SUCCESS WITH HONOUR: A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

School notes:
Throughout the school year students from all classes K-6 will receive various notes for various reasons. Some notes will be informing the community of school events others will be for permissions and payments. We endeavor to send notes home on a Tuesday (newsletter day) although sometimes notes may be required to be sent out earlier.

We ask that you keep an eye out and check your child’s bag.

The front page of the newsletter also highlights what when and to whom the note is sent.

Class teachers hand notes out in the rooms, if a student is away they will keep the note in the classroom. If possible the note will also be placed on the website and notifications made in skoolbag.

If you require a second copy of the note (after checking the classroom) we ask that you check the website or go to the front office.

All activities that require permission must be signed by a parent/carer and payments accompany the note. Payments cannot be accepted without permissions.

Advance Notice:
The school will hold the annual Cross Country running carnival on Wednesday 18th March. The event is held at the school and will begin at 9:15am. Please see Miss R if you are available to assist on the day. Once the track has been created students will practice during fitness time at school.
GOTCHA AWARDS
Keep on doing the right thing… we bet you get caught, just like these students were:

- 2PM – Tori D, Lili R
- 3G – Charlotte G

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

- 2PM - Phoebe S

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):

- 6C - Bailee W
- 1E – Maggy S

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):

- 6C - Abbey H

GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Gold Award at our next Special Assembly which will be held on Friday 27th March at 2pm in the hall.

- 1E - Spencer S, Skylah S

LIFE EDUCATION
Windang Public School has for many years had an extremely close link with the Life Education program. The school community holds this program in high regard and values the educational contribution it makes to student wellbeing. Life Education educates children on how to make good life choices in relation to drugs, alcohol and smoking. It is delivered by qualified instructors and supported in classrooms by follow up activities that promote positive life choices.

Windang Public School has just been notified that we will receive sponsorship from Wollongong University, for this fabulous program. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wollongong University for their sponsorship; it will make a difference for the students and families in the Windang Public School community.

Please note that the $5 allocated in school expenses (or paid separately) will now be used for another in school activity/performance. Parents and carers will be notified of this activity when it has been confirmed. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Dragons Visit:
What is Community Carnival about?
Our school recently had a visit from the St George Illawarra Dragon players and NRL Development staff to talk to our students about the importance of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

The Dragons players and staff shared key social messages with our pupils, focusing on healthy eating habits, nutrition, regular physical activity, appropriate levels of sleep and mental health. Our school is one of almost 100 schools The Dragons and NRL will see between 9th and 27th February, engaging with close to 30,000 students from Narooma in the south to Arncliffe in the north.

If you would like to find your local rugby league club visit PlayNRL.com for everything you need to get started in Rugby League.

Attendance: Term 1 - Week 4

Just a Few Reminders
NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME

FRIDAY morning 20th March
after the morning assembly
approx 9.20am

IN THE STAFF ROOM
(Children welcome)

HOUSE SHIRTS

As of Monday 9th March we will be stocking printed house shirts in time for the cross country @ $10 each for all sizes.

- Pelicans = Red
- Sharks = Yellow
- Seagulls = Blue

REMINDER: The uniform shop only accepts cash or cheques. Please make cheques payable to "Windang Public School P&C"

Vicki Sweet
P&C President

CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 18th March (weather permitting). To kick off our fundraising this year we will be having a sausage sizzle. Last year we trialed pre ordered snags for students only which we bagged up and delivered to the students, the same way as the canteen does their lunch orders. It went extremely well, so we are doing it again. Order forms being sent home today.

As this is a sporting event we want to promote Healthy Eating, so instead of selling lollies and soft drinks we will have healthy alternatives for sale instead. We hope to have your support on the day by encouraging your children to try some of our yummy treats. A order form note will be sent home with further details.

Anyone who is available to help on the day, please come and see me (Vicki Sweet) or leave your details at the office.

SCREEN PRINTING

We will be screen printing the house shirts on FRIDAY 6th MARCH in the hall at 9.30am if you would like to come and help. No experience necessary.

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Vicki Sweet
P&C President

Help Wanted

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.

Please see me (Vicki Sweet) if interested. We will provide the training & laptop and all will be processed at school.

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CLASSEMM NEEDS AND EXPENSES 2015

- Mathletics registration $15
- Life Education Van $5 (Please note due to sponsorship an new activity will be advised)
- In school performance $10
- Athletics Carnival $10
- Paper / Stationery $10
  (Due to the decrease in paper printing we have reduced this cost by $6 – Thank you for your support)

**Total:** $50.00 per child

Unfortunately, students will be unable to attend/use activities if payments have not been received. It is important that fees are paid on time.

Mobile Communication & Internet:
Mobile phones and other portable communication devices, when used appropriately, offer staff, students and the school community many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety. However, some devices (especially mobile phones) have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and the safety and well-being of students.

Windang Public School has established a policy for mobile communication devices and online communication that provides teachers, students and parents with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of these devices during school hours. The policy can be found on skoolbag (under parent info link). Please see the office if you would like a copy.

We acknowledge that there may be instances where it is essential for students to carry a mobile communication device for use, especially travelling to and from school. Permission forms must be completed.

Generally, a mobile communication device will be used inappropriately if it:
- disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school,
- threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well-being of any person
- is in breach of any law.

In particular, inappropriate use of mobile phones will include students using them to intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

The internet provides an opportunity to enhance students’ learning experiences by providing access to vast amounts of information across the globe. Today’s students are exposed to online communication tools and the internet in their community. They have the right to expect secure access to these services as part of their learning experiences with the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Students using internet and online communication services have the responsibility to report inappropriate behaviour and material to their supervisors.

The school policies aim to establish guidelines for the use within the school environment and aims to set out the responsibility of staff, parents and students.

There is a very good website for parents to view for cyber safety, www.cybersmart.gov.au

Nut Reduced School:
Windang Public School has adopted a nut awareness policy. The health and safety of all students who attend our school is a priority.

Anaphylaxis is the severest form of allergy and can affect various organ systems, including the upper and lower respiratory systems with the throat possibly closing. Our school has an action procedure established for such an emergency.

We request the support of families in not sending to school food items containing peanut and other nut products.

Nut products the school would like to avoid include:
- Peanut Butter
- Nuttella (other nut spreads)
- Chocolate bars (e.g. Snickers)
- Muesli products
- Some cakes/biscuits

The list is extensive. Some less obvious items include pesto, marzipan and nougat. If parents could check labels carefully before buying products for lunches it would be greatly appreciated.
YEARS 6 TSDP TRIALS
TUESDAY MARCH 10TH, ISHS STADIUM
Illawarra Sports High School allows students to combine their education with their love of sport. The Talented Sports and Development Program offers many opportunities that do not exist at other comprehensive high schools.

- Rugby league, Rugby Union, Football (soccer), Netball, Track and Field, Basketball, Girls All codes (RL, RU, Touch, Oztag), Baseball, Surfing, Tennis
- Exclusive Sports High only and Elite Level competitions such as GIO Schoolboy Cup
- Fully qualified, high quality, external coaching during school hours
- Access to fully equipped strength and conditioning facility as well as personal training sessions
- Exclusive pathways with the University of Wollongong and TAFE
- Partnership with Physiotherapist
- Teacher Academic Mentors to ensure that schoolwork is the main focus
- Sports Leadership Program
- Targeted Academic Program
- Years 7 to 10 Academic Challenge and Excellence Program
- Rail Shuttle for out of area students.

Students applying for the selective sports program attend the Year 6 Trials Day on Tuesday 10th March, 2015. 8.30am to 12.30pm

See primary school or contact ISHS for permission notes and info.