

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Wk 7

Thurs 23 November 2017

Helpers Breakfast

It was lovely to see many parents and school helpers at the breakfast this morning. Special thanks to our wonderful Jazz band who entertained us.

Year 5 Leadership Program

Last week our nominated Year 5 candidates presented their speeches to students from Years 2-6. Once again the quality of the speeches was very high and I'm sure the voting will be very close. Our elected group of school captains, vice captains and prefects will be announced on Monday 4 December with the exact positions being announced at Presentation Day on Friday 8 December.

Carol Night – next Thursday 30 November 5-7pm

Please see the flyer below about Carol Night. Our school choirs and Jazz band will be playing and each grade will be singing a Christmas carol. Our wonderful P&C will be providing a free sausage sizzle for all and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

Parent Volunteers

As we move towards the end of the year things seem to get even busier. Please spare a thought for our various school volunteers who try to keep things running smoothly right to the end. Please consider helping out in the Canteen, with the Band committee, the Uniform shop and/or the P&C. Being involved is a very rewarding activity and your children will love having you around!

Please be sure to keep an eye on the end of year dates (listed on the right of this page) which will be updated as events are added or amended.

David Scotter
Principal

COMING EVENTS

- Thurs 23 Nov** Yr 5 excursion
- Fri 24 Nov** PSSA catch up
Schools Spectacular
- Mon 27- Wed 29 Nov** Year 4 to
Milson Island Camp
- Wed 29 Nov** Yr K-2 Super Hoot
Morning Tea
- Thurs 30 Nov**
Yr 6 Wheeler Wonderland (Pedlar's
Parade)
Carol Night 5-7pm
- Fri 1 Dec** Final PSSA catch up
- Mon 4 Dec** Yrs 3-6 Super Hoot
Morning Tea
Band Concert Evening
- Tues 5 Dec** Year 6 High School O
Day at local high schools
- Wed 6 Dec** Yr 1 & 2 Drama
performance 2pm
- Thurs 7 Dec 9.30am** Presentation
Day K-2
- Fri 8 Dec 9.30am** Presentation Day
Yrs 3-6
- Mon 11 Dec 2pm** Yrs 3-6 Sports
Assembly
- Tues 12 Dec 5.45pm** Yr 6 Farewell
Dinner
- Wed 13 Dec** Kindergarten Drama
performance TBC
WHPS Short Film Fest.
- Thurs 14 Dec** Yrs 3-6 Class Picnics
- Fri 15 Dec** K-2 Picnics
2pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly &
2.45pm Clap Out
- Last day for all Students**
- 2018 Dates**
- Sat 27 Jan** Uniform Shop
open 9 -11am
- Mon 29 Jan** Staff return
- Tues 30 Jan** Yrs 1-6 start and Kindy
Best Start assessments
- Fri 2 Feb** Kindergarten students
commence.
- Mon 12 Feb** P&C Meeting 7pm
- Tues 27 Feb** School Swimming
Carnival at Manly Pool

Bring the family and come along to the...
Wheeler Heights Public School

Carol Night

Thursday
30
November
5pm – 7:00

WHPS
Jazz Band
Wheeler Waiters
Senior Choir

Special performances by every grade

Complimentary P&C Sausage Sizzle 5pm - 5:45pm

Thank you for remembering that Dept. of Education policy states; all school events where children attend are alcohol free.

FROM THE OFFICE

Book club orders are due by Friday 24 November.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Tomorrow is the *Schools Spectacular* excursion. Students need to meet Mrs Richards and Ms Higgs at 8:45 am on A Deck (in front of 3A, 3/4R and 3M). The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 am.

All students must wear their school sport uniform, comfortable sport shoes and bring their school hat. All morning tea, lunch and a bottle of water must be brought from home as there is no canteen. Students will need to bring their belongings for the day in an excursion bag or small backpack.

Students will return to school around 4:00 pm and will need to be collected from A Deck at this time.
We look forward to a spectacular day!

Mrs Richards and Ms Higgs

MILSON ISLAND CAMP

Attention Year 4 parents... Milson Island is so close now!



I'm sure you are aware, as the children (and teachers) can hardly contain their excitement... Our Milson Island Camp is **just under 1 week away!**

Departing

DATE: Monday 27 November
Meet At: Newport Wharf (at the end of Queens Pd)
Time: 7.45am (ferry leaves at 8am)

Return

DATE: Wednesday 29 November
To: Newport Wharf
Time: 2:30pm (Approx)

*(Please keep an eye on school website and **Primary Parent Planner** App for updated information about arrival time)*

Updates and further information:

- The children DO NOT need to bring pillows – they will be supplied (they do need a pillowcase though)
- A fitted sheet and a flat sheet are fine – it does not have to be two flat sheets
- On the list it states jeans – long pants of any description are fine
- Rashies (swimming tops) are compulsory for sun safety
- Students are allowed to bring a small amount of spending money along for souvenirs, but do not have to.

The entire parent information sheet can be found online at <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/parent> This provides details for parents and children about what to pack, what sort of facilities the children will have, medical information and more. We sent home the list of what to pack with the children last week, to assist them in ticking off their requirements. We ask that you allow the children to do most of the packing and just assist where necessary to promote higher independence.

Please make sure the children can comfortably carry their own bag as they will be required to do so once we reach Milson Island.



A few students are a bit anxious about attending camp (with nights away from home, medical issues or special sleeping conditions being the major concerns). This is totally normal. Please be assured that we are very understanding of any issues and will do everything we can to make sure every child has a wonderful camp experience. As we have said before, it is not only a very enjoyable excursion for all children who attend, but also an important social experience that can greatly aid independence and maturity. If there is something concerning you or your child that you have not yet discussed with the classroom teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to three fun and exciting days of camp!

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal (Relieving) Stage 2

THANK YOU

Helpers Morning Breakfast

This morning the school held a special thank you breakfast for our wonderful school helpers who donate their time to help our students and school. The talented Jazz Band provided the entertainment led by the amazing Anthony MacDermott.

There are so many ways parents, grandparents and carers assist in the school. Let's have a look at an A to Z of all the ways our fantastic volunteers help around the school and the attributes they share.

- A is for ALL that you do and for always helping with a smile
- B is for our band helpers
- C is for our canteen volunteers, chicken helpers and class parents
- D is for your dedication and driving students to special events such as chess competitions and drama performances
- E is for our excursion helpers. We know you love these days as much as the students!
- F is for the flexibility our helpers have and the friendships they form
- G is for our grandparents who assist and gleefully attend school events
- H is for the help you provide
- I is for your invaluable involvement and ideas
- J is for the joy the students get from your participation
- K is for the knowledge our volunteers share
- L is for the library and the volunteers who help to cover books
- M is for many hands make light work, the meetings our committee members attend and for our music events
- N is for the numerous activities you do
- O is for the extra opportunities you provide by assisting at the school
- P is for our amazing P&C
- Q is for all the questions you answer
- R is for our reading group helpers
- S is for our students who benefit from your time, the sausage sizzles you cook and our dedicated scripture teachers
- T is for all our trivia night participants, the time you give and for THANK YOU!
- U is for our uniform shop helpers
- V is for the variety of activities you help with
- W is for our school working bee helpers
- X – Ok, we've drawn a blank on this one but we're sure a parent has helped carry a xylophone more than once
- Y is for yes and you because if you don't say yes many of the above activities would not occur
- Z is for the zone carnivals you attend and the zest you bring

Thank you to all our dedicated helpers for being actively involved in the school. Your children love your involvement and your participation helps to build the positive school community we enjoy at this school.

The school always needs extra helpers so if you have the time we look forward to your assistance in 2018.

Thank you from the Wheeler Heights Staff



KINDY EXCURSION

Kindy Excursion to the Coastal Environmental Centre

On Wednesday 15 November all Kindergarten classes went to the Coastal Environmental Centre at Narrabeen. All three classes had a very informative and enjoyable day. The following are some pictures from the excursion and an account of the day from a child in each class.



On Wednesday 15 November we saw a blue ringed octopus. I know a good interesting fact about an anemone. It eats with its bottom. When I held a seastar it felt sticky. I felt a sea slug and I felt a sea lettuce and I felt a squirty animal. I felt really excited because I liked the place. I learnt a lot of things.
Vaughn H KG

On Wednesday I went to the Coastal Environmental Centre. I saw shells and a spiky starfish. I held a normal starfish and I saw some sea lettuce. I saw some squirts and I saw some sea slugs and a sea urchin. I saw some oysters and I saw a crab. We made clay creatures and I made a person with long legs and long arms.
Oliver ME KW



We went on an excursion to the rock platform. We found a sea urchin, a sea snail and a starfish. We found cool seaweed. We made sculptures. I made a tree sculpture.
Gemma M KT

Kindergarten Teachers

LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder that this will be the *last week* of borrowing library books for the year. All books need to be returned next week. Please have a good look under couches; in cupboards; toy boxes etc for any library books that may have gone astray!! If there is anyone who would like to contact the last supply of brand new library books for the year, please contact me tomorrow. Thank you to the parents who quietly come in and offer their help to ensure the students can read new books as soon as possible.

Tracey Mavromatis
Librarian

PSSA SUMMER/SPRING COMPETITION

The weather threatened to spoil our first wet weather round of PSSA last week but we managed to get our games in before the rain. Last week we played some tough games against Collaroy Plateau with some mixed results.

SCHOOLS: WHPS V COLLAROY PLATEAU	Week 6 Term 4	
SPORT	SCORE	WIN/DRAW/LOSS
Jnr Boys Cricket	82-122	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket	106-73	WIN
Jnr Girls Cricket	45-70	LOSS
Snr Girls Cricket	104-100	WIN
Snr Boys Softball	14-0	WIN
Snr Girls Softball	7-6	WIN
Jnr Boys TBall	13-7	WIN
Jnr Girls TBall	9-9	DRAW
Jnr Boys Tag	2-6	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag	2-5	LOSS
Jnr Girls Tag	0-8	LOSS
Snr Girls Tag	1-2	LOSS

The Summer/Spring PSSA competition will continue this week. We will be playing Round 4 (Term 1, Week 8).

Round 4 vs Newport

Boys Cricket – Plateau Park
Girls Cricket – Narrabeen Reserve
Tag – NSHS
Softball - Rat Park 1
T-Ball - Rat Park 2

Parents can you please make sure that your children attend training sessions. It is important for teams to have all their players at training sessions. Please contact coaches if you are unsure of training days and times and if you are unable to attend training or games.

Just a reminder to all parents who take their children home early from the PSSA games, please make sure you have told the coach at the venue. This means that your child has been officially signed out of school for the day and should not come back into the school grounds.

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

Good luck to all our teams this week.

Yours in PSSA,

Mrs N Young
PSSA Coordinator

Wheeler Wonderland 2017 Year 6 Fete



On Thursday 30 November (next week) Year 6 will be holding their annual fete to raise money for the Year 6 leaving present. This year the Wheeler Wonderland (formally known as The Pedlar's Parade) promises to be another grand event and a highlight on our 2017 calendar.

There will be lots of great games to play, plenty of prizes to win, fantastic food to eat and lots of other fabulous fun. Some of the stalls & activities include:

- GAMES:** Footie Throw, Scavenger Hunt, Slime Lucky Dip, Target Surprise, Sponge Throw, Guess the Teacher, Lucky Dip, Coin Cup Challenge, Bucket Toss
- FOOD:** Max Brenner, Cupcakes Creations, Hot Chomps (Sausage Rolls, Pies & Nuggets), Sausage Sizzle, Donut Frenzy, Popcorn & Snow Cones, Sundae Funday, Harry Potter Food Stall
- OTHER FUN:** 'Funky Features' (Face Paint, Nail Painting & Tattoos), Hair Styling & Spray, 'Oh Snap' Photo Booth, Jelly Bean Guessing Competition

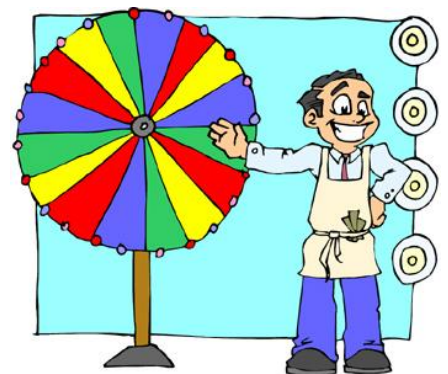
Please help to make this a successful event and make sure that students come with an appropriate amount of money (preferably in coins or small notes). We look forward to having fun with all students from years K-5, next Thursday at the Wheeler Wonderland.



Kind regards,

Year 6 Teachers

Mrs N Young, Mrs J Owens & Miss L Rolfe



TALENT SHOW

Wheeler Heights Has Got Talent Final Show!

Congratulations to all successful performers for making it to our final show. We would have loved to have picked everyone, but unfortunately we only have time for the lucky few!

The final show will be performed in Week 9, Friday 8 December at 2pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

P&C NEWS

We had a great meeting on Monday night with some very successful outcomes. Firstly our school is going to be one of the first in the area to go ahead with the Solar panelling project which is now in the process of being organised. A big thank you to Gerry Ramdeen for getting this project off the ground. The Education Department, the school and the P&C will all be contributing to the payment of this and we look forward to offering the local community, businesses and families a way to get involved if they wish. More details to follow.

Another big thank you goes to Derek Mascarenhas. As I have mentioned before Derek has been looking at the safety of the pedestrian access from Augusta Shops to Wheeler Heights (main) school entrance. He has put together an extremely professional and detailed summary of the problem along with a solution and with the school and the P&C's support this will now be submitted to council. We will update you when we can on this matter.

If you have any further questions on either of the above please don't hesitate to contact me as I can send you more information.

Next Thursday November 30 is the annual Carols Night and the P&C host a BBQ/sausage sizzle for the families. Please RSVP numbers (for catering purposes) to either your class, pop a note in the P&C box in the school office or RSVP directly to me at whps.committee@gmail.com

Thank you,

Natalie Cook
President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Collaroy Turtles Water Safety Swim Program for 2017-18



Come and join Collaroy Turtles Water Safety Swim Program this Summer Season 2017-18.

Registration day is on Sunday 26 November 2017 at Collaroy Rockpool at 8am. The cost to join the program is \$30 for the season which covers for insurance and registration into the program. The program commences on Sunday 3 December 2017 and concludes on Sunday 25 March 2018.

This summer we have an additional opportunity to learn to swim and water safety. We are organising a Swim & Survive Summer Camp which are a week of lessons. These will be for children from the age of 5 to 14yrs. The Swim & Survive Summer Camp week will be Monday 15 January to Friday 19 January 2018.

If you wish to attend the Swim & Survive Summer Camp please register your interest at registration day or by emailing us your details to enquiries@waterskillsforlife.org.au. There will be a cost to join the camp activities. We will contact you with further information and to confirm a spot in the Swim & Survive Summer Camp during early December 2017.

For further information regarding our swim programs please contact us via our email enquiries@waterskillsforlife.org.au or call Noeleen on [0434 218 404](tel:0434218404) or Tanya on 0438 828 725 and leave message.



1st Narrabeen Scout Group



Christmas Tree Sale

Anzac Reserve, end of Kent Street, COLLAROY
PLUS Bunnings Narrabeen (Saturday only)

- Saturday 9th December 2017
- Sunday 10th December 2017 (unless sold out)
- 8am - 3:30pm



From \$55
CASH ONLY

Contact Neville
0427 229 692

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christmas Choral Concert

Family orchestral Christmas concert featuring
Santa's arrival, food stalls and fireworks.

Thursday 7 December, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Manly Oval, Manly

Christmas by the Beach

Family Christmas show and carols, free Santa photos,
rides, face painting and food stalls.

Friday 15 December, 4 - 8pm
James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why



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