

# WINDY HILL SCHOOL GAZETTE

ISSUE 19



## Principal's Report

- 1 Welcome back to the new school year kids! The start of the year is a very exciting time for everyone. Everywhere you look there are so many fun activities to get involved in. I think that it is important for all students to get involved in these. Being active has a lot of benefits.
- 2 Active children are not bored children. Think about how happy you are when you've got something to focus on. When you are bored

you can become grumpy and sometimes more likely to misbehave. This is because you have a lot of energy inside you that you're not using, so it just builds up.

- 3 It is not good to build up this energy. If you spend all day sitting on the couch you will feel really tired at night, but you will have a lot of trouble sleeping. Being active gives you a great feeling all day, and when it comes time to sleep, you'll have a fantastic rest!
- 4 Here's another important fact that you might not have thought about. Doing lots of activities develops you as a person. Think of all of the wonderful things you can practise in the world — musical instruments, languages, sports, for example. When you're older you could even make a career out of one of these skills. It's best to get active early so that you become a young expert.
- 5 Go on, make a start on your new active school year. You can start with some of the events advertised in this school magazine. I urge all students to take a chance and try being more active whenever they can. You will definitely thank yourself for it!

Mrs Irvine

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## LUNCHTIMES

ARE ABOUT TO BECOME A LOT MORE EXCITING! COME TRY THE NEW **EXCITE** RANGE OF FOOD AT THE CANTEEN. WE HAVE A RANGE OF CHEAP, HEALTHY AND YUMMY FOOD — SALADS, SANDWICHES AND SOUPS FOR ALL TASTES. THESE GIVE YOU THE ENERGY AND VITAMINS TO KEEP GOING ALL DAY. SAY NO TO CHOCOLATE BARS. **SAY YES TO EXCITE!**

## Get a Green Thumb

- 7 Do you like the colour green? Does playing in the dirt sound like your thing? Well you should check out the Community Nature Reserve Group. Windy Hill has two nature reserves — Little Creek Reserve and the Malcolm Black Memorial Reserve. The group meets twice a month to work on these reserves and is always looking for new people.
- 8 The best thing is, you get to do gardening! Gardening is a fun, healthy activity, which is also very rewarding because you are helping something live. When gardening in a reserve you are also protecting our beloved native plants.
- 9 This is a great way to help make our community look more beautiful. Nature reserves are more attractive than dried patches of grass.

Get out there and do something for the environment! For more information, call Angela on 2344 7879.

## 10 NEED MORE BOOKS TO READ?

DON'T GO TO THE BOOKSTORE — YOU CAN FIND GREAT READS FOR LOW PRICES AT THE BOOK FAIR!

NEXT SATURDAY AT THE WINDY HILL FOOTBALL CLUB. 10AM TO 4PM

## 11 WINDY HILL AID SOCIETY 20TH ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION DRIVE

GIVE YOUR UNWANTED CLUTTER TO A GOOD HOME. DONATE MONEY FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

**BORED? VOLUNTEER TO HELP US!** CALL GARY ON 2885 9313 OR LEAVE DONATIONS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

## 12 EXPRESS YOURSELF!

DANCERS, ACTORS, SINGERS — THE WINDY HILL ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS HAS THE RIGHT CLASS FOR YOU. LEARN WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS. CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

**NEW!!!** WE NOW HAVE A... CIRCUS-TRAINING COURSE. LEARN TO JUGGLE OR JUST CLOWN AROUND. TAKE PART IN A FREE INTRODUCTORY CLASS.

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## Billet Program

- 13 Hi, my name is Rachel Cleggett and I took part in the Junior International Rowing Tournament. This year it was held in Helsinki, which is the capital of Finland. I had an amazing time over there, even though I didn't win any medals. The best part of the whole trip was staying with a host family. I did this through the International Youth Billet Program. This is a brilliant program that everyone should get involved with.
- 14 Billeting is when you have someone from another place live in your house. Apart from providing a roof over his or her head, billeting also shows how your family lives. Everyone

is different, and it is a wonderful experience to live like someone else for a short time.

- 15 Billet's hosts have the honour of helping someone in need. Billets become like a new member of the family and, if the billets are here to compete in a sport, the hosts have a lot of fun cheering them on.
- 16 It is really great when you are the one being billeted overseas. You get to see more of another country than if you just went as a tourist. I really hope you consider what I have said here. Billeting is an awesome opportunity for meeting other people and getting a taste of how they live.

## Questions

- 1 Active children are  
a bored children.  
b not bored children.  
c tired children.
- 2 Why should you go to the book fair instead of the store?  
a The book fair has low prices.  
b Bookstores are boring.  
c There will be a football game at the book fair.
- 3 What can you learn at circus training?  
a juggling  
b dancing  
c acting
- 4 Which activity helps the environment?  
a working for charity  
b billeting students  
c gardening in a nature reserve
- 5 Where will the money go that is donated to the Charity Drive?  
a Windy Hill Aid Society  
b people in need  
c Windy Hill Primary School
- 6 Why does the canteen ad tell us to 'say no to chocolate'?  
a Chocolate is not being sold at school.  
b The Excite range of foods are much healthier.  
c You can't eat chocolate at lunchtime.

## Vocabulary

Find words from the text that match the meanings below. The word is in the paragraph number shown in brackets.

- 7 The opposite of behave (2)  
8 A person's working life (4)  
9 A type of thin book (5)  
10 To give (11)  
11 Privilege, special right (15).

## Grammar

The words in **BLUE** appear in the text. Match them by writing the correct **synonym** shown in **RED**. E.g. **under / below**

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 12 important | surprising   |
| 13 grumpy    | significant  |
| 14 amazing   | professional |
| 15 expert    | cranky       |

## Back To The Text...

- 16 The school principal is  
a Mrs Irvine.                      b Ms Cleggett.
- 17 Angela can help you get involved with billeting.  
a true                                      b false
- 18 The Gazette has now been published nineteen times.  
a true                                      b false

- 19 Look at the school crest on page 1. What is not shown on it?  
a an open book  
b a purple pen  
c a scroll

## Think About This

- 20 Why does the word *excite* stand out in section 6?  
a it is a brand name  
b it makes readers excited  
c it makes reading easier
- 21 What activity does not have a contact for more information?  
a gardening  
b billeting  
c juggling
- 22 Section 11 provides an opportunity to  
a be healthy.  
b help other people.  
c develop your skills.
- 23 Which opportunity is the easiest to take?  
a eat EXCITE  
b join WHAPA  
c collect for WHAS

## Challenge Option

Design: Make the front cover of a sports magazine.

