

WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 18 October 2019

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! This term promises to be yet another extremely busy one, full of wonderful learning experiences and celebrations recognising our students' achievements and performances.

PARKS Festival of Performing Arts

Parks Festival of Performing Arts is happening this week and students have been working hard perfecting their items in readiness for their big performance.

As usual there will be two evening performances: **Tuesday 22 October** and **Wednesday 23 October**. Tickets for the evening performances will be available for purchase next term from the Administration Office.

Parents would be wise to purchase tickets early as there will only be a limited number of tickets available at the door on the nights.



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020



We are at the point of finalising enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. You may pick up forms from our front office where the ladies will happily answer any of the questions you may have or assist you with any of the documentation needed. Please ensure you follow this up soon as we need to inform the Department of Education what our Kindy enrolment numbers will be for 2020 as they provide the staffing ratio accordingly. If you are aware of any families yet to apply for enrolment for 2020, please encourage them to speak with our office staff asap.

Congratulations Mrs Myers

In the last week of Term 3, I had the pleasure of attending the Principals Network Awards Celebration at Fairfield RSL. This was a great celebration with four networks taking part in the event - Bankstown, Fairfield, Glenfield and Liverpool Networks. I had the delightful company of WSPS's recipient, **Mrs Heather Myers** who was nominated in the School Administration & Support Staff section for her significant contribution to William Stimson PS in supporting staff, students & community. **Congratulations Mrs Myers!**



Before & After School Care



During the holidays the Department of Education (DoE) contacted me about the possibility of running an Out of School Hours (OOSH), better known as Before and After School Care facility at our school.

There is a big push from the DoE for schools to provide this service for its community.

The DoE will provide funding to alter existing buildings to ensure there is an appropriate space to run this type of service.

I have been asked to run a survey in our school to determine how many families would make use of such a service. The information provided by families filling in the survey is extremely important. The DoE would like it as soon as possible as they are hoping to have the OOSH up and running at WSPS by January 2020!

Term Four - Dance Program



Following on from the success of the Athletics program in Term Two and the Gymnastics program in

Term Three, the school has engaged Dancefever Multisport to run a **dance program for Term 4, for all students**. We are offering this at a reduced cost.

Dancefever Multisport will provide staff who will teach the students hip hop, jive, tango, contemporary and creative composition. The program is structured for all ages and abilities and the students will not only learn dance routines and theory, but students will also learn to interact and demonstrate appropriate social skills. The program is aligned with the dance and arts curriculum and the students will be assessed accordingly.

Towards the end of the term, the students will perform their newly learnt dance routines during a Parent Showcase. This date will be organised early in term and promoted to parents via the school newsletter and App. Please complete the permission note and return it to the school office with the payment of **\$25.00 by 27 Oct 2019**.

The price of **\$25.00** for the nine-week program is discounted. We are asking to pay the fee in a single payment.

Selective High School Entry - 2021

If you are thinking of applying for a government **Selective High School for Year 7 entry in 2021** then please review the information below very closely.

This application is an online process and is undertaken completely by the parents. The closing date is **Monday 11 November**.

A blue banner for NSW Education. It features the NSW Government logo and the text 'High Performing Students Team'. The main heading is 'Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021'. Below this, it asks 'Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?' and provides the website 'education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7'. A 'Key Dates' section lists: 'Application website opens: 8 October 2019', 'Application website closes: 10 pm, 11 November 2019. You must apply before this deadline.', 'Test authority advice sent to all applicants: 27 February 2020', and 'Selective High School placement test: 12 March 2020'.

PLEASE NOTE - Late applications will NOT be accepted.

There is more information at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process.

Should you require additional information or support, please visit the office or call and we will answer your queries.

Homework Centre

The **Homework Centre** will open again from **Monday 28 October**. Homework Centre runs from 3.00 - 3.50pm. Please make sure you have made arrangements to have your child picked up by 3.50pm.

Bread Tags

Don't forget to keep on collecting your bread tags!



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!

What can I do?
It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Contact us for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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[aussiebreadtags
breadtagsforwheelchairs](https://www.facebook.com/breadtagsforwheelchairs) Local Contact:

Car Offer for Year 6 Farewell

Mr Blenman has kindly offered the services of the automobile club he belongs to, **Good Mates Car Club**, to transport students from school to Fairfield RSL. Any enquiries can be made directly to Mr Blenman or the school office.

Stay Connected

Remember you can keep updated with **everything** that is happening at William Stimson PS through accessing our **WSPS Skoolbag app** or following us on **Facebook** or **Twitter**. Our addresses are as follows:

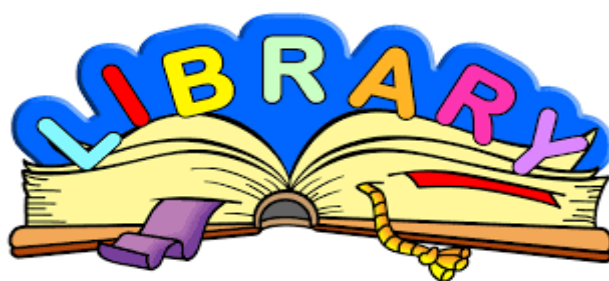
www.facebook.com/WilliamStimsonPublicSchool

Twitter handle - @OurSchoolWSPS

Melissa Vallorani

CALENDAR DATES - 2019

- 21 Oct** Parra Eels Incursion K-2
NO HOMEWORK CENTRE TODAY
- 22 Oct** Dance Program K-6
PARKS Area Festival of Performing Arts
- 23 Oct** PARKS Area Festival of Performing Arts
- 24 Oct** Parra Eels Incursion 3-6
- 25 Oct** PSSA Summer Competition
- 28 Oct** Stage 3 Camp - Nepean
- 29 Oct** Stage 3 Camp - Nepean
- 30 Oct** Stage 3 Camp - Nepean
Kinder Expo - 5-6pm (Hall)
- 31 Oct** School Spectacular - Choir Rehearsal
Parramatta Leagues - Rugby League
After School Program (@ WSPS) - 3.30 - 4.30pm



Library News - Term 3 Week 9

Book Club - Issue 7 orders are due by Thursday 24 October. Students must bring their order to Miss Lavorato in the library between 8:30am - 9am. Please ensure your child's name and class are on the order form. **Correct money is required.** Just a reminder that the **LOOP** (Linked Online Ordering and Payment) platform is now open, for parents who prefer to pay by credit card.

Library Learning Experiences

This term, William Stimson Public School are very fortunate to have borrowed the STEMShare Community Technology kit. During Library lessons, students are using robotics to inspire students to think creatively and develop problem solving skills.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 are using the app called Blue-Bot to make their Blue-Bot move in different directions. Stage 3 are using the apps called Blockly and Wonder to program their Dash Robot to carry out specific commands!

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