

Winmalee Whispers



Winmalee Public School

Safe
Respectful
Learners



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Term 1 Week 3

Friday, 11th February 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back 2022!

We look forward to a wonderful Term 1 at Winmalee Public School.

A big congratulations to all our swimmers who participated last Friday in our schools swimming carnival. We are all proud of your amazing effort and results on the day.

A huge welcome to our new kindys. We have enjoyed watching you explore our school.

Thank you
Kate Ford

Principal: Kate Ford

Rel. Assistant Principal K-2: Colleen Reid &
Jessica Smith

Rel. Assistant Principal Stage 2: Diane Caira

Rel. Assistant Principal Stage 3: Emily Matthews
School Administrative Manager: Kim Berry





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.

The screenshot shows the Sentral Parent Portal interface for Winmalee Public School. The user is logged in as Melissa. The main content area displays several news items, including "Expression of Interest for High School 2022" and "5/6C Meet the Teacher". The right-hand sidebar shows the user's profile information and an attendance summary table.

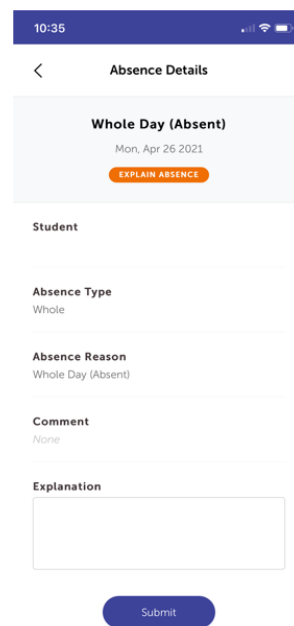
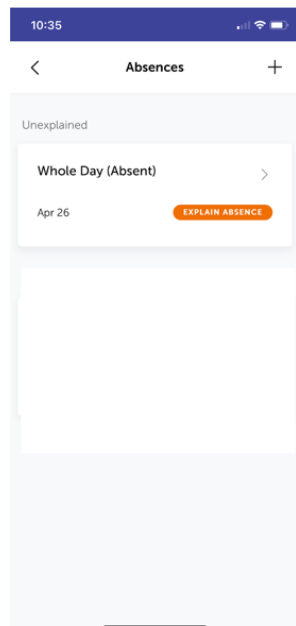
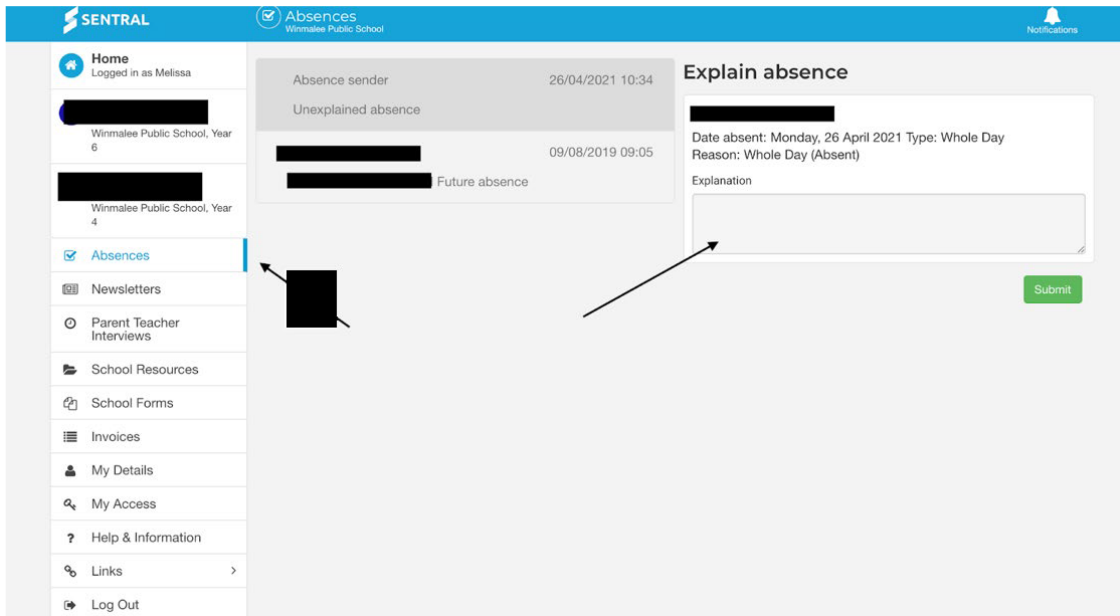
Attendance	View attendance summary
Term 1: 100%	
Term 2: 100%	
Term 3: -	
Term 4: -	
Overall: 100.0%	



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 in-line 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.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**

=

4 weeks



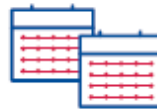
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**

=

8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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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**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read

3. 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)



4. 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](https://www.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.

 **SCHOLASTIC**



WINMALEE PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C Uniform Shop 2022 Order Form

Item	Sizes Available	Price	Size	Qty	Cost	Total
Boys Grey Cargo Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 17.00				
Boys Grey Cargo Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 25.00				
Girls Summer Dress	4, 6, 8, 10	\$ 40.00				
Girls Summer Dress	12, 14, 16	\$ 41.00				
Girls Summer Blue Shorts*	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 22.00				
Girls Tartan Tunic (K - Yr2) **	4, 6, 8	\$ 49.00				
Girls Tartan Tunic (K - Yr2) **	10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 50.00				
Girls Tartan Skirt (yrs3-6)	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 35.00				
Girls Winter Pants* **	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 40.00				
Unisex Short Sleeve Polo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 20.00				
Unisex Sports Polo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 30.00				
Unisex Blue Micro Mesh Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 15.00				
Unisex Blue Dbl Knee Track Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 25.00				
Unisex Fleece Jacket	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$ 35.00				
Year Six Jacket	8-16, S, M, L	\$ 30.00				
Caps	one size	\$ 10.00				
Bucket Hats	S/S, S/M, L/XL	\$ 10.00				
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 Bags Ergo Tuff pack (soft)		\$ 57.00				
					Total	

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

** Tunics and pants are special order only

HOW TO ORDER

1. Please fill in the form and return to the office or email to winmaleeps.uniform@gmail.com
2. Payment: Cash or Direct Deposit
WPS P&C Clothing Pool BSB: 032837 Account #: 227529 Ref: name or invoice number
3. Orders will be sent home with your child once they have been processed

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Parent Name & Mobile: _____

Email (for invoices): _____

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS VIA THE SCHOOL PAYMENT SITE





Part-Time Work Available

Become a School Crossing Supervisor with Transport for NSW!

Multiple Part Time positions across the Blue Mountains - 48085

- Keep our kids, parents, and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require coverage for 20 hours per fortnight Monday to Friday during the school term.

This involves 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon between 8:00 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 4:00pm.

VACANCIES AVAILABLE:

- Mount Riverview Public School

Scan the QR Code for more information

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, scan the QR code or visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today.

**if you are unable to join us on a part time basis, please consider joining us as a casual!*



For late applications or more information, please contact Caitlin Ritchie:

E: Caitlin.ritchie@transport.nsw.gov.au

P: 02 9983 2782

Applications close: Sunday 20th February 2022





RAISING KIN
grandparents relatives
and kinship carers

Raising Kin is a support group for grandparents, relatives and kinship carers who care for a child who is a relative. This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month during school term.

TERM 1 2022 DATES:
Wednesdays
FEB 2 MARCH 2 APRIL 6

10:00AM-12:00PM

VENUE:
FAULCONBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL
9-9A HOME STREET
FAULCONBRIDGE

For more information or to RSVP
please contact
Jenny on 0450 001 393

Striving for a community that is vibrant, caring and inclusive

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre
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REGISTRATION OPEN

Register Online NOW

2022 Winter Competition

Find us on Facebook or @
play HQ Winmalee Netball Club

Use Active Kids Rebate

Take Advantage of our Early Bird Discount

Enquiries winmaleenc@gmail.com

Have Fun. Make Friends. Keep fit.



AUSCYCLING **LET'S RIDE TOGETHER**

Come & Try Day

Come find out about BMX, our club
and experience riding the track.

FEBRUARY 19, 2022
12:00PM - 2PM

FREE Sausage Sandwich + Drink for the rider!
For further information please contact us:
Website: www.bluemountainsbmx.com
Email: bluemntsbmxeoutlook.com
Facebook: Blue Mountains BMX Club
Club President, Ian: 0403 016 414

What to Bring:
Bike, Full Face Helmet, Gloves, Long Sleeves
& Long Pants. The club has some protective
equipment to borrow. Bells, reflectors and
stands must be removed; we will have bike
mechanics to help out on the day.



Ferris Lane (off Wilson St),
Lawson NSW 2783





Term One 2022

Excursions Meetings School Event Leave Newsletter Sport

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 January	25	26	27	28 Staff Development Day
2	31 Staff Development Day	1 February Students return	2	3	4 Swimming Carnival
3	7	8	9	10	11 Newsletter
4	14	15	16	17	18 Zone Swimming Carnival
5	21	22 P&C Meeting	23	24	25
6	28	1 March Year 6 @ WHS Expo Day	2	3	4 Newsletter
7	7	8 Young Leaders Day	9	10	11
8	14	15	16	17	18
9	21	22 School Photos	23	24	25 Newsletter
10	28	29 P&C Meeting	30	31	1Apr
11	4	5	6	7	8 Last Day of Term