



Winton Primary School

Excellence in Education

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Term 1 Week 3 – Monday 9th February 2015

Important Dates for Term 1

TERM 1

11 th Feb	Meet & Greet parents / teachers
16 th Feb	School Council Meeting 2.00pm
18 th Feb	COOKING – No lunch required
20 th Feb	Swimming Sports Wangaratta
4 th March	COOKING – No lunch required
9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
18 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
19 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
20 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
27 th March	Term 1 ends

Dear Parents and Friends,

It's an exciting time for Mrs Bell as she is about to become the permanent carer of a 5 year old boy. Mrs Bell will be taking leave starting next Monday (16/2). Her position has been advertised and this process takes about a month before reaching an appointment. During this period we will be employing Mrs Sandra Moore in the grade F-2 class. As Mrs Moore has been a regular replacement teacher at both Glenrowan and Winton I am confident she will continue the great work of Mrs Bell. I hope you join me in wishing Alanna all the best as she begins this wonderful new opportunity.

On another note it's wonderful to see all the children dressed in school uniform. Thank you to parents for supporting this school requirement. I urge all parents to continue to dress their children in the school uniform right through the year. Wearing the uniform eliminates "fashion competitions," makes getting dressed each morning a simpler process and helps to instil a sense of pride and belonging to Winton Primary School.

We like to schedule a parent/teacher meeting early in the school year and we have scheduled next **Wednesday afternoon (February 11th)** for this opportunity. These meetings allow teachers and parents to discuss your child's needs and reflect on the start to the school year.

Regular meetings between teachers and parents helps to develop the partnership between home and school. I urge all parents to take this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher. Please complete the Parent Teacher Interview Request form (if not already done) and return it to school.

Kind Regards

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Newsletter

If you would prefer to have the school newsletter emailed to you please provide Alanna with an emailing address.

Students of the Week

Grade F/2 To Max for showing great leadership at school at the start of this year within our classroom. He has been helpful and friendly toward everyone. Thanks Max

Grade 3/6 To Liam for showing resilience when he hurt himself in a game.



FOUNDATION School Days

No school for Foundation students on Wednesdays during February. They will need their rest.

ALLERGIES

We do have a student at Winton Primary who is anaphylactic to pineapple so we request that no pineapple be brought to school thankyou.



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STUDENT ABSENCES

Departmental regulations state that it is
“Not okay to be away.”

We understand that there are occasions when ill health or pressing family matters may lead to a student being away. On these and other occasions for absence, it is necessary to advise the school in writing of the reason for the absence.

Phone (57664233) notification is appreciated if prior knowledge is known, but follow up **written** notification is also required.

BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Just because your child has started school, don't feel that your role as educator is at an end. There is so much to do to help your child learn, as you are well aware.

We welcome and value your participation in your child's learning. Here are a few ideas:

- School Council
- Assisting on Sports Days
- Assisting with Camps or Excursions
- Assisting with classroom activities—reading and numeracy
- Assisting with the Cooking and Gardening Programs
- Sharing your skills and knowledge with the children in unit work
- Parents Working Bees
- Fundraising activities

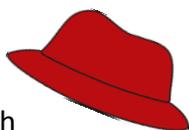
School Council Meeting

Our first school council meeting will be held on Monday the 16th February at 2.00pm.

Sun Smart at Winton

As part of our policy of being a Sun Smart School all students are required to wear a hat when outside for sports activities or lunch and recess times. School hats are provided for this purpose and must be worn. There are new hats now available from the office.

Cost of \$14 each



Library Books

Could parents please provide a water-proof bag for the children to take home library books. Books are often damaged through the water condensation from drink bottles or fruit being squashed in bags.

Administration Update

Please make sure all these notes have been returned if your information has changed.

School Material Accounts

The schedule for the school fees for 2015 will be sent out this week.

The total charge for the year is \$208. This covers \$110 for all you child's essential items provided to them throughout the year, \$48 covering four visiting performances during the year and \$50 for the kitchen garden program.

Other excursions, camp and sports days are charged as the occasions arise.

Prompt payment would be appreciated, any one paying before the 20th of February can pay a discounted price of \$200. Please enquire at the office if you have any enquiries.

Camps and Excursions

Last year school council passed the following policy. “Camps and excursions will need to be paid for or payment plans began before children attend these otherwise children will not attend these days/events. If whole school attends children not attending will need to be taken by their parent to Glenrowan Primary School.” We will try to give as much notice as possible as to when these events will be held so parents can plan these payments.



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Specialist Subjects

ART with Cate Geard Tuesdays fortnightly starting February the 3rd.

LIBRARY with Katrina Davies Wednesdays fortnightly starting February 11th.

LOTE Indonesian with Jacinta Watt Friday fortnightly starting January 30th.

Music Friday with Jacinta Watt fortnightly starting February 6th.

Bluearth with Alanna Bell Thursday weekly.

HEALTHY EATING—LUNCHES AND SNACKS

At Winton Primary School we promote healthy eating through our Kitchen –Garden Program. We would greatly appreciate it if parents would assist us in this by limiting pre-packaged foods in school lunches. Pieces of seasonal fruit along with salad sandwiches or vegetable wraps are more nutritious and equally filling. Thank you for your support in this.



Little Winton Wonders Playgroup

Playgroup will be operating again this year, starting today☺ Playgroup operates on Mondays between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Winton Primary School. All children aged 0-5 welcome to attend. \$4 per family and please bring a piece of fruit.

Contact Beth 0404 188 235 or Kylie 0408 200 166

Thankyou

Thankyou to the Randell family for the donation of a kitchen sink which we are planning on using in our outdoor kitchen area.

Sponsor Child

We will continue to sponsor our sponsor child “Chance’ this year. To do this we ask if families can donate \$1 per week to go towards this. There is a collection tin in the foyer of the main building to put this money in.

About Chance:-

Your child is one of many orphaned and/or vulnerable children in Buliisa District, a 7-8 hour drive north west of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Buliisa is listed as one of the poorest performing districts in Uganda in terms of education, with class sizes up to 200 children. The primary focus of our sponsor money is on educational support for orphaned and vulnerable children, which is a very worthy cause.

Reading Eggs

The students at Winton Primary School use the excellent computer program called “Reading Eggs’. This program is available for the children to use at home also. There is an information letter attached to todays’ newsletter regarding this.

BENALLA ROVERS SOCCER CLUB

INFO DAY: **SUNDAY 22 FEB 2015**
VENUE: **CHURCHILL RESERVE**
TIME: **10AM - 2PM**
CONTACT: **04 1980 3457**

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