

Willans Hill
School

news from the hill

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Information evening

You are invited to attend our 2016 Parent Information night in the school hall next Tuesday, 9 February. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the different programs within the school and to meet the staff who work with your child. A light supper will be provided and all are welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you all.

Gabby

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have moved over the holiday period, or if any of your other family details such as phone numbers or email addresses have changed, please update your details by phoning or calling in to the administration office.

In the interest of your child's ongoing wellbeing it is vital that the details held at school are always kept current.

Good attendance is vital

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 are required to attend school every day the school is open, unless they have a good reason for not attending.

Parents must send their child to school every day unless:

The child is too sick to go to school

The child has been injured

The child has to go to a special religious ceremony

The child has an infectious illness eg (chicken pox, mumps or measles)

There is a serious family situation, which requires the child's involvement.

IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS: birthdays, pension days, shopping, minding other children, haircuts.

IF YOUR CHILD IS HESITANT ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL OR REFUSES TO GO FOR SOME REASON PLEASE LET US KNOW. We may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you to provide support and discuss the issues.

Administration of Prescribed Medication or Students with Medical Conditions

If your child requires medication whilst at school please contact the school to make arrangements. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that only medication prescribed by a doctor be administered at school, by a suitably trained staff member. Alternately you may choose to come to school to administer this medication yourself.

Paperwork detailing dosage, time of administration, etc must be completed prior to medication being given to any student by a staff member. This medication must be sent to school in original prescription packaging, showing your child's name, name of medication and dosage.

Likewise, if your child has an ongoing medical condition, which may affect him or her whilst at school, we need to have an Individual Health Care Plan in place. This must contain endorsement from your child's doctor and information about the steps to take in an emergency.

Complaints

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if you have a concern about anything to do with our school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the WHS office. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the DoEs internet website at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

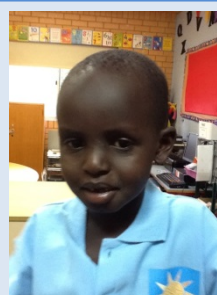
Tue 9th Feb	Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30pm
Thu 18th Feb	Yr 7 Immunisation
Wed 24th Feb	P&C AGM 7pm in the staffroom
Coming Soon	Review Meetings

We welcomed 3 new Kindergarten students to Willans Hill this week.

We would also like to welcome these families. We know that you are going to be very happy with our school and our friendly, supportive school community! WELCOME!



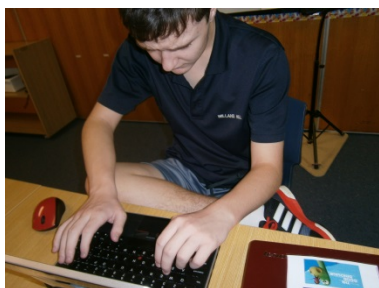
Jai



Elijah



Nathanael



Class Yellow has settled back into school for 2016. Welcome to Charlie, Chloe and Jaiden into Year 9 and Abbey, Sam, Oliver, Stephanie and Asha returning in Year 10. In writing this week we have discussed our feelings about returning to school after the holidays.



Class 9/10 B

Chloe is worried to be back at school.
Stephanie is excited to be back at school.
Abbey is happy to be back at school.
Charlie is pleased to be back at school.
Jaiden is worried about being back at school.
Oliver is worried about being back at school.
Asha is happy to be back at school.
Sam is good to be back at school.



CLASS AWARDS

Class K-1U	Jai Gorham	Great start to school
	Elijah Pagai	Great start to school
	Nathanael Brown	Great start to school
Class 1-6M	Paul Tseros	Settling into Year 1 fabulously
Class 2-6S	Henry Pavitt	Fantastic effort reading to a partner
Class 7-9CI	Maggie Standley	Making a positive start to Year 7 at Willans Hill
	Max Wighton	Making a positive start to Year 7 at Willans Hill
Class 6-8T	Katie Daley	Great start to Middle School, participating in all activities
Class 6-9C	May Bowditch	Excellent start to a new school. Settling in well
	Sarah Clark	Excellent start to a new school. Settling in well
Class 9-10B	Chloe Blanchard	Enthusiastic and settled start to the year
Class 9-11S	Chloe Rowlands-Sim	Beginning the school year in a positive manner
Class 11-12M	Sam Cord	Outstanding responses in Working with Words
LIBRARY	Danielle Steele	Excellent listening during Guided Reading and desk work

Writing Awards

Junior School	Ajay Beer
Middle School	No award
Senior School	No award

NEEDED - Work Experience Placements

We are currently looking to commence our work experience program for senior students in 2016. If you know of or have contact with any business or organization that would be willing to take students on our work experience program please contact Fiona Crakanthorp (Job Coach) on 0427 621 555