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Meet the Teacher: Please note that some dates have changed from the previous newsletter (notes have been sent home).
- Tuesday 10th February, 4:00 - 5:00pm for Year 2
- Wednesday 11th February, 4:00 – 5:00pm for Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4.
- Thursday 13th February, 4:00 – 5:00pm for Year 5 and Year 6.

Sessions will run twice, each half an hour (4:00- 4:30 and 4:30 -5:00) this is to allow parents the opportunity to visit more than one teacher for each of their children.

Kindergarten times:
Kindergarten students finish the school day at 2:30pm. This early finishing time is essential in our youngest student’s transition to school. Starting Monday 16th February Kindergarten students will finish at the regular time of 3:00pm.

Staffing News:
I would like to offer a warm welcome to Mr Ellis who has been permanently appointed as a classroom teacher to Windang PS. We thank Miss Skinner for successfully starting our school year and her commitment to our school.

Wollongong Performing Arts High School Applications:
Year 6 students interested in applying for entry may request an application from the front office.

Skoolbag App:
The Skoolbag App helps us communicate more effectively with our School community. To install it, just search for your school name “Windang Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

## Terms:

### Monday 9th
- Meet the Teacher 4-5pm (Yr 2)

### Tuesday 10th
- Meet the Teacher 4-5pm (Kinder, Yr 1, Yr3, Yr 4 & Yr 5)

### Wednesday 11th
- Meet the Teacher 4-5pm (Yr 6)

### Thursday 12th
- Life Ed Van
  - Kindergarten Finish @ 3:00pm

### Friday 13th
- Swimming Carnival
- Life Ed money due

### Monday 16th
- Life Ed Van

### Tuesday 17th
- Life Ed Van

### Wednesday 18th
- Life Ed Van
  - P&C AGM meeting 6:30 (staffroom)

### Thursday 19th
- Girls soccer trials 3:30pm

### Friday 20th
- Swimming Carnival Ribbons 9:00am
  - Special Assembly 2:00pm in hall, Leader induction
  - School Needs payment due $5

### Monday 23rd
- P&C AGM
  - Meeting 6:30 (staffroom)

### Tuesday 24th
- Special Assembly
  - 2:00pm in hall

### Wednesday 25th
- Swimming Carnival
  - Ribbons 9:00am

### Thursday 26th
- Life Ed Van

### Friday 27th
- Special Assembly
  - 2:00pm in hall

## Notes:
- Classroom needs and expenses 2015 $50 due
- Life Education ($5)
- District Swimming

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

- Kai T (1C)
- Matilda C (3G)
- Tori D (2PM)

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

- Cooper W (1C)

BRONZE AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Bronze Award at this Friday morning’s assembly (Awards not collected are kept in the box for the following week; this is also the case of wet weather and cancelled assembly):

- To be advised

SILVER AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Silver Award at this Friday morning’s assembly (Awards not collected are kept in the box for the following week; this is also the case of wet weather and cancelled assembly):

- To be advised

GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Gold Award (first special assembly Friday 20th February 2:00pm in the school hall)

- To be advised

JUST A FEW REMINDERS

Library News:
I am very excited to be teaching Library classes and running the Library this year. Our library is transforming into our new Learning Hub and is still a working process, the painting is complete and we have some new modern furniture. It is very exciting watching the transformation. I am positive that our new Learning Hub will further assist and encourage the love of books and reading in our students as well as develop their information literacy skills and assist to equip them for the 21st century.

Library borrowing has begun. Each class has the following Library day:

- KD - Tuesday
- 1H - Tuesday
- 1/2BP - Friday
- 2/3C - Monday
- 4L - Monday
- 5R - Thursday
- 6C - Monday

Please help your child to return their library books on this day. If they forget, they may return their book on any Library open days which are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, second half lunch. However, their official day is noted above. The children are required to use a library bag. The uniform shop has library bags available for a cost of $3.

Scholastic Book Orders
To purchase any items from the brochures, there are three options:
1. You can write a cheque (made out directly to ‘Scholastic Australia’) with the order in an envelope
2. Credit Card payment online scholastic.com.au/payments
3. Phone 1800557908 and return brochure with receipt number to the office.

There is a forth option called ‘LOOP’ which I am looking into and in the process of working on, ready for our next issue.

Please remember to write down your receipt number and return order form to the office, so I know which books to order.
Unfortunately we CAN NOT accept cash.

Library Leaders
Students from Year 6 have had the opportunity to nominate to become Library Leaders already this year. This is a responsible leadership role which requires the commitment to fulfill Library duties one lunch time each week. Congratulations to the following successful students who will be inducted at the special assembly Friday 20th Feb, Week 4.

- Cilla, Trinity, Layla, Jasmine, Bailey Cohen, Brodie and David(DJ)

Finally, please come and visit me in the library at any time if you have any questions or if you have any free time, the library is a very busy place and we always have lots of jobs just waiting to be done.

Kylie McCarthy
Teacher Librarian
In 2015 we are hoping to have a few more parents, carers, or members of the community who would like to join us, however small a role it may be.

We would love to have a minimum of 2-3 more people to join our school banking committee. We could then have a roster which means it would involve around 1 hour of your time on a Friday once a month.

Also this year we have easy to follow fundraising event procedure lists, which enable anyone to take on a coordinating role for one event, such as BBQ stalls, disco etc.

If any of the above is appealing to you PLEASE come along to the meeting. Another interesting discussion at meetings is the Principal’s Report; this is where we are informed of the goings on within our school.

Come along for a friendly cuppa and if you pay your 50c annual membership, after your 2nd meeting you have full voting rights!

This year’s Rewards theme is Outer Space Savers Range.

School Banking Rewards now available!

When you are eligible you will receive a gold token, then the following week enclose 10 silver tokens and your reward choice

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last

- ET DVD  •  Planet Handball

Thank you for supporting the school Banking program and don’t forget that all bank wallets need to be in the office by Thursday afternoon!

This year’s National Student Banking competition is a family trip to DISNEYLAND

To enter simply make 25 or more weekly school banking deposits in 2015 and be aged 5-13 years.

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays, approx. 8.45am to 9.05am and Fridays straight after morning assembly. 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. Please make cheques payable to ‘Windang Public School P&C’.
2015 Windang Swimming Carnival

Last Friday was an excellent and fun filled day, with the school swimming carnival being held at Berkeley Pool. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who helped with timing ensuring the events and carnival ran smoothly. It is also important to thank the teachers and office ladies who put in so much extra time to ensure our students are both safe and having fun whilst supporting peers to try their best. All results and ribbons will be handed out at the Friday morning assembly on 20th February.

Thank You, Miss Ravska and Ms Papesch

CLASSROOM NEEDS AND EXPENSES 2015

It is important that fees are paid on time by Friday 20th February (week 4)

Unfortunately, students will be unable to attend/use activities if payments have not been received. Money is to be placed in an envelope with your child’s name, class and item (school expenses). The office does not change money; the correct amount is to be enclosed.

Contact Information 2015:
Please ensure that all up to date and relevant information is completed on the new 2015 form. It is also essential that the various permissions have been indicated.

Leaders 2015 Induction and School Special Assembly:
Our first special assembly for 2015 will be held on Friday 20th February at 2:00pm in the school hall. This assembly will also be our induction assembly for the elected school leaders, sports and library leaders.

AFL CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, due to the low expression of interest, AFL for school sport on Fridays has been cancelled. Students who selected AFL as their Friday school sport selection will be now placed into a school sport group and their money will be refunded (Tuesday 10th). I hope to be able to re-book AFL for school sport later in the year.

Miss R

Mid-South PSSA Trials

· The Southern Illawarra Zone AFL Trials will take place at Jock Brown Oval, Barrack Heights on Thursday 12th February from 3.15pm-5pm.
· The Southern Illawarra Zone Girls Soccer Trials will take place at Windang Public School, on Thursday 19th of February from 3:30pm.

Those students selected will move onto Regional Level (Southern Illawarra Zone Trials). The permission notes for both trials were distributed to students who were interested in attending. The note needs to be completed and brought along on the day. Transport to and from the venue is private and up to the athlete to organise.

Miss R will be running and selecting the girls’ soccer trials at our school.

School Attendance:

Daily attendance is important and parents are requested, where possible, to make appointments outside school hours. If your child is away, a note is required. It is important that children arrive before 8:35am each day as they will miss vital information and the beginning of the day if they are not here on time. Early leaving also requires a justifiable explanation. Regular roll checks will be made by both the Principal and Home School Liaison Officer to ensure that all students maintain an acceptable attendance pattern. Please note that family holidays are no longer exempt from attendance and absences will be recorded on student records. Please make an appointment to discuss with Ms. Mac.

School Issues:

A reminder that if you have any concerns regarding your child’s schooling or well-being please do not hesitate to come and see Ms. Mac or your child’s teacher. This is encouraged. The sooner we know about something the sooner we can try to resolve it.