

The Wheeler Word

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS from all the staff at Wheeler Heights Public School. Farewell to Year 6 and their families.

Thank you to **IGA Collaroy Plateau and manager James** for the kind donation of \$500 for our school. We certainly appreciate the ongoing support of our local businesses.

Carol Night

What a wonderful sight Monday evening was, especially with our huge Christmas decorations. Thank you to the hard working P&C parents for cooking hundreds (about 600!!!) of delicious sausages for the large crowd of children and families, the Jazz band for entertaining us and each grade for singing so well.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

Congratulations to our graduating Year 6 class of 2016. The boys and girls have been outstanding role models for our school. Tuesday's Graduation and last night's farewell were lovely occasions and enjoyed by all, especially the ballroom dancing last night! Thank you to ex student Chloe Herriot (Year 8 from Cromer HS) who spoke so well at the graduation ceremony.

Thank you to the amazing Year 6 Farewell committee led by Natalie Cook who transformed our hall into a fabulous Hollywood/James Bond theme. Special thanks to Year 6 teachers Tyson Blanshard, Nadine Young and Rosie Radom who have guided our students and provided so many wonderful opportunities for the children this year. Best wishes and thank you to all our departing school families.

On Friday afternoon at 2.45pm the Year 6 students will do their traditional clap out.



Breakfast with the Principal

This morning I was very fortunate to have breakfast with Alexis and Jaden D, Ryan, Jamie, Annika and Coco at Scotty's Bakery. Thank you to the Dee family for their generous purchase of this prize at the recent trivia night.

Staffing 2017

We are currently finalising our classes and staffing for 2017. We are very pleased to be able to retain all of our current temporary teachers for 2017. **Nick Jones**, currently a temporary teacher becomes a permanent targeted graduate staff member next year. Welcome to Wheeler Heights Nick!!

Sadly we farewell **Miss Elle Collier** who is taking leave and returning to her home town at Murwillumbah. Miss Collier has been here three years and is an outstanding teacher who has made a wonderful contribution to the school. She will be greatly missed, we hope that Miss Collier may return to Wheeler Heights in the future. In 2017 **Mrs Alfreda White and Mrs Taryn Bowe** will continue on leave and **Ms Cindy Waldock** will continue her secondment at the School Sports Unit.

Student Leaders 2017

Last week we announced our school leaders for 2017. The captains and vice captains were announced at the Year 3-6 Presentation Day assembly. They are **Dorothy Mac D and Oliver K** (vice-captains) and **Fynn B and Gabrielle W** (captains). Congratulations to Prefects **Charley G, Luke R, Tom O and Charlotte G, Scarlett and Lily R**.

This year we have a large group of Year 5 students and an exceptionally strong number of potential leaders. As always the ballot was very competitive and there will be students who were disappointed not to be elected. Other leadership opportunities will be available next year when we will elect house captains and vice captains, band, dance and choir captains.

COMING EVENTS

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 8.30-10.15am

Fri 27 Jan Staff return

Mon 30 Jan Years 1-6 begin

Mon 30 Jan, Tues 31 Jan & Wed 1 Feb
Kindergarten Best Start
assessments

Thurs 2 Feb Kindergarten
begin

Mon 20 February
P&C Meeting 7pm

Tues 28 February School
Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6

Thursday 2 March
New families welcome BBQ (TBC)

Wed 8 March Pittwater PSSA
Swim carnival

Thurs 9 March
Selective High School test

Fri 7 April TERM 1 ends

Term 2 Wed 26 April – Fri 30
June

Term 3 Tues 18 July- Fri 22 Sept

Term 4 Mon 9 Oct-Fri 15 Dec

Kindergarten 2017

Our new Kindergarten students will be receiving a letter /email this week outlining plans for 2017. The letter outlines the Best Start Assessment process with online bookings open on Tuesday 3 January from 9.30am at www.schoolinterviews.com.au . Best Start interviews will take place on the first three days of the school year (Monday 30 January, Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February), with Kindergarten starting school on Thursday 2 February. Please look out for this information soon!

Super Hoot Morning Tea

Congratulations to the many boys and girls who this week attended the last Super Hoot morning teas for 2016. Well done!

School Reports

School reports were distributed yesterday. If for any reason you have not received yours, please let the office or your class teacher know.

Chicken Holiday Roster- still a few spots left!!

If you are interested in collecting the eggs and looking after our chickens during the school holidays please let the office know your available dates. Over the Christmas break we usually require about 12 families for 3-4 days each.

Text Books, Exercise Books and Stationery for 2017

The textbooks are sourced from L J Harper, the exercise books from Five Senses. You will need to visit both companies websites to order the books.

This year we will be using a new procedure for ordering text books and exercise books. A note with details about online ordering was emailed to parents and will also be on the school website. As we have done in previous years, a list of stationery requirements is available. Families can then order and purchase all book and stationery supplies ready for the new year. We hope that all parents can order the text books and exercise books online and purchase stationery needs during the holiday break ready for 2017!

Please note that **Kindergarten 2017 parents** will receive a letter this week outlining the text book and exercise book ordering details. Kindy students will not need to purchase stationery as the school will supply this for Kindergarten. The letter will also outline Best Start assessment interview booking procedures.

Thank you to all school families for your tremendous support of our school in 2016. Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

David Scotter
Principal



UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE



Last day for counter orders Friday 16 December

Flexischool will be open over the school holidays for uniform orders.
If you place an online order before 4:30pm Fri 13 Jan, you can collect it
at the **Special Open Day Saturday 14 January,**

Otherwise your online order will be processed on **Friday 3 February**
and given to your child at school.

SPECIAL OPEN DAY

Sat 14 January 8:30am – 10.30am.

Please arrive before 10:15am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help keep our wonderful
Uniform Shop running smoothly.

Would you consider volunteering in the Uniform Shop for 1 hour, once
or twice per term?

Would you and a friend like to work the same shift?

If you have specific dates / times / shift work restrictions etc, we will
work the roster to accommodate you!

Please email your expression of interest to whpsuniform@gmail.com

Thank you

Christmas Carol Night 2016

The oval was a field of fun on Monday night as we celebrated our second Christmas carol night.

It was wonderful to see so many families attend and oh what a night!

The festivities kicked off with a sausage sizzle with music from our outstanding band. The entertainment continued with songs from each year group and the Wheeler Wailers. There was even a staff sing-along. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the night. Over 600 sausages were cooked, served and enjoyed.

Special thanks to the incomparable Ms McCombie for organising the night.



BAND NEWS



BAND EVENTS

www.whpsband.wordpress.com

END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT SOARS!

Oh what a night! Thanks to all involved! As anticipated, all our bands performed a lively concert to family members, friends and relatives. The *music* was top class and the outcome was testament to another busy year of hard work by our volunteers, conductors and band children. We wish our year 6 graduates best of musical luck. Keep practicing guys!! And what a fantastic occasion to farewell *Michelle Hosking and Trish Fairchild*, who have been the heart and soul of the WHPS band program for so many years. *Thank you* for your tireless contribution to music at our school. We'll miss you both! Best wishes for the future.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

It was fantastic to see our bands participating in last week's Presentation Assemblies. Last Thursday, the combined Senior/Intermediate Bands performed at the 2-6 Assembly. They played a rousing version of the National Anthem, followed by two well-selected pieces. After a busy year, these guys are performing like seasoned professional musicians, with dignity, confidence and a warm mature sound. Well done guys – the school was most-impressed. Not to be outdone, the Training Band performed at the K-2 assembly last Friday. Their performance of Star Wars was enough to make even Darth Vader sit up and listen. The arrangement of Star Wars which the band performed is of a degree of difficulty not usually performed by Training Bands. Well done guys, you nailed it!

WELCOME TO BAND IN 2017

Welcome to all those new faces who have appeared in our band network in readiness for 2017. At last count, next year's Training Band looks set to start the new year with 37 novice members. Bring it on!! This is a wonderful achievement for all those involved in the labour-intensive process of recruitment. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work! Looking forward to another year of achievements all round.
Note to new band members – please read all correspondence you receive from band, so you can keep up to date with what is on the musical horizon!

NSSWE AUDITION SUCCESS!

Humungous congratulations to **Alex W, Jett D** and **George L** who successfully auditioned to participate in NSSWE bands in 2017. Well done for making the effort above and beyond the call of duty. Good luck in your new bands next year!

Good luck also to those who are waiting on their results from their auditions to participate in Arts Alive Combined School Band. Fingers crossed!

SLIP SLIDING AWAY – FUN @ COLLAROY BEACH PARK

And so it happened, again. On Friday afternoon 9 December, the WHPS Bands held its annual family social event at the Collaroy Beach park. This was a great fun opportunity to catch up outside the context of the Band. There were a number of happy faces and lots of squealing (mainly by the parents and Shauna!).

JAZZ BAND GIGS

The Jazz Band nailed it...again. Fresh from their performance at the End of Year Band Concert the band performed last Monday at the School's End of Year Christmas Carols. Great gig guys! Over the course of this year the personality and spirit of this band have been a pleasure to work with. Congratulations Jazz Band on another very successful year!

LAST BAND NEWS FOR 2016 ;(

This being the final band news for 2016, we would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful band committee and dedicated team of parent helpers...you all know who you are! Congratulations on another very successful year. Thanks for all your hard work – it is worth all the effort!

All hail the hardest working Primary School Band Committee (and supporters). See you next year!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
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Dear Families,

14 December 2016

What an enjoyable last week of Term we have had at OSHC! We kicked off the week soaking up the atmosphere at the School Carols Night on Monday afternoon. Tuesday BSC and ASC we hosted our very own End of Term Event using activities suggested by the children and decorated the OSHC Room with Christmas Sparkle. Our program this fortnight and going forwards for Term 1 2017 has had an increasing amount of activities on offer each day. We program using our Children's Suggestion Box, Parent and Children Surveys, Feedback Book, Staff Skills and Interests, Evaluation of our Daily Journal, Club Books, Children's Meeting Book, Observations, recording of Spontaneous Activities and coinciding with Local Community and Wider Community Events. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see introduced or developed at OSHC in the New Year we would love to hear from you! **If you are not joining us for Vacation Care we would love to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break and a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** Please note - due to low numbers we are now closed for the period of the 3rd- 6th January. Please contact centre staff to arrange cancellation or transfer of bookings to nearby centres if needed.



Christmas Art Outside



Exploring our environment!



Enjoying the Carols Night!

Families can contact Centre Staff on 0430351734 or by emailing whoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au

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

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SENSITIVE – LEGAL

8 December, 2016



Dear Parent,

Northern Beaches Local Area Command have received a number of reports of malicious damage occurring within schools across the Northern Beaches. The damage mainly consists of broken windows and graffiti. Other offences such as trespass and break, enter and steal are also occurring. Many of these offences are occurring during the night.

As the school holidays are approaching and schools will be closed, police are asking for your assistance in providing additional security for your school.

If you are a resident that lives in close proximity to your school please keep your eyes and ears open for any activity within the school. The majority of Northern Beaches schools are fenced by some are not and require additional security.

If you see any persons within the school grounds during school holidays please contact The School Security Unit **1300 880 021** or Dee Why Police on **9971 3399**. For a crime in progress please call **000**.

By police and the community working together, we hope to create a safer community for all.

Thank you for your assistance.

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