SUCCESS WITH HONOUR: A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

Advance Notice:
- Parent / Teacher interviews will take place in week 10. All students will receive a note next week detailing the times available. Interviews are an important part of the school’s communication with you regarding your child’s academic and social progress.
- Easter Hat Parade to be held on Thursday 2nd April at 12:15pm in the school hall.

District Swimming:
On Friday 6th of March, Jackson W, Caleb B and Tully P represented the Mid-South District at the 2015 South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto Olympic Pool. All three students from our school swam exceptionally well. The official results have been finalised and Jackson W will be proceeding to the PSSA State Swimming Championships later this term in the Junior Boys 50m backstroke.

We wish him all the very best. I had the privilege of co-coordinating the organisation of the Mid-South District swimming team and ensuring all the children were organised for their races. I was a great experience and all the children were well-behaved. I am privileged to announce that Windang Public School had wonderful listening skills and followed all the rules and procedures.

Miss R

### Weekly Schedule

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Windang Public School offers students a broad range of educational opportunities in a safe, caring and attractive environment. We are proud of the academic, environment, social and sporting achievements of students.
School Cross Country:
The school cross country will be held tomorrow Wednesday 18th March. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved. The day is organised to allow all children to participate. The children will be running the approximate distances:

- 5, 6 and 7 year olds- 600m
- 8, 9 and 10 year olds- 2km
- 11 and 12 year olds- 3km

The students will run outside the school grounds for part of the course. This will be along the Oakland Ave footpath. (Please notify the school if this is a concern). The track will have teachers and helpers located at sections for supervision. The program is as follows (however please note exact times cannot be given):

- 11 and 12 year olds will be starting at approximately 9:30am
- 11 year old boys then 11 year old girls
- 12 year old boys then 12 year old girls
- 5/6 year old boys then 5/6 year old girls
- 7 year old boys then 7 year old girls
- 8/9 year old boys then 8/9 year old girls
- 10 year old boys then 10 year old girls

Students are required to bring ‘Crunch & Sip’ and water. There will be a pre ordered BBQ for students provided by the P&C. As we are promoting Healthy Eating, the P&C will be supporting the school by providing healthy snacks on the day. The canteen will be open from 11:15am.

Parent helpers will be needed to assist with crowd control and encouraging children along the way. Please see us at school if you are able to help on the day.
MEETING THIS FRIDAY

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

IN THE STAFF ROOM
(Children welcome)

HOUSE SHIRTS

LAST CHANCE

Last chance to buy before the cross country. $10 each for all sizes. (size 6-Adult)

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

Vicki Sweet
P&C President

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

- 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!

CROSS COUNTRY
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our Cross country BBQ/fundraiser will be held on Wednesday 18th March (weather permitting). We are supporting the school’s Healthy Eating and we will have for sale icy cold water, fresh fruit cups, popcorn, muffins & vegetable sticks with hummus. Prices start from 50c. Sausage sandwiches for sale on the day for parents/carers

EASTER EGG MUFTI

Our P&C Mufti Day will be held next Thursday 26th March. We ask that you donate an Easter Egg as your payment.

EASTER RAFFLE

Please return all SOLD/UN SOLD tix by 31st March. The raffle will be drawn on the 2nd April, at the Easter Hat parade. We wish to thank and acknowledge MMJ Windang for their support

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

All money and orders to be in the office by Friday 27th April.

Buns will be delivered Wednesday 1st April.

We have also signed up with Bakers Delight Warilla Grove with their Dough Raiser program. Please mention WPS before you pay whenever you make a purchase and the school receives 5% back.
School Soccer
Recently the school identified that the soccer games that were happening at lunch and recess were becoming less about the game and having fun and more about picking the best team and winning. We were seeing more injuries caused through aggressive and un-sportsmanship behaviour.

As always the safety of our students is paramount, as a school we made the decision to be pro-active and to formalise the games with set teams and a rotating roster. The teams were created to incorporate a mix of ability and mixed ages (years 2 and 3 play together and years 4, 5 & 6 play together). Students have also arranged to act as referees for the games and report any incidents back to the teachers. Students will only play in one game per day, either lunch or recess, they will still have plenty of time to enjoy other playground activities.

Last Thursday students played their first round, with much success. As with everything new there will be a settling in period, we have anticipated this and have spoken to all students involved. Unfortunately, from time to time students may misinterpret what they have been told (this is why we often go over things more than once) we ask that if you have any concerns to first clarify with the school. We are aiming to run the games until the end of term and then review this activity structure.

“When you play a team sport you learn that it doesn’t come down to the best player. It comes down to working as a team, accepting decisions and understanding that people have different abilities,” says Ross Morrison, a sports expert with the NSW school DEC.

Team sports give kids the opportunity to:

- Be less selfish and to think of other people
- Deal with losing as well as winning. They learn that things are not going to go their way, or the team’s way, all the time
- Overcome shyness by putting them into situations where they need to communicate with others
- Become more sociable in different environments. They have to deal with different people, who may not be their friends.


Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) started Monday the 2nd of March and finishes Friday the 21st of August 2015. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

To complete the challenge, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 need to have read 30 books, they will have some of their PRC books read to them in class or the library. Students from Years 3-6 need to read 20 books and they need to read the books to themselves.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes, for students who don’t have internet access at home or who need some assistance with entering their books. Any questions please come and see me.

PRC Co-ordinator
Mrs. Kylie McCarthy