

WINDSOR STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Comment

Staffing 2010

Planning for the new school year is a difficult process as we manage children's needs, teacher allocation and effective use of available teaching spaces. The process is made more difficult with growing student numbers.

As in the past few years we will not be releasing class lists or teacher names until the start of the new school year. Our final class lists will be determined by our enrolment data on Day Eight of the 2010 school year, Friday, February 5, 2010.

Deputy Principal Position

The process to select a permanent Deputy Principal for Windsor State School in 2010 is now complete. Mr Matt Keong will commence duty as of the start of the 2010 school year. Mr Keong comes to us from Acting Deputy at Mansfield State School.

Mrs Harris has undertaken her acting role with a very high level of enthusiasm and commitment to our school. I personally thank her for her support and loyalty. I am sure I speak for most when I say she will be truly missed.

Lock Down & Fire Drills

The school routinely undertakes practices for evacuation drills and lock down procedures. Two weeks back the school undertook a lock down procedure as a result of occurrences near the school. I can assure parents that there was no imminent danger to any children and we were able to account for all children quickly and safely.

Lockdown procedures are used to protect children from harm from unwanted or volatile persons on the school ground. In the instances of a lock down we do not divulge the cause of the lock down in order to protect children or adults who may be involved.

Transition Day

We will welcome our new prep year students on Transition Day, November 27, 2009. The students and their parents will be with us from 9:30 - 11:00am. We have undertaken an extensive process to enrol and conduct interviews for all students.

Parents who have not enrolled for Prep 2010 should contact the office immediately. If parents are aware of families considering enrolment in any year level, I ask you to have them contact the office as a matter of urgency.

Christmas Giving

Christmas is a very special time of the year for all children. The Salvation Army works to support children and families balance the stress between the joys of Christmas and the pain of financial stress.

Each year we as a school community give generously to our Gift program. We ask that each family provides a present to be placed under the tree and given to the Salvation Army at our Christmas Concert. Please wrap the present and state a gender and age on the tag after December 1, 2009.

I thank you for your past generosity and seek your support in a year that will stretch the budgets of all charity organisations.

Stephen O'Kane
Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Yr 6 Camp
17-20 Nov

**Prep 2010
Transition Day**
Fri 27th Nov

**P-4
Swimming Carnival**
Thurs 3rd Dec

**Yr 5-7
Swimming Carnival**
Fri 4th Dec



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Parents & Citizens Association meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.00 pm.

From the Deputy Principal

Farewell

I will be leaving Windsor to take up another position at the end of the school year.

It has been a real privilege to have had the opportunity of working in the role of Deputy Principal at Windsor State School for the past two years. Every day I have been made aware of the great work being done in our schools by committed and caring teachers and how effectively children are nurtured and encouraged. Thank you for your support.

Music News

Music Extravaganza

A wonderful evening was had by one and all at the Music Extravaganza. The Music programme has certainly improved in the two years since I came to Windsor. The performances certainly reflect a much higher standard. Mrs Hardy will also be taking a years leave next year in order to do some further study. We all wish her the very best and will miss her wonderful vocal talents and her enthusiasm.

Music Information Evening

An information evening has been scheduled for all parents and caregivers on **Monday evening, the 30th of November at 6.00pm**. The meeting will be held in the music classroom, upstairs in the administration building.

This meeting is a very important part of informing and preparing you for your child's commitment to the school instrumental program. You will receive an information booklet and have the chance to discuss any queries with relevant music staff.

Rewards Day

Rewards Day will be held at school this year with some wonderful activities planned. The children will be choosing their options soon. Experts will be coming in to provide some exciting activities for those students with exceptional behaviour.

Morelle Harris
Deputy Principal

BOOKFAIR – NEW BOOKS FOR SALE – WEEK 7 NOVEMBER – Monday 16th to Friday 20th

Just like a bookshop only better! The prices are unbelievable and start from \$2. Time to think about Christmas presents, so why not buy some for stocking fillers! The books are on display in the library between 8.45 and 3.30pm every day during this week. Orders cannot be taken so the books are sold on a 'first-in' basis. Children will be able to look at the books anytime during the day, and during library time. They will be given a Bookfair Wish List to write down the books they would like to buy. Hint hint! The school receives a very good commission on all books sold which will go directly towards buying new books for the library. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Narelle Hoelzl, Teacher Librarian

From the P & C



Windsor SS Music Supporters News

Windsor Music Extravaganza Roundup

Thank you to the students and their music teachers for all their hard work putting together a very enjoyable program for the Windsor music program's showcase concert held at the Old Museum, last Wednesday evening. Thank you also to Mr. O'Kane who kept everyone entertained between acts as MC and Sabina Konicanin (Yr 4 mum) who did a great job keeping the program running to time as stage manager. There was a great turn out on the night with much reminiscing after the show by

parents and teachers about long ago visits to the 'Old Museum' when it was still 'The Museum'. Drinks and supper were enjoyed out on the lawns afterwards on a beautiful Brisbane evening. **NB.** Supper plates that were left behind after the Music Extravaganza can be collected from the school office

Raffle winners – Congratulations to the two winners of the Entertainers' Gourmet Hampers, Greg Philipp and Roshelle Weir.

Lucky Door Prize winner – Congratulations to Shane, winner of the festive hamper.

Please support our sponsors – The following businesses have generously supported WSS music events this year.

- Coles Lutwyche
- Coles Newmarket
- First Choice Liquor store, Lutwyche
- Ultimate Coffee (available at Naples Pizza Café, Grange)
- General Backline Hire (GBH) – for hire of event sound equipment / musical instruments.

Would you like to find out more about Music at Windsor?

If you wish to be updated with future Music Supporters Group activities/meetings or contribute in any way to music activities/classes at Windsor you are invited to get in touch. Please contact Susie Hardy (Music Teacher and Co-coordinator) at shard142@eq.edu.au, phone: 3866 4333 or Megan Hoskin (ph: 3857 4876 email: tonymegan@optusnet.com.au).

Regards, Megan Hoskin (Year 3 parent)
For the WSS Music Supporters Group.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



A big thank you to all those glamorous ladies at Citron restaurant on Melbourne Cup Day who between them raised \$460 for the school. Despite being a much smaller group this year everyone was in the spirit of the occasion & all enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Thank You to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle & to Daisy Days Florist for donating a lovely arrangement for the lucky door prize.

Many thanks & we're booked in for 2010!!
Melanie Poole
0400 131154 or 38574314.

UNIFORM SHOP REMINDER

Only 3 weeks till the end of school. We are open every Tuesday from 8:30am – 9:30am.

**Special Opening Hours are: Thurs 3rd Dec 2009 8:30am-9:30am
Prep Transition Day Fri 27th Nov (Prep Only) 9:00am – 12noon.**

NEWSLETTER DAYS

Parent help is required to collate and distribute the Newsletters on a fortnightly basis. If you are interested in helping please contact either Rebecca on 0422 698 529 or Lisa on 0432 477 417.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Just a reminder that the Tuckshop will not be open the last week of school.



Windsor Seawolves Swim Club News

Somerset Hills Carnival roundup

Congratulations to all swimmers for their great effort at our first carnival for the season. The Seawolves team stormed home with third place

behind Wilston (1st) and Nundah (2nd) and in front of Somerset Hills, Geebung and Pine Rivers. There was a great atmosphere with lots of cheering from the stands and great support between swimmers of all ages before and after their races.

Stafford Stingers Carnival – Get your nominations in by this Friday 20/11/09

Hot on the tail of the Somerset Hills Carnival, we will be hosting the Marsden McAllen Shield carnival at Windsor on Saturday 28 November against the Stafford Stingers. We will have three lanes per event in this carnival so this will be a great opportunity for swimmers that have previously not swum at a carnival or would like to do it some more to have a go! If you wish to swim please get your nominations in by this Friday 20/11/09 using one of the following options:

1. Nominations list on pool noticeboard at this Friday's club night.
2. Nominations list with Jo Hodge, swim coach.
3. Send an email to

WindsorSeaWolvesSwimmingClub@windsorss.eq.edu.au

This Carnival will start with a **warm up swim from 2pm** followed by a **2:30 pm start**.

Seawolves Christmas Party

The Seawolves Christmas party will be held on Friday 4 December, our last club night for this term. This will consist of a freestyle only program followed by novelty events, a free swim plus hot food and canteen available.

Come along and see what it's all about.

If you are interested in joining the club or just wish to find out more please come along to club on Friday night and have a look (and/or a swim) from 6:15pm or give me a call on 3857 4876 or email WindsorSeaWolvesSwimmingClub@windsorss.eq.edu.au. Detailed information about fees, membership forms, weekly nominations etc can be found on our webpage at www.windsorss.eq.edu.au/P&C.

Cheers

Tony Jedroszkowiak, Seawolves President.

EARLY CALL FOR FAIR DONATIONS

Although it seems like ages away, the 2010 School Fair will come around very quick. The dress up and costume stall is planning to have some working bees over the Christmas break so we have lots of beautiful costumes to sell at the Fair.

Therefore we are putting out an early call for donations of fabric and other materials so we can make a start now. If you have any material that you no longer need that would be suitable for costumes, it would be gratefully received. The type of things we especially need include:

- Silky and shiny styles of fabrics
- Animal prints
- Sequined fabric
- Heavier cotton/poly fabric for things like Jedi Capes
- Faux fur trim
- Netting
- Elastic
- Reflective Tape suitable for hip hop pants
- Iron on Patches
- Ribbons
- Sequined trims
- Pillow stuffing

In addition, if anyone can sew and would like to help, please let us know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

For enquiries and to organise donation drop off, please contact Lisa Guettler on 0432 477 417 or activedomestics@optusnet.com.au or Katerina Glassock on 3857 5371 or kjglassock@powerup.com.au.

Community Notices

JO HODGE SWIM SCHOOL

09/10 XMAS VACATION SWIMMING CLINICS

FOR ALL BOOKINGS Ph: 0410685508

- * BLOCK (1) MON 14/12/09 TO FRIDAY 18/12/09 4 DAYS
- NB: BLOCK (1) ONLY IS A 4 DAY PROGRAM - NO TUESDAY**
- * BLOCK (2) MON 11/01/10 TO FRIDAY 15/01/10 5 DAYS
- * BLOCK (3) MON 18/01/10 TO FRIDAY 22/01/10 5 DAYS

HI EVERYONE,

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAMS ARE A GREAT WAY TO FAST TRACK SWIMMING SKILLS AND MAINTAIN SWIMMING FITNESS. LESSONS ARE CONDUCTED IN THE MORNINGS FROM APPROXIMATELY 8AM AND EACH LESSON IS OF ½ HOUR DURATION. STUDENTS SWIMMING SKILLS ARE ASSESSED AND THEN THEY ARE PLACED INTO GROUP CLASSES OF 5 TO 6 SWIMMERS OF SIMILAR STANDARDS .I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE POOL OVER XMAS ,IF NOT STAY SAFE OVER THE HOL'S AND I WILL SEE YOU IN TERM1 2010 , I WILL COMMENCE SWIMMING LESSONS AND SQUADS FROM MON 1/2/10. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WINDOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND SINCERLYWISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

JO HODGE (COACH)

GOAL Program

Get Out and Learn: School Holiday Program for Children Years Prep -Year 7. A 5 day fun and innovative educational program designed to motivate and engage young learners to reach their full potential.

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Kelvin Grove State College – Junior School Trash & Treasure Day

Saturday 21 Nov. School Rd KELVIN GROVE

- Markets run 8am - midday (set up from 7am)
- Book a stall for only \$20 – keep any money you make OR simply come along for a shop
- One trestle table provided per stall

Contact Colleen 3856 0464

The school will run a sausage sizzle and cake stall, available for purchase on the day

Your support will be helping us with the purchase of interactive whiteboards for each of our classrooms.

Our Student Rep Council will be also running a secondhand book stall.

Fancutts Tennis Centre, 39 Laura St, Lutwyche.

FANCUTTS ANNUAL GRADE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Sat/Sun 28th & 29th Nov. Players can represent their school. A Wall-a-Thon & Raffle will also be held with a Xmas party sausage sizzle. Schweppes/McDonald's Voucher is given to every player. Friendly HotShots Tournaments for trophies are on Sat from 2-5.30pm, Sun 3.45-6pm for children and teenagers & Tues/Wed nights for adults. Entries close 5th Dec for new season 2010. Restrings – a 24hr service or possible emergency restring while you wait. All enquiries please contact Fancutts 3857 2922 in office hours or email fancutts@hotmail.com.

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