### The Wheeler Word

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### Term 4 Wk 7

**24 November 2016** 

The Pink Stumps Day in aid of the McGrath Foundation and Breast cancer is on next week, Wednesday 30 November, with special canteen sausage sizzle lunch orders, treats and a cricket match. All students are encouraged to wear pink and bring in a gold coin donation. Please remember sausage sizzle orders need to be made by **5pm on Monday 28 November**.

The Year 2 students and teachers are enjoying their swimming program each afternoon at Manly Pool. This program will continue all next week.

Tomorrow a group of students will be off to the School Spectacular at Homebush with Miss Collier and Mrs Radom. They are particularly keen to see Mikayla P (Yr 6) who is performing.

Good luck to our five PSSA teams who have qualified for the semi finals tomorrow.

### Kindergarten 2017 Transition - Friday mornings 9.30-10.45am

Tomorrow is the final Kindergarten Transition morning for our 2017 students, with the very popular fashion parade happening!

### **Helpers Morning Tea**

There was a very pleasing number of school helpers who attended the morning tea yesterday. A sincere thank you to all our helpers who greatly contribute to making Wheeler Heights Public School such a special community. A huge thanks to our wonderful Jazz band under the direction of Anthony MacDermott who entertained the parents and our students on the Canteen COLA area.

### Presentation Days-Yrs 3-6 Thursday 8 Dec at 9.30 and K-2 on Friday 9 December at 9.30

We hope to see many parents at the upcoming presentation days. Parents of award winners will soon be notified. Usually the presentation assemblies go for approximately 90 minutes.

### Yr 3-6 Sports Presentation Day - Friday 9 December at 2pm

Please note that the Yr 3-6 Sports Presentation assembly will be on Friday 9 December at 2pm.

### **University of NSW Medalist**

We are very pleased to announce that Jonas K (Yr 2) has won a University of NSW Medal for being one of the highest scoring students in NSW in this year's Science competition. Jonas will receive his medal at a special ceremony at the University of NSW tomorrow afternoon. Congratulations Jonas!

### **Text Books and Resources for 2017**

As we discussed at the recent P&C Meeting, this year we will be using a new procedure for ordering text books and exercise books. A note with details about on line ordering will be in the newsletter shortly. As we have done in previous years, a list of stationery requirements will also soon be available. Families can then order and purchase all book and stationery supplies ready for the new year.

### **Outstanding School Fees**

Overdue fee notices have recently been sent out. All school programs (Gymnastics, Dance, Yoga, Sports Carnivals, PSSA bus fares, Text books, Excursions etc.) are based on the most economical figures based on all students attending and paying fees. Payment of these fees enable us to provide an appropriate range of educational and stimulating activities and programs across the six key learning areas. We hope that many more families will be able to settle their fees in the next few weeks. As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time please see the school office or Mr Scotter directly. All enquiries will be strictly confidential.

### **School Survey**

Look out for the School Survey which will soon be emailed for parents to complete. We plan to have our senior students with iPads to survey parents in the mornings and afternoons. Y3-Y6 students will be given the opportunity to complete their own surveys at school. School surveys are an important tool for us to use to assist in planning decisions for 2017. We would appreciate if you could complete the survey by Thursday 8 December.

David Scotter Principal

### **COMING EVENTS**

Mon 21 Nov-Fri 2 Dec Yr 2 Swim Scheme @ Manly continues

Fri Nov 25 Kindy Transition 9.30-10.45 PSSA Semi Finals Schools Spectacular excursion

**Wed 30 Nov** Pink Stumps Day K-2 Assembly 2:30pm

**Thurs 1 Dec** Yr 1 Drama 2pm Pre-school Drama Performance 10am

Fri 2 Dec Kindy Drama 9:30am PSSA Finals (TBC)

Mon 5 Dec Peddler's Parade K-6

Tues 6 Dec High School O Day Band Concert evening

Wed 7 Dec Yr 2 Drama 2pm Yr 5 Surf Ed

Thurs 8 Dec Yr 3-6 Pres. Day 9.30am

**Fri 9 Dec** K-2 Pres. Day 9.30am Yrs 3-6 Sports Presentation 2pm

Mon 12 Dec Carols Night Talent Quest

Tues 13 Dec Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 14 Dec Yr 6 Farewell

Thurs 15 Dec Class Picnics

Fri 16 Dec Year 6 Clap Out 2.45pm Term 4 ends

### **2017 DATES**

Sat Jan 14 Uniform Shop open from 8.30-11am

Fri 27 Jan Staff return

Mon 30 Jan Yrs 1-6 begin

Thurs 2 Feb Kindy begin

Tues 28 February School Swimming Carnival (TBC)

### FROM THE OFFICE

Students arriving late to school – If your child/children are late to school, you must come to the office with them to receive a late slip otherwise the late slip will be marked as an unjustified absence. If you are unable to walk your children in, please contact the school the same day to explain why they were late.

Bus pass applications – Please read details on page 9 for the process to apply for a bus pass.

School Holiday Activities Programs run by Northern Beaches Council are now open for bookings. Brochures are available from the office.

### K-6 student welfare BOUNCEBACK program

This term students and staff across the school in K-6 are involved in lessons about Toni Nobles BOUNCEBACK strategies. The purpose of BOUNCEBACK is to develop and build students resilience and their capacity to cope well with times of adversity or hardship (and even be strengthened by them). It is the ability to bounce back from difficult times to a fulfilling life while retaining a positive sense of self. Resilience skills are also needed for academic success e.g. persistence, courage & goal setting.

This week's focus is K- Keep things in perspective. It's one part of your life. If you don't keep things in perspective you get upset over very little things and make a mountain out of a molehill. You forget the good bits and see only the bad bits. When something happens, some ways to help you keep things in perspective are to ask yourself: Does this really matter?; Am I getting upset over very little?; On a scale of 1:10 how important is this to me?; How much of my life has this really affected?; How many parts of life are still exactly the same and still as good as they were?; Is it really the end of the world?

This is a link to the DEC video to support parents with childhood resilience: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ote4O3XTZUU

Liz Armstrong Deputy Principal

### SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Tomorrow is our big trip to Homebush for the *Schools Spectacular* performance. All students attending need to meet Ms Collier and Mrs Radom on A deck (the deck outside of 3R) at 8:45am to depart at 9:00am sharp.

If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please contact the school as soon as possible so that a child on the reserve list can go instead.

Any students in Junior Dance who are attending the excursion should go to dance practice from 8:00 - 8:30 and then meet on A Deck at 8:45am

Students will return to school around 4:00pm. Please look out for a notification on Primary Parent Planner in case our arrival time changes due to traffic.

We look forward to looking out for Mikayla P. during the performance!

Thank you. Mrs Richards and Ms Collier

### WHEELER HEIGHTS DANCE PROGRAM



Thank you to all families that have sent in the requested details so far, it's much appreciated. If you have not, could you please send an email to whps.dance@gmail.com containing: your name, child's name, class and mobile phone number for our Dance contacts list. We will use your details to send out the relevant dance information as it becomes available to us.

Jasmine & Deneille whps.dance@gmail.com

### YEAR 1 ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS EXCURSION

On Tuesday 22 November, Year 1 went on an excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens to participate in the Connection and County Program. They learnt how our indigenous people use the land and don't waste anything. The students compared items from the land that indigenous people used to similar man made alternatives available today. Everyone who went had a wonderful day enjoying the beautiful sunshine and learning about our country.

### Mrs Josephs











### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Calling all library books....!

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

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

It is easy to overlook library books and students are often 'positive' that they have returned them, and then the book shows up 12 months later under the bed or inside a cupboard. There is no bad time to return an overdue book. It would be much appreciated if you could take the time to search.

Books need to be returned by Friday 2 December. Unfortunately, I will need to ask for a replacement cost for non-returned books. These notices will be sent out in the following week.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance,

Fiona Bevan Teacher Librarian

### **K-2 DRAMA PERFORMANCES**

Our K-2 students have been working extremely hard on their Christmas plays. They are very excited to present them to you. Details for each performance is below and information flyers will also be sent home with students. See you there!

Mrs Ginny MacPherson Years 1 and 2 Drama Teacher Mrs Louise Seager Kindergarten Drama Teacher

### **KINDERGARTEN**

### Christmas Rhyme



Parents & Grandparents and friends are invited to our special performance...

Where: WHPS School Hall When: 9:30am Friday 2nd December No RSVP necessary

### YEAR 1

### Sugar Plum



Dave Corbett

Parents & Grandparents and friends are invited to our special performance...

Where: WHPS School Hall

When: 2pm Thursday 1st December

No RSVP necessary

### YEAR 2

### Santa & the Swagman



Parents & Grandparents and friends are invited to our special performance...

Where: WHPS School Hall

When: 2pm Wednesday 7th December

No RSVP necessary

### Have you visited the school office lately?



# VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### 3/4S Display

To reflect on Remembrance Day 3/4S have created very effective and moving artworks of soldiers using newspaper, pastels and paint. They have done an outstanding job conveying emotion.

### 3C Display

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! 3C are getting us in the mood for Christmas with some really cute and joyful reindeers. I'm sure you agree that they look amazing.

### **Year 2 Spelling Bee**

Last Thursday Year 2 held their Spelling Bee competition. Accelerate, bouquet, cathedral, equestrian, haphazard and precipice are just a few of the words our immensely talented Year 2 spellers successfully spelt.







Well done to all our finalists: Tyson, Niklas, Charlie, Jonas, Erin, Josh, Rex, Poppy, Eleanor and Taj. It was a very close competition with all the students spelling to an extremely high standard.

### Congratulations to Niklas K. for winning the 2016 Year 2 Spelling Bee!

Thank you to Mrs McColl for organising the Spelling Bee.

### K-6 Healthy Harold Visits 14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November

Over the last two weeks all classes K-6 have enjoyed an informative session on healthy lifestyle choices with Healthy Harold and the Life Education staff Caitlin and Leanne.

Each class visited the Healthy Harold van and participated in engaging activities across a range of areas. Issues covered included: food and nutrition, personal safety, physical safety, cyber safety, medicine safety and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. The Healthy Harold program is designed to help students develop positive relationships, communication and discussion making skills. Parents are also able to access additional information via the Healthy Harold website. (https://www.lifeeducation.org.au)

Below is information from Georgia H and Tyson B about their visit. Other 2E students have also written about their favourite part.

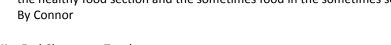
### 2E Healthy Harold Visit

On Monday 2E visited Healthy Harold to learn how to be healthy and have a good life. It was a great experience to learn what is good and bad for you. We learnt about all the different food groups and what different foods could do to your body. We took turns putting different foods in their food groups. We also learnt where different body parts are and how we use them. We watched lots of educational videos and played three fun games. We also saw Healthy Harold who gave us a sticker.

It was really fun and we can't wait to go again. It was great!

### My Favourite Part

- My favourite part was learning about healthy food and the food groups. I also enjoyed playing food tag. By Harry
- I liked the part when we were looking at body parts because it was interesting and I got to learn about different body parts. By Taj
- My favourite parts were seeing the Harold videos and talking about the food By Mya groups.
- My favourite part was playing food tag. We had to put the healthy food in the healthy food section and the sometimes food in the sometimes section. By Connor











Miss Earl Classroom Teacher

### **SPORT NEWS**

### **Nationals for Archie**

Best of luck to Archie this week as he competes in the 200m at Homebush!

### Reminder for the Change of Date

Sports Presentation Day has been moved to Friday 9 December beginning at 2pm in the school hall. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### PSSA Summer/Spring Competition Round 4 vs Collaroy Plateau

It was a great last round against Collaroy Plateau! Congratulations to all the teams on their sportsmanship and coaches for all their efforts over the season! A massive congratulations to both of the T-Ball teams finishing 1st on their ladders and the boys being undefeated all season! Tag Snr Boys finished 3rd and the Jnr Girls came in 2nd. Finally, the Jnr Girls Cricket came 4th. See the results table below. If your child's team is not competing in the finals, could you please wash their jerseys and return school equipment **TO THEIR COACH** asap. Thank you in advance.

We have had many successful teams making the semi finals. The teams and locations are as follows: T-Ball Jnr Boys & Jnr Girls are at Rat Park; Snr Boys & Jnr Girls Tag are at Narrabeen North PS; Jnr Girls Cricket are at Narrabeen Reserve. Best of luck to all these teams in their semi-finals!

SCHOOLS: WHPS	V CPPS	Week 6 Term 4
SPORT	SCORE	WIN/DRAW/LOSS
Jnr Boys Cricket	57-159	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket	67-101	LOSS
Jnr Girls Cricket	50-66	LOSS
Snr Girls Cricket	49-142	LOSS
Snr Boys Softball	10-1	WIN
Snr Girls Softball	14-3	WIN
Jnr Boys TBall	16-3	WIN
Jnr Girls TBall	14-10	WIN
Jnr Boys Tag	3-6	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag	5-1	WIN
Jnr Girls Tag	6-1	WIN
Snr Girls Tag	7-0	LOSS

Please ensure your Primary Parent Planner App is updated for your child's PSSA sport so you can keep up to date with information.

Yours in Sport,

Mr T Blanshard Assistant Principal Stage 3 Sports Coordinator

### **SRC UPDATE**

### **Aussie Helpers Christmas Appeal 2016**

This Christmas we are supporting Aussie farmers who are doing it tough by collecting for "Aussie Helpers" (www.aussiehelpers.org.au) – an organisation that helps rural communities who can't afford food, have low water supplies and dying stock. A number of factors, including harsh climates and low milk prices in our shops translate into farmers operating at a loss.

Each year, Tash Porteous together with her children (Addie 1H & Remy 3R) prepares Christmas hampers for farmers and their families who are struggling in rural Australia. We happily support their quest in helping these families have a happier Christmas. This Christmas Hamper drive will help families in rural Victoria (where there is an identified high need) to have a happier Christmas. Please see a list later in the newsletter of suggested items that you may like to donate and place in the box in the office foyer.

The collection has been extended until next Wednesday 30 November.

Thank you for your support.

Tracey Mavromatis SRC Coorinator



### SPORTS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

The group photos are now available for online purchase and they look great!

Jump onto the website and check them out. You will find extensive information regarding ordering below.

Just follow these 3 Easy Steps to Online School Photos Ordering...

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code VV6 AZM K8X

Step 2: Select "BROWSE GROUP PHOTOS" and choose the images you would like to purchase

Step 3: Once you have chosen all groups to order, select the VIEW SHOPPING CART option and follow the prompts



There are copies of all photos in the office if you would like to have a look as well as order form envelopes if you do not wish to order online.

Happy browsing,

Priscilla Wright Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2



PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT

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Suburb: COLLAROY PLATEAU

Job Number: MLB237-4A



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Go to our site and enter the 9 Digit Online Code

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per Group

### Groups include

(Also check if there are groups you may have missed from previous days of photography)

Junior Boys Tag	Senior Boys Tag	Junior Boys Rugby League
Senior Boys Rugby League	Senior Boys Rugby League - Winners	Junior Girls T Ball
Junior Boys T Ball	House Captains And Vice Captains	Senior Boys Cricket
Senior Girls Softball	Jazz Band	Src
Intermediate Band	Senior Boys Soccer	Senior Pittwater Tag
Junior Pittwater Tag	Junior Boys Soccer	Year 1/2 Dance Group
Senior Girls Netball	Senior Girls Soccer	Junior Girls Soccer
Drama Group	Senior Dance	Junior Dance
Senior Choir	Ballroom Dancers	Wheeler Wailers
Junior Boys Cricket	Senior Boys Softball	Senior Band
Junior Band	Senior Girls Cricket	Junior Girls Cricket
Junior Girls Netball	Senior Afi	Junior Afl
Chess	Chess Club	Year 6 Muck Up

### PAYING ONLINE

- (1) To view and order please go to advancedlife.com.au on any computer, tablet or smart mobile device and enter the 9 Digit Online Code at the prompt box.
- (2) Select "BROWSE GROUP PHOTOS" from the menu. If your school has given permission you will be able to view low resolution copies of the new Groups and past groups available. If not, make selection from the list.
- (3) Once you have chosen all groups to order, select the VIEW SHOPPING CART option and follow the prompts.



### CHEQUE | CASH | MONEY ORDER

Envelopes are available for collection from the front office should you prefer to pay cash, cheque or money order. Envelope orders need to be returned to the school with 14 days. No discount applies to envelopes based orders.



### Suggested Items for Aussie Helpers Christmas Appeal 2016

### **Food Hampers**

- ✓ Mince tarts, Fruit cakes or Christmas puddings
- ✓ Shortbread
- ✓ Sweet or Savoury biscuits
- ✓ Nuts
- ✓ Raisins
- ✓ Cranberries
- ✓ Instant Gravy sachets
- ✓ Breadcrumbs
- ✓ Herbs
- ✓ Sauces
- ✓ Long life custard or cream
- ✓ Mini pavlova or meringue cases
- ✓ Tins of mixed berries, fruits or passionfruit pulp
- ✓ Cake mixes
- ✓ Sweets (please no chocolate as they don't travel well & melt)
- ✓ Jams & marmalades
- ✓ Tea/Coffee
- ✓ Serviettes
- ✓ Christmas bon bons/crackers
- ✓ Christmas ornaments & theming (please consider they have to travel far so nothing breakable)
- General ideas Coles, Woolworths, IGA gift cards
- Please note certain items to avoid chocolate, alcohol and bubble bath



November 2016

Dear Families,

Thank you everybody for such a warm welcome to Nicole Emmanuel into her new Coordinator role. She and the team have hit the ground running with heaps of exciting activities, events and community visitors in the pipeline to end Term 4 on a high. This week we changed the room layout and launched our Food Drive for canned food and packaged grains, cereals and biscuits to donate to Oz Harvest as part of our Try for 5 Health and Wellbeing Initiative. This will be running until the 5 December so all donations are welcome and go to a good cause - the first perishable food rescue organisation in Australia. Next week we see the return of Michelle McClenaghan, long time serving previous coordinator of WHOSHC to say hello and talk with the children about her new job role in the company!







Cooking Club: Smoothies

Health and Wellbeing Club: Golf

Our First Food Drive can!

Families can contact Centre Staff on 0430 351734 or by emailing whoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au.

Kind Regards, Nicole, Ryan, Lachlan, Tim, Karyn and all the OSHC staff.



### School travel 2017

**Application information Nov 2016** 

### Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

### Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
   enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- · requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- . When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

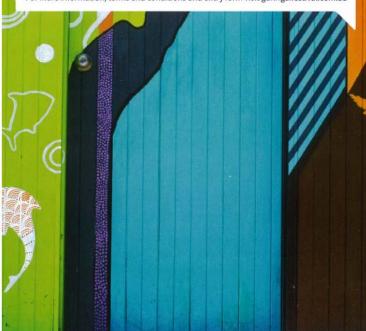
### **GURINGAI FESTIVAL 2017** POSTER COMPETITION

### **For Primary School students** Competition Closes 5pm, Friday 31 March 2017

Founded in 2001, the Guringai Festival aims to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Northern Sydney region.

Primary school students are invited to create an artwork that reflects the festival and its theme 'Connections'. The winning artwork will be used as the cover of the Guringai Festival program and poster for 2017.

For more information, terms and conditions and entry form visit guringaifestival.com.au







# CANTEEN THEME DAY!! WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> PINK STUMPS DAY! SUPPORTING THE McGRATH FOUNDATION

Order your Pink Stumps Meal Deal!

Sausage in a bun, chips, juice or water for \$6.00

Order online at <a href="www.flexischools.com.au">www.flexischools.com.au</a>

Orders close on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Don't miss out!

Other fun pink items will be sold over the counter on the day so be sure to give the kids some change.

Items from .50cents to \$2.00.



100% OF PROCEEDS OF THE MEAL DEALS WILL GO TO THE McGRATH FOUNDATION-SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER

## That's a

### Trivia Night 2016

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to the Trivia Night. What an amazing turnout and the costumes were sensational! So many incredible prizes donated from school families and local businesses. I can assure you no one went home empty handed. Lastly, a very special thank you to the fundraising committee who worked endlessly to make this event so wonderful!

Over \$16,500 was raised and we are still counting!





























Narrabeen Sports High School

### DANCE ACADEMY SHOWCASE

Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November Location: Narrabeen Sports High School Hall Time: 6:30pm (doors open 6:15pm) What: Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Ballet! Solos, Duos and Group Routines!



We hope to see you there! \$5 at the door.

