

The Wheeler Word

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Term 4 Week 8

27 November 2014

Sports Presentation Assembly- Friday 5th December at 2pm

The first of our Presentation assemblies is on next Friday 5th December in the school hall from 2pm. As in previous years we do always send home a note informing parents that your child is receiving a special award on one of the presentation days. If possible it is nice to keep this award as a surprise, but do realize that this is not always possible. If you are uncertain please talk to your class teacher or Mr Williams.

School Sculpture

I'm sure you will have seen our wonderful new school sculpture. Thank you to John Gorman (Frances (3M) & Phoebe (Kindy 2015)) who so kindly designed and created this beautiful piece. Please see the details below about naming our new addition to the school.

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.

Year 2 Special Swimming Scheme

Tomorrow Year 2 will complete 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. Special thanks to teachers Mrs Wright, Ms McColl, Mrs Westwood and Mrs Gordon who have accompanied and organized the students each day.

Helpers Morning Tea Wednesday 3 December

Invitations are still 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. Notes will be distributed shortly to all eligible students. 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 were emailed to all Year 5 parents last week.

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, on the attached note or via Flexischools. The Jazz band will be performing in the hall from 6pm.

COMING EVENTS

Fri 28 Nov

Yr 2 Special Swimming finishes
NO PSSA

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 2pm

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!!

2015

Sat 17 Jan

Uniform Shop Open 9 -11am

Wed 28 Jan

School begins for Years 1-6
Kindy Best Start interviews

Mon 2 Feb

Kindergarten begin

Tues 3 Feb School Swim
Carnival @ Manly



The Wheeler Way

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

PSSA SPRING COMPETITION

Last week was the final PSSA game for the year. Congratulations to all school representatives this year and coaches and parents for their support and encouragement.

Last week ...

Sport vs Mona vale	Result
Pittwater Tag	
Junior A	Loss (7v4)
Junior B	Loss (9 v 0)
Softball	
Junior A	Win
Junior B	Win
Senior A	Win
Senior B	Loss
Cricket	
Senior A	Loss
Senior B	Loss

WHPS's new student ...



With much gratitude to John Gorman (father of Frances & Phoebe), we have the most charming new sculpture gracing our B Deck. This 'multi-faced student' was designed and skillfully constructed by John, and donated to our school in memory of his much loved wife, Bee.

We are now running a friendly competition to name this sculpture so it can be firmly entrenched in our school culture. Please have some fun with your children and submit a name by the end of Week 9. You can drop your response into the office, email Mr Scotter or visit Ms Williamson with your submission. The Student Representative Council will then make a decision on the name by early Week 10.

Be creative, have fun and good luck!
Ms Linda Williamson



DRAMA

Our Drama performances begin next week. We hope to see you here to watch.

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.

Kindergarten	Wednesday 3 rd December @ 2pm
Year 1	Wednesday 10 th December @ 2 pm
Year 2	Tuesday 2 nd December @ 2 pm

Ginny Macpherson
Teacher - Drama RFF

Christmas Showcase Concert – Thursday 4th December

This year Wheeler Heights will again be celebrating the end of another fabulous year with a Christmas Showcase Concert on Thursday 4th 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)	Individual and group multimedia presentations will be displayed between items over the course of the evening – students will be notified
	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		

CHESS NEWS

Yesterday Ethan Baillie and Jet Tracy from Year 4 and Luke Dixon, Alexander Wu, Jago Barker, Patrick Aldridge, Sophie Waller, Sofia Bayfield and Scarlett Henderson from Year 3 represented WHPS in the NSW Junior Chess League All-Day Chess Tournament held at Pittwater House (free entry, thanks to sponsorship by the Accor Group). 54 teams from throughout the northern beaches competed, with our children playing 7 games against (mostly) equally matched opponents and our A Team (Ethan, Jet and Luke) finishing 7th!

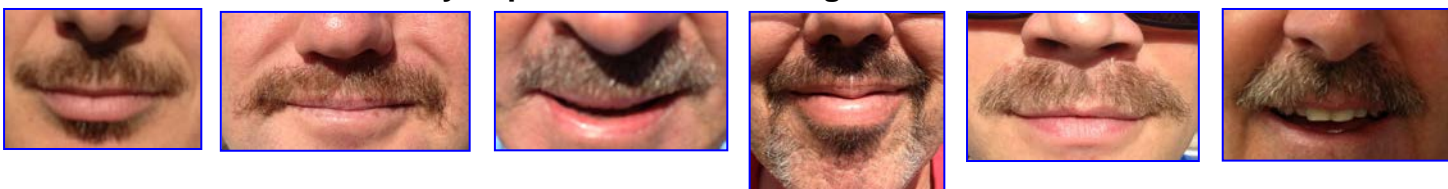
The tournament is always an excellent day for gaining match-play experience, with the players learning to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, no matter what the result. Our participation is only ever possible through the invaluable contributions of parent helpers (extra thanks to Mrs Barker and Mr Dixon, who spent the ENTIRE day there - and are willing to come back for more next year!!!), our wonderful coach Lev and of course our chess-loving Principal! Many thanks to all.

Ms Zilhardt



Movember is coming to a close – oh how disappointed everyone must be! To date we have collectively raised nearly \$2000 - 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?



YEAR 2 AT SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME



For the past two weeks Year 2 students have been travelling to Manly Pool each day. They have been taking part in the Year 2 Special Swimming Scheme. This scheme was established to ensure all children are offered water safety and swimming instruction.

On the first day all students were assessed and put into groups to ensure their individual swimming requirements were met. Over the two weeks, every child has improved, grown in confidence and their swimming ability has been enhanced.

They have also learned important, life saving water safety information each day. The children have responded to the theory and

practical aspects of the scheme with positive attitudes and have all been doing their personal best.

Year 2 have been amazing Wheeler Way role models for our school! Their good behaviour has been commented on by the swimming instructors, pool staff and bus drivers. Well done Year 2! We are very proud of you!

Mrs Priscilla Wright



TOYS 'N' TUCKER

As we approach the festive season, the SRC is supporting a Christmas appeal that will help families who are in need. The "Toys 'n' Tucker" drive is run by Anglicare and we would like the Wheeler community to bring in food items (see suggested list) and/or toys (new toys only). Please remember teenagers love presents too so if you can bring in something for that age group it would be much appreciated.

The collection will run for two weeks and will conclude on Monday 8th December. Please leave all items (unwrapped) in the office.

Thanking you for your support.

Tracey Mavromatis
(SRC Coordinator)

Suggested shopping List:

Christmas Food:

Long life custard
Pasta sauce
Tinned tuna/salmon/ham
Christmas cakes & puddings
Small packs of biscuits
Small packs of lollies

Gifts for babies, children & teenagers:

Toys for all ages
Gift cards
Toiletry gift packs for teenagers
Sports equipment
Family games
Books for all ages



LIVE LIFE WELL!!

The poster featured in today's newsletter was made by Lara Feltscheer (3M). Well Done Lara - Congratulations! Lara's poster will be on display in the office window for the next week.

Tracey Mavromatis

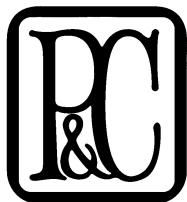
SRC Coordinator

SPORT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR GROUP PHOTOS

Our extra-curricular group photos were taken recently and are now ready to order online. These photos included photos of PSSA teams, school leadership groups, and a wide variety of extra-curricular groups.

This year the photos will only be available for ordering online. To do so, please visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the 9 digit online order code VV6 AZM K8X.

Online ordering allows you to view each photo before placing a secure online order at the discounted online price of \$14.00 per group. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.



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Supporting our Students & School



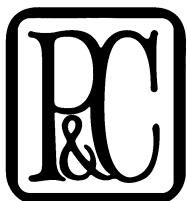
The End-of-Year is fast approaching now, with less than three weeks to go until the big summer break will be upon us. In the P&C committee, we have seen a few changes throughout 2014, as some of our terrific volunteers of previous years, who have older children, have started looking towards their kids' 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 3rd 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: _____

RSVPs can also be made
via the front office or
via Flexischools online!

BAND NEWS



WELCOME TO NEW BAND MEMBERS!

Over recent days and weeks, **Kelvin Anderson** and **Natalie Mastroianni**, our beloved Training Band conductors have carried out "blow tests" for those children joining band next year. Musical stardust was spilling everywhere as the excited new band children trialed prospective new instruments. Next year promises to be a fantastically large and promising Training Band. Thank you also to our fantastic parent volunteers **Mako Turner** and **Philippa Blaxill** for all their work.

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 **Friday, 5th 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.

TIMES ARE A CHANGING

By now you've now doubt heard that our endearing and much loved Senior and Intermediate Band conductor, **Mrs Cheryl Oxley**, will not be returning to the school to conduct next year. The school's band program owes Cheryl her a huge debt of gratitude. Over the last 7 years of her tenure as our Principal Conductor many children (and parents) have been inspired by Cheryl's infectious passion for music, her drive and her irrepressible enthusiasm for music and performance. The Band Committee wishes Cheryl and her family all the best in their future endeavours. **We love you Cheryl!**

The Band Committee has been able to secure a new Principal Conductor for 2015. We look forward to introducing you to **Cassandra White** in the new year, who will be conducting the Intermediate and Senior Bands.

HIRED INSTRUMENT RETURN – NEW DATES

For **Senior and Intermediate Bands** all hired instruments will be returned **after school** on **Thursday 11th December**. (**SAME DATE**)

For the **Training Band** all hired instruments are to be returned immediately after their final performance at the K-2 Presentation Assembly on the morning of **Friday 12th December**. (**NEW DATE**) Please help your child clear out their case of personal items before they come to school that day. If you know of any problems with the instrument, please let us know in person or send us an email so we can have it attended to during the annual maintenance

Let us know by e-mail if, for any reason, you need to return your instrument earlier than the scheduled date.

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT

whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89

END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT!

Tuesday, 2 December 2014: from 5.45pm

Next Tuesday is our wonderful WHPS Band Program **"night of nights"** We are looking forward to seeing family members, friends, relatives and anyone else who is interested in coming along to **celebrate** and **appreciate** what our students have achieved this year. If you are joining the band program in 2015, this is a great way to see what we are all about – please feel welcome to come along! Entry is free. **Fun** is guaranteed!

JAZZ BAND GIGS

As a special treat, the Jazz band and selected soloists are performing at the **Helpers Morning Tea** on **Wednesday 3 December**. This is the morning tea which celebrates and thanks the various volunteers and helpers who donate their precious time to helping the school community.

The Jazz Band is also performing at the **School Xmas Showcase & BBQ** next week on **Thursday 4th December**. All families are invited along to lend their support not only to our incredible jazz ensemble but also to the event generally.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

On Thursday 11 December our **Senior Band** will be performing at the **3-6 Presentation Assembly**. The event starts at 9.30am. On Friday 12 December our **Training Band** will be performing at the **K-2 Presentation Assembly** (also at 9.30am).

These are both wonderfully dignified occasions and provide a great chance for our bands to perform in front of the wider school community as part of the ceremonies. Parents are welcome to attend either or both events.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

End of Year Social Event: Manly Waterworks
All Band Families Friday 28th November 4.30-6.30pm

End of Year Band Concert
All Bands Tuesday 2nd December (arrive 5.45pm)

Christmas Showcase & BBQ
Jazz Band
Thursday 4th December 5.30pm

Hire Instrument Return Dates
Interm. & Senior Bands Thurs 11th Dec from 3.20pm
Training Band Fri 12th Dec: after final performance

3-6 Presentation Assembly
Senior Band
Thursday 11th December 9.30am

K-2 Presentation Assembly
Training Band
Friday 12th December 9.30am

All Rehearsals will continue until Week 10

MONA JOHNSON



CANTEEN NEWS

bites from behind the counter

This year we sadly bid farewell to 10 volunteers.

Many of the mums and Dad have been doing canteen for over 12 years, with their last child leaving WHPS it is now time for them to hang up their aprons.

Their loyal service term after term has been invaluable and I personally am going to miss them all, please give a huge round of applause to;

- » Hayley Watts
- » Sharon Forsyth
- » Clare Filmer- Rasmey
- » Tracey Logan
- » Linda Glasson
- » Pete Gray (ground breaking father)
- » Jacquie Adams
- » Joob Kofoed - fingers crossed we can keep her a little bit longer
- » Mako Turner
- » Chris Collings who served as the Canteen Convener for a number of years and saw the transition from the old canteen to the new.

Canteen Volunteers 2015

The canteen is desperate for volunteers in 2015, if you are available please email on whpscanteen@gmail.com.

No experience is necessary. Lunch, tea, coffee and good company are all provided!

Your children will be happy to see you in their favourite place – school. A rewarding part of the school community.

Forgotten Recess

Should your child forget their morning tea a piece of fruit will be given & charged at \$1 a piece, to be reimbursed to the canteen the next day.

Forgotten lunch

Should your child forget their lunch a vegemite or cheese sandwich and a piece of fruit will be given and charged \$3.00 which is to be reimbursed to the canteen the next day.

Menu

Please be advised as the year comes to a close we will be slowly taking items off the menu.

Finished for 2014 are Frozen Yogurts and Icey Poles.

Flexischools will be up to date with any changes.

Thank you to Mandie Spooner for creating such a lovely newsletter.

This is the final canteen newsletter for 2014.

Wishing everyone a Happy Safe Holidays!

Zoe & Tracey

ROSTER WEEK 9 – 10

MONDAY 1 st	TUESDAY 2 nd	WEDNESDAY 3 rd	THURSDAY 4 th	FRIDAY 5 th
Paula O'Donnel 9972 9226	Amy Keary Michelle Pitt	Belinda Back 0425 252 407	Karina Barnes 0437 009 995 Tara McConnell 0459 122 072	Mona Johnson 9984 1084 Pete Gray
MONDAY 8 th	TUESDAY 9 th	WEDNESDAY 10 th	THURSDAY 11 th	FRIDAY 12 th
VACANT	Jeanette Helyar	Simne Sakovits 0417 411 516 Susie Russell 0404 40 7535	Penny Soegaard 9984 9798	Philippa Blaxall 0404 555 055 Jacquie Adams 9972 0182

**LAST DAY
FOR CANTEEN**



UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

We have a great selection of 2nd 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 or come in and see us any Friday morning ☺

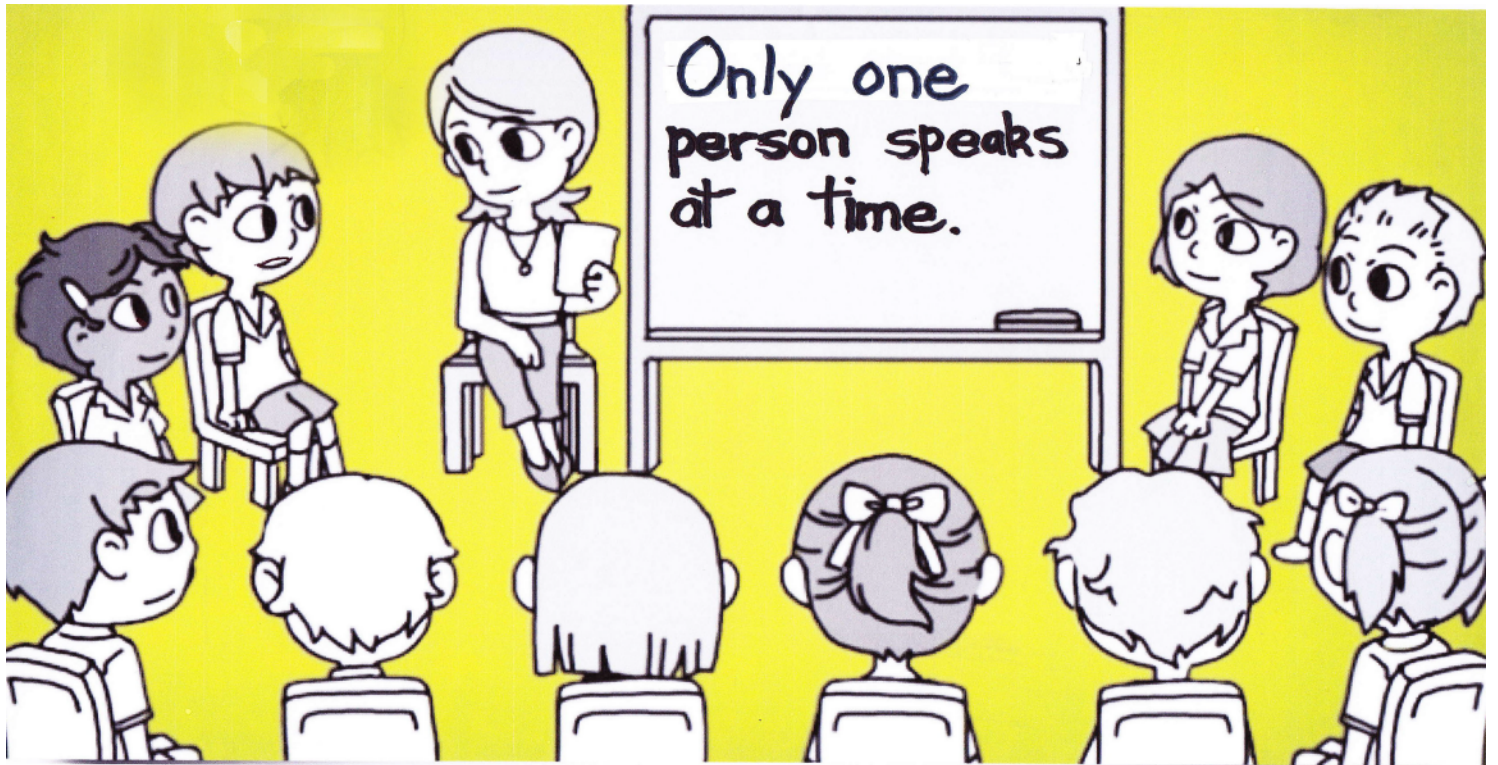
Thank you

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Ethics Teachers WANTED !

Join our small team and make a big difference :)



IN 2014 Ethics Classes were introduced to Wheeler Heights public school. Though elected by students across all stages, we were only able to provide this valuable subject to Years K-2. We would like to change that problem this year and be able to give years 5 & 6 the opportunity to take this subject too.

Its been great to hear we have had many student applications for 2015 but with only three teachers we will once again not be able to fill the positions required to teach every child who would like to learn this subject. We are seeking people with two spare hours a week and an interest in childrens' education.

Join our small team and make a big difference!

We currently have four volunteers, Belinda, Ethics Coordinator & our three teachers Mandie, Susie and Jane.

You don't have to be a parent to volunteer

Grand-parents, family friends, teaching training graduates or university students, anyone who is interested can apply to be an Ethics Teacher.

Classes run for 30 minutes - once a week

It is a manageable commitment which takes no more than 2 hours per week of your time. It is extremely rewarding and educational for both teacher and students alike!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE ETHICS COORDINATOR - BELINDA REED:

wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com | 0438 827 186

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MARKET

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SATURDAY 6TH DEC

9 AM - 3 PM

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

