

St Pius X Primary School Windale



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NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 7

22nd November 2017

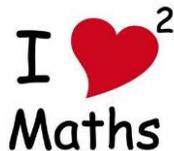
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As this will be our second last newsletter for the year, there is a lot of information about forthcoming events that we need parents and families to pay particular attention to. With so much happening it can become a bit confusing whether notes and payments have been made for your child's – so please check at the office. We don't want any child missing out on an activity because of no note or lack of payment. If you need financial assistance for your child to attend a school event than please contact Mr. Bowen in the office.

Congratulations

Well done to the following children who have received awards in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition;

Distinction: Jake Knight



Credit: Rhyannon Woodward-Clark, Laura-Lee Naden, Lara Witney and Jared Rixom

Kinder Orientation Morning

On Wednesday 15th November we held our Kindergarten Orientation morning for parents of children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2018. It was a great opportunity to meet our new families and formally welcome them to our school. It also allowed us to convey important information so that they could have the best start for their children at St Pius X Windale. Thank you to Mrs. Casolari, Miss Woodley and Toni Bycroft (P&F) for their input into the morning.

Intensive Swimming

Our Intensive Swimming Program for our K-2 children has now been completed and it was great to see the improvement in the children over the two week. Photos from Intensive swimming are scattered throughout the newsletter..

Surf Fun Safe Day



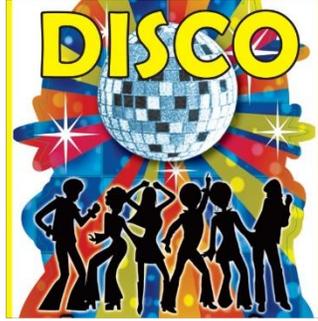
Our Primary Classes are at Stockton Beach today for the Surf Fun Safe program conducted by the Hunter Branch of the Surf Life Saving

Association. The children were very excited and we were blessed with some lovely weather.

Disco

Our school disco will be held **TOMORROW NIGHT**

Thursday 23rd November from 6 to 8pm. A note regarding the Disco was



sent home earlier in the week. A working bee will be held for parents whilst their child is at the Disco for any parents who are able to stay –we will be mulching our front garden..

Visit to Hillside Nursing Home

The students from K – 6 will visit Hillside Nursing Home Mount Hutton next Wednesday at 10am. They will entertain the elderly residents as well as spread some Christmas cheer through songs and gifts.



Aberdeen Overnight Excursion

Next Thursday and Friday the children from K – 6 will visit our friends at St Joseph's High School Aberdeen for an overnight stay. We will visit the High School first for morning

tea, a swim and a look around at their farming set up before venturing to Tilse's Apple Orchard at

Moonan Flat for more fun activities and an overnight stay. Following a good sleep we will finalise the morning with activities and a liturgy before saying a tearful farewell (usually) and then board the bus for our trip back to school. We anticipate arriving at school by 2.30pm on the Friday. Please let Mr. Bowne know if your child is not attending the Aberdeen trip as we need to let their catering team know numbers by Monday of next week.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 6th December in the auditorium at Windale–Gateshead Bowling Club. The restaurant will be open earlier for families wishing to dine before the concert. The concert will commence at 6pm and following the concert we will hold our Christmas Raffle. Tickets for the Raffle are still available from the office.



Canteen

The Canteen has commenced selling juice ice blocks, popcorn, juice poppers and low fat milk ice blocks. This is ONLY of a Wednesday from 1.30 – 1.50pm.

Building Program

Our deck/stage area is coming along nicely – it is quite a large project and it does take time – I would like to thank the children and staff for their patience as well as the volunteer helpers I have had assisting me over the past few weeks – Kevin, Laurie, Craig and John. We are still a few



weeks away from the finished product – but it should be worth it!

Take care,

Pete Bowen

PRINCIPAL

NOVEMBER

22nd Surf Fun Safe

Day

23rd School Disco.

24th 1st Penance

(Reconciliation)

29th Hillside Nursing Home 10am

30th Aberdeen Overnight Stay

DECEMBER

1st Aberdeen Overnight Stay

5th Christmas Concert practice

P&F Meeting 9am

6th Christmas Concert / Raffle draw



Happy Birthday to the following children:

NOVEMBER

24th Gypsey McGinn

27th Reuben Naden

DECEMBER

5th Zara Davey

We hope you have a great day.



FREE Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program



- **Practical Bike Skills**
- **Free bike service and minor repairs**
- **Free Helmet**
- **Refreshments provided**

Date: Tuesday 19th December, 2017

Time: 9am to 12pm

Place: PCYC Lake Macquarie, Lake St Windale

For further information contact 0411 260 735

The Program is funded by the NSW Government



Good for Kids good for life

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY EATING

Healthy eating is not just important for healthy body weight but also for brain development, behaviour and concentration which can help kids in the classroom.

What does healthy eating mean?

- Eating plenty of vegetables, legumes and fruits
- Eating plenty of cereals (preferably wholegrain), including bread, rice, pasta, and noodles
- Including lean meat, fish, poultry and/or alternatives
- Including reduced fat milk, yoghurt and cheese
- Drinking plenty of water

Save occasional foods such as cakes, pastries, chocolate, lollies, chips, fast food and soft drinks for sometimes and in small amounts.



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