SUCCESS WITH HONOUR: A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

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Attendance-
Last week we had our regular visit from the Department’s Attendance Officer. One of her jobs is to look at the unexplained absences in the school. Unfortunately she found quite a lot of these. Please ensure that you explain absences with a note, phone call or using the new option of eForms found on the Skoolbag app.

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GOTCHA AWARDS
Keep on doing the right thing… we bet you get caught, just like these students were:

- 2/3C - Charlotte G
- 1/BP – Elijah, Lucas

FOOD WORKS VOUCHER
Congratulations to this week’s recipient of our Windang Supermarket Voucher:

- 1/2BP - Alexis B

BRONZE AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Bronze Award at this Friday morning’s assembly:

- 1H - Taylor B
- 5R – Jackson D

SILVER AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Silver Award at this Friday morning’s assembly:

- 1H – Jordy Q, Lilie R, Bethany V, Nini W
- 2/3C – Aloani D, Riley G, Indi T
- 5R - Natalia K, Layla P
- 6C – Abbey G, Sam G, Lily J

GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Gold Award at the next Special Assembly on Friday 8th August @ 2:00pm. Phone calls will no longer be made prior to assembly day for gold awards.

- 2/3C – Tyrone V

Just a few reminders

Attendance: Term 3 Week 3

Student Performance: SOUTHERN STARS 2014

There is now opportunity for the students (Kindergarten – Year 6) of Windang Public School to attend the performance on Friday 29th August. Due to organisation and costs we will require the student numbers to fill a bus and also be limited to these places. Therefore it will be a matter of the first permission notes and full payments ($27) received will gain a place. If we are unable to fill the required numbers the school will refund the money.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

When: Tuesday 12th August
Where: WPS library
Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?” 1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (6:00pm Sharp)
Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty” 1 hour – Years 5 & 6 (7:15pm)

Tips for Parents
Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe? It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/1880erY

New Projectors –
Last Wednesday we received our new Interactive Whiteboard projectors. Our old projectors had become quite dull and made seeing the board difficult. The new projectors are so bright we almost need to wear shades!

Missed school = missed learning
Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations. If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school. For your information students who miss just 1 day/week
= almost 1 term each year
= 1.4 years by the end of Year 6
= 2.7 years by the end of Year 12
UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING

DAY/TIME

CHANGE

Starting Monday 18th August, the shop will be open Mondays from 8.45am (approx.) and Fridays following morning assembly.

Orders and payment and can still be left at the office anytime.

We would love some volunteers to help in the shop. Anyone who is able to volunteer some time on Mondays or Fridays, from half an hour a month or up to an hour a week, to help in the shop please see me so I can organize your training.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY

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FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE:

All books must be in the office before 9am Fridays.

With every 10 deposits you are eligible to redeem a reward.

This term the rewards are:
- Money Box
- Swim Bag
- Rewards can take up to 3 weeks.

Upcoming Meetings:

Fundraising
Friday 15th August
2pm in the staffroom

Monthly meeting
Wednesday 20th August
6.30pm
In the 1/2BP classroom

All welcome
If you’re unable to attend but would like a matter put on the agenda please put it in writing and take to the office marked to our attention.

Thank you.

Vicki Sweet
P&C President

Thank you to all who helped with our Education Week BBQ last Friday. It was lovely to see new faces.
Education Week, 2014

Wow! What an action packed and brilliant Education Week we had at Windang Public School. Through celebrations centred on the theme “Lighting the Way to a Better World”, our students participated in a range of activities that displayed the fantastic educational and personal qualities that abound in the children of WPS. The staff at Windang would like to thank our school community for their involvement and presence around our school grounds and in our classrooms for Education Week. We are so lucky to have such an involved and friendly school community who are there to support the best interests of their child’s education.

Check out the ‘news’ section of our new Skoolbag app for some photos highlights from the week’s events.

WINDANG RADIO!

Every morning staff and students were kept up to date with the Windang and the world happenings thanks to a brilliant job by the year 6 news reporting team. A big “Well Done!” to Sam, Lachlan, Kira, Abbey, Jacqui, Keely, Levi, Jack and Amy.

WRITING COMPETITION

Our writing competition produced fantastic pieces demonstrating thoughtful writing with inspiring and positive messages. What skilled writers we have at WPS! The winners for each year were:

- KD – Marley
- 1H/1BP – Phoebe
- 2BP/2C – Kallan
- 3C – Haylee
- 4D – Molly
- 5R – Bailey
- 6C – Lachlan

Please take the time to read the wonderful pieces these students created which can be viewed in skoolbag news.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents were welcomed into the classrooms to assist the children in designing an individual patch for the creation of a school quilt. Students were to design their patch in a way that represented them and their education. The quilt will be put together and hung in the hall for the school community to view.

TEACHER SWAP

The children were so excited to see who their mystery teacher was going to be. The teachers were also excited about getting the chance to spend some learning and creating time with a new class. Many new friendships were made.

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Thank you Mr. Brodie Ratcliff for stepping into the tough job of Principal for the day. His day included classroom visits, reading to Kindergarten, morning tea in the office, playground duty and the very popular new rule. A loud cheer was heard across the school as Mr. Ratcliff announced that there would be an extra 15 minutes of play time!

K-6 SHARED READING

All students enjoyed a book and the sunshine as they were read to by a year 6 student. The books were selected to follow this year’s theme, and students had great discussions about what we can do to make the world a better place.

CLASSROOM OPEN DAY

The children had such a blast opening the doors to family and having them be a part of some fun and interesting Math games. I’m sure many a parent/carer was challenged when participating against their child. What a wonderful turn out from our school community.

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Parents and carers had the chance to challenge their child in some fun fitness games. Great to see so many joining in with such things as egg and spoon, fruit salad, skipping and biff hokey.
Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} August
TIDDALIK the FROG

A well-known Australian indigenous story of the frog who drank all the water in the world. This dreamtime story is reworked into a fractured fairytale and brought to life with the turn of each giant 3D pop-up page, which serves as a backdrop to this unique theatre experience. Conservation issues related specifically to the Australian environment are touched upon through this engaging gigantic book, as life size native animal puppets created by Ian Mortimer take the audience on a journey through their eco-systems.

Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th}
PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL

Three students will be selected (and notified) from each stage to participate in the school final to be held in the hall. The winning students will then represent WPS at the Grand Final at Lake Illawarra High School on Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} September.

Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st}
LIBRARY EXCURSION

3C and 4D will be attending a performance of ‘Audrey of the Outback,’ by Christine Harris, at Warrawong Community Library. ‘Audrey of the Outback’ is a book that was shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council Australia as Book of the Year 2009. The performance is being held as a celebration of Book Week and is an event that is free of charge.

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OPEN LIBRARY

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