

WILLIAM STIMSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 13 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter for 2019. It has been an incredible year with many wonderful memories and remarkable achievements. Thank you to you all for partnering us in supporting the children in their education during the past year. I do hope you will be able to spend time with your children during the holidays engaging in lots of fun activities, catching up with family and friends and just generally recharging your batteries so we can do it all again in 2020!

Staffing Update

We have several staff members, Mrs Jan Williams (Principal), Mr Jim Charlton (Deputy Principal - Support), Ms Fiona Nielsen (Assistant Principal) and Mrs Jan McDermott (Student Learning Support Officer) who will be extending their leave in 2020. I am honoured to continue relieving as Principal in Mrs William's absence.



Mr Michael Fisher has been successful in securing a Rural Experience Teaching position in Bourke so he too will be on leave from WSPS for the 2020 school year.

Mrs Josiana Ohrynowsky will be taking leave for 2020 as she prepares for retirement.

Mrs Lynn Manning, one of our long-standing office ladies will also be taking leave for 2020 as she begins her plans for part-time retirement on the Central Coast.

Mrs Doris Baldi has relinquished her position at WSPS after retiring from the Department of Education as has Ms Bernice Mundweil after deciding to accept a permanent position in IT.

We have another couple of staff members who will be moving on from WSPS in 2020. Miss Melinda Phan has been successful in securing a temporary position at Ingleburn PS, as has Mr Shaun Tilt who will be teaching at Oran Park PS. We wish them the best in their new schools.

We thank these staff members for their work and commitment to the students of WSPS and wish them every success as they continue with the next chapter in their careers and beyond!

Congratulations - Graduating Class of 2019

To our outgoing students of Year 6 2019, we wish every single one of you a successful and happy entry into high school and the next chapter of your educational journey. I am sure you will all come back to visit and share with us your high school experiences. **Good luck for your future success!**



Best wishes to all the families who are leaving the school. We wish you well for the future and hope that the children continue strongly with their education. We welcome many new families for 2020. We will continue to strive for a well-balanced, broad education for every student where they can extend their learning, develop their passions, showcase their talents and achieve their own 'personal best'.

Classes for 2020

We are finalising the process of organising classes for 2020 and sorting out grades, stages and teachers. It is extremely important to make sure we have counted ALL students who will be returning to William Stimson PS. If you have not returned the form regarding 'Returning to School in 2020,' please do so quickly. Currently we have planned 20 mainstream classes, but this could change early in the year if we have too many unexpected enrolments or departures. Our Support Unit will remain at 7 classes in total.

Semester Two Reports



Teachers have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks comparing work samples and assessments, allocating grades and preparing comments for the

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Semester 2 Reports that were sent home on Thursday. I would like to remind parents that the grades are most likely to indicate a 'C' grading. **A 'C' grade will be awarded if the child is achieving at the expected grade level.** In comparison, very few children will receive an 'A' or 'B' grade for achievement because the standard indicates that these children would need to be performing beyond their expected grade level. Please read the information on the front cover of the reports. Please approach your child's teacher if you need to have anything in the report explained, they are more than willing to be of assistance.

SRC Christmas Donation Drive

Our SRC representatives, proudly escorted by Miss Phan and Mr Curry, delivered these gifts to patients in the Children's Ward at Liverpool Hospital. These gifts were very gratefully received and will be distributed to the children and young adults receiving treatment in hospital over the Christmas period. **THANK YOU** for your generous support in purchasing these gifts. In fact, we had so many gifts that Mrs Favotto and Miss Paczkowski also proudly escorted a group of students to Fairfield Hospital and delivered a 'bus load' of gifts to the Children's Ward there too!



Christmas Grocery Appeal

William Stimson PS community came through **AGAIN** with **extremely generous** donations of non-perishable food items to support the annual **TROLLEY DRIVE**, coordinated by Tom at STARR Partners Real Estate. This drive is in support of the Uniting Church of Fairfield who

feed more than 350 families each week. Ms Yildirim and Mr Screnci escorted our students on the drive. Our story even made the newspaper! Words can't express the gratitude I feel to be part of such a giving community. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**



Colour Run

What an **INCREDIBLE** community event this was! Our wonderful P&C Committee were not put off by the stormy clouds that scudded across the sky just as our first ever **COLOUR RUN** was about to start! They had prepared so well, dressed for the occasion and were adamant that our **COLOUR RUN** was going to happen no matter what! We are so glad it did! The students, staff, parents and families had an absolute blast! We all had so much fun joining in with the spirit of the day!

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We almost reached our **\$20 000** target! Great work to all who supported our P&C in raising funds for our school, **THANK YOU!**

This week our P&C Committee will be distributing the gifts chosen by the students who raised funds ... the boxes arrived late last week. The classes in each Stage that raised the most money will be enjoying a Pizza Party on Wednesday!



Thankyou!

Thank you once again to our amazing P&C Committee for another phenomenal year of support for our students. Without your cooperation, commitment and endless enthusiasm we wouldn't be able to achieve all that we do! A date for your diary **P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 5 February 2020 - ALL WELCOME!**



A Week of Presentation Day Celebrations

Last Monday morning we celebrated the Support Unit Presentation Ceremony, in the afternoon, we acknowledged the efforts and achievements of our students through our Cultural and Sporting awards. On Friday, we recognised the achievements of our 3-6 students and then our K-2 students at their Presentation Ceremony that same afternoon.

It is incredibly important that we acknowledge and celebrate our talented, determined, capable, resilient, innovative and wonderful students! Congratulations on the amazing results you have achieved we look forward to 2020.



Our Student Leadership Team of 2019 were each presented a Service to William Stimson PS Medal.



Our Student Leadership Team for 2020 was announced and had their parents pin their badges on them.

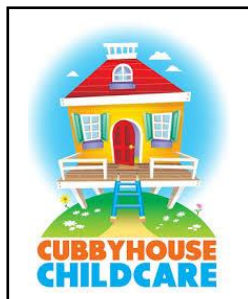
Prairiewood High School - Year 7 in 2020

Students who will be attending Prairiewood High School in 2020 please note - you will **NOT** be able to purchase uniforms from the school Uniform Shop over the school holidays as it will be closed for renovation for

the entire time. Prairiewood High School staff have asked us to communicate this very clearly so that students won't miss out on the information. School uniforms can be purchased right up until the close of the school on **Wednesday 18 December** from the Uniform Shop on the grounds of Prairiewood High School.

Exciting News for WSPS!

I can now announce that **CubbyHouse Child Care** was the successful tender for our Before and After School Hours Care provider. There has been lots of work started in the school hall installing a kitchenette and office space in readiness for this service. **Please note** - this facility **WILL** be operational as of **Wednesday 29 January 2020**. We have had many parents asking about how to enrol their child / children. Parents are directed to The CubbyHouse Child Care website to complete enrolments online. Simply click on this link - www.cubbycc.com.au Any questions, please ask at the school office.



Swimming Carnival



Please be aware that the **2020 Swimming Carnival** will be held on **Friday 31 January**. Permission notes will be sent home during Week 10. Children need to be turning 8 in 2020, or older and able to swim 50 metres without

stopping. If you are unsure, please take your children to Prairiewood Leisure Centre to test them on this distance. **They must be competent swimmers. This carnival is only for the competitors.** Permission will be available from the front office.

Updating of Health Care Plans

Please use the time during the extended break to review your child's **Health Care Plan and medication**. Letters will be sent home throughout Week 10, to those parents whose children's plan and medication has expired.



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

16 Dec Kinder Graduation Ceremony - 1.30pm

17 Dec Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 9.15am

Movie Day - K-2 & Support Unit

Year 6 Farewell - Fairfield RSL

18 Dec Talent Quest

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2019

**STUDENTS in grades 1-6 return on
WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2020**

MULTI-SPORT CAMP

The West Sydney Wolves will be conducting a Multi-Sport camp during the January School holidays at Westfields Sports High School. Rather than a basketball specific camp in these early stages, we felt a multi-sport approach would be far more effective in introducing the West Sydney Wolves to the area. The Wolves conducted a Gala Day for Delaney College last week for 320 students and the multi-sport segment was an eye opener on the excitement and engagement with the students. Please find attached an email flyer on the camp details and the following link directs people to the booking form - <https://wswba.com.au/multisportprogram/>

As we are new to the area in the promotion of basketball and sport in general, we would appreciate it if you could distribute the information to your students and contacts in the area to assist in spreading the word. We want this camp to be a successful venture to spread the West Sydney Wolves brand that will hopefully lead to the establishment of Junior competitions.


Our General Manager, Bob Turner – formerly with the Sydney Kings, has a scheduled meeting with Fairfield Council next Monday, the 16th at 11am. If you have any questions or would like to meet with Bob in the afternoon, he would welcome that opportunity.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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WEST SYDNEY WOLVES MULTI-SPORT PROGRAM @ WESTFIELD SPORTS HIGH, FAIRFIELD
EVERY MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 6-24 JANUARY 2020

Register today for the West Sydney Wolves Multi-Sport Program held at Westfield Sports High School Basketball Court.

Our multi-sport camps are the ultimate holiday experience for boys and girls 7-13 years old. Your child will experience a variety of sports, be involved in team activities and modified games keeping them physically active and engaged throughout the holidays.

Available for boys and girls aged 7 – 13 years.

Register Online – W.SWBA.COM.AU/MULTISPORTPROGRAM

DATE:
Monday 6 January 2020
Thursday 9 January 2020
Friday 10 January 2020
Monday 13 January 2020
Thursday 16 January 2020
Friday 17 January 2020
Monday 20 January 2020
Thursday 23 January 2020
Friday 24 January 2020

TIME:
9am to 4pm each day

LOCATION:
Westfield Sports High School
408A Hamston Rd, Fairfield West 2165

COST:
\$50 per day, or \$125 for 3 days (Save \$25!)

Limited places available. Register early to avoid disappointment.
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