

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Week 9

5 December 2013

From the Principal

Congratulations to our junior girls Pittwater Tag B team who were runners up in the recent Spring PSSA competition. Well played to all PSSA competitors and special thanks to all coaches and parent supporters.

Christmas Showcase and P&C BBQ

Well done to all performers at the wonderful Christmas Showcase last night. It was a beautiful evening and a great number of parents, teachers and students attended and enjoyed a picnic on the oval. Over 200 people enjoyed a free BBQ and drink thanks to the generous P&C and the Jazz band gave a tremendous performance on the deck. We also officially opened the new play equipment with ex parent Jason Beavins cutting an official ribbon.

Special thanks to our band and dance captains who were the MCs and all performing groups who entertained us in the hall. We had the three dance groups, the two choirs, the drama ensemble and the film and literacy display. There was a very positive Christmas vibe.....well done to the entire Wheeler Heights community.

Year 3-6 Sport Presentation Assembly- tomorrow at 2pm

Tomorrow Friday 6 December from 2pm is the Year 3-6 Sport presentation assembly in the hall.

Presentation Days

Please be aware that our presentation days are on next week. Thursday is Year 3-6 and Friday is for K-2. Both days begin at 9.30am and should finish by approximately 10.45am. Could we please ensure that all students wear full school uniform for these events.

School on Weekends

Please be advised that no persons are allowed on the school premises after hours and on the weekends. The school security phone number is 1300 880 021, please call this number if you do see intruders. Thank you for your anticipated support of our school.

School Reports

Teachers have been busy preparing school reports for all students. Reports will be sent home next Thursday and will reflect your child's progress over the second semester of the year.

Super Hoot Morning Tea

The Super Hoot morning teas for Term 4 are on soon...K-2 on Monday 9 December and Years 3-6 on Monday 16 December. Both events will be held at 11am outside the hall, and invitations are being distributed to the students who have received this special honour.

Year 5 Leadership

Thirty one Year 5 students presented excellent leadership speeches last week. 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. On Friday Year 5 will be told who the twelve leaders are, but captains and vice captains will not be announced until the Year 3-6 presentation day on Thursday.

Sports and Special Photos

These photos and order forms have been 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 and entering the code VV6 AZM K8X. Please return orders to school by **TODAY** Thursday 5 December.

COMING EVENTS

**Fri 6 Dec Yr 3-6
Sport Presentation
2pm**

**Mon 9 Dec Yr 5 Surf
Skills @ Dee Why
11am K-2 Super
Hoot Morning tea**

**Tues 10 Dec Talent
Quest Final**

**Wed 11 Dec Year 6
Pedlar's Parade**

**Thurs 12 Dec
9.30am
Yr 3-6 Presentation
Day**

**Fri 13 Dec 9.30am
Yr K-2 Presentation
Day**

**Mon 16 Dec 11am
Yr 3-6 Super Hoot
morning tea
2.15pm Yr 6
Graduation**

**Tues 17 Dec Yr 6
Clap Out 3pm &
5.30pm Yr 6
Farewell Dinner**

**Wed 18 Dec K-6
Class Picnics**

School ENDS!!!



The Wheeler Way

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.

School Annual Report Surveys

Each year the school produces an annual school report which outlines achievements by our school community. We also survey a number of parents, teachers and students. A link to the survey will soon be available and we hope that many parents may access the link and complete the survey.

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.

David Scotter
Principal

Calling all library books....!

It's the end of the year and in preparation for the end of year stocktake all library books need to be returned as soon as possible. Some students have loans that are long overdue and many reminders have been given and so it's time to check:-

- ❖ under the bed
- ❖ under the sofa
- ❖ in the car
- ❖ the bookshelf
- ❖ grandma's house
- ❖ the bottom of the school bag
- ❖ in the classroom

It is easy to overlook library books and students are often 'positive' that they have returned them, and then the book shows up 3 months later under the bed or inside a cupboard. There is no bad time to return an overdue book. It would be much appreciated if you could take the time to search.

Books need to be returned by now please!! Unfortunately, I will need to ask for a replacement cost for non-returned books.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance,
Fiona Bevan
Teacher Librarian



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END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT – GLITZ AND GLAMOUR PREVAIL!

This was the WHPS Bands' *"night of nights"*. All bands performed a wonderfully multi-faceted concert to family members, friends and relatives. The *music* was great, the production was amazing and the concert was testament to a year of *hard work* by our volunteers, conductors and band children. Smiles all round! And some tears! Out came the red carpet and out went the redhead! What a fitting way to salute our year 6 graduates! What a great occasion to farewell *Debbie English*, who has been the heart and soul of the WHPS band program for so many years. She will be sorely missed. We love you Debbie. *Thank you* for your tireless contribution to music at our school.

DEBBIE ENGLISH INSPIRES A NEW GENERATION

Over recent weeks, *Debbie English* and our magnificent Training Band have been performing for new parents and Year 2 children to help inform those thinking about joining in band for the first time next year. Debbie has also been busy (with the invaluable help of Joob Kofoed and Mako Turner) carrying out *"blow tests"* for those children to help select the best instrument for them.

There is a real *buzz* to the recruitment process this year and, thanks to Debbie and her helpers, the new training band looks set to scale new musical heights.

NEW TO BAND IN 2014?

If your child has completed a "blow test", you should have received an *invitation to join the band* with an allocated instrument. If you are expecting a note but haven't received it, please [email](#) us. If you have received an invitation, please make sure you submit your *'acceptance'* with your *\$50 deposit* by Monday 9th December. We must receive your acceptance before the end of the school year as we make lots of purchases and arrangements for new children over the holiday break.

GETTING SHIRTY?

Is your child growing out of their *polo shirt*? Over the holidays we will be placing an order for Band black polo shirts. If you need a new one for next year, please send us an *email with the size*. Shirts will be \$20 (we will provide payment information at the beginning of the year). Remember that all new Training Band members will receive a shirt as part of their fees for the first year. All orders for additional shirts must be received before the end of term.

SISTERS DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES!

Congratulations to *Sachi Lardner* (Intermediate Band flautist) who got an A in her Piano for Leisure Grade 3 exam. Congratulations also to her sister, *Hannah Lardner* (Senior Band flautist) who recently got A in her grade 4 flute exam. Great work guys!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT

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REHEARSALS CONTINUE

Rehearsals will continue for the next week preparing for final performances of the year.

Training Band: each Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Final rehearsal will be Wednesday 11th December.

Intermediate and Senior Bands: Rehearsing on Tuesday mornings only (no Thursday afternoons). Final rehearsal Tuesday 10th December.

Jazz Band: each Monday morning. Final rehearsal Monday 9th December.

ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE

All of our existing band students are continuing with their *individual assessments* on Thursday afternoons with Cheryl Oxley. If you have forgotten your time or suddenly can't make it, please let us know ASAP.

JAZZ BAND GIGS

Jazz Band performed with *pizzazz* and *style* at the school's Thank You Morning Tea on Wednesday 27th November. What a great way to showcase the varied talents of our band members!

Jazz Band will strut their stuff again at the *P&C Picnic/Showcase* this week on Wednesday 4th December. All families are invited along to lend their support not only to our incredible jazz ensemble but also to the event generally.

INSTRUMENT RETURN

Hired instruments will be returned after school in Week 10 after final performances. A reminder with details will be sent out early next week.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

CHRISTMAS PICNIC/SHOWCASE

Jazz Band

Weds 4th December: (Arrive at 5.00pm)

3-6 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Combined Intermediate/Senior Band

Thurs 12th December: 9.30am

Instrument Return: From 3.15pm at the Hall

K-2 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Training Band

Fri 13th December: 9.30am

Instrument Return: From 3.15pm at the Hall

MONA JOHNSON

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This being the final band news for 2013, we would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful band conductors and volunteer committee. Congratulations on a very successful year.



UNIFORM SHOP WILL CLOSE @ 10:30AM

FRIDAY 13TH DEC, FOR THE YEAR.

PLEASE PLACE FLEXI ORDERS BY 4:00PM THUR 12TH

FOR DELIVERY TO CLASS FRI 13TH

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Kind Regards
Tima Benias Tan
Lyndell Phillips