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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to what has started off to be a fantastic 2015. Our school has maintained a positive growth this year putting us at 885 students. A very warm welcome to all our new families starting with us for the very first time. We are starting the year off with 36 classes.

We welcome to our staff:

Kathryn Leman PL, Joel Allcroft 1A, David McGuire 2M and Stephen Hearn 6PH

Also returning from Maternity Leave is Miranda Nicol 6NW and Karen Rolfe 4GR.

We trust that you will have an exciting 2015 with us at Windaroo Primary.

The next few weeks are very important here at school as everyone settles into the new school year. Our aim is to make our students feel comfortable and successful in their new year level and classroom. Your child's teacher will be working closely with the class to establish classroom rules and routines. They will discuss behaviour and work expectations to set the tone for the year. Teachers are also currently working on developing a picture of the capabilities of each student. Lots of assessment happens at the beginning of the year so that we gain an understanding of what your child already knows and what skills they need to develop or refine. Teachers can then use this information to develop programs that provide support and challenges for every student. Our curriculum is designed around building upon what a child already knows and using this to learn and discover more.

Meet the Teacher (Parent Information Afternoon)

Parents in our school will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher to gain insight into class expectations as well as homework policies etc. The date to mark on your calendar is:

Date: Thursday 19 February   Time: 3-4pm   Venue: Your child's classroom

PCA (Parents' and Citizens' Association)
Our PCA plays a major role in supporting our school and students. Last year our PCA Committee with their volunteers raised a substantial amount of money which enabled our school to purchase carpet for our Computer Lab as well as an artificial grass area outside our Year 3 Block. We strongly encourage you to please to join or support our PCA this year so we can again achieve the fundraising goals set for 2013. Our next meeting is:

Date: AGM Wednesday 25 February    Time: 9:15am    Venue: Lone Pine Hall

To our new Prep parents I have put the following article in my newsletter. I hope it helps.

Advice for New School Parents

Things I wish I’d known before my child started school!!!

• Buy lots of the same pairs of socks, so if you lose one you’ll have a spare, not a left-over.
• Buy a good quality summer uniform because they will outlast the cheaper ones and save you money in the long run.
• When you name your child’s clothing, lunch box and drink bottles, use only the surname. Things can then be handed down to younger siblings.
• Teach your little boy what a urinal is and how to use it.
• If your child is having a lunch order, make sure you put in something for them to eat at recess time as the orders don’t arrive until lunch time.
• If you can afford to buy two hats, do it. Leave one permanently in the car or school bag….it saves the argument about the hat every morning.
• It’s OK to forget other parents’ names…..it’s hard enough to remember your child’s new friend’s name. Just ask again!
• It’s also OK to cry on the first day, but wait until you’re around the corner!
• When you speak to your child’s teacher the first few times, introduce yourself as ‘………’s Mum or Dad’.
• If you want to know what’s going on at school, come to a PCA meeting. We were all new parents once….don’t be shy.
• Arrange coffee mornings with other parents at a place where the toddlers will be kept entertained and you don’t have to clean up!
• Try to help out in the classroom once a week. Your child will love it and you will get to know the other kids, as well as being familiar with their school activities.
• Buy snap lock bags for lunch because they can be reused and they are easier to open than cling wrap.
• Fill drink bottles from home, it’s cheaper and healthier than buying packaged juices.

Late Arrivals Early Departure

Please note that students need to be on time to start their school day as there is much learning to get through on any given day. That is why it is also essential that children not be picked up early from school with no valid reason. Appointments should be scheduled for after school whenever possible.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Please do not enter school grounds or bus zones during peak times to drop off / pick up your child/ren. Our Staff Carpark gate is locked at 2:45pm and will not reopen until 3:15pm. This ensures the safety of our children during this busy time.

Air Conditioning Levy Scheme

Information regarding the Air Conditioning Levy Scheme will go home this week. Please support this levy as it enables us to provide an atmosphere where our children can learn in comfort., We DO NOT receive financial assistance from the department so your contribution is vital in the maintaining and running of our systems.

Contact Details

Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details as it is imperative we have these details should we wish to contact you.

Dress Code / Discipline

This year we will be consolidating the new initiatives our Supportive School Environment team has put in place. We will be ensuring our dress code is upheld by our students and that behavioural expectations are also met. We have a great school with great staff and students. Thanks parents / guardians for your support in maintaining this standard.

Quote of the Week:

“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”   Albert Einstein

Bobby Harding - Principal

FROM THE YRS 1, 3, 5 DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Welcome Back

A friendly ‘hello’ to all our returning students and their families, as well as a ‘warm welcome’ to all new students and their families who have enrolled from far and near. We are looking forward to chatting with many of you in these early days, as you share your holiday experiences with us.

The summer holiday break is certainly a wonderful opportunity for our school families and their special friends to spend quality time together whether at home or away. I’m sure great family activities have occurred over our summer break, all of which add to the life long experiences of our children in getting them ready for their future in becoming quality citizens in our wider community. Our school holidays seem to go quickly each year and now we are together again ready to kick off our 2015 school year. There will be many new opportunities for all our children this year as we know our teachers and other school staff members have been preparing and working very hard for the start of our new year. We are excited, looking forward to the challenges of new things and keen to be travelling up to the new year levels with your child this year.

This year I will continue to job share my Deputy Principal position. I professionally and personally embarked on this new journey two years ago, as I reduced my Deputy Principal role and responsibilities to three days a week sharing the role with my colleague Mrs Michelle Leadbeater who also works in her role as our school Head of Curriculum. Together Mrs Leadbeater and I will be responsible for the social well-being of our students and their teachers in Years 1, 3 and 5.

Please note below the days that we are on school campus:

Mrs Lynn Hunt: Monday, Tuesday and Friday
Mrs Michelle Leadbeater: Wednesday and Thursday

Supporting our Students
At the start of each new school year our students need support to settle into their new classes, meet and get to know their new teacher and peers. We ask that ‘together’ we help them to achieve this. If we use positive ‘talk’ and ‘encouragement’ in their presence in these early days then the transition for them is easier. Please chat to your child’s teacher as soon as possible if there is anything urgent that you feel that their teacher needs to be aware of that may impact your child’s start to school. We look forward to seeing many children and their family members around our school campus over the next few days.

Storm Alerts
Please follow the link to read our Storm Alert Policy regarding student pick up during a storm.

Storm Warning Revised January 2015.pdf

'Caring and Learning Together'
Lynn Hunt & Michelle Leadbeater - Deputy Principals Yrs 1, 3 & 5

FROM THE YRS Prep, Yrs 2, 4 & 6 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
I sincerely hope that you and your family had a restful and safe holiday. I am looking forward to continuing to share with you your child’s educational journey.

Settling in
The start of a new school year is a time when students need our support from home and school to settle into their new classes. There are new teachers and classmates to meet. To ensure that this is a positive experience for all there are a few simple tricks that can ease the way. By using positive ‘talk’ and ‘encouragement’ in our conversations the transition for them is smoother.

Please remember that your child’s teacher is the first ‘port of call’ if there is anything urgent that may impact your child’s start to school. I am very happy to speak to you as well if you wish.

Senior Leadership Camp
Today our Year 6 classes departed for Camp Goodenough over the border in New South Wales to experience and participate in a variety of activities that will assist in their holistic development in their final year of primary school. Activities will include the Giant’s Playground, Team Pursuits, Crate Stack, High Ropes and the all new Leap of Faith. I will be attending on Thursday so should be able to sample all of these “challenge by choice” activities. Students not attending the camp will be involved in leadership and problem solving activities at school.

Valerie Paterson - Deputy Principal Prep Yrs 2, 4, 6.

FROM THE SEP
Welcome back to a new year at Windaroo with a special welcome to our new students in Prep and year 4. We have started meeting with students and begun our groups. The teachers for 2015 are Judith Morgan, Tina Ward and myself for the full week, with Stacey Leathwaite here on Monday to Wednesday and Petula Murray on Thursday and Friday. Once our programs are fully underway we will be contacting parents to come in and meet to discuss curriculum goals for each child. If you have any concerns please contact the SEP directly by coming in or phoning 33824312.

Everyone’s Different
Everyone’s different
Just look at me,
I have to wear glasses
To properly see.

The girl over there
She’s learning to speak,
But friends she does have
She isn’t a freak.

The boy that is rocking
And covers his ears,
Autism he has
But can’t share his fears.

Then there’s our teacher
From a land out of sight,
That her skin is so different
And dark as the night.

My Dad is so tall...
I can't touch his head,  
And when he's asleep  
He's too long for the bed.

My Brother has freckles  
My Mother can't sing,  
My Aunty can't cook  
But we're all amazing.

Just look around  
No two are the same,  
Unless you are twins  
But you don't share a name.

My Grandad does talk  
In a language called Greek,  
And I hope that some day  
It's something I'll speak.

My eyes are bright blue  
And yours hazel green,  
Some are plain brown  
And some in between.

For everyone's different  
If you just care to see,  
But that's why we're special  
Special like me!

Monica Goethals - HOSES

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Cash Collection

Student excursions or activities are invoiced and sent home with your child. Invoices can be paid at the cash collection window, found at the rear of the admin building, **ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS ONLY** between 8:15am and 9:30am or on the internet. When paying online, please ensure you note the student name for whom you are paying.

Voluntary Contribution information will be advised next week and payment ASAP would be appreciated.

Late Arrivals and Early Departure

**Students must come to the office if they are late and parents must present to the office to collect a student early from class.**

Please note that students need to be on time to start their school day at 8:50am. There is much learning to get through on any given day and it is essential that children not be picked up early from school without a valid reason. Appointments should be scheduled for after school whenever possible. Should you need to collect your child early, you are required to come to the office to advise and collect a slip before going to the classroom. Children are not allowed to wait in the office for collection.

Student Absences

There are now several ways you can contact the school to notify us of student absences. These include: advising the teacher in person or by note, emailing the absence to **absent@windarooss.eq.edu.au**, using the Skoolbag Application for IPhone or Android or ringing the Absentee Line on 3382 4370.

**Urgent Messages** can be passed to a child in **urgent situations**, but minimal disruptions to classes is preferable.

Student Illness or Injury
If a student is ill or has been injured during school time, the teacher will refer the child to the casualty room. They will be assessed and either returned to class or a phone call will be made to the parent to collect. We can only supervise the child in the casualty room for a short time or until collected. It would be appreciated if you could respond to messages from the school ASAP as children can sometimes become distressed when they are unwell or injured.

Animals are not Permitted on School Grounds

A reminder to all our parents that dogs or any animals are not permitted on government property. The safety of our students is very important, and even the smallest and unsuspecting animals can be unpredictable.

SPORT NEWS

Welcome back to the start of a new sporting year.

Cross Country

First up on the calendars is our school cross country which is to be run on Wednesday 11 March. Any children who are born in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 or 2007 are welcome to come along and train for this event. Training will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:15am on Oval 1. If you would like to train or just go for a run in the mornings make sure you have comfortable running shoes, a hat and a change of clothes as well as your uniform. Training will commence on Wednesday 11 February.

Swimming

If there are any children born in 2003, 2004 or 2005 who belong to a swimming club or who think they are excellent swimmers and who would like to trial for the Windaroo State School swimming team please see Miss Shaab as soon as possible for a trial note.

Gala Day Sport

Commencing on 13 March our Year 5s and 6s will be participating in "Gala Day" sport where for five weeks in terms 1 and 2 they will play against children from other schools in rugby league, girls touch football, netball, AFL and soccer. If your child is interested in being part of a team they must put their name on the trial sheets in the main undercover area and then attend the trial for the relevant sport. Further information will be sent home if your child is successful in making a team.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Behaviour Management Monthly Rewards

A special mention to these classes from 2014 who received no detentions in November and December. Well done for following our school rules both in the classroom and playground.

PJ PK 1C 1DM 1N and 6/7T

The following students have tried very hard to improve in their behaviour by making better choices throughout semester two, 2014.


BOOK CLUB

Book Club has changed for 2015. Scholastic has streamlined all magazines and each year level will now have only 1 magazine to go home. The due date for Issue 1 is Monday 16 February 2015. More information will be coming when it is to hand.

FROM THE PCA

Welcome to 2015. We hope you have all had a fantastic first week at school and that all students have been able to settle into the schooling year comfortably. Thank you to those parents who stopped by the meet and greet on day one, it was great to see some new faces and hopefully those that were a bit anxious about their children starting school are feeling more at ease.

PCA AGM and Fundraising Committee Meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 25 February at 9:15am in the Lone Pine Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and nominate for a position within our P&C Committee. If you do not want to hold an Executive position then please come along and join our general committee which will give you a vote and a say on how we shape the future of our School.

We will also be holding our first Fundraising Meeting for the Year where we will be setting our Calendar of Events for 2015. If you have any fundraising ideas or events that you think might be a great opportunity for us to raise funds, please come and join us.

Contacting the PCA

If you would like to touch base with us or be kept up to date with all things P&C there are a few different ways:

Skoolbag App: We will post events and alerts onto the Skoolbag App to keep you all up to date.

Facebook Page: Search Windaroo State School PCA on Facebook. This will keep you up to date with information on the P&C and Uniform Shop and other important school news.

Email: Need to contact us? Email us at windaroopca@outlook.com

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will recommence on Tuesday 3rd February. We look forward to having all current bankers continue with their wonderful savings and also welcome new bankers as well. If you don’t already have an account set up, feel free to ask our Banking Co-ordinators or alternatively visit the Commonwealth Bank on line for more details. Banking day is every TUESDAY and each deposit made will receive 1 token. Once your child has 10 tokens they can redeem for a reward. All details will be shown in the parent information pack which will be handed out soon. For more information see the flyer below:
ABSENTEE NOTIFICATIONS

It is a requirement by Education Queensland that all student absences must be explained to the school. To assist in this process and to make it easier for the parent/carer to contact us, there are now several ways you can contact the school to notify us of student absences. These include:

- Advise teacher in person or by note
- Email the absence to absent@windaroo.eq.edu.au
- Use the Skoolbag Application for iPhone or Android
- Ring the Absentee Line on 3382 4370

In each instance you will need to state the child's name CLEARLY, what class they are in and the reason for their absences. Your co-operation in this process would be appreciated.

SKOOLBAG APP

At Windaroo we can get you information ... FAST ... in your hand, on your phone!! How do we do it? Skoolbag! All phones with internet access can have this info and here's how you get it.

iPhones & Androids - click on the link for instructions and the new update Skoolbag Parent Instructions.pdf

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Sport Sign on Days

**Beenleigh Buffaloes AFL** - Saturday and Sunday 7 & 8 February 10:00am - 2:00pm at Beenleigh Sports Club - Teams U6 to U17, U15 Girls Team, Seniors and Reserves. Further information contact Kylie Jordan on 0450 330 124 or beeleighjuniors@aflbj.com

**Logan Hockey Club** - Saturday 7 February at Meakin Park, 165 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek, from 9:00am to 11:00am. More information contact loganhockey@hotmail.com

**Shailer Flames Junior Netball Club** - Saturday 7 February 9:00am - 12:00pm at Outdoor Netball Courts, Cornubia Park, Cornubia Park Drive, off Bryants Road, Shailer Park (behind InSports). Season runs from 26 February to 5 September excluding public holidays and school holidays.

**Logan City Rugby Union, Senior, Colts & Junior Players** - Saturday February 14, 21 & 28 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at 200 Queens Road, Slacks Creek. More information phone 3299 4793 or email logancityregistrar@hotmail.com.

Happy and Calm Household - Live Well Logan Program

Discover which food additives in everyday healthy food choices are linked to health, learning and behaviour problems (including asthma and hyperactivity). Funded by Logan City Council's Live Well Logan program Food for a Happy and Calm Household is on in two locations:

- Saturday 28 February at Logan West Library (Browns Plains) at 1:00pm
- Friday 6 March at Jimboomba Community Centre at 10:00am

Bookings are ESSENTIAL - go online to save your seat www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events or contact Louise on 0408 723 559
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