

# The Wheeler Word

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**Term 4 Week 7**

**20 November 2014**

## From the Principal:

*I'm sure you have noticed our wonderful new oval and seating area!!! The grass has been laid this week and it will be all ready for the start of the new year!! Please be aware that we obviously need to keep off the grass for quite a while so that the new turf can take and grow and also be watered regularly. We have an automatic watering system which uses water from our school water tanks. We do ask that if you see people playing on the new area during the school vacation that you please ring School Security on 1300 880 021.*

*You will have seen the recent publicity regarding the Piper family. Our thoughts are with Alex, Matt and their three lovely children. The donation link is: [www.mycause.com.au/allinforalex](http://www.mycause.com.au/allinforalex)*

*As previously reported please be advised that we have had a case of chicken pox and at least one case of glandular fever in the school. Lately we've had a few cases of head lice too.*



## Year 5 Leadership Elections

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have been nominated for school leadership positions. Throughout this year all the Year 5 students have been completing the SLIPS (School Leadership in Primary School) program. These boys and girls will present a short speech to the school on Monday 1 December and then students and teachers will vote for a school captain, vice captain and three prefects - a total of five boys and five girls. Good luck to the following candidates: James Clark, Zach Frankham, Will Green, Luke O'Donnell, Declan Rattigan, Jed Regan, Daniel Smith, Bailey Swain, Jem Sykes, Owen Van Graan and Ella Bowles, Anna Dahlstrom, Erin Gaw, Emily Fokkens, Izzy Jacobs, Kahli Johnson, Sachi Lardner, Alice MacDermott, Brianna McKee, Amelia Phillips, Brianna Wassell, Frankie Webster.

## Kindy Orientation

The third and final Kindergarten Orientation morning was held last Friday. Special thanks to presenters on Friday; Claudia Shremmer (P&C president), Ant Barker (Parent rep), Zoe Langer (Canteen) and Min Barker (Uniform). The highlight of the day was our fashion parade with models Poppy, Taj, Zoe, Charlotte, Jago, Kiera, Sophia, Jordan, Luke and Alianna.

Thank you also to the current Kindergarten parents who provided delicious morning teas each week for our new families.

## COMING EVENTS

**Mon 17 Nov - Fri 28**

Yr 2 Special Swim cont.

**Fri 21 Nov**

Final PSSA v Mona Vale

**Wed 26 Nov**

Last Gym

Chess day @ Pittwater House

**Mon 1 Dec**

Yr 5 Leaders speeches

Wailers Choir to War Vets

**Tues 2 Dec**

Yr 1 to Taronga Zoo

Yr 2 Drama 2pm

Band Concert 6pm

**Wed 3 Dec**

Jelly Wobbles 10:15am

Helpers Morning Tea 11:15

Kindy Drama 2pm

Yr 6 H.S. Open Day

**Thurs 4 Dec**

Xmas Showcase 6PM

Followed by P&C BBQ

**Fri 5 Dec**

Y3-6 Sports presentation

**Mon 8 Dec**

Yr 5 Surf Ed & K-2 Super

Hoot Morning Tea 11am

**Tues 9 Dec**

Pedlar's Parade

**Wed 10 Dec**

Yr 1 Drama 2pm

Yr 3-5 Super Hoot Morning

Tea 11am

**Thurs 11 Dec**

3-6 Presentation Day 9.30

**Fri 12 Dec**

K-2 Presentation Day 9.30

Yr 6 Super Hoot Morning Tea

1pm

**Mon 15 Dec**

Wailers Choir to War Vets

Yr 6 farewell 6pm

**Tues 16 Dec**

Yr 6 Graduation

**Wed 17 Dec**

Class Picnics

Students last day!!

**Sat 17 Jan 2015**

Uniform Shop Open 9 -11

**Wed 28 Jan**

School begins for Years 1-6 &

Kindy Best Start interviews

**Mon 2 Feb**

Kindy begin



The Wheeler Way

## Year 2 Special Swimming Scheme

Year 2 have started their 10 day intensive swimming scheme at Manly Pool. This program is a great opportunity for all students to learn crucial water safety messages and develop their swimming skills. Even though we live very close to the beach a number of students are not proficient in the water and do not have a clear understanding of water safety rules and practices. We ask that all Year 2 are ready each day with the appropriate labelled gear.

## Helpers Morning Tea Wednesday 3 December

Invitations are now being handed out for the parent and community helpers' morning tea. We hope to see many of our wonderful helpers and supporters on Wednesday 3 December at 11.15 at the school hall. **We certainly endeavor to send an invitation to every parent who has assisted in some way....but alas some notes may be misplaced, buried in the school bag or we may make a mistake. Please pass the word and come along!!**. Our talented Jazz band will again entertain us.

## Super Hoot Morning Tea

The final round of Principal morning teas will be held for the diligent students who have collected 25 Super Hoots. The morning teas will be held on the following dates:

K-2	Monday 8 December at 11am
Yrs 3-5	Wednesday 10 December at 11am
Yr 6	Friday 12 December at 1pm (TBC)

## Peninsula of Schools (PCS) 2016 High School Extension Classes

Parents of current Year 5 are invited to apply for the PCS Extension Class test for High School at Pittwater HS, Barrenjoey HS and Narrabeen Sports HS in 2016. Students are only eligible for placement in the Extension class at their designated high school. The test will be held in March 2015. Details of the test will be emailed to all Year 5 parents following this newsletter.

## Phone App

Our new communication smartphone app 'Primary Parent Planner' is now in full swing with many parents commenting on its usefulness (please see previous newsletters for more information or downloading instructions). As always, the introduction of a new system such as this will see some teething issues, however, we believe these will be minimal and should be ironed out in the coming weeks. If you have any constructive feedback, please email the school.

## Christmas Showcase and P&C BBQ Thursday 4 December at 6pm.

Please see the detailed program later in the newsletter. The Christmas Showcase will run from 6pm till approximately 7.15pm. The P&C will then be running a free BBQ in the canteen cola area. Could parents please be sure to RSVP to the event for catering purposes. RSVP's can be made at the front office or on the attached note. The Jazz band will be performing in the hall from 6pm.



## Coin Line for Archie Saunders

The whole school had a coin line on Monday 17 November to raise funds for Archie Saunders for his trip to Tasmania for the National Athletics Championships as part of the NSW state team. Raffle tickets have also been sold and almost \$200 was raised from the coin line.

## Enrolments 2015

We are currently organizing numbers and arrangements for 2015. If for any reason you will not be returning to Wheeler Heights in 2015 could you please let the office or Mr Scotter know as soon as possible. At this stage we anticipate approximately 80 new Kindergarten enrolments and therefore will most likely have 21 classes and approximately 535 students next year.

## Holiday Chicken Roster

Once again we are looking for a number of school families who would like to look after the chickens during the upcoming holidays. Duties include letting out & re-housing the chickens each day, ensuring food & water is available and collecting (and using!!) the eggs. Please let Mr Scotter or the office know when you may be available.

## 2015 Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 28 January - Thursday 2 April	(Kindergarten start on Monday 2 February)
Term 2	Tuesday 21 April - Friday 26 June	
Term 3	Tuesday 14 July - Friday 18 September	
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October - Wednesday 16 December	

*\*Please note all dates are for students.*

**David Scotter – Principal**

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## PSSA SPRING COMPETITION

Tomorrow is the final PSSA game for the year against Mona Vale PS.

Pittwater Tag will play at Narrabeen Reserve (Walsh Rd),  
Softball at Rat Park  
AFL at Narrabeen Sports HS  
Cricket at Plateau Park

**Please be reminded that even though the school oval is now out of action, all PSSA training will take place at school.**

## Last week ...

Sport vs Bilgola	Result
<b>Pittwater Tag</b>	
Junior A	Win
Junior B	Loss
<b>Softball</b>	
Junior A	Loss
Junior B	Loss
Senior A	Win
Senior B	Win
<b>Cricket</b>	
Senior A	Loss
Senior B	Loss

## LIVE LIFE WELL!!

The poster featured in today's newsletter was made by Zoe Davey (1C). Well Done Zoe! Congratulations! Zoe's poster will be on display in the office window for the next week.

Tracey Mavromatis  
SRC Coordinator



## DRAMA

We are very excited in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 as the dates draw near for our Christmas performances! Over the next few weeks we may be arriving home with our lines on a highlighted script, so if you could spare a few minutes, please help us remember these and practise them in a really loud voice! Then come and enjoy the performance in December - all welcome.

**Please be aware that the performances may be recorded (for school use) on the afternoons. If there is a problem with this could you please see your class teacher or Mr Scotter.**

Ginny Macpherson  
Teacher - Drama RFF

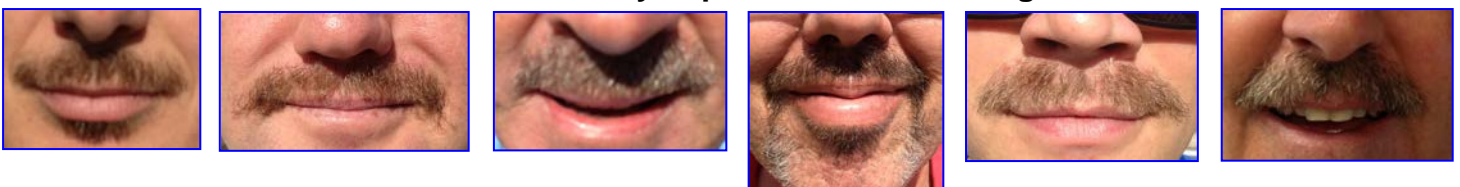
Kindergarten	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December @ 2pm
Year 1	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2 pm
Year 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December @ 2 pm

## MOVEMBER



Movember is in full 'swing' at Wheeler Heights Public School with the male teaching staff supporting this great cause. To date we have collective raised over \$1500 - please donate via the Movember website if you are able <http://au.movember.com/mospace/10188121>

**Can you pick which mo belongs to which bro?**



## Christmas Showcase Concert – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December



This year Wheeler Heights will again be celebrating the end of another fabulous year with a Christmas Showcase Concert on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The event will be held in the school hall and run by some of our wonderful student leaders. Doors will open at 6pm and the school Jazz Band will provide entertainment until the concert begins at 6:15pm and it is expected to run for approximately 1 hour.

The showcase concert aims to present some of the many and varied extra-curricular items that have been created and presented at various times throughout the year. The program will include items from the Jazz band (who will provide ‘arrival music’ from 6pm), our dance groups, class items, both of our choirs, a selection of visual media creations and a selection of speeches from a number of our public speaking finalists.

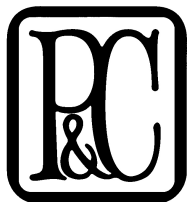
Following the Showcase performance, the P&C will hold its annual End Of Year BBQ (RSVPs are requested – see the P&C announcement later in the newsletter).

We hope that all of the students involved in the various performance groups will be present on the night and invite all parents and friends of Wheeler Heights Public School to join us in celebrating the end of another terrific year.

### Expected Schedule:

Time	Item (Students Involved)
Doors open from 6pm ↓ Approx. 7:15pm	Jazz Band (all members)
	Principal’s Welcome
	Junior Dance Group (all current Junior Dance Students)
	Arts North Choir (all senior choir students)
	2M Boot Scooters (all members of 2M)
	Public Speaking Finalists (students will be notified)
	Wheeler Wailers Choir (all junior choir ‘wailers’ members)
	Senior Dance Group (all current Senior Dance Students)
	Farewell and Thanks – Principal and P&C President
P&C BBQ in COLA area outside of Hall	

**Individual and group multimedia presentations will be displayed between items over the**



# Wheeler Heights Public School Parents & Citizens Association

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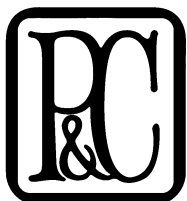
The End-of-Year is fast approaching now, only a little over three weeks to go until the big summer break will be upon us. In the P&C committee, we have seen a few changes throughout 2014, as some of our terrific volunteers of previous years, who have older children, have started looking towards their kids' next steps in high school life, sadly leaving the WHPS P&C. A number of new volunteers with kids in the early years of WHPS school life have put up their hands to keep our terrific WHPS community as lively and supporting as we have known it from previous years. A big thank-you to the outgoing P&C parents, and welcome to the new ones!

I would like to again invite all parents to get active and involved in their children's school life, as it is very rewarding for parents and kids. The P&C meetings are generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month during term at 7:00 pm in the school offices; additional meetings are called as required. Everyone is welcome, but for now you'll sadly have to wait until February 2015 for our next meeting ☺

However, you are in luck! We still have an important item in 2014 where we warmly welcome you to donate your time and expertise. Read on for details.

Claudia Schremmer  
P&C President

The WHPS P&C Committee warmly invites you to the 2014



## End-of-Year Showcase and Christmas BBQ



**Thursday 4th December 2014**  
**6:00 pm sharp for showcase program**  
**followed by free sausage sizzle**

- Showcases by band, dance, public speaking and more
- Free sausage sandwich
- BYO drinks & snacks and a picnic rug

As the P&C will order sausages for potentially 540 families, we ask you to **RSVP by Thursday 27 November 2014 to your class parents:**

My family \_\_\_\_\_ of class/es \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the BBQ with \_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_ children

Obviously, all those sausages don't cook themselves → Calling to arms all those lovely volunteers who keep the school life and community going for us all to enjoy.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ am/are willing to donate some of my/our time on Thursday 4 Dec to make the BBQ a success.

Contact email/s: \_\_\_\_\_



# UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

**We have a great selection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand uniforms & accessories available for sale.**

**Please consider donating your old school uniforms & accessories for re-sale; all money goes back to the school. These can be dropped off at the Uniform Shop any Friday morning or at the office any other day.**

***Please make sure your items are clean & undamaged.***

**We are seeking new volunteers for the Uniform Shop for 2015**

***8:30am – 9:45am Friday 1 – 2 shifts per term, to suit you!***

**Please email your details to [whpsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:whpsuniform@gmail.com) or come in and see us any Friday morning ☺**

*Thank you*

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## Phasmids for sale

\$4 each

Proceeds will go towards the cost of a native bee colony at Collaroy Plateau Community Kindergarten to assist in local pollination of flowers and food crops.

Phasmids (stick insects) need eucalyptus leaves and a spray of water each day and space to perch and grow. They need ventilation and light but not direct sunlight. A fish tank is ideal as long as it has ventilation- cheap fish tanks can be sourced from Gumtree online.

Children love to watch these native to Australia phasmids grow and to observe their life span.

Contact CPCK on 99826167 M-F between 8am-4pm for more information or to arrange collection.

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**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**BY THE LAKE, NEXT TO THE SEA**  
**1299 PITTWATER RD, NARRABEEN**  
(OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION)





## Collaroy Turtles Learn to Swim Program

Collaroy Turtles Learn to Swim Program will be commencing on Sunday 7 December 2014. We will be holding our registration day on Sunday 30 November at 8am at Collaroy rockpool.

The cost for the season is \$25 which covers for insurance for the participants, our seasons commences on Sunday 7 December 2014 and concludes on 29 March 2015. lessons are conducted each Sunday morning from 8am to 9.30am and are given on a one to one with an instructor for around 10 to 15min.

Our aim is to provide lessons to families in our community who are unable to afford the cost of swim lessons, new arrivals from overseas, children and adults who cannot swim.

For further information our contact details are below.

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**"HOT SHOTS"**  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP**  
BEVERLEY JOB PARK  
MCINTOSH ROAD NARRAWEENA

Camp 1 - , Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (3 day camp)

Camp 2 - Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

Camp 3 - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

Camp 4 - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

**Time:** 9.00 -12.30 pm OR 9.00 - 3.00 pm

**Cost:** \$150 for 5 full days \$110 - 5 half days

\$120 for 3 full days \$80 - 3 half days

Casual rates - \$45 per full day \$30 per half day

**Discounts for family members**

**\*\*All camps subject to numbers\*\***

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