Dear Community,

Week 6 – the Term is absolutely flying!

We’re already into the second half of Term Three and in the past fortnight the students and staff of Windale Public School have been busy undertaking a wide variety of academic, sporting and cultural activities.

We’ve had children from P-6 enjoy a session in the Life Education Van which visited the school last week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – they especially loved catching up with Healthy Harold.

We had Commonwealth Banks Start Smart Maths visit the school and K-6 children learned about financial literacy.

Zone public speakers represented Windale at the Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 Eastlakes Public Speaking competition – Well done to Keely G. and Jensen E.

Mrs Richards took a group of debaters to a workshop and two debates – Windale won both!

School and Zone athletics carnivals were run in fine, sunny weather with Windale Public School students performing very well – congratulations to those children who represented the school at Zone with tremendous pride and thankyou to Ms Patterson, Mrs Dugomanov and our two interns, Ms Humphries and Ms Hardy for supervising the children on the day.

Last Wednesday staff from Windale and Wiripaang schools attended professional learning from 3:30-6:30pm at the school run by Occupational Therapist -Sally Hewitt which provided teachers with strategies to assist children learn more effectively.

NAPLAN reports arrived at the school this week for Year 3 and 5 students. They will be sent home later in the week.

Windale Public School is a fantastic place for students to learn.

Windale students are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

Mrs Amy Owens - Relieving Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last week our students competed in the Hunter Inter Schools Public Speaking Competition held in various schools around the region. These students all worked extremely hard to get their speeches written and rehearsed in order to present to the adjudicators.

Our thanks and our congratulations go to;

Jensen E (K) who spoke about The Reptile Park
Madison M (K) who spoke about Giraffes
Keely G (St1) who spoke about ANZAC Day
Astrid B (St2) who spoke about Harry Potter
Lucy E (St 3) who spoke about Why Stars Twinkle
Shallon L (St3) who spoke about The Titanic

DEBATING

Yesterday our fantastic team of debaters, Charlee M, Chloe L, Jasmin W, Lucy E, Paige C, Shallon L and Jacinta F won both of their debates against Mount Hutton (That school canteens would be better if run by students) and Valentine (That life is better in the country than in the city).

The seven girls worked brilliantly in their two teams and the adjudicator, Ms Newman, gave some very helpful tips for future debates.

A special thankyou to Jasmin W who did an outstanding job as 3rd speaker in both debates.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES HSHS

An information evening for year 7 2016 students will be held on Mon 31st Aug at HSHS from 6.30pm. Prospective families are encouraged to attend the evening.
WINDALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Windale played impressively against Eleebana, Mount Hutton and Belmont North. They again showed great sportsmanship and a great sense of fair play. Mason, Caleb and Malakai always take this team forward in both attack and defence. Jaxxon was in great attacking mode, making the hard yards.

Ben impresses every week. Morgan made a fantastic tackle, cutting down a much larger opponent. Jesse showed great speed and footwork in a couple of runs. Levi was great in his last game in Windale colours. Lachlan made some great tackles. Brayden and Connor are improving with each game. Seth continues to impress. Jayden is getting into the game more and gaining confidence. Captain for the day, Jasmine, played well. Taleisha and Jasmine made their marks. Players of the match honours went to Caleb, Ben, Mason Malakai, Jayden and Jasmine.

Coach Luke again coached this team brilliantly. Co-coach Mr Mitchell was also prominent, in fact, there is a rumour that he is in the line for the assistant coaching job at the Newcastle Knights, assisting Nathan Brown. Best of luck Mr Mitchell!

1H/P SCIENCE PROJECT

We have started a garden as part of our science work in 1H/P which the children are really enjoying. They have been planting, weeding and watching the garden grow. The rain was well and truly soaked up on Saturday and we are hoping to see some flowers sprouting very soon.

“This Week’s Road Safety Tip”

Pedestrian Safety

- Hold a grown ups hand when you road.
- Hold a grown ups hand when your in the carpark.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road.
3/4D NEWS

Miss Humphreys has been working with 3/4D on a new unit called ‘Taking Care of the Earth Together’. We have been learning about climate change, National Parks and how to look after our environment.

We have created some fantastic pieces of art over the last 5 weeks.

We need to save water
Another way to get water is to take the salt out of the seawater.
To save water we can collect water from the rain.
Each human being has their fair share of water
Rain water tanks collect water
By Astrid

We must clean our water
Amazing people clean water
Terrific animals need water to live
Everyone must clean up after themselves
Rain – animals need rain.
By Ella

Acrostic poems about water.

We need water
Amazing water helps you live
Trees need water
Everybody likes water
Rain gives us water to live
By Eli

By Ryan
By Jeraki and Astrid
Collages inspired by ‘The Tomorrow Book’
Environmental art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy
By Grace
By Emelia
By Tia

By Astrid
Milabah – 
Place of Fun.

Supported Playgroup
Samaritans are running a new playgroup that will be on during Term 3.
It is a learning through play based group that will be facilitated by Samaritans. It runs on a Wednesday from 10am-12pm.
Everyone is welcome.

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 28th August and delivery will be on Monday 31st 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.

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.

Grannies Group
Grannies Group next meeting is on Thursday 27th August at 1pm.

For information on what’s happening at Milabah call Roselea 49487786

VANESSA’S 
MESSAGE STICK
This term is flying by so fast! Already in week 6 of Term 3! Beginning next Term I am hoping to start our boys Didgeridoo group again. Unfortunately we have no men in the school able to run the lunchtime group so I am putting the word out into the community looking for a Dad, Uncle, Brother or cousin who could spare ½ an hour once a week at lunchtime to volunteer to come in to help out our boys. Please contact me asap so we can discuss dates and times. We would love to see any community members come visit us if you have any special talents that you think you could share with the kids. Come and get involved! Aboriginal Education is everyone’s business!

P & C NEWS
Fathers Day Stall
The Fathers Day Stall will be held on Wed 26th and Thurs 27th August. Items will range in price with no items over $5.00.
Thanks for being supportive when you can. This year, due to lack of P & C numbers, there will not be a Mini Fete. If you would like to volunteer for the canteen, the P & C or the clothing pool, please let Maree Crocket or any of the P & C members know.

LOST PROPERTY
A mobile phone has been found on school grounds and handed into the office. Please contact us if you have think it may be yours.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO RETURN
- Junior Landcare 2015
- Year 6 Shirt order form
- Hunter Sports High School Science Workshop

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
- 19/08 HSHS Science Workshop
- 26/08 NPBS Maths Competition
- 26-27/08 Fathers Day Stall
- 31/08 HSHS Information Evening for YR7 2016
Zone Athletics Carnival

Last week Windale Public School competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival held at Baxter Oval, Marks Point. The children were enthusiastic competitors and gave 100% effort. A very special thank you must go to our fantastic parents and families for their outstanding support with transport, and encouragement. Your continued support of our school and your children is very much appreciated. Also, a big thank you to John Kennedy for erecting and our Windale PS shelter and for helping to dismantle it.

Day 2 started with a spirited march past to warm up our competitors.

The Windale students marched with pride.

Good Luck at Regionals Hunter!!!

Congratulations to Hunter Jenkins for winning the 11 year olds boys 100 metres final. The Regional Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 28th August at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.
WINDALE’S QUALITY KIDS

Classroom Achievements

KS
Madison M  Outstanding behaviour on the Zoo excursion.
Jordan F  Outstanding behaviour on the Zoo excursion.

1HP
Bodhi C  Always staying on task and being a good learner.
Mathew L  Enjoyed the Hunter Valley Zoo excursion.
Izack H  Always being a good learner and staying on task.
Bohdi C  Displaying good sportsmanship skills during soccer.

1/2R
Chloe C  Producing amazing detailed are work.
Nadia B  Amazing imaginative writing! Well Done!
Victor H  Displaying PBL expectations whilst on our excursion.
Joshua M  An improvement in teamwork skills.

2W
Logan B  Working hard in Maths. Trying his best too!
Joel S  Excellent effort and results in writing.
Tallyn M  Displaying our PBL expectations while on our excursion.
Sierra H  Displaying our PBL expectations while on our excursion.

3/4D
Ella K  Outstanding writing during literacy lessons.
Grace B  Working hard during our volume and capacity unit.
3/4D
Jake K  Producing great writing during literacy sessions.
Eli J  Trying his best and showing great improvement in writing tasks.

3/4R
Tash C  Great effort during reading groups.
Jack C  Great effort during reading.
Tenasy L  Always being a helpful class member.

5/6T
Harry K  Excellent results in Maths Assessments.
Pieta O  Excellent problem solving in Maths.
Charlee M  Brilliant goal shooting at Friday Netball.
Adari N  Great work in Fractions and Decimals.

5/6W
Tarni E  Proactive attitude towards learning.
Kaleb D  Exceptional effort during Maths assessment.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Week 5 : 3/4R  Week 6 : 3/4D

ASSEMBLY ITEM - 4/5C

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

Interested in athletics? Yes, then join a fun family club this 2015-2016 season celebrating 40 years!!!!

Saturday morning competition starting 5th September at 8:30am

ALL NEW ATHLETES may come along & try for FREE before 31st October (*New athletes only are entitled to 2 free weeks before registering!)

REGISTRATION DAYS

(Birth Certificates required for new registrations)
Thursday 27th August, between 5pm & 7pm
Belmont Citi Centre
OR
Saturday 29th August, between 8am & 3pm
Baxter Field, Findon Street, Marks Point
OR
Saturday 5th September, between 8am & 3pm
(First Competition Day!)

** Early Bird Special, register & pay in full by 12th September and only pay $120 (after this date $130 registration)**

Athletes may register at the track on any Saturday morning Competition.

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Ages
Under 5s Tiny Tots (Play Training)
Under 6s to Under 17s – Little Athletics
Under 18s – Senior/Masters – Athletics NSW
ENQUIRIES – 0439 590 088 / 0402 544 200

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