMANCE AT CHARLESTOWN SQUARE

Our Senior Aboriginal Dance Group will perform at Charlestown Square (centre court) on Friday 31st July in Education Week. Our performance starts at 10:00am. Well done and a big thank you must go to Belinda Scheupenhauer-Wells for choreography, dance instruction and organising the costumes. I know the school and the students very much appreciate it.

Mrs Dugomanov
TERM 3 WINDALE CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Windale Cup Rugby League resumes next Friday 24th July. Mrs Dugomanov will confirm games times and the draw when it is finalised.

HAS ANYONE NOTICED CHRIS SHARP’S PINK PLASTER?

Has anyone noticed Chris Sharp’s pink plaster?

After breaking his arm playing football for the school last term, Chris asked for the pink plaster to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Please help Chris in his wonderful goal to raise at least $250 for the McGrath Foundation. The event is called Chris pink cast for breast cancer and you can donate through the link below.


You can also make a donation to Chris and sign his cast, this will go into the fundraising as well. What amazing children Windale Public School has. Good luck Chris.

REMINDER FOR K-2 PARENTS -

HUNTER VALLEY ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday 4th August 2015 K-2 students will be going on an excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo! The cost is $22 and needs to be paid in full BEFORE Friday 31st July.

DEBATING

Don’t forget our first debate for the year.

It’s on this week, Thursday, at 12pm in the Library. Come along and support our team who (hopefully) will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt “That We Spend Too much.”

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on in the Library next week from Tuesday 28th until Thursday 30th July.

The children have taken home a brochure at the end of last term and, already, some pre-orders have been taken. Our Book Fair colouring in competition will run this week with a $15 book prize (of their own choosing) for one child in each of the four stages.

There will be a wonderful selection of books available for purchase, as well as posters, pens, pencils and more. Purchases can be made from 8.30 - 9.00 before school, during the lunch break and from 2.45 – 3.15 after school.

We’ll see you at the Book fair!

WONDERFUL WETLANDS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 24th June, 3/4R, 4/5C and 3/4D went on an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands Environmental Centre. Students enjoyed lots of fantastic experiences as they became scientists for the day. They learnt about animals in the wetlands and how they survive in that habitat and how to protect the wetlands environment. The student’s particularly enjoyed the tank room and the dip netting. Here are a few pictures from our Wetlands excursion.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN

- Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion
- Junior Landcare 2015
- Aboriginal Dance Group Education Week Performance
- Year 6 Shirt order form
- Pie Drive order form
VANESSA’S MESSAGE STICK

Welcome back to Term 3!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our NAIDOC celebrations on Thursday 20th June. A fantastic day was had by all. Special thanks to everyone who helped out to make the day a success. A big thank you goes out to Malakai, Marshall and Olivia K for participating in the opening ceremony along with the girls who proudly sang the National Anthem in Awabakal.

Thank you to Belinda Schueppenhauer and our Senior Aboriginal Dance team for an outstanding performance. Belinda and the dancers worked hard all term and have now been invited to perform at Charlestown Square. We are extremely proud to have them representing Aboriginal Culture and Windale Public School.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ‘JUMP OFF DAY’ – WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is renowned as being one of Australia’s most popular Fundraising event programs in schools. Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is all about learning how to keep fit and healthy. It improves the kids’ strength and confidence in physical activities and builds healthy bones and muscles. Students can have lots of fun with their class mates and play lots of skipping games too. At the same time they will be helping save Australian lives by asking their family and friends to sponsor them for being a part of this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke. Each year over 400,000 students get involved and over 700,000 families and friends sponsor participating students in support of the Heart Foundations lifesaving work.

This year Windale Primary School are getting involved with Jump Rope for Heart and holding a ‘Jump Off Day’ on Wednesday 9th September (Week 9). As part of ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ a Sponsorship form is attached to this week’s newsletter in which students can collect donations which will help the Heart Foundation continue their important work, fund lifesaving research and educational program. There are also some great thank you prizes available and these and more details are listed within you ‘sponsorship form’ which will be sent home with this week’s newsletter.

We hope that everyone can be involved and support this great cause!
**Milabah - Place of Fun.**

**Working Bee**
A huge thanks to Pete, Ricky and Kay for coming to the 2 working bees held in the holidays. Preschool love their new dirt pit.

**Parents as Teachers**
PAT is a new playgroup that will be starting in Term 3. PAT is a learning through play based group that will be facilitated by Samaritans. It will be running on a Wednesday and I can't wait. Flyer in the Milabah News.

**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**
Windale Fresh orders for Term 3. Next orders will need to be in by Friday 31st July and delivery will be on Monday 3rd August. $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.

**Grandparent/Carers Group**
Our Grannies group will be meeting on Thursday, 30th July.

**Stories in the Street**
SIT’s will be trying a new time in Term 3, so don’t forget to join Lynda in the infants playground on Thursday mornings from 8.45am, for stories, rhyming, songs and more.

**Circle of Security**
See flyer for this program
Roselea
49487786

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**An Invitation from Kim and Jackson from Samaritans Brighter Futures:**
Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child’s behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

**When:** Every Tuesday Evening for 6 weeks.
**Commencing on the 28th July—1st September.**
**at:** 5.30-7.30 pm
**Where:** Milabah - Schools As Community Centre
(Windale Primary School)
Kifira Street
Windale, NSW
**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**
This program is FREE of charge to participants.
Child minding available upon request.

To find out more information please contact Kim on 04149333 or 0447190100 or Jackson on 04149334 or 0409 720489

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER -**
27/07 Debate in Library 12pm
27th-31st Education Week
28/07 Matter of Seconds Water Safety
28th-30th Book Fair
30/07 K-6 Author Visit
31/07 Aboriginal dance Group to Charlestown Square
04/08 K-2 Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion
Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that all of our wonderful families had a restful holiday and are ready for what is shaping up to be a very busy term. This term we will be involved in several events and celebrations including the Athletics carnival, ATSIC Day, Father’s Day activities and our Mini-Fete.

During Week 10 of Term 2, the Preschool children were involved in NAIDOC celebrations. The children participated in many activities including Aboriginal art and craft and Aboriginal dance. We were very lucky to have Vanessa visit the Preschool to read us the story of ‘The Rainbow Snake’ and we created a group rainbow snake using paper mosaic which is now on display in our Preschool playroom.

As you move through our Preschool environment you will notice some new and exciting provisions for our children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their generous donation which funded the purchase of some new resources for the children to enjoy. We also acknowledge the wonderful work of Rosie Newburn and her team of volunteers who gave up their time during the holidays to build a digging patch in our outdoor play space. Thank you for providing this additional area for the children to engage in social play and explore nature. It looks amazing and the photos are testament to the fun that the children are experiencing in this new play space.

Just a reminder to parents and carers to ensure that the children bring their hat, water bottle and pillow pet to Preschool each day and please remember to mark all of your children’s belongings clearly with their name.

We hope you all have a great Term 3,

Diane McKay, Kristine Partridge and Peta Lehman
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS
Classroom Achievements

KS
Gypsey M  Being a wonderful class leader.
Jayden B  Welcome to Wonderful Windale.

1H
Sharna W  Trying hard at her reading.
Benjamin S  Showing respect to classmates.

1/2R
Declan H  A wonderful improvement in social skills!
Steven F  A fantastic start in term three! Keep it up!

2W
Emily P  Always willing to help others.
Laykin H  Improvement in writing and always trying her best.

3/4D
Jereki N  Displaying a more mature attitude in class. Well done!
Mia J  Welcome to Wonderful Windale.

3/4R
Angie D  Excellent work with fractions.
Tenasy L  Excellent work with fractions.

5/6T
Lachlan K  Trying hard with his reading. Well done!
Kobie F  Being cooperative and respectful in class.

5/6W
Brian B  Outstanding resilience and respect.
Jasmine W  Helping above and beyond.
Sabbath S  Always working hard.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Week 1: KS

ASSEMBLY ITEM
5/6W

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours are now Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30am–9.15 am.

MESSAGE FROM P&C
Just a reminder: all of the people who are yet to bring in your Pie Drive order please do so to avoid disappointment.

Pie Drive order pick up will be Thurs 30th July from 1.30pm onwards in room 6 (at the end of the hall)
P&C meeting Monday 27th July at Milibah, all welcome.

Thanks,
Maree, P&C President

NETBALL GALA DAY REFUND
Due to the cancellation of the Netball Gala Day the payments will be refunded. Please sign for and collect money from the front office.

“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”
“Bus Safety”

- Always remain seated while the bus is moving.
- Always sit quietly on the bus without distracting the driver.
- Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 32 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notice.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact

Amy Owens (Principal Ball)

Parent Information:  www.sportforlife.edu.au

Dear Parents

In Term 3 your children have the opportunity to participate in
Sport for Life Gymnastics Program.

Duration: 2 weeks

The program will run on Monday starting week 2.

Sport for Life is a provider of school PDHPE sport programs. Developing your child's physical abilities is as important as developing their academic abilities. Why not jump on to our website and have a look at our programs!

We work in addition to your children’s class room teacher to provide your child/children the very best opportunities in learning. Your children will benefit from our staff’s expertise, they are nationally accredited for the program they teach and all protection screened and trained. We supply all the equipment each lesson, the programs are linked to the syllabus and National sporting bodies. Every child receives a certificate of participation at the end of the program.

Our hope is, by participating, your child will develop skills that will lead to a life long enjoyment of sport that will give them good exercise habits for life.

Fitness; Gymnastics; Athletics; Baseball; Dance; Touch Football;

Winter Sports; Ball Sports and Personnel Training.

Regards

Sport For Life Newcastle

P: 02 49336464

E: newcastle@sportforlife.edu.au
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 3 Week 2 2015

What’s happening at Milabah

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.
Parent and Community Engagement Program

Centre for Hope has been coaching and mentoring students at Windale, Wiripaang & Hunter Sports High 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. Every Friday at Milabah from 11.00am – 2pm

For more info call 49487786 or 40525520

Windale Fresh

Dates for orders to be in for Term 1:

Orders for Term 2 need to be in by:

Friday 17th & 31st July, 14th & 28th August and 11th September. 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

Pat will be back soon. For any legal advice or information, Wills, Power of Attorney or Enduring Guardianship. Tuesday mornings at Milabah from 9.45 am. No appointment needed, just come in and talk to Pat for any legal matters you have. Until Pat returns, we can organise a phone consult.

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.

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.

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.

Stories in the Street

It’s fun and it’s free

Every Thursday from 8.45—9am, during school terms at Windale Public School, infants playground. Free story time for you and your child under 5 years, join us to hear a story, sing a song or two, enjoy rhymes with puppets and activities on the felt board.

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 0413904597 to find out more.

The next meeting for WICA will be the AGM, held on Wednesday 12th August at 10.15 at Windale Gateshead Bowling Club.

WICA also produces the Phoenix news, so if you have an interesting story or a local champion you’d like to brag about, send your story with contact information to wgtm.news@gmail.com

For further events and updates keep an eye out in your School newsletter.

Or call Roselea on 49487786