



Winton Primary School

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Term 4 Week 11 – Monday 15th December 2014

Important Dates for Term 4

TERM 4

16 th December	Cooking
17 th December	SRC Meeting Grade 6 Graduation Dinner At Glenrowan
19 th December	Last day of school - 1:30pm

Term 1 2015

28 th January	Teachers return to school
29 th January	Term 1 Starts for students

Student of the Week

Junior Room: To all the Foundation, grade 1 and grade 2 students for working so hard this year. You have all done a fantastic job learning and working together, I think you are all amazing. Enjoy your holidays.

Senior Room: To the grade 3-6 class for having a great 2014. You have all worked very hard throughout the year and should be all proud of your efforts.

Welcome

We welcomed some new families to Winton Primary School last week. Jazz grade 3, Phoenix grade 1, Zac grade 2 and Jared grade 4. They have spent last week settling in to their new school and getting to know the other students at the school.

Dear parents and friends,
2014 has certainly been a year of significant change and notable improvements across Winton Primary School. Our enrolments have grown to the point of an additional building being required. Having rooms to conduct the senior and junior classes as well as run our specialist programs has been such an asset. Externally the school continues to move forward with the rebound wall, cubby, new shedding and (soon to be completed) a feature garden across the front entrance area. Thankyou to all the parents for your valuable assistance and input. *How does the front path get swept (daily), the court area lines repainted, children driven from here to there, the garden weeded, the tiles removed, etc..?* It's due to the active and dedicated parents who share in our passion to make Winton PS the best it can be. Another great initiative that is recently up and running is the playgroup. And once again, wonderful parents have been the driving force. Thank you to our School Councillors for your contributions across the year. Our decisions are always focussed on providing the students with the best.

A big thank you to our dynamic staff. Ms Alanna Bell, for being such a caring F-2 teacher and the brilliant leadership you provide. Ms Kellie Holmes and Ms Alison Press for your passion in taking our senior students from strength to strength. Our Specialist teacher team who do a tremendous job of ensuring our students experience a broad range of rich activities. There are a few staffing changes in place for 2015. We farewell Ms Holmes and welcome Mrs Lesley Temme to the grade 3-6 teaching position. I'm very aware that Ms Holmes will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents – and I clearly understand why. Kellie is a remarkable teacher, who is incredibly dedicated and professional. The relationships that she forms are so positive and genuine. Thank you Ms Holmes for being such a tremendous team player and staff member at Winton PS. The students at Winton PS have had a super year. This was so very evident when you had a look at the term planner outside the office – it was



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always jam-packed with special events and outings. We sadly farewell Lana who will be completing her grade 6 year in Benalla. I'm confident that Lana will continue to "shine" and be a strong role model and leader in her new school. We also farewell the Winton family. Nathan and Euan will continue to blossom in the north of England. Exciting times for the Winton family, (I did offer to carry their bags as they embark on their OS journey). Nic, Anika and Brendan, as grade 6 students are down to their final days of Primary school. Thank you for your strong leadership and providing guidance for the younger students. Continue to do your best as you step up into Secondary school. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to a vibrant and productive school year ahead.

Kind regards,
Colin

Last Day of Term

This Friday is the last day of term. It is a 1:30pm finish. The last day is a casual day. We are asking that each family brings a plate of food to share for lunch. No pineapple please. Also please bring items for water fight, spare clothes, towel etc.

Cooking

Tomorrow we will have our final cooking session for the year. On the menu we will have:

Honey Soy Chicken Rice Paper Rolls

Cous Cous Salad

Ham and Potato Fritters

Iced Shortbread

We are looking for parent helpers in the morning.

Please see Kellie if you can assist.

You Can Do it

Well done to Fiona for achieving 10 stickers in the You Can Do It Key of organisation.



Well Done

Well done to Kye and Zac for receiving their badges for all the cub work they did in Joey's. Some of the things they had to do were make a model of something out of clay and make a mask.





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Thank You

On behalf of Alanna, Alison and Kellie we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break with your families and we are looking forward to seeing you all back in 2015.



Benalla Library Holiday Program

Benalla Library has a summer of fun activities planned. Please book by phoning. 57622069

Tuesday 6th January 2.30pm -Super Hero Adventures – Come and enjoy “Super Hero” stories and fun craft. We will be making a “Super Hero” mask and creating a comic strip of our favorite or imaginary super heroes.

Tuesday 13th January 2.30pm – Award winning Bush Poet, Roderick Williams and his trusty canine companion, Dusty to perform to children of all ages.

Tuesday 20th January 2.30pm - Hunting for Treasure - Come along and enjoy “Adventure” stories and fun activities. We will have a treasure hunt around the library and time to make a treasure chest and treasure map.

Education Facility Crime Prevention Dec 2014

Victoria Police continues to partner with our local community and organisations to undertake strategies to reduce crime and provide a safer environment for all Victorians.

Our education facilities often become the target of burglary and damage during the holiday period and we seek community support to prevent these offences occurring.

Victoria Police advise that education facilities **do not** become public spaces during the holiday period. Offences exist where an education facility is not being used for a permitted and/or lawful purpose during this time.

Police will be conducting targeted patrols, however we request neighbours and members of the public to report any suspicious behaviour observed at an education facility.

This can be done by contacting their local police station or calling 000 if they see illegal activity occurring.

We thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a very safe and happy holiday period.