

The Wheeler Word



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Term 3 Week 4

6 August 2015

From The Principal:

Book Fair, Open Classrooms and Sculpture Walk - Wednesday 26 August

Please note this date in your calendar....more details soon!!!

PCS Music Festival

Congratulations to the Year 6 tappers and the PCS Wailers choir who performed at Pittwater HS on Monday evening. The PCS Music Festival is a wonderful event showcasing the talents of the ten primary schools and three high schools in our area. Special thanks to *Trish McCombie* who is the conductor of the massed choir and Nicole Marshall who directed the talented tap dancing group. Special mention also to Brianna Mc K who sang beautifully as a soloist with the massed choir.



School Athletics Carnival

We were very fortunate to have a fine but cold day at Narrabeen on Tuesday. Congratulations to all students who participated so enthusiastically and with great sportsmanship. I was very impressed with the efforts of our younger students in the field events (high jump, long jump & shot put). I'm sure our special athletic sessions for Years 2- 4 helped them improve their skills in preparation for this week. Special thanks to Mr Blanshard and Mrs Smith who organised the carnival so well. The district carnival will be on Tuesday 25 August and notes will be distributed to eligible athletes soon. Please see the results later in the newsletter.

Education Week

I hope you all enjoyed last week's Education Week assembly. It was pleasing to see many parents and friends come along at lunchtime to have lunch with their children. Congratulations to all our concert performers and in particular the two young choir soloists Imogen L & Lily S from 1/2T.

School Disco

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Disco last Thursday. Almost 360 children danced the night away and DJ Andy was highly impressed with the behaviour, enthusiasm and talent of our students. Well done to the P&C fundraising committee and the Year 1 parents who were so well organised and ran the evening so smoothly!

Enrolments 2016

Please don't forget to let the office know if you have a sibling coming to Wheeler Heights next year, and also let your friends and neighbours know. We have another school tour scheduled for next Wednesday 12 August at 2pm.

First Aid for Children

We are very fortunate that the St John Ambulance group will be running a first aid workshop for all students in Years 3-6 in the next few weeks. See the flyer later in this newsletter for further information of content.

COMING EVENTS

Fri 7 Aug PSSA - bye

Sun 9 Aug
Wheeler Woodstock (Band)

Tues 11 August
Snr Choir @ Town Hall

Wed 12 Aug
2pm School Tour

Fri 14 Aug PSSA & First Aid

Mon 17 Aug
First Aid
P & C meeting 7pm

Thurs 20 Aug Spelling Bee
Yrs 3-6 Think U Know?
Online safety 6pm

Fri 21 Aug PSSA
Musica Viva & First Aid

Mon 24 Aug
School Ballroom Dance
event 2pm

Tues 25 Aug Dist. Athletics

Wed 26 August
Open Classrooms, Book Fair
& Sculpture Walk

Thurs 27 Aug Yr 1 exc.
Dance Challenge @ DY RSL

Friday 28 Aug Kindy & Yr 2
excursions

Wed 2 Sept
PCS Science Expo

Fri 4 Sept
Fathers Day stall

Mon 7 Sept
Syd Nth Athletics

Tues 8 Sept
Surf to School Day

Thurs 10 Sept K-2
Public Speaking finals

Fri 11 Sept
School Tour 9.45am

Mon-Wed 14-16 Sept
Yr 5 to Bathurst

Tues -Thurs 15-17 Sept
Yr 6 to Canberra

Tues 15 Sept Yr 3/4 Public
speaking finals

Fri 18 Sept K-2 Sports Day
End Of Term

TERM 4

Tues 6 Oct Term begins

Mon 19 Oct P&C AGM

Sat 7 Nov Trivia Night!!!



The Wheeler Way

Chess News

Congratulations to our magnificent 'A Team' for their valiant efforts last Friday. Ethan, Jet, Luke and Ollie were narrowly defeated 4.5-3.5 in the regional finals against Neutral Bay PS. The team conducted themselves very well as strong Wheeler Heights ambassadors and a force to be reckoned with!

Online Safety Presentation

We are pleased to be hosting a 'ThinkUKnow?' presentation for parents, carers and teachers to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. The presentation is free and will take place here at school on Thursday night, 20 August. More information is provided later in this newsletter.

Ballroom Dancing- Monday 24 Aug at 2pm

A number of schools have also begun this new program and the feedback has been extremely positive. We will be having a Dance off at school on Monday 24 August at 2pm where parents will be able to come along and see their children in action. From this day and weekly sessions our dance teacher will be selecting 30 students to attend the Dancesports Northern Beaches Challenge on the evening of Thursday 27 August at Dee Why RSL. On this night eight couples from Year 5 and seven other couples from Year 5 or 6 will dance off against the four other local schools, Mona Vale, Bilgola, Collaroy and Avalon. More information soon and be sure to practice with your kids at home!!

University of NSW (ICAS) Competitions

Last week was the ICAS English Assessment, with all Years 4 and 6 sitting the test and students in Years 3 and 5 who elected to sit the test. Next week will be the ICAS Mathematics Test, with the same arrangements as above. Class teachers will notify classes of exact dates and times. Practice questions are now available online at <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>

Woolworths Dockets

Once again we are collecting the Woolworths dockets as a fundraiser. Last year we donated the resources to Stewart House and this year the SRC will decide upon another worthy organisation.

TERM Dates:

Term 3 finishes Friday 18 September

Term 4 Tuesday 6 October- Wednesday 16 December

David Scotter

Principal

From The Deputy:

Individual Health Care Plans

Parents of students with identified health care needs or conditions should have received information and standard paperwork for the annual update and review of our OHS management processes. Parents will be asked to complete updated management plans in consultation with the school and medical professionals. In the interests of student safety, please return completed paperwork to the front office as soon as practical.

If you believe you should have received paperwork and have not (i.e. your child has a serious medical condition), please let me know.

ThinkUKnow? Online Safety Presentation 20 August

As you are aware, a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers is scheduled to be delivered at school on Thursday 20th August.



The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Online grooming;
- Inappropriate content – both self-created and accessed;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Scams, fraud and identity theft;
- Social networking;
- Gaming;
- Instant Messaging & Chat;
- Peer to Peer;
- Mobile Technologies;
- Reputation management;
- Privacy;
- Protecting your computer; and
- Where to go if things go wrong

ThinkUKnow is centred on three key areas: how youth have fun online, how to help them stay in control on the net, and how to report when things go wrong. The presentation will discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report problems.

The parents, carers and teachers' session includes short videos and real life case studies. Fact sheets on the issues outlined above will also be provided and can be downloaded from the ThinkUKnow website, www.thinkuknow.org.au.

The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present.

Primary Parent Planner APP!

If you haven't signed up yet, please give it a go. This is a vital part of our whole school communication process and allows for specific and timely notification of important events and announcements.



Bike Found

A reminder that a bike has been found left in the school grounds over the last few weeks. If you believe it may be yours, please come and see me.

John Williams

Deputy Principal (relieving)

From The Office:

When making payments, you are able use the one envelope to pay for multiple students and activities.

On the face of the envelope include the name of the student/s and class/es and list each activity or include an explanation inside the envelope.

When making payments via direct credit, if you are paying for multiple activities, you only need to make one payment. After making the payment, please immediately send an email to the school wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with name of student/s, class and a brief explanation of paid activities.

Jodie Sly

School Administration Manager

Chess News:

Again, extra well done to the A-team boys - Luke (who STILL remains undefeated), Ollie, Ethan and Jet - who came a very close "second" to Neutral Bay last Friday. We were defeated by only the very narrowest of margins - 3.5 vs 4.5 - with hard-fought matches lasting 'til 6:00pm!

A valiant effort by parent drivers and by Lev - many, many thanks to all!

Heike Zillhardt

Chess Coordinator

Sports News

PSSA

All PSSA sports have a BYE this week. Last week there were some very tough matches. Parents if you would like to keep up-to-date with the latest PSSA information. Download the Team App from your Android or Apple store and subscribe to the Pittwater PSSA App. This has draws, results and ladders as well as other important information such as ground closures and codes of conduct.

Next week we take on Avalon followed by Newport the following week. Don't forget to begin training for our Spring/Summer PSSA competition The sports include:

Senior (Turning 11 or older in 2015)	Junior (turning 9 or 10 in 2015)
Senior Boys - Cricket Senior Girls - Softball	Junior Girls - Pittwater Tag Junior Boys - Softball Junior Boys and Girls (<i>non competitive</i>) - AFL

Yours in sport,

Mr Tyson Blanshard

Sports Coordinator 2015

SRC Update 😊

Day for Nepal- TODAY

As previously mentioned we would like to support the community of Nepal who have experienced utter devastation as a result of the recent earthquakes. We are holding a *Day for Nepal* TODAY and students have brought in a gold coin and/or a donation of stationery items for a village school we will have a first-hand connection with. The exciting aspect of this venture is that we have a direct link in Fiona Chadwick (Malie 1/2T & Shanti 2M) who will take all goods and funds directly to Nepal in September. As a mark of respect the students look resplendent wearing the colours of the Nepalese flag: red, white & blue.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Once again Woolworths is running this promotion and we ask the Wheeler community to support it (if you shop at Woolies!!) Essentially, for every \$10 spent in-store, you receive a sticker – these stickers can then be placed in a box in the school office. The total amount of stickers equates to a dollar value which will be used to purchase a variety of wonderful teaching/ learning resources. The SRC will select a worthy charity to donate these items to later in the term.

Tracey Mavromatis

SRC Coordinator

From The Library

Only 15 days to go!

Congratulations to the following PRC stars:

Kindergarten – Jaxon D, Murray P

Year 2 – Ava D, Elle D, Meisha E, Shanti G, Hayden I, Thomas M, Chloe T

Year 3 – Lucy C

Year 4 – Rosie C, Harrison C, Jade G, Georgia H, Scarlett H, Olivia H, Taylor L, Gabrielle W

Year 5 – Makensie D, Mya G, Neve K, Hamish S

Year 6 – Kahli J

Students from 3-6 will continue to enter their books online during their library sessions. They also have the option of booking a computer at lunch time to finish typing their entries. Copies of completed reading logs are available from the library for students who wish to type them up at home.

All books must be entered online before **August 21**. Keep reading and typing!

Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood

Library

It's Spelling Bee time!!

The Wheeler Heights Premier's Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, August 20. Two representatives from each Stage 2 and Stage 3 class will be selected to compete for the title of Stage Spelling Bee Champion. The top two spellers from each stage will go on to compete in the Premier's Spelling Bee Zone final being held later in the term.



If your child wishes to start practising, the official word lists for the 2015 Premier's Spelling Bee, provided by Macquarie Dictionary, are now available at:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2015-premiers-spelling-bee>

Password: robot

* Junior (Yrs 3+4) words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5

* Senior (Yrs 5+6) words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7

Happy Spelling!

Julia Smith

*Assistant Principal (relieving)
Spelling Bee coordinator*

Week of Tastes

Year 3 and 4 are fortunate to be participating in the *Week of Tastes* program this term.

The aim of the program is to take the students through a series of fun exercises to:

- Enrich their vocabulary by creating a new lexicon for taste
- Discover how all 5 senses are used to appreciate food
- Teach them how to discern sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami
- Develop a positive attitude towards tasting new foods
- Encourage curiosity, thinking and analytical skills when eating



The students will then be visited by the following 'food professionals':

Baker- Joanne Day, Beekeeper- Allyson Apte and Chef- Nenand Djuric.

This visit will help the children develop an appreciation for the origin of food, how it is prepared and its taste. It will also allow students to hear about the life of someone who works with food.

In preparation for this visit, our students will be participating in activities around how we taste using all our senses. For our sessions, students will need to **bring in a blindfold (one like a sleeping mask used on a plane)**.

If you happen to have any airline blindfolds at home, Year 3 and 4 would be very grateful if you would lend them to them for weeks 4 and 5 to make their experience more effective.

It is going to be a fun and tasty couple of weeks!

Julia Smith

Assistant Principal (relieving)

Count down till our Sculpture Exhibition ...

Families have just two more weeks to create their sculptures for our fast approaching Sustainable Sculpture Exhibition. During Week 6 we would like you to take your sculpture to the library, making sure you have your name, and name of your sculpture on a piece of paper. (I will then type and laminate your information before attaching to the sculpture.)

Our exciting event will be launched on Tuesday 25th August at 11am. Parents and community will then be invited to our sculpture walk in the bushland as well as in the hall (for fragile pieces) anytime up until Thursday afternoon. Any further queries please email Ms Williamson (linda.williamson@det.nsw.edu.au)



Lili B - Barky the Dog



Neve K - Marshmallow Chicken

P&C

Uniform Survey:

The WHPS P&C Committee invites parents who have daughters currently enrolled at school to complete this 4 question survey to give us your opinions on the current girls' winter uniform. Based on feedback, the P&C committee will make recommendations to the Principal who, in conjunction with the P&C executive, will communicate a decision later in the year.

This survey closes 6pm Friday 7 August 2015 (tomorrow!)

Take the survey by clicking the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/25QXQKT>

Thank you in advance for your participation,

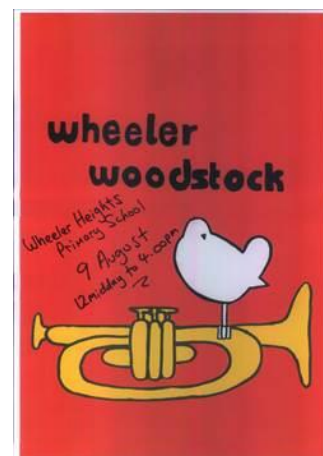
P&C Executive

Wheeler Woodstock – This Sunday!

We wish our band well who, in conjunction with the jazz bands from Curl Curl, Harbord and Mona Vale Public Schools is hosting a Jazz band Workshop this **Sunday 12:00 – 4pm**.

Renowned Jazz Musician and Educator **John Morrison** along with trombone & pocket trumpet extraordinaire **James Greening** will be running the workshops. Also coming along as a mentor this year is the Australian Jazz legend **Judy Bailey**. Judy holds a special place in Australian jazz history as one of this country's earliest and most prominent female jazz musicians and teachers.

A Combined Jazz Bands **Concert will begin at 3:15pm** for families and friends.



SRE – Catholic Mass for primary students

Years 3 – 6 will celebrate Mass in St Rose Church (across the road from school) during normal scripture time on Wednesday 19 August at 10.45am. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

Wheeler Heights Athletics Carnival Results 2015

Age Group	Event	Place	Name
8 years	100m Girls	1 st	Ava S
		2 nd	Lily M
		3 rd	Alexandra P
	100m Boys	1 st	James C
		2 nd	Kobe W
		3 rd	Hudson B
9 Years	100m Girls	1 st	Lulu R
		2 nd	Taylor N
		3 rd	Rosie C
	100m Boys	1 st	Luke W
		2 nd	Max T
		3 rd	Ewan W
10 Years	100m Girls	1 st	Neve B
		2 nd	Mia H
		3 rd	Asha N
	100m Boys	1 st	Zac C
		2 nd	West L
		3 rd	George S
11 Years	100m Girls	1 st	Kahli J
		2 nd	Honey P
		3 rd	Madison S
	100m Boys	1 st	Archie S
		2 nd	Daniel J
		3 rd	Oliver H
12/13 Years	100m Girls	1 st	Sophia T
		2 nd	Alice M
		3 rd	Erin G
	100m Boys	1 st	Elliot Keary
		2 nd	Mac L
		3 rd	Toby N
Junior	200m Girls	1 st	Neve B
		2 nd	Lulu R
		3 rd	Taylor N
	200m Boys	1 st	Luke W
		2 nd	Owen H
		3 rd	George S
11 Years	200m Girls	1 st	Honey P
		2 nd	Kahli J
		3 rd	Madison S
	200m Boys	1 st	Archie S
		2 nd	Daniel J
		3 rd	Oliver H
Senior	200m Girls	1 st	Sophia T
		2 nd	Erin G
		3 rd	Alice M
	200m Boys	1 st	Ethan M
		2 nd	Toby N
		3 rd	Mac L

Age Group	Event	Place	Name
Junior	800m Girls	1 st	Mia H
		2 nd	Lulu R
		3 rd	Neve B
	800m Boys	1 st	Max T
		2 nd	Jae M
		3 rd	Josh B
11 Years	800m Girls	1 st	Kahli J
		2 nd	Lily G
		3 rd	Finnley W
	800m Boys	1 st	Oliver H
		2 nd	Archie S
		3 rd	Daniel J
Senior	800m Girls	1 st	Erin G
		2 nd	Alice M
		3 rd	Ella B
	800m Boys	1 st	Mac L
		2 nd	Elliot K
		3 rd	Jed R
Junior	Shot Put Girls	1 st	Elsa M
		2 nd	Neve B
		3 rd	Grace B
	Shot Put Boys	1 st	West L
		2 nd	Luke W
		3 rd	Oliver K
11 Years	Shot Put Girls	1 st	Naomi M
		2 nd	Abbey A
		3 rd	Kahli J
	Shot Put Boys	1 st	Archie S
		2 nd	Oliver H
		3 rd	Zach F
Senior	Shot Put Girls	1 st	Sophia T
		2 nd	Erin G
	Shot Put Boys	1 st	Max B
		2 nd	George H
		3 rd	Tyson N

Wheeler Heights Athletics Carnival Results 2015

Age Group	Event	Place	Name
Junior	Long Jump Girls	1 st	Mia H
		2 nd	Zahra N
		3 rd	Madeleine K
	Long Jump Boys	1 st	West L
		2 nd	Corey S
		3 rd	Zac C
11 Years	Long Jump Girls	1 st	Kahli J
		2 nd	Honey P
		3 rd	Madison S
	Long Jump Boys	1 st	Archie S
		2 nd	Daniel J
		3 rd	Oliver H
Senior	Long Jump Girls	1 st	Erin G
		2 nd	Alice M
		3 rd	Sophia T
	Long Jump Boys	1 st	Max B
		2 nd	Sam C
		3 rd	Toby C
Junior	High Jump Girls	1 st	Abigail G
		2 nd	Neve B
		3 rd	Zahra N
	High Jump Boys	1 st	West L
		2 nd	Jonah H
		3 rd	Luke H
11 Years	High Jump Girls	1 st	Abbey A
		2 nd	Kahli J
		3 rd	Lucy C
	High Jump Boys	1 st	Archie S
		2 nd	Daniel J
		3 rd	Oliver H
Senior	High Jump Girls	1 st	Erin G
		2 nd	Sophia T
		3 rd	Alice M
	High Jump Boys	1 st	Mac L
		2 nd	Sam C
		3 rd	Max B
Relays	Junior Girls	1 st	Jenkins
		2 nd	Ramsay
		3 rd	Wheeler
	Junior Boys	1 st	Wheeler
		2 nd	Jenkins
		3 rd	Ramsay
	Senior Girls	1 st	Wheeler
		2 nd	Ramsay
		3 rd	Jenkins
	Senior Boys	1 st	Wheeler
		2 nd	Jenkins
		3 rd	Ramsay

On Tuesday August 4, students from Years 3-6 (and some keen students from Year 2) braved the wet and chilly conditions to attend the Wheeler Heights Athletics carnival at The Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen.

Despite the weather, it was a wonderful day. I would like to congratulate **all** students who participated. It was great to see everyone 'having a go' and trying their personal best. Many teachers were impressed by the comradery shown between students and it was fabulous to see so much House spirit. Congratulations also to those students who received a ribbon for earning a place in their events. There certainly was a lot of talent this year!

A special congratulations to Wheeler who took out the overall point score for the day. With only a few points separating the houses (Wheeler 1st, Ramsay 2nd and Jenkins 3rd) this is testament to how important participation is for your house!

Of course this day would not have run as smoothly as it did without the effort from all the teachers and student teachers getting involved. So a big THANK-YOU!

That's the WHPS Athletics Carnival wrapped up for 2015! We are looking forward to some extra training sessions in preparation for the Zone Carnival which is being held on August 25. Notes and extra information will be sent home early next week once the district team is finalised.

Mrs J Smith

Athletics Carnival Co-organiser 2015

Relieving Assistant Principal

A Notice From The NRMA Science and Roadshow Team:

Hi

We really enjoyed visiting your school to deliver our NRMA Science & Road Safety Day and we would like to continue to spread the road safety message.

Here are six important road safety messages.

1. By law, all children under the age of 7 must use a booster seat. A booster seat allows children to sit taller in the seat so that the adult seatbelt doesn't rest across their neck which is very dangerous in a crash.
2. Did you know that for maximum protection, your child's seatbelt must sit on their collarbone and across their hip bones? If your child is constantly slipping their seatbelt under their arm so that it rests against their ribs, then they may still need a booster seat. We need to keep the seatbelt away from the rib cage as it is not strong enough to withstand the forces generated in a crash.
3. The front seats of cars are potentially dangerous places for children. Airbags deploy at 300km/hr and they are designed to hit an adult at chest height. For any child under the height of 150cm it will hit around head height. Australia growth charts show that less than half of children reach 150cm by the age of 12, so delay your child's move into the front seat for as long as possible.
4. For a bike helmet to do its job, it must stay on your child's head in a crash and the best way to do this is to adjust the straps to ensure there is no more than a two finger space above the eyebrows and between the chin and strap. Take off your cap to ensure your helmet stays in place or wear your hair in plaits rather than a high pony tail when riding.
5. Never slash or cut the inside foam of your bike helmet as this is the part that absorbs all the force that would be transferred to your head should you crash. If you have a crash and your helmet hits the ground, you will need to replace the helmet even if it still looks okay. This is because the all-important inner foam has been compressed and it is now too hard to absorb the force of another crash.
6. Make sure your child's bike is the right size bike so they can always be in control – are the balls of the feet able to reach the ground when they are seated on the bike? If not, you will need to lower the seat. Make sure that the brakes, gears and bell are in easy reach when riding.

Build momentum about these important child safety issues by using the hashtag #NRMAChildSafe or visit mynrma.com.au/childsafety or email education@mynrma.com.au to learn more.

Kind regards,
NRMA education team



St John has been invited to deliver our **First Aid in Schools Program** at your school. This is free program St John (NSW) is offering, to provide school aged children with first aid skills they can use in the event of an emergency

The First Aid in Schools Program is delivered at your school by St John (NSW) Volunteer Educators

Course Content	
Outcomes	Years 3 & 4 5 & 6
• St John action plan DR5AB	✓
• Calling and ambulance (triple 000)	✓
• Recovery Position (practical session)	✓
• Burns	✓
• Manage Bleeding	✓
• Managing bleeding & bandaging	✓
• Certificate of Attendance	✓
• Take home quick help guide	Magnet
	Wallet Card
45 minutes session / class ≈ 30 students.	

For more information please contact
97458740 or email
schoolsprogram@stjohnnsw.com.au

LIBRARY COMPETITION

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK AUG 22-28 2015 :

"BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD"

Is there a book that has lit up your world? One you just couldn't put down, where the characters are your friends, or you keep reading it again and again?



To celebrate Children's Book Week, the WHPS library is running a competition for students to design a **new front cover for their favourite book**. The new cover must include:

1. The title of the book
2. The author's name
3. An original picture based on the content of the book
4. A picture of the student
5. A picture of a light bulb (linking to this year's Book Week theme)
6. A blurb on the back cover explaining how this book has lit up your world (3-6 students only)

Other important conditions of entry:

- Students **K-2** are to present their artwork on **A4 paper**.
- Students **3-6** are to use **A3 paper**, folded in half to represent front and back covers.
- Students should write their full name and class on the reverse side.
- Entries close **Friday August 21 (Week 6)**

Paper for entries can be obtained from the library.

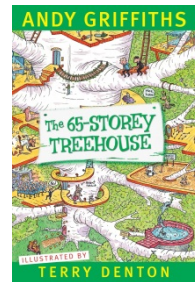
Prizes will be awarded for the best entries from each stage (Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3).

All entries will be displayed in the library. Winners will be announced during Children's Book Week (Week 7).

**The award winning book store
"The Children's Bookshop"
comes to WHPS library!**

Celebrate Children's Book Week at our take-home book fair.

Choose from a huge range of quality literature for you to buy and take home. Select the latest releases, including 'The 65-storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.



Commission from each purchase benefits your school.

Prices from \$15

Wednesday August 26 from 8:45-11:40

If you would like to pre-order a specific title, we might be able to help!

Email Mrs Westwood by 21 August: kathryn.m.westwood@det.nsw.edu.au



• CANTEEN NEWS •

bites from behind the counter

PSSA SPORT AND FLEXISCHOOLS

On Fridays PLEASE MAKE SURE PSSA is selected on Flexischools before placing your order. We can not guarantee their lunch will be ready for pick up at 12:20.

EMERGENCY LUNCH

If your child comes to the canteen for an emergency lunch because they have; left their lunch at home, dropped it in the dirt or the birds have eaten it, they will be offered a vegemite, cheese sandwich, or an apple nothing more.

SPOONS AND FORKS

If you are going to pack your child food that requires them to eat it with a fork or spoon please make sure you pack the utensil.

HEATING FOOD

We are more than happy to heat last nights leftovers, please be aware the microwave can heat unevenly.

Kind regards, *Zoe & Tracey*

• ROSTER WEEK 5 - 8 •

MONDAY 10th	TUESDAY 11th	WEDNESDAY 12th	THURSDAY 13th	FRIDAY 14th
VACANT	Jenni Nelson Tanya Zanelli	Ann Crowe	Penny Soegaard	Kate Van Der Wall Yvette Dee
MONDAY 17th	TUESDAY 18th	WEDNESDAY 19th	THURSDAY 20th	FRIDAY 21st
Mandie Spooner Karenna Carols	VACANT	Peita Hilman	Zoe Lown Kelly Sullivan	Joob Kofoed Philipa Blaxhall
MONDAY 24th	TUESDAY 25th	WEDNESDAY 26th	THURSDAY 27th	FRIDAY 28th
Nicole Byford Karen Carmont	VACANT	Kristyn Mather	Marg Jacobs Kylie Fokkens	Kate Van Der Wall Andrew Barker
MONDAY 31st	TUESDAY 1st	WEDNESDAY 2nd	THURSDAY 3rd	FRIDAY 4th
Paula O'Donnell	VACANT	Deneille Gigg Jeanette Helyar	Sarah Hutchings	Angela Nicholson Mona Johnson

BAND NEWS



BAND EVENTS

www.whpsband.wordpress.com

EDUCATION WEEK TREATS

Well done to our *Senior Band* and our *Jazz Band* who both performed at the Education Week Concert in (and outside) the School Hall on Thursday last week.

The *Senior Band* performed in the main concert and, as usual, the music was rapturous and the crowd enthused. Congratulations Cassie this band is really starting to cook with gas! Extra accolades go also to *Hamish S* who gracefully christened the *Timpani* on their first public performance at Wheeler Heights!

Meanwhile, before the main concert, the *Jazz Band* warmed up the show with an alfresco performance outside the hall. They played a cross section of swing and Latin favourites to critical acclaim. Thanks to all the Jazz Band for being so adaptable and mature with their approach (despite the enormous fun on offer).

THANKS TO CONCERT HELPERS

Thank you so much to the *band parent helpers* who attended the Education Week concert and lent a hand setting up, packing up and mopping up. It was a great comfort to the school and the bands to have such wonderful muscle to help shuffle instruments (including the new timpani) in and around the hall. This all helped the bands' performances (and the concert generally) run smoothly. *Great job guys!*

SECOND HALF YEAR ACCOUNTS NOW DUE

Band parents will by now have received an account for *band fees* for the second half year. Please pay promptly - online through Flexischools or direct deposit - or by cheque (properly labelled) posted in the band mail box in the office. If you have any questions or comments about your account please drop us a line at whpsband@gmail.com.

PARENT OF THE WEEK

Special thanks to our Treasurer *Marg Roberts* for seamlessly coordinating the Band's accounts and band fee collection - all done with a broad smile. Thanks Marg - your patient eye for financial detail will be sorely missed when you leave WHPS!

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

A big thank you to *Thomas M* who has been attending all his Intermediate Band rehearsals even though, following his ear operation, he is not yet able to return to playing his saxophone. Now that is a *team player* - great work Thomas, we all really appreciate the effort you are making!

Another huge thank you to *Will G* who has been attending Training Band rehearsals on a Monday morning (even though he's in Senior band). He has been great *mentor* to the younger musicians as well as a handy music cataloguer and organiser. Thanks Will!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT

whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89

WHEELER WOODSTOCK:

JAZZ BAND WORKSHOP AND FESTIVAL

Here it comes! In conjunction with the jazz bands from *Curl Curl*, *Harbord* and *Mona Vale* Public Schools, Wheeler Heights Primary School is hosting a Jazz band Workshop on Sunday August 9th 12noon - 4pm.

Renowned Jazz Musician and Educator *John Morrison* along with trombone & pocket trumpet extraordinaire *James Greening* will be running the workshops and working with the children in sectionals. Also coming along as a mentor this year is the Australian Jazz legend *Judy Bailey*. Judy holds a special place in Australian jazz history as one of this country's earliest and most prominent female jazz musicians and teachers.

With the *mentors* the bands will be workshopping some prepared pieces (to be played in the concert). In the workshops the children will also be introduced to some basic Jazz principles such as improvisation, using your ear, jazz patterns and having fun on the bandstand. A *Combined Jazz Bands Concert* will begin at **3:15pm for families and friends**. Entry is free, all are welcome to attend. This concert should be a blast.

NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS BAND FESTIVAL

Our *Training Band* will take part in this event on **Saturday 5th September** at *Chatswood High School*. Our band will be performing in a session from **2.30-3.30pm** with other 'Novice' bands that only started learning their instruments this year. Please mark this event your diaries.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Wheeler Woodstock @WHPS

Jazz Band

Sunday 9th August, 12-4pm

3-6 Assembly

Intermediate Band

Thursday 13th August, 2.30pm

Northern Beaches Instrumental Jazz Festival

Jazz Band @ Harbord Public School

Sunday 30th August, Time TBC

North Shore Primary School Concert Bands

Festival @ Chatswood High

Training Band

Saturday 5th September, 2.30-3.30pm

NSSWE Spring Festival @ Chatswood Concourse

Intermediate Band AND Senior Band

Saturday 12th September, 7pm concert

Tickets now on sale: Don't miss out on seeing your child play in this amazing venue!

<http://theconcourse.com.au/nsswe-spring-music-festival/>

Manly Jazz Festival

Jazz Band

Monday 5th October, Time TBC

MONA JOHNSON

WHEELER HEIGHTS OSHC CENTRE

Check out the latest Wheeler Heights News!

Dear all Families,

Here is the latest news, photos and information about what's going on at Wheeler Heights Before and After School Care.

OSHC Educators/ Managers will be attending the **P&C Meeting** this Term on **Monday 17th August**. We aim to broaden children's experiences in WHOSHC by acknowledging community events which are initiated by health, cultural or environmental issues. Some community related events coming up this Term include **Book Week** (22nd-28th August), **Keep Australia Beautiful Week** (25th-31st August) and **World Water Week** (1st-6th September). We invite participation from the community by inviting families and other visitors to the Centre. If you have any suggestions for an interesting visitor or initiative of this type, please speak to our educators at the Centre. Similarly, if you have something to share with the children, such as information about your work life or cultural background, or even a simple story or cooking experience, we would love to have you!

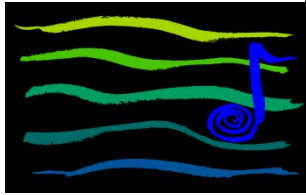
Each Term the Centre holds a **Meeting for the Community**. This meeting is advertised on the Parent/ Community Noticeboard and families are notified via email. The date for this term's meeting is **Wednesday, August 26th**. If you would like to attend the meeting you will need to sign on the displayed sign on sheet. If no names are on the sign on sheet the day before the scheduled meeting, it is cancelled.

All families are also warmly welcomed to come and see our rooms to observe the children's activities, daily journals, programs and work displayed.

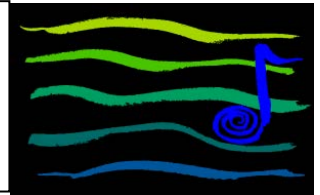
Finally, the Centre receives Commonwealth Government Funding to offer Active After School programs. Although this program has been cancelled, WHOSHC offers active Clubs such as **Ball Sports Club** and **Dance Club** and we (along with all of the Primary OSHCare Centres) are participating in a 5 Week **Commonwealth Youth Games** challenge that is highly engaging and fun and has the students participating in physical activities such as Lawn Bowls, Athletics, Table Tennis and Rhythmic Gymnastics.



Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 0430 351 734 or emailing whoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au. Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.



Arts in Action Boys Vocal Workshop 2015



**Are you a boy in Years 3-6 at a Public School who loves to sing?
Then this experience is for you!**

The *Arts in Action Boys Vocal Workshop* is an exciting initiative specifically designed for boys who have an interest in singing. This program is led by qualified and experienced tutors, and celebrates singing as a fun, healthy and community pursuit.

Date: Thursday 20 August (Forms due Friday 7 August 2015)

Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm (including morning tea and a lunch break)

Location: Beacon Hill Public School, Tristram Rd, Beacon Hill NSW 2100

Cost: Free- **Please be advised that transport to and from the workshop will have to be provided privately.**

If you are interested in this exciting initiative and would like the application form for your son, please contact: **Trish McCombie** (Assistant Principal- Relieving)

Email: wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or just pop into KM.

About the tutors:

Damon G. Wade



Damon is a graduate from the Australian Institute of Music (AIM) in Sydney, with a Bachelor of Music (Music Theatre). Most recently, Damon played the role of Claude in Exclaim Theatre Company's Production of 'Hair'. Previously, he has played Warner in 'Legally Blonde' (Free-Rain Theatre Company), Mark in 'RENT' (AIM), and Ensemble in 'Sweeney Todd' (AIM).

During his time at AIM, Damon was cast as George Gershwin for the workshop of a new Australian musical 'King of the Air' by Gavin Lockley and Ann Blainey. Other performance credits include; backing vocalist for The 2013 Premiers Gala Concert, recording vocalist for Animals Australia television commercial), a soloist and recipient of an

annual grant at the Opera and Arts Support Group Gal Dinner in Sydney in 2013, and vocalist for the Australian Premiere of 'Christmas At The House.

Aaron Robuck

Aaron has worked as an actor, writer, director, musical director, stage manager and producer for a number of projects. Currently a staff member at the Australian Institute of Music (AIM), he worked as Assistant to the Director for their 2013 production of RENT and their 2014 production of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. He also worked as Associate Musical Director for their 2014 production of Summer Rain and currently for their 2015 production of Witches of Eastwick.

Aaron is also President of "Exclaim", an independent repertory company made up of Alumni of AIM's Music Theatre Department. He musically directed their maiden production of 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee', starred in their Australian Premier production of 'Glory Days' as 'Will' and will soon Musically Direct their October 2015 production of The Fantasticks. He wrote, starred and choreographed his own cabaret show 'The Hardest Part of Love' as part of the Sydney Fringe 2013. He has also worked as Composer/Lyricist for two new Australian Musicals.

He has recently performed in "Bring It On: The Musical" produced at NIDA's Parade Theatre in June/July.



Volunteer Ethics Teacher at Wheeler Heights Public School – Could this be You?

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies (weekly or fortnightly commitment) for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

All ethics class teachers are volunteers (parents, grandparents or other community members) who can spare half an hour a week (or fortnight) to run the class. It's a fun, rewarding and interesting curriculum for both students and teachers, and enrolments are increasing. Consequently, we currently need more teachers at WHPS to ensure we can offer the classes to all students who have enrolled.

Could this be you? Here is the brief...

- ½ hr class on Wednesday morning;
- About ½-1 hr preparation time each week to read through the curriculum notes provided by Primary Ethics;
- A short training program prior to face-to-face teaching (no prior teaching experience required); and
- A supportive network of other volunteer teachers and the WHPS Ethics Coordinator, as well as classroom, online and phone support from Primary Ethics.

If you are interested in facilitating a class, or would like to know more, please contact the WHPS Ethics Coordinator, Belinda Reed (wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com), and visit the Primary Ethics website primaryethics.com.au. Our current teachers would also be more than happy to talk with you and/or have you along to observe one of our classes.

Belinda Reed

Ethics Coordinator for
Wheeler Heights Public School

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Narrabeen Car Boot Sale

Do you have stuff in your garage that you don't use anymore? Do you need to downsize?
Cleaned out the kids cupboards?

Come and enjoy a great family day out at **NARRABEEN CAR BOOT SALE** and help to raise funds for Narrabeen Sports High School.

If you don't have anything to sell, come along and you will be sure to pick up an absolute bargain! You will be amazed at what you find. There is something for everyone.

WHERE: At the back soccer field Narrabeen Sports High School, end of Namona St North Narrabeen 2101

WHEN: Sunday 30th August
5.30am till 2.00pm

Prebooked confirmed site

\$40 Car Spot

\$50 Car & Trailer

Casual sites on the day

(only if available)

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