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Cross Country 8 & 9 years:
Unfortunately we have been unable to run the final for the years 8 & 9 due to the wet weather. This race will now be run at the next available day when the track is dry enough. We will verbally notify students the day before to wear their joggers (sports uniform is not necessary). Selected students from this race will be notified of District Cross Country.

District Cross Country:
Ms. Papesh will be notifying all students who have been selected to participate at the District Cross Country event to be held on Thursday 1st May (Term 2 week 1)

Athletics Carnival:
Our school Athletics carnival (K-6) is scheduled for Tuesday 20th May (Term 2 week 4). Parent volunteers are welcomed please see Mrs. Papesh. All our dates were rained out last year – so fingers crossed!

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Note Description
- Stage 3 Expression of Interest Excursion note
- Easter Hat Donation / ANZAC ceremony
- NAPLAN notification
- Eye testing

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As always we encourage parent helpers. All classes will be having a craft afternoon to decorate the hats on Tuesday 8th April 2:00 – 3:00pm please see your class teacher if you would like to be involved.
UNIFORM SHOP PRICE CHANGES
At our last meeting it was decided that our prices needed reviewing. Some prices have gone up and some were able to come down. All price increases will take place at the beginning of next term. However, all decreased prices will be effective immediately. All drill pants must go, so remain below cost at $10 each!!!.

WINTER TUNICS HAVE ARRIVED and WE HAVE REDUCED THE PRICES!!!!
All winter tunic orders are ready for collection at the new reduced price. There are a small number of assorted sizes available for sale also. First in best dressed!!!

REMINDER: The Uniform Shop is open Mondays, approx. 8.45am to 9.05am and again in the afternoon at approx. 2.45pm to 3pm. Outside these times an order with the full payment (cash or cheque) can be left at the office and delivery will go to your child within a few days. REMINDER: The uniform shop only accepts cash or cheques.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS

All books must be in the office by
9am Fridays

UPCOMING EVENT:
MOTHERS DAY STALL
On Friday 9th May we will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall at school. This year the P&C will be purchasing the gifts and we will be asking for pre orders with payment please. All gifts will be $5 each and there will be 4 gifts to choose from. We will be sending home order forms on Tuesday 29th April (the first week of next term) and the money must be in by the following Tuesday 6th May. So tell your children to start saving up to buy their mum a present at our school stall.

REMINDER: Windang Car Wash is generously donating 10% of all full price services whenever our school name is mentioned when paying. So please spread the word to all your family and friends.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st May (Term 2, Week 4)

Reminders:

Mufii Day: FRIDAY 4th APRIL
A mufii day will take place on Friday 4th April where we will be asking for an Easter egg donation as the mufii payment.

Fundraising Meeting
Our next meeting will be held Friday 4th April in the staffroom at 2pm. - This is the place to put forward any fundraising ideas you may have for this year. See you there!

www.facebook.com/groups/wpspandc

P&C Easter Raffle
We will be awarding a small prize at the Easter Hat Parade to the student who sells the most books of tickets in each class!! When you return your tickets to the office please ensure your child’s name and class is on the cover, to enable us to keep a record of books sold for each child. More tickets are available at the office when required

ALL sold and unsold tickets to be returned by Wednesday 9th April please.

Vicki Sweet
P&C President

Monday 7th April - We are after some helpers to wrap our Easter baskets/prizes for the Easter Raffle. If this sounds like you, please leave a note at the office with your contact details and we will get back to you.
Parent / Carer Volunteer Policy:
Here at Windang PS we are very fortunate to have parent/ carer and community volunteers who assist in our classrooms. We are thankful for their time, skills and effort as they support or students. Over the next few weeks classroom teachers will be distributing our school policy and the required documentation for volunteers. A copy of the policy can also be found on at the office, please contact the school if you have any questions.

Active After School Sport:
Please make note that this is the last week for AASS. It will not run in week 11 of Term.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Our parent teacher interview process commences last week. This is a valuable time for all parents to come and talk to teachers about their child’s progress so far this year and discuss any issues their child may have and/or the future direction of their learning.

Annual School Report
The 2013 Annual School Report will be available on-line via our school’s website by the end of the term. Go to the second tab from the left called “Our School” and look on the left hand side.

Arrival on Time
Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore, reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy is the measure to determine whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The NAPLAN 2014 Information for Parents brochure is now available at http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf

NAPLAN test will be conducted on the following dates:
Tuesday 13th May: Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 14th May: Reading
Thursday 15th May: Numeracy
Friday 16th May: Scheduled ‘Catch up’

Term 2 Staff Development Day / Students Return:
Every public school across NSW will have 1 staff development day at the commencement of term 2: Monday 28th April. Staff at Windang PS will be updating their CPR training and continue in our preparation for the implementation of the National Mathematics Curriculum Students return to school on Tuesday 29th April.

Trees in Schools
Trees in schools have become the focus of media attention over the last couple of weeks following a tragic accident at Pitt Town Public School. We have initially undertaken a visual inspection of our trees. We have a qualified arborist coming soon to conduct a full assessment and provide advice on any trees that need attention.
Dear Parents and Carers:

I am very proud of the fact that Windang PS is a warm, inclusive, student focused, community based learning environment that supports our children to thrive and empowers our families to connect.

It is important for us to remember why we are here and what is most important. That children are the centre of what we do. However, it is the effort and commitment of the adults that has impressively continued to enhance learning, build success and ensure the tone of our school remains warm, open and inclusive.

Staff at Windang PS are working harder than ever amidst a departmental restructure to keep our students engaged and learning happily. Parents have contributed enormously to the smooth start of our school year. The P&C meeting this month saw several new families offering time and support to build on our school’s success. Thank you and congratulations to all. We make a great team.

Parents, keep an eye out for notes in your child’s bag. Remember that there are many other ways to check what’s happening at school.

Our friendly office staff know almost everything! They will do their best to answer questions, pass on information or assist with minor issues. Teachers are happy to talk to parents before or after school, or over the phone. Just call the office to arrange an appointment or drop in at the end of the day if a brief chat is all that’s required.

The school newsletter contains a calendar, photos, class information and latest news from the DEC. The school website has previous newsletters and copies of the latest notes that have been handed out.

Here at Windang Public School we endeavor at all times to keep our school community up to date and notified of school events. Where possible 2 weeks’ notice is preferable and is often listed in the newsletter. At times there is short noticed given due to various circumstances (wet weather, changed venue, cancellation, external agencies, school coordination). It is never the schools intention to limit the community awareness of events or activities and we apologies for the inconvenience and appreciate your support in these instances.

Getting the most out of school for your child is a team effort. The better we are able to work together, the more confidence and success our children are likely to experience. No issue is too small to discuss if it is affecting your child’s happiness or capacity to learn at school. We may be the experts on the NSW education system, however as parents, you are the expert on your child. Together we can make the biggest difference. Respectful communication and collaboration is the key.

Ms. McDonald
Principal (Relieving)
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Windang Public School Staff

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**Club Windang ANZAC Day Service 25th April 2014 – During the School Holidays**
This is an important community event here in Windang. All students are invited to meet at Lake Illawarra Hotel to form into lines to march to Club Windang for the service. Students will be led by our School Leaders. Students must meet at the Hotel at 8am to march and the service will begin from 8:30am at Club Windang. **Students need to be dressed in full school uniform (including school fleece jumper)**. It’s a great event and we hope to have as many students participating as possible and parents support Club Windang’s ANZAC Day service. Thank you to parents (in particular Mrs Giles) and teachers who have volunteered to coordinate this event.
WARILLA BOWLS & REC CLUB 9.00am - 12noon
(Jason Ave, Warilla)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Tues 15th, Wed 16th & Thur 17th April 2014
9:00am - 12 noon. All standards welcome.
• Games & prizes
• Ball machine
• Special family rates apply

All enquiries/bookings: Brett & Michelle Edwards
42565166 or 0403289974