Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have booked appointments online for our Parent/Teacher interviews.

To book go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter our event code of **2w73f**

The booking process is extremely quick and easy.

We understand that some families may not have internet access. If you are unable to book online, please come and see us in the front office and we will help you to complete the booking.

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Clean Up Windang

Last Friday, it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of all of our students as they set about working together to clean up Windang.

K-2 students worked together to clean up the school grounds, while years 3 – 6 students cleaned up various areas in our local community.

Thank you to Ms. Morris for your organisation of the morning’s activities. Without your assistance we would not have been able to take part in this

Our students are the future of our community. It is important that we continue to help them understand how their actions impact not only on themselves but on their environment as well.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Windang PS

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| **Monday 7/3**  
  - PRC commences  
| **Friday 18/3**  
  - P&C Meeting – 9:30am  
  - Mufti day (Easter Egg)  
  - Final day for High School EOIs  
| **Monday 21/3**  
  - Hat Making Afternoon 2 – 3pm  
| **Tuesday 8/3**  
  - Regional Swimming Carnival  
| **Wednesday 23/3**  
  - Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm  
| **Thursday 10/3**  
  - Selective High School Assessment  
| **Parent/teacher Interviews 3 – 7pm**  

Hints for Parent/Teacher Interviews

To get the most out of your parent/teacher interview time we suggest that you write down some questions and comments that you may want to raise. Having written notes can often help in an interview as time can seem to pass quickly.

Suggested questions may include:

• How is my child getting along with other children?
• What is the class working on at present? What will they be learning next?
• Is there anything about my child’s needs that I should know?
• Does my child participate in class discussions? Ask questions? Participate in classroom activities?
• Is my child’s progress in reading/math satisfactory?
• What activities does my child seem to enjoy most at school?
• Who are my child’s friends?
• Does my child play with others at break times?
• Can you tell me the best time and way to contact you if I have a query or concern?
• Do you have any concerns about my child?

You may also wish to take advantage of the interview time to share any information that would be helpful for your child’s teacher to know.

Coming Up…

Please put the following dates in your calendar:

• Friday, 1 April – School’s Cross Country starting at 9:30am
• Tuesday, 5 April – Special Assembly. 5/6G & 1E presenting items, Chelsea and Caleb leading
• Monday, 25 April – Community ANZAC Day March
• Friday, 29 April – School Photo Day. Please send no money now. Envelopes will be sent home in the near future

Scenes from Week 6

GOTCHAS

• Courtney – 5/6G
• Lucy – 4M
• Abbey – 5/6G

Food Works Voucher

Congratulations to Jackson of 5/6G who won last week’s Food Works voucher.

Healthy Eating

• Marley – 2PM
• Kallan – 3M
• Mrs. McCarthy
We’re on Twitter - @WindangPS

Windang Public is now sharing news and achievements of our students on Twitter. It is easy to follow us on Twitter although you can also go to Twitter.com/WindangPS to see our page. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have followed us and liked our tweets over the past week.

Twitter is an easy way for our school to share our good news and we will also be using it to connect with classes in our region and across the world. It is also our intention to have an official school Facebook page by the end of Term 2 to further strengthen our communication with our community.

Until we have all the appropriate permissions in place, we will only be sharing photos that do not show the faces of our students. If you would like some help in connecting with Twitter, please see Mrs. Tolhurst.

School Calendar & Website

We are now in the process of updating our school website. Last week we uploaded the calendar dates for Term 1 and will keep it updated as new information and dates come to hand.

New photos will be loaded onto the website in the near future. Thank you to Rachel P. for generously agreeing to take the photos of our school and students to show us in our “best” light. We really appreciate your support Rachel.

Reminders...

A few reminders for all members of our school community.

- All year 6 students have received their Expression of Interest forms for entry into high school in 2017. These should be completed and returned to school by 18/3/2016.
- School Fees are now due. If there are any problems with payment of school fees, please make an appointment with Mrs Tolhurst
- The emergency entrance and exit at the northern end of the school should be kept clear at all times.
- Please choose the safe place to cross when leaving school at the end of the day. The children’s crossing is the safest place, supervised by our terrific lollipop ladies.
Awards

The following students will receive their Gold award at the next special assembly:

Sommer Deacon
Noah Harris
Zep Treuen
Brodie Martin
Abby Trott
Malachy Ryan-Gilmore,
Shianne Shaw
Raquel Withers
Tahlea Berry
Jasmine Martin
Cooper Hardaker
Amber O’Neill
Nate Sweet

The following students will receive their Silver award at this Friday’s assembly:

Maddison Brennan
Tanika Heferen

The following students will receive their Bronze award at this Friday’s assembly:

Amarni Harris
Sabrina Vengut

Sport News from Mrs McDonald

Congratulations to Cooper H who has been selected in the 11 years Mid-South Rugby League team. It is a fantastic achievement to be selected in a highly competitive environment. We wish him and the team continued success.
Tell Them From Me Survey

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students by the end of this week. If you *do not* want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 18 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) started yesterday and finishes on **Friday the 19th of August 2016**. It is always an important activity in our yearly calendar.

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.

If you would like your child to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge, students in years 3 to 6 can logon to the Premiers Reading Challenge website [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) using their student login they use at school and keep a record of the books they have completed.

To view the booklists or to access the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) the student’s logon is not required.

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask me. **PRC Coordinator – Kylie McCarthy**
FUNDRAISING MEETING 1.45pm @ Club Windang TODAY Tuesday 8th March. All Welcome! At this meeting we will be discussing all events/ideas/plans for 2016 to then take to the next P&C meeting for voting on. If you are unable to attend but have an idea, please email me vickisweet70@hotmail.com with full details and number of volunteers needed to run it, or leave at the office.

Next P&C meeting FRIDAY 18th March 9.30AM

BANK BOOKS DUE IN THURDAYS
Please return books to office by Thursday each week and you will receive a silver token with each deposit. When you are eligible you will receive a gold token, and then enclose 10 silver tokens and your reward choice. The OUTBACK Theme is for 2016 and the following rewards are available term 1: Flying Snake Tail & Writing Set

!!!We would still love 1 or 2 more volunteers for banking. It will be an hour or two ONCE a month, please come and see me or Karmen for more information or leave your details at the office!!!

Entertainment Books  PRE ORDERS available very soon. We will be selling these again this year and would love you all to spread the word please. Watch this space for availability. You only have to dine a couple of times or use for attractions and you’ve made your money back. After 10 books are sold we are then entitled to receive 20% back from every sale.

UNIFORM SHOP  opens Monday and Friday mornings following assembly. Cash, Cheque or EFT. Sorry no Cards accepted. Orders with payment can be left at the office anytime also Lay By’s welcome.

!!!ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT THE SHOP PLEASE COME AND SEE US. We would love to have enough for a monthly roster!!!

MARCH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

EASTER RAFFLE and Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive  hot Cross bun Order forms ARE Due back 17th March, delivery to school 23rd March.

Mufti Day with an Easter EGG/ Easter Item Donation  Friday 18th March
Raffle Tickets due back Tuesday 22nd March (more available at office)
Raffle will be drawn at Easter hat Parade Wednesday 23rd March