

# The Wheeler Word



Phone: 9971 8352, 9982 2475 Fax: 9982 5617

Email: [wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Website: [wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**Term 4 Week 7**

**21 November 2013**

## **From the Principal**

*Congratulations to Dan Cox and Michelle on the birth of their son Charlie!!*

## **School Staffing**

We welcome Miss Deanne Earl, a regular casual teacher at Wheeler Heights, to our school for the remainder of Term 4. Miss Earl will be teaching RFF (Release from Face to Face) to Years 3-6 while Mrs Lanham is on leave for the rest of this term.

## **Helpers Morning Tea - Wednesday 27 November at 11.15am**

We hope to see a large number of parents and helpers next Wednesday 27 November at 11.15am. Class teachers have been handing out personal invitations and I **encourage any 'helper' to join us for coffee, cake and a chat.** If for some reason (note buried in the bottom of the bag...an oversight...) you do not receive a personal invitation please take this as an invitation to attend. Also sometimes class teachers may not be aware of the fabulous assistance you provide (P&C committees, uniform, canteen, working bee, reading helper, scripture, band, dance, chess, parent driver, etc etc.....)....so please come along. This year we will be having entertainment provided by our talented Jazz Band!!

## **Christmas Showcase and P&C BBQ- Wednesday 4 December from 5.30pm**

This year Wheeler Heights will be celebrating the end of a fabulous year at their Christmas Showcase on Wednesday 4 December. This will be run in the school hall by our Dance and Band Captains from 6.30 – 7.30pm following the P&C BBQ. The evening will begin with the Wheeler Heights Jazz band entertaining us all outside the hall from 5.30pm while the P&C BBQ is on. Then it will be followed in the hall by the Showcase. The groups performing will be this years' Junior Dancers; Arts North Choir; Year 4 Drama group; Hip Hop dance group; Wheeler Wailers Choir; Year 5 Visual Film & Literacy group; and the Senior Dance group. We hope that all of these students will be there on the night and look forward to our parents joining us to celebrate the end of year.

**Year 4 are currently at Milson Island Camp** for three days. I am visiting the camp today and I'm sure I'll see the students in a wide range of challenging, exciting and often muddy activities!! Special thanks to Mrs Newbold, Ms Zillhardt, Mrs Jolly and Mr Webster for organizing the trip and supervising the students. A three day school camp is a huge responsibility for staff. We all know how tiring and stressful a mere birthday party or sleepover for a handful of children can be....but imagine almost 80 kids for over 55 hours of meals, activities, medication, counselling, support and everything else which young children on their first school camp can get up to....

## **Year 2 Special Swimming Scheme**

All Year 2 students are thoroughly enjoying the Special Swimming Scheme (especially the improved weather!!) which continues until Friday 29 November. Please be sure that all children are ready to go each day with all gear labelled.

## **Year 5 Leadership**

The Year 5 students are eagerly preparing for their leadership speeches to be held on Friday 29 November from 9.15am in the hall. We are again very fortunate to have a large group of very capable students to fill the captains, prefects, sports, band and dance captain positions for 2014.

## **Sports and Special Photos**

These photos and order forms are now available for viewing at the front office. Please be advised that viewing and ordering can also be accessed by visiting the website [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and entering the code VV6 AZM K8X. Please return orders to school by Thursday 5 December.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Yr 2 Special  
Swimming continues  
to Fri Nov 29**

**Wed 20-Fri 22 Nov  
Yr 4 @ Milson Island**

**Thurs 21 Nov Senior  
Eagle Tag Gala Day**

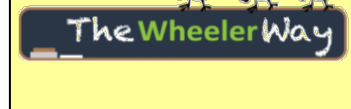
**Tues 26 Nov Yr 4 to  
Narrabeen Lake**

**Wed 27 Nov  
Scripture  
performance 10.15am  
Helpers Morning Tea  
11.15am  
Band Evening 6pm**

**Fri 29 Nov 9.15am Yr 5  
leadership speeches  
Band Social evening**



**The Wheeler Way**



### **Mural Scaffold and Talented Artists please respond!!!!**

The school community are planning a school mural to liven up our brick buildings and facades. If you are a talented artist or may be able to access/loan some scaffolding to the school could you please see Mr Scotter or Ms Williamson. We do plan to involve every school student in the art work in some way. You may also have noticed the fabulous Year 6 tiles for this year are now mounted on B Block.

### **Classes for 2014**

We are currently formulating our draft classes for 2014. If you do know that you may be returning a little late next year or may not be returning at all, could you please let the office know by a written note or email.

### **PSSA Spring Sport tomorrow**

The PSSA spring competition continues tomorrow for Wheeler Heights with Softball & Cricket at Plateau Park, AFL at Narrabeen Sports High & Eagle Tag behind Rat Park. Good luck boys and girls.

### **Free Tickets**

From time to time I receive an opportunity for free tickets to local events. These tickets are usually available to families with children who may be disabled, disadvantaged or underprivileged. Please see Mr Scotter if you would like such an opportunity; all correspondence will be in the strictest confidentiality.

### **2015 PCS Extension Class**

Applications for an extension Year 7 class at our PCS (Peninsula Community of Schools) High Schools are now available from the school office, Year 5 teachers and on the school website. These applications are for students entering high school in 2015 and must be returned by February 28 next year.

### **Overdue School Fees**

School overdue fee notices were again sent out recently. Our school relies upon the payment of school program fees in order to offer a variety of challenging and educational activities. As always please let the office or Mr Scotter know if you are experiencing financial difficulty. All correspondence will be strictly confidential.

### **End of Year Dates**

Please be sure to watch the calendar for important end of year dates and activities. A hard copy was sent home last term and the Term 4 calendar is on the website and will be updated as any changes occur.

David Scotter  
Principal

### **Library News,**

As the end of the year draws nearer, this week will be the last week students will be able to borrow from the library. It is also that time of the year to search high and low for overdue library books. Children have been reminded to return all their library books by Week 8 in preparation for stocktaking.

Thankyou

Fiona Bevan  
Teacher Librarian

## **CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR Fri 29 November – Sun 1 December 2013 Balgowlah Boys' Campus BALGOWLAH**

Dear Book Lover,

Hooray! We now have our own email address and any feedback or questions about our Book Fairs can be sent to [bookfairs@lifelinenb.org.au](mailto:bookfairs@lifelinenb.org.au)

Venue: Balgowlah Boys' Campus, Sydney Rd & Maretimo Street, Balgowlah.

Dates: Friday 29 November: 4pm – 9pm  
Saturday 30 November: 9am – 5pm  
Sunday 1 December: 9am – 4pm (*2 more hours to shop!*)

- ❖ 3 days for Book Lovers to browse and shop
- ❖ Over 25,000 pre-sorted books - some new, many in mint condition
- ❖ Fresh stock every 4 hours
- ❖ Delight in the special Christmas Book Selections
- ❖ Stock up on your Summer reading
- ❖ Find a gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative in our enchanting Collectables range
- ❖ Select a title to say *Thank You* to someone who has helped you out this year
- ❖ CDs and DVDs on sale
- ❖ Refreshments stand

Entry by gold coin donation is appreciated.

Lifeline Northern Beaches will answer 25,000 calls this year from people in crisis. Help us save someone's life.

Our Book Fairs directly fund our services. This is why your ongoing support is important and valued.



**Enrol Now**

**JUGGLING WORK, STUDY AND FAMILY CARE? We can help**

Safe, fun and convenient care before and after school, during vacation and pupil free days too. Join in the great activity programs including sport, creative arts, craft and free time.

Call today 0430 862 903

**primaryOSH**Care  
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CHILDCARE SERVICES

## UNIFORM ROSTER T4

22-Nov	Fran	Priscilla	Karen N
29-Nov	Min	Di	Bec
6-Dec	Fran	Carolyn M	Angela
13-Dec	Min	Kia	Karen F

**The Uniform Shop is open every  
Friday morning from 8:30am - 9:30am,  
during term.**

**We are always in need of volunteers, so  
please drop in and have a chat with us.**

Thank you!

# CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



**Support your local charity group by donating a gift and making someone's Christmas extra special.**

- ★ Stewart House caters for children ranging from 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.
- ★ Presents to be delivered to your school office between 16 November and 16 December.
- ★ Unwrapped in a gift bag is best as all gifts need to be checked for suitability.
- ★ Please avoid toys that need too many batteries.   ★ New items only.   ★ No food.