

The Wheeler Word

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Term 4 Week 9

4 December 2014

*Congratulations to all **band members** for a wonderful concert on Tuesday evening. The Senior, Intermediate and Training band all played a number of pieces and band awards were presented. We are so fortunate to have such talented musicians and incredibly dedicated and supportive band directors and parents. It has been another extremely busy but truly memorable year for the WHPS Band this year!!*

Christmas Showcase and P&C BBQ tonight- 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. The Jazz band will be performing from 6pm.

Sports Presentation Assembly- tomorrow Friday 5th December at 2pm

The first of our Presentation assemblies is on tomorrow 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.

Year 5 Leadership Elections

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who presented excellent short speeches on Monday. Students in Years 3-5 and staff then voted. The top five boys and girls will be informed at school on Monday with the positions of captain, vice captain and prefects being announced at Thursday's presentation assembly.

Pedlar's Parade

Year 6 and the entire school are very excited about next Tuesday's Pedlar's Parade. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter.

Drama Performances

Our amazing Drama performances began this week. Congratulations to Year 2 and Kindergarten who performed this week to large appreciative crowds. Every child in the grade performed with creative costumes, catchy songs and every child had a line!! Congratulations to Ginny MacPherson, our Drama specialist who coordinated these wonderful performances. Year 1 will perform next Wednesday at 2pm in the hall.

Year 2 Special Swimming Scheme

Congratulations to our Year 2 students who completed 10 days of intensive swimming instruction last week. Special thanks to teachers Mrs Wright, Ms McColl, Mrs Westwood, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Estcourt who accompanied and organised the students each day.

Helpers Morning Tea

It was lovely to see a large group of parents, grandparents, scripture teachers, reading helpers and supporters attend the morning tea yesterday. Once again the highlight was our talented Jazz band who entertained us. Special thanks to Anthony MacDermott and Jorgen Kofoed who assisted with the organisation on the day.

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 have been distributed 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 recently.

COMING EVENTS

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 @ Dee Why Beach
K-2 Super Hoot Morning Tea 11am

Tues 9 Dec

Pedlar's Parade 11-12.30

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
Reports sent home

Mon 15 Dec

Wailers Choir to Plateau View 2.30pm
Yr 6 Farewell 6pm

Tues 16 Dec

Yr 6 Graduation 2pm

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

Kindy students begin

Tues 3 Feb

Yr 3- 6 School Swim Carnival @ Manly



The Wheeler Way

Stationery List 2015

Many parents have asked about purchasing stationery for their children's class for next year. We will be publishing an initial stationery list on the website and by email later this term. It will include the majority of items needed and consequently parents may be able to buy things on sale or for Christmas!!

PD/Health/PE Video

You may remember a project organised by Ms Cindy Waldoek earlier in the year where a number of classes were filmed doing physical activity for the DEC PD/Health/PE Curriculum Unit. The excellent video featuring many of our children is now on you tube at <http://youtu.be/htBcFNHushE>. The website that includes the case study will be available at the start of next year.

ArtFest Masterpieces

Unfortunately there are still a number of quality artworks available from the school Artfest held in September. At the end of next week we will be donating selected works to local nursing homes and agencies. Please consider purchasing your child's individual artwork if you have not done so already. They would make a very original gift for a parent, sibling, grandparent or even a friend. Please see the office or your class teacher.

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 Bell Times

Next year we will be making a minor change to the bell times. From 2015 the start of lunch will be 1pm (instead of 1.10pm) and the end of lunch will be 1.50pm (instead of 2pm). This change is being made to more equitably divide up the three learning sessions of the day.

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

WHPS's new student ...



With much gratitude to Joe 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 Joe, 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



Christmas Showcase Concert – tonightThursday 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

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)
	Italian Dialogue
	Principal's Welcome
	Junior Dance Group (all current Junior Dance Students)
	Wheeler Wailers Choir (all junior choir 'wailers' members)
	2M Boot Scooters (all members of 2M)
	Public Speaking Finalists (students will be notified)
	Arts North Choir (all senior choir students)
	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 course of the evening – students have been notified

YEAR SIX PEDLARS' PARADE THIS COMING TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014

Who? All students K-5

When? Tuesday 9th December 11am till 12:30pm

Where? B, C and D deck

What can you buy to eat? Cakes, Milkshakes, Spiders, ice-creams, Waffles, Corn on the cob, Cookies, Pink lemonade, Snow cones, Brownies, Muffins, Frappe's, Punch, Soft drinks etc.

What activities can you do? Obstacle course, Sponge throwing, Water balloons, Crazy catcher, Goal shoot out etc.

How much money can you bring? \$5-\$10 (bring change if possible)

What will the money be used for? Year 6 will be using the money we raise to buy a gift for the school.



Year 6 Students and Teachers

TOYS 'N' TUCKER



Thank you for your generous support of the "Toys 'n' Tucker" collection. There are lots of fantastic toys and food items that will bring smiles to many faces over the festive season. If you still wish to donate there are a few days left as the collection will finish next Monday 8th December.

Thank you.

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



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.

LIVE LIFE WELL!!

The poster below was designed by Eduardo Briones (1A). Congratulations Eduardo! This fantastic poster will be on display in the office window for the next week.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator





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

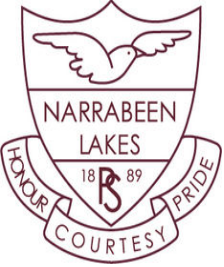
8:30am – 9:45am Friday 1 – 2 shifts per term, to suit you!

Please email your details to whpsuniform@gmail.com or come in and see us any Friday morning ☺

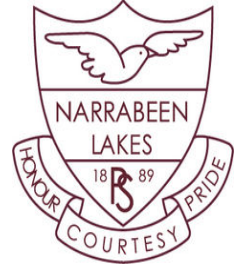
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Narrabeen Lakes Public School



Presents

LOPPING LOCKS FOR LEUKAEMIA!

Raising funds for Sydney Children's Hospital



When: Friday, 5th December
Time: 2:00pm—3:00pm
Where: Outside Narrabeen
Lakes Public School Hall



Inspired by the strength and determination of former Narrabeen Lakes PS and Pittwater HS student, Jake Greenhalgh, who is currently battling Leukaemia

Bid a fond farewell to Mr Casey's beard, and Josh and Austin's long hair and let's raise over \$5,000!

Donate online: via the "Narrabeen Lakes" page on Everydayhero.com (<https://schf-fundraising.everydayhero.com/au/nathan-1>)

Donate in person: via the Narrabeen Lakes Public School office





1st Narrabeen Scouts

Christmas Tree Sale

The Scout Hall, end of Kent Street, COLLAROY

Saturday 13th Dec.

Sunday 14th Dec. *(unless sold out)*

8am—3:30pm



Thank you for your support

Contact: Neville 0427 229 692

The 'War Vets' Village

*Tuesday, the 9th of December 2014
from 5:00 pm
in the Montgomery Centre*

Performances by

Veterans Voices
(Led by Jeannie Sellars;
Accompanist Colin Bright)

**Collaroy Plateau Primary School
and Sing Australia Choir**
(Choir led by Lorelei Morris,
Accompanist Lee Whyte)

"Tinsel"
The RSL ANZAC Village Staff Choir

**CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**



Free Sausage Sizzle and
Cold Drinks
Santa will be dropping by

Everyone is Welcome