District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday our District swimming team travelled to Warilla pool to compete against schools in the Mid-South area.

I had the pleasure of visiting the team during the latter part of the day and was impressed by the sportsmanship of the team and the way they encouraged each other.

A number of our team have qualified for the Regional Carnival although at present we are waiting for confirmation of names from the District organisers.

Again, thank you to all of the members of our school community who turned out to cheer our team on. Your support means a great deal. We also say thank you once again to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Carroll for organising our team.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Windang PS

Week 4

Wednesday 17/2
• P&C Annual General Meeting, 7pm in the Learning Hub

Friday 19/2
• Swimming Carnival Ribbons presentation

Week 5

Monday 22/2
• Special Assembly – Leaders’ Induction, 2:10pm in the Hall

Week 6

Thursday 3/3
• Kindergarten Eye Check (permission notes to follow)

Friday 4/3
• Year 6 Audition applications for WHSPA close

School and District Swimming Carnival ribbons will be awarded this Friday, 19 February @9am.

Buddy

Last week, two members from the Shellharbour Mens’ Shed installed our new Buddy Bench. The bench was a gift from our 2015 Year 6 students and is already quite a hit with everyone. It is a lovely addition to the quiet area – what a wonderful gift!

Quotes

Leilani
“You get lots of company on the buddy bench.”

Blake
“If you’re alone, someone will come and be your buddy.”

Tanika
“If you’re lonely, you can sit there and someone will come and play. Then you won’t be lonely any more.”

Members of Team Windang
I’m looking forward to our first P&C meeting of the year, tomorrow evening at 7pm in the Learning Hub. The first part of the meeting will be the Annual General Meeting with the general business meeting to follow.

A vibrant P&C is essential to a school and at Windang Public we have enjoyed the support of the P&C over many years. Members make a significant difference, not only through fundraising but through feedback on our activities and programs and through the provision of ideas for future directions. The P&C is also responsible for helping to build the great community spirit that is so clear to any visitor to Windang.

At this week’s meeting I will be seeking feedback on our “Meet the Teacher” sessions and discussing the redevelopment of the sandpit.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those families who took advantage of our Meet the Teacher sessions last Wednesday. About a third of our families took the opportunity to meet with teachers and learn about class programs and activities for 2016.

We will be seeking our school community’s opinion regarding these sessions. Maybe we could offer some other activity that would meet our community’s needs more or there may be some different ideas that we could try. We would also like to know if the time was suitable or if there are more convenient times.

Seeking feedback on these sessions will be part of my report at this Wednesday’s P&C meeting. We look forward to your input.

Scenes from Week 3

GOTCHAS

- Victoria
- Savannah
- Darcy

Food Works Voucher

Congratulations to Jack of 4M who won last week’s Food Works voucher.

Healthy Eating

- Miss Morris
- Mikayla
- Daniel
**Fishing**

We need your help! At present we have a large fishing group and need more help to keep everyone baited up and interested during sport time. If you are able to help, please let us know through the front office.

In addition, all volunteers must apply for a Working With Children Check if they have not already done so. Applications and instructions on how to apply are available at the front office.

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**International Competitions and Assessments**

These competitions, more commonly known as the University of NSW assessments, are being offered to Windang Public students again this year.

The assessments and costs per assessment for Years 3 – 6 are:

- Digital Technologies - $8.80
- Science - $8.80
- Writing - $18.70
- Spelling - $12.10
- English - $8.80
- Mathematics - $8.80

**This year, for the first time, there will be a Year 2 Spelling assessment.** The cost to complete this assessment is $12.10.

A separate note will be sent home with interested students within the week. All entries will close on 5 April.

A poster listing sitting dates will be placed in the community noticeboard – located on the Western side of the Canteen.

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**Safety First**

A reminder that safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Please ensure that the car park is not used as a place of entry or exit for students. Cars and trucks can arrive and leave at any time throughout the school day. To ensure our students’ safety, please use the paths to enter and exit the school grounds.
Awards

The following students will receive their Gold Awards at our next Special Assembly on Monday, 22 February, 2016, starting at 2:10pm.

1E
Josie
Tynan
Ella
Morgan
Jakai
Felix
Cody

2PM
Skye
Marley
Harley
Tahlia
Skylah
Mia
Kael

4M
Lucas
Brayden
Jai
Remi
Naomi

5/6G
Briana

5/6L
Jackson W
April

Unfortunately, no students achieved their Silver or Bronze awards in time for this week’s newsletter.

Sport News from Mrs McDonald

Last Friday, Mrs Carroll and I had the pleasure of attending the District Swimming Carnival with our Windang PS representatives. All students showed exceptional behaviour, effort and team spirit throughout the day. We are eagerly awaiting confirmation of our students who will now progress to the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 8th March at Dapto Olympic Pool.

Special thanks must go to all of our dedicated parents who worked tirelessly through the day to support our students. Thank you in particular to the Walsh, Creswick, Prior, Boon, Fackender and Morris families for assistance with setting up, packing up, timekeeping and judging on the day. Your assistance was invaluable.

12 Year Boys Rugby League District Trials: These trials will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at Barrack Heights PS from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Any student interested please see Mrs McDonald.