Collaboration

This year at Windang Public we are providing additional time within the school week for teachers to work on improving student outcomes and ensuring our school plan is implemented and effective.

In addition to each teacher receiving their two hours per week release from face to face teaching time, they will also receive an extra hour to meet with members of their school plan team or other teachers from their stage.

To enable this to happen we have employed Mr Mat Teudt to take classes every Tuesday and Mrs Di Sharman to work with classes on Thursdays. Both Miss Chapman and I will be teaching classes as well as meeting with our team members.

Due to timetable changes library days may be different but Mrs McCarthy and your children’s class teachers will keep you informed if they do change. We appreciate your support as we enter an exciting time for our school and students.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Windang PS

Week 8

**Friday 18/3**
- P&C Meeting – 9:30am
- Mufti day (Easter Egg)
- Final day for High School EOIs
- Final day for Tell Them From Me notes (yrs4-6)

Week 9

**Monday 21/3**
- Hat Making Afternoon 2 – 3pm

**Wednesday 23/3**
- Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm
- Parent/teacher Interviews 3 – 7pm

Week 10

**Life Education Week**
**Friday 1/4**
- Cross Country K-6 9:30am
- P&C Sausage Sizzle
Life Education is Back @WindangPS

Next week from Tuesday through Thursday, 29-31 March 2016 the Life Education van will be back at Windang. This great program delivers a broadly focused health and drug education that adopts a sequential year-on-year, age specific, approach and addresses a range of issues. We are so lucky to have them with us.

The Life Education program helps children to:
• build their awareness and understanding of the link between the choices they make and their short and longer term consequences
• value their safety and health and that of others
• develop attitudes that can prepare them to make safer and healthier choices and
• identify strategies and build confidence and skills that can help them to deal with peer and community pressure

Did you know that the Life Education organisation has information on their website specifically for parents? Go to www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents and see more about what they have to offer.

The Life Education note was sent home last Thursday. The $5 cost of the Life Education van visit is included in school fees for 2016.

ANZAC Day Entries

A reminder to all students and families that entries for the Club Windang ANZAC Day march and commemoration booklet will close on Wednesday, 6 April, 2016. Our student artwork is usually used for the cover of the order of the ANZAC service.

All entries for possible inclusion in the booklet should be handed in at the front office.

Scenes from Week 6

GOTCHAS

• Chloe – 1E
• Tahlia – 2PM
• Paige – 1E

Food Works Voucher

Congratulations to Brodie of 1E who won last week’s Food Works voucher.

Healthy Eating

• Mikayla – 1E
• Naomi – 4M
• Mrs Dimoski
**Mufti Day**

Don’t forget that this Friday is a mufti day for our P&C. We invite all students to wear non-uniform clothes and as payment we ask all students to bring an Easter Egg donation.

Even though the day is non-uniform, students still need to wear covered shoes and sun safe clothing as it is a sport day.

**Can You Help?**

We have been lucky over the past few years to have Jill change the message on our school sign each week. Unfortunately, she is now unable to continue with this role.

If you are able to change the message each week, please contact the front office. It usually only takes 10 – 15 minutes once a week.

**Mr Tolhurst**

Over the past few weeks, community members and students have noticed my husband working on a few projects around the school such as putting up the honour boards in the hall and working to get the irrigation system up and running once again.

*All work that he is doing is as a volunteer.* Under Department of Education guidelines I am unable to employ him, or in fact any member of my family, to do paid work at the school. To do so would be a breach of the Ethical Behaviour requirements. He has also completed a Working With Children check as required by the Department

Mr Fullagher is still our General Assistant three days a fortnight. Mr Tolhurst is just helping out on larger jobs or where his expertise is of benefit to the school.

**P&C Help**

This Friday from 11am in the school hall, the P&C will be wrapping the Easter baskets in preparation for the Easter Hat parade and raffle. If you can help wrap the baskets, please join our members of the P&C. They would appreciate your assistance.
Awards

The following students will receive their Gold Award at our next Special Assembly:
• Briannah S
• Alexis B
• Clayton F
• Kai T

The following students will receive their Silver Award at this Friday's morning assembly:
• Baden P
• Maggy S
• Jermaine M

The following students will receive their Bronze Award at this Friday's morning assembly:
Abbey Buchanan
Kasey H
Mitchell S
Ming W

Sport News from Mrs McDonald

Congratulations to our students Lucy Smith and Skye Bell who competed in the Regional Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. Both girls proudly represented our school and district. It was a great effort.

Congratulations also to Cooper Hardaker who has been selected to represent the Mid South Coast District in the 11 Year Rugby League team. He will compete in the South Illawarra Zone Trials later in the month in Kiama.

This week, preparations will begin on our Cross Country track here at school, with practice and training to commence next week. The Cross Country will be held here at school on Friday 1st April. Notes will be sent home this week.

Southern Stars Dance

Congratulations to Chelsea who has been selected in the prestigious Southern Stars Dance Company. What a wonderful opportunity for her. Her first concert is at the Easter Show!

Tennis Coaching

Tom Stratton, current tennis coach at Windang courts is offering lessons on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings for anyone who is interested. In particular there is one lesson on a Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 with a vacancy for someone around the ages of 9-11. This lesson would be shared with another tennis student.

Lessons are available weekdays during school hours for any parents who may be interested in some fitness or learning some tennis skills. It is a great social game that the whole family can enjoy.

If you are interested, please contact Tom on 0458580606.
FRIDAY FRIDAY FRIDAY FRIDAY FRIDAY

P&C meeting this FRIDAY 18th March 9.30am in the Learning Hub. All welcome

EASTER Hot Cross Bun orders and money DUE THIS FRIDAY 18th

MUFTI DAY with an EASTER EGG AS PAYMENT this FRIDAY 18th

Entertainment Books

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Memberships available 4th April. We will be selling these again this year and would love you all to spread the word please to all your friends and family. You’ll be surprised how much you will use it and you only have to dine a couple of times or use for attractions and you’ve made your money back. Please consider supporting our school while you in turn can reap some benefits. Only After 10 books are sold then we are entitled to receive 20% back from every sale (last year we only just made it 😊)

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BANK BOOKS DUE IN THURSDAYS 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

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK TUESDAY 22ND MARCH. (MORE AVAILABLE AT OFFICE)

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT EASTER HAT PARADE WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
TALENTED SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

YEAR 6 SPORT TRIALS

Illawarra Sports High School will be holding the Year 6 Sport Trials for YEAR 7 2017 enrolment in the Talented Sports and Development Program.

Date – Thursday March 31st, 2016
Time – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Transport Arrangements – Private transport.

Sports to Trial for –
- Rugby League & Union
- Girls All Codes (RL, RU, Touch, Oztag)
- Netball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Surfing (no surfing at trials, fitness and skills test only)
- Tennis
- Cross Codes (athletics, fitness, mixed sports)

Student Registration –

Students must register their attendance at the trials no later than Thursday March 24th. Primary schools can send through a list of students attending or parents can contact Illawarra Sports High School front office.

If a child is unable to attend the trial due to other commitments, please still register and return the permission form.

Information and Permission Note –
See your primary school for the information and permission note.

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