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Winmalee Public School

Safe Respectful Learners



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Term 2 Week 3 Friday, 7th May 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to Term 2

Term 1 went past very quickly and before we know it will be near the end of this term.

Principal: Kate Ford

Assistant Principal K-2: Kim Curran
Assistant Principal Stage 2: Jenine Smith
Assistant Principal Stage 3: Christopher Pyne
School Administrative Manager: Kim Berry

Next week Years 3 and 5 will be completing their NAPLAN assessments in their classrooms. While there can be a lot of attention placed on NAPLAN in the media, please reassure your child that this is just a 'snap shot' of their learning and that learning and their achievements are more than just a test. It is also worth remembering that the NAPLAN outcomes are given back to the school and parents after a long period of time and that students have covered a lot of learning between sitting NAPLAN and receiving their results.

A huge congratulations to all the students that have made PSSA zone representative teams (Lucas, Hayden, Violet, Erin, Aiden, Luke, Ella, Jorja, Charlotte, Piper and Logan), Sydney West representative teams (Layla) and NSW State swimming (Alyssa). The competition to secure a place in these teams and races was very fierce and all the students should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done!

Another huge congratulation goes to all the students who are representing our school at the zone cross country next Friday. I know that they will represent our school with pride and I am very impressed with their efforts.

The staff and students are still very excited that our wonderful school made not only the Gazette, but also Chanel 9 news, 2GB, a letter from Trish Doyle and a press release statement from the State Minister for Education about our International Space Station contact. A big thank you goes to Mrs B for organising this event. It was 2 years in the making and Mrs B's passion for space and science is a huge asset to our students. The message given by Astronaut Victor Glover about resilience and not giving up when things don't go your way is a powerful message that is supported by Winmalee Public School.

We are in the process of streamlining the way the school uses the many ways we communicate information with the community. Events that are occurring at school and don't require a signed permission note and/or payment will be sent out through the Parent Portal App and through Class Dojo. Excursions and events requiring a signed permission note will have a paper copy note sent home with students and also uploaded on the Parent Portal App. Long term permission notes will be uploaded on the school website and Facebook will be used for celebrations. The school electronic sign will be used to remind the community of upcoming events. Please make sure you are connected to the Parent Portal App and Class Dojo so that information can be shared and received. If you have any questions about school events, please contact the office or your child's teacher so that correct information can be given.





Mrs Smith (Kindergarten) was successful in her application for a school sustainability grant. The money from this grant will be used to plant a bush tucker garden, re mulch the garden beds, and add more plants to our school. We will be receiving a big delivery of mulch for our gardens soon. If you are able to assist in moving the mulch to garden beds (a small bobcat would be great) please contact the school.

The school has been investigating ways that students can have lunch orders at the school. We will be using a company called My School Lunch Box which is a local business in the Blue Mountains. Lunch orders can be made on Wednesdays and Friday each week using the website link https://myschoollunchbox.com.au/ You will need to select the day and school when making an order. Please also state what class your child/ren are in as well. This is just a service for the community and is there for those who wish to use it. The school does not receive any incentives from the company and will not handle any money for lunch orders. All orders will need to be made through the website and paid using the instructions on the website. Your child will be called to the office to collect their lunch order on the day it is ordered.

Thank you Kate Ford

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Wednesday April 07, 2021 BLUE MOUNTAINS GAZETTE 9

Students to speak to an astronaut

Vinmalee: Ground contr

BY JENNIE CURTIN

WINMALEE Public will become ground control later this month when eight students talk to an astronaut on the International Space Station.

Back in July 2019, the school's science teacher, Alison Broderick, applied to NASA to be part of the exciting ARISS program Amateur Radio on the International Space Station.

ARISS enables students around the world to speak live to an astronaut on board the station as it orbits Earth. thanks to amateur radio enthusiasts who work with NA-SA to facilitate the contacts

Finally, late last year, Mrs Broderick got the good news: We have lift-off.

Within a few weeks (NA-SA has yet to confirm the exact date), the students of Winmalee Public will speak to astronauts via a radio telebridge unit in the school hall as the space station orbits 430 kilometres above the earth travelling at 27,000km/h.



HEAD IN THE STARS: Back row, Erin DeBono, Charlotte Webster, Ayva Dacey, Asher Renwick, Valentino di Battista. Front row, Indiana Bartush, Alberto Campos-Wagner, Ivy Cooper

The link between Earth lucky winners were selected beforehand by Shane Lynd, a moderator for ARISS, who lives in Mackay, Queensland.

The students entered the "Ask an Astronaut a Ques- dents and parents will come have been studying Earth want to know? Here are some tion" competition, and eight

and space will be supported to speak directly to one of the control in Houson, Texas, International Space Station plies delivered to the ISS? crew on board.

> time in the early evening right place to connect. between April 20 and 23. Stuto the school about an hour

will call about 30 minutes Their date will be some before the station is in the

> "All students in years K-6 and space sciences this term

and mission with a particular focus on the and are super-excited about the upcoming event." Mrs Broderick said.

So, what do the children of their questions.

Erin (10): What is the best way to describe the feeling of microgravity?

Indiana (6): How long does it take to travel to the Space Station from Earth?

Valentino (8): Have you ever seen a meteor pass through Earth's atmosphere from the ISS?

Ivy (7): What experiments do you do at the International Space Station?

Avva (9): Has anything ever gone wrong or required you to take emergency action while you have been on board the International Space Station?

Alberto (5): What happens if space junk hits the International Space Station?

Asher (11): What personal items would you take into space if allowed ... and why?

Charlotte (8): How many times a year do you get sup-

Mrs Broderick will also ask: "Many of my students have talked about their dream to become astronauts. What would be your greatest advice for them?







PBL

Have you heard your children mention 'PBL Awards' or PBL Expectations'? Have you found yourself wondering just what PBL is?

PBL stands for <u>Positive Behaviour for Learning</u>. It is a whole school educational process that helps to promote a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

Each fortnight, a focus PBL expectation is introduced and taught in all the classrooms. This expectation is reinforced over the following weeks during morning lines, in the playground and in assemblies. Children are rewarded for following these expectations through 'Caught You Being Good' tickets, PBL assembly awards and 'Winnie Postcards'.

You may also be wondering who, or what, is 'Winnie'.

'Winnie Wombat' is our school PBL mascot. He is a happy fellow (actually a large plush toy) who enjoys spending time with the Safe, Respectful Learners our school. Often he will visit a classroom for a number of days to 'watch and help' the children with their work. Everybody loves it when Winnie comes to stay!

PBL is most successful when it's supported by everyone.

The focus expectations for this term are listed below, if you would like to reinforce these discussions at home.

Term Two Expectations – 2021

We are making good choices when we:

Weeks 1 & 2: Listen to be respectful.

Weeks 3 & 4: Listen to be safe.

Weeks 5 & 6: Listen to be a learner.

Weeks 7 & 8: Following instructions.

Weeks 9 & 10: Do your personal best.







Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021 opened on 1 March. All students at Winmalee Public School are encouraged to participate. The rules are a little different for our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students and for Years 3 to 6 students.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (K-2) students share in enough rich reading experiences in class and library sessions to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) criteria of 30 books (25 from the PRC booklists plus 5 choice books) each vear. Mrs Wilkinson enters those books into every K-2 student's reading record and they receive a certificate with their end-of-year report. If any student would like to enter some of their







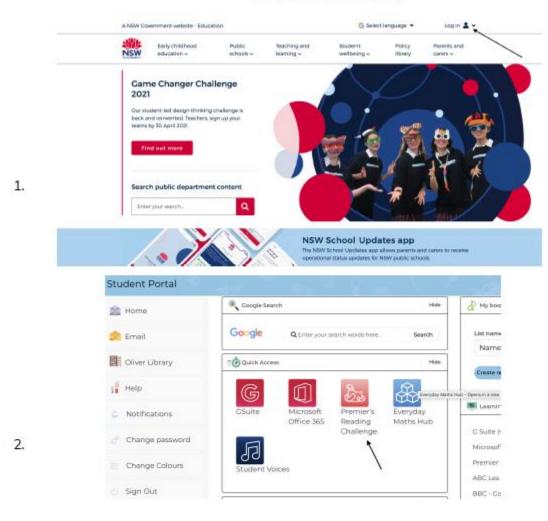
own personal reading towards the challenge - they can log on to the PRC Student Website or download a personal reading log(available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website) and give it to Mrs Wilkinson before the challenge ends (20) August).

Students in Years 3 to 6 need to read their books by themselves in order to count them for the challenge, so they need to log their books on the PRC Student Website or fill out a reading log(available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website) and give it to Mrs Wilkinson before the challenge ends on 20 August. The older students need to read 20 books total, 15 of which must be from the PRC booklists for Years 5-6 or Years 7-9 and 5 of which can be personal choice books.





Logging onto the Portal





Discover backs to read

Prot a challenge level E. Year 2 Year 3 - Year 4 Year 5 - Year 5 Year 7 - Year 9 Year 9 Share

Choose Genre(s)

Action/Adversure Contecty Family-Selectionships Feetury More

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Attendance on the Sentral Parent Portal

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

You have access to monitoring your child/children's attendance at school, and a simple way to respond to absences through the Sentral Parent Portal.

Parents are required to explain absences within a seven day period. This can be done easily via the Parent Portal or through a letter or email sent to school.

The NSW Education Act requires all absences that have not been explained within seven calendar days to be permanently recorded as 'unjustified'.

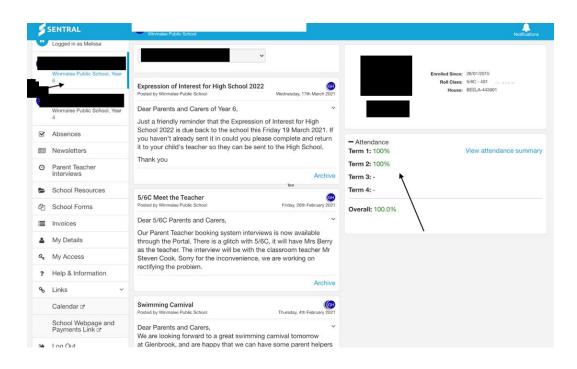
There are a limited number of reasons which justify an absence from school. In some circumstances, even though a reason has been provided, the absence will still be recorded as 'unjustified' because the reason does not count as a valid reason as per the Department of Education policy.

Accessing absences in the Parent Portal

View Attendance Record

You are able to view your child's attendance record. Attendance can be viewed by clicking on your child's profile and then selecting the 'Attendance' tab.

A further breakdown of attendance can be viewed by selecting 'View attendance summary' link you will be able to view a complete summary of your child's attendance for the year.



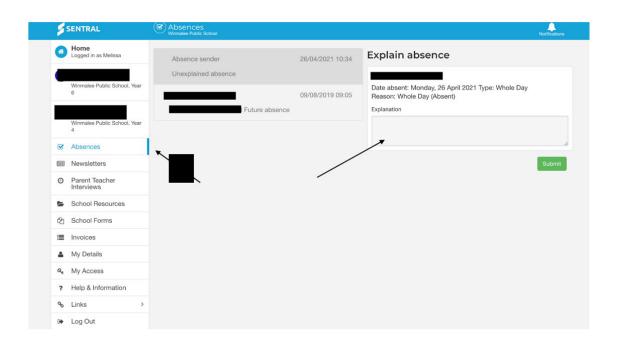




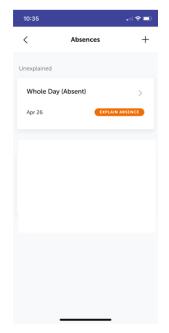
Notify of Student Absences

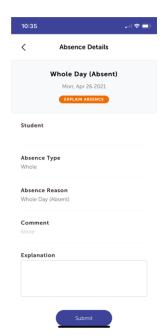
Parents are able to explain absences via the parent portal. To explain an absence, select the absences tab from the portal menu. Please note that all absence reasons need to be verified by the classroom teacher inline with the DoE attendance policy and procedures. Explanations that may be unjustified include: slept in, running late, child's birthday.

These images show the web based portal and accessing absences on the Parent Portal App.









If you need any assistance with absences, please do not hesitate to contact the school.





HELP TURN THE TIDE ON CHILDHOOD BRAIN CANCER

Winmalee Public School SRC are supporting The Kids' Cancer Project and raising funds for Childhood Brain Cancer.

When: Friday 21st May

What Do You Need To Do: Dress up like a pirate and bring in a gold coin for kids' brain cancer

research.

Do I have to Dress Up: No. You are welcome to wear school uniform or mufti and still

donate.

Funds donated to Pirate Day are allocated to childhood brain cancer research through The Kids' Cancer Project.

About Pirate Day

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness and much-needed funds for childhood brain cancer.

Where do the funds go?

Funds raised through 2021 Pirate Day will be directed specifically to Dr Raelene Endersby's scientific investigation into immunotherapy for children with brain cancer.







What is **Book Club**?



Ordering books through Book Club is the easiest and most affordable way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Book Club offers students a wide range of titles in each issue, from popular and award-winning fiction series and charming new picture books, to fascinating nonfiction titles and hands-on activities that stimulate creativity and encourage problem-solving.

Plus every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources. Book Club catalogues arrive to school up to twice a term, so make sure you keep an eye out for when it arrives home in your child's school bag!

HOW TO ORDER ON BOOK Club



- Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
- Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
 - Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
 - The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/loop

- 1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5. Make payment via credit card.

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Live Life Well @ School

Lisnchbox snack foods

Children need to est a sange of different foods to provide noteients to meet growth and energy needs.

Snacks need to be everyday foods eather than sometimes foods.

Everyday Snacks

Sometimes Snacks

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plain popcorn

plain or fruit yoghurt

cheese and crackers

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com or rice cakes with or without specads

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chocolate

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Confectionary and follies are very high in sugar, provide extra kilojoules and cause tooth decay. They are not recommended for lunch boxes. Keep these foods for special occasions only.



is dried fruit OK for Crunch&Sip*7

Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (ag sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip* option.

Dried fluit tends to ding to the teeth, so is best ceten with a meal or when a toothbrush is hardy.

NOTE fruit straps, bars or role are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of







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WELLBEING AND MENTAL

by Dr Jodi Richardson

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Children of my generation (born in the 1980s) used to spend a great deal of time outside. Childhood is different now. Technology has changed everything. Our 'digitally native' children don't know of a life when watches were used to tell the time and if you wanted to make a phone call anywhere other than at home you needed 30 cents and a phone booth. As kids we built forts, practiced goal shooting in our backyard ring, rode our bikes all around and spent hours outside. We loved it.

Nowadays, left to their own devices, literally and figuratively, our kids are relying on technology for their entertainment. Some young Australians are now spending a third of their waking hours glued to screens, and this is affecting their physical, psychological and behavioural health.

For optimal health and wellbeing, our young people need more quality family time, movement, green time (over screen time) and a chance to put a stop to the perpetually rewarding dopamine drip from constant tapping, scrolling, searching, swiping and Angry Bird launching.

Well, what if I was to tell you that you can combine the wonders of technology with an endless number of outdoor adventures that are infinitely more fun than selfies, snapchat and episodes of Little Lunch? Would you want to give it a go?

All you need to do is to download a free app called 'Geocaching'. It's a high-tech GPS-based treasure hunting app and it's one of the best-kept family fun secrets.

Hailed as the world's biggest treasure hunt, the premise of geocaching is to get us all playing outside. And that it does. Here's how it works:

You start by downloading the app and creating an account, giving you the perfect opportunity to chat to your kids about remaining anonymous online. Once you're all signed up, you can load up a map of your current location (or anywhere in the world) and watch for all of the hidden 'geocaches' - otherwise known as 'caches' to appear showing their precise coordinates. Each cache is a hidden, small waterproof container containing a logbook and, if large enough, a pen and a whole range of trinkets or swaps from previous finders.

When you find a cache, being careful not to be seen by outsiders affectionately known as 'muggles', you can sign and date the log, swap your trinket or toy with something inside the container, close it all up and return to exactly where you found it.

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There are millions of these geocaches hidden all over the world. There's probably one near you right now!

The app provides information about the difficulty of finding the cache, the local terrain, the size of the cache, a description of what you're looking for and even hints if you're having a bit of trouble. We always like to check the 'activity' of a cache too, to make sure it's been found recently so that we can be confident it's where it's meant to be.

It's so exciting when you all find one! Some are really quick finds while others can take quite a bit of hunting. We practice perseverance each time and agree not to give up until we achieve success.

My family have had the most amazing fun on our geocache adventures. Some days we plan an afternoon of treasure hunting, other times we set off after school to hunt for one closer to home. Some families even plan holidays around their geocaching adventures!

Aside from the obvious advantages of getting outside into the fresh air, moving and having fun, geocaching ticks all the boxes for the elements that contribute to happiness and flourishing.



The PERMA model of flourishing tells us there are five key contributors:

Positive emotions. These are aplenty when geocaching, starting with a sense of adventure and excitement, followed closely by wonder, curiosity, joy and elation.

E is for Engagement, which is all about devoting time to those things that capture your attention and enable you to dive in head first to an activity, experiencing a feeling of flow by being fully immersed in what you're doing. A big tick for geocaching on this one!

R is for Relationships which are essential for our kids' mental, social and emotional health. Geocaching will bring you together as a family as you work towards a unified outcome, take turns to locate the cache, chat, problem solve, search, laugh and encourage each other along the way.

M represents Meaning, something we experience when we feel a part of something bigger than ourselves. Being a valued part of their family fosters meaning for our young people, and so does being a part of the geocache community as a whole.

A is for Achievement, which is absolutely essential for our kids to flourish, not to mention us as parents too. The sense of achievement experienced by 'geokids' is evident by the smiles on their faces with every successful treasure hunt. It never gets old.

Wishing you and your families hours of good old-fashioned (if high-tech) outdoor fun.

Learn more about geocaching at geocaching.com. And connect with me on Facebook/drjodirichardson to let me know how you go!!



Dr Jodi Richardson

Jodi is a happiness and wellbeing speaker and writer, and is mum to two primary school aged kids who light her up. For more great ideas on flourishing mental health for the whole family, subscribe to her newsletter at drjodirichardson.com.au and say hello on facebook.com/DrJodiRichardson Enquiries to jodi@drjodirichardson.com.au

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...







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Build skills through fun





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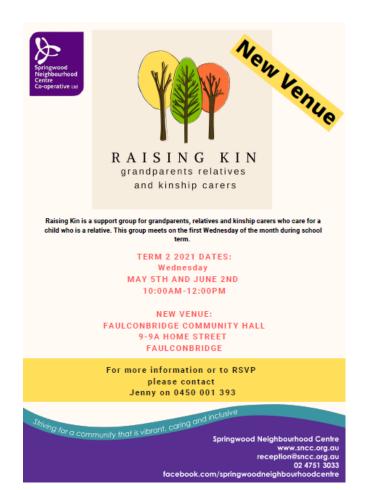




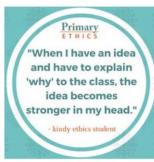
Gateway Family Services Term 2, 2021 Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)	
No Scaredy Cats Strategies to help your child reduce amiety & build resilience. This group will assist you to understand how anxiety develops & how to affset its progress whilst providing some strategies for its management.	Every Monday 17th May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am * Childcare available	WinCAMP 56 Whitecross Roid, WINMALEE		
Tuning In To Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.	Every Monday 3rd May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am * Childcore available	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)	
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.	Every Thursday 6th May - 20th May 10:00am - 12noon **NO Childcore avoilable	Gateway Family Services (Penrith premises) Cor Henry & Station Street, PENRITH	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)	
Circle of Security Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.	Every Wednesday 5th May - 23rd June 7-30pm - 9:00pm * NO Childcore available	ONLINE via ZOOM	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)	
www.gatewayfa Gateway Fa Gateway works collaboratively with co Thanks	mily Services parenting program mmunity partners to bring pare to MMM for providing childcare	ww.facebook.com/GatewayFS s are funded by DSS and DC3, at groups to communities from St Mar		



PRIMARY ETHICS INFORMATION MORNING



Are you interested in helping children develop critical thinking skills? Primary schools in the Blue Mountains need your help!

Primary Ethics is looking for more volunteers so that ethics classes can be made available for K-6 students in the Blue Mountains.

Come along to get more information about primary ethics
11am THURSDAY 13 May, Meeting Room 1
Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub
106-108 Macquarie Road, SPRINGWOOD.

Volunteer Ethics teachers receive full training from Primary Ethics, consisting of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Lesson scripts are provided.

RSVP is essential for this Covid safe event
To RSVP or for questions email: emailthea@gmail.com by Friday 7 May 2021.





IT TAKES A VILLAGE **PLAYGROUP**

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS. AUNTIES, UNCLES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS OLD.

Bring your little one along for some fun activities, stories and craft!

Have a chat and a cuppa with other carers while the children play.

Where: Tanderra, 14 Raymond Rd, Springwood

When: Mondays, fortnightly from 10am to 12pm

that to bring: A snack for your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.





Are you new to netball? Want to learn basic skills before playing?

Netsetgo 10 week skills program

SUMMERHAYES PARK - Friday's 4pm - Starting May 7th

Registration opens 10th April Contact winmaleenc@gmail.com for more info







WINMALEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Uniform Shop 2021 Order Form

Item	Sizes Available	Price	Price Size	Qty	Cost	Total
Boys Grey Cargo Shorts	4-16	\$ 17.00				
Boys Grey Cargo Pants	4-16	\$ 25.00				
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Girls Summer Dress	4-10	\$ 40.00				
Girls Summer Dress	12-16	5 41.00				
Girls Summer Blue Shorts*	4-16	\$ 22.00				
Girls Tartan Tunic (K - Yr2)	4-8	\$ 48.00				
Girls Tartan Tunic (K - Yr2)	10-16	\$ 49.00				
Girls Tartan Skirt (yrs3-6)	4-16	\$ 35.00				
Girls Winter Pants*	4-22	\$ 40.00				
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Unisex Short Sleeve Polo	4-16	\$ 20.00				
Unisex Sports Polo	4-16	\$ 30.00				
Unisex Blue Micro Mesh Shorts	4-16	\$ 15.00				
Unisex Blue Dbl Knee Track Pants	4-16	\$ 25.00				
Unisex Fleece Jacket	4-16	\$ 35.00				
Caps	one size	\$ 10.00				
Bucket Hats	S/S, S/M, L/XL	\$ 10.00				
					Visit 188	
Hair Scrunchies	summer, winter	\$ 5.00				
Hair Bows made to order	assorted from	\$8-10				
Head Band	summer, winter	\$ 5.00				
Alice Band - Reversible		\$ 5.00				
School Bass Emp Tuff neels (6)		s 57.00				
School Bags Ergo Tuff pack (soft)		3 37.00	L		Total	

^{*} Sizes for Girls Summer shorts and Winter pants come in 4,5,6,7,8,10,12,14,16

HOW TO ORDER

- 1. Please fill in the form and return to the office or email to winnaleeps.uniform@gmail.com
- Payment can be made with cash or cheque Winmalee Public School P&C Clothing Pool Please DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS VIA THE SCHOOL SITE
- 3. Orders will be sent home with your child once they have been processed

Child's Name:	Child's Class:	
Parent Name & Contact Details:		





Term Two 2021

Excursions Meetings School Event Leave Newsletter Sport

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	19 April Staff Development Day	20 Students return	21 International Space Station Link Up	22 International Space Station Link Up	23 Sport in Schools		
2	26	27 P&C Meeting	28	29	30 Sport in Schools		
3	3 May	4	5	6	7 Newsletter Sport in Schools		
4	10	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 Sport in Schools Zone X Country		
5	17	18 Infants Cricket Clinic	19 Primary Cricket Clinic Touch K/O	20	21 Sport in Schools SRC Pirate Day		
6	24	25 P&C Meeting	26 Deanei 3/4J	27	28 Newsletter Sport in Schools		
7	31	1 June	2	3	4 Sport in Schools		
8	7	8	9	10	11 Sport in Schools		
9	14 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15	16	17 Stage 2 & 3 W.H.S Musical	18 Newsletter Sport in Schools WINMALEE CUP		
10	21	22 Stage 2 Excursion – THE ROCKS P&C Meeting	23	24	25 Last Day of Term		

