

# The Wheeler Word



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**Term 4 Wk 1**

**Thurs 17 Oct 2019**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

*We would like to acknowledge the Gai-mariagal and Garigal people who are the traditional custodians of this land. They have looked after this beautiful land and shared their history with younger generations knowing they are the future leaders of our country.*

**Destiny J – Year 6**

*Apologies to our local neighbours who may have heard the bell going off early on Wednesday morning. After recent electrical upgrades and maintenance, the bell timers were inadvertently reset and unfortunately caused a few early bells to ring. All systems have now been reset.*

## **School Disco - next week- Thurs 24 Oct - Get Your Glow On!!!!**

Please see the flyer later in the newsletter and get your tickets now on Flexischools!!

## **End of Year Dates**

Please be sure to read the school calendar on the right hand side of the newsletter, each week. Some dates have been confirmed or amended for important end of year activities.

## **Congratulations to our amazing Jazz band**

During the holidays, the Jazz band performed in the corso as part of the Manly Jazz Festival. They were absolutely terrific and entertained a large crowd which had gathered to watch them. A huge thank you to the amazing and energetic Anthony MacDermott and Shauna Tyson for again supporting our band students so wonderfully.



## **GOT IT Program**

The GOT IT program commenced this week for selected students and families in Years 1 and 2.

This is a very useful program and we are delighted that we are able to offer this opportunity at Wheeler Hts.

## **PCS Emotional Health Survey - Years 4, 5 and 6**

Wheeler Heights Public School, in partnership with the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS), has teamed with the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University to develop a student survey to measure emotional health. A PCS Committee has worked with Professor Ron Rapee ([Ron.Rapee@mq.edu.au](mailto:Ron.Rapee@mq.edu.au)) to "purpose-build" a questionnaire to measure the emotional health of students at our school and to determine whether any young people are going through current difficulties. This survey will include measures to assess issues relating to body image, anxiety, social media usage and bullying. Students do not have to answer any questions that make them feel uncomfortable.

This survey will help our school to better identify issues impeding student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help the Wellbeing team discuss what works to improve student emotional health and related outcomes. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by classroom teachers.

Participation in the survey is highly encouraged and voluntary. Please assist us by providing consent for your child to participate in this important project. There is one survey for Years 4 and 5 and a separate one for Year 6. A consent form has been given to all Years 4, 5 and 6 students and also emailed to those parents. Please complete the form and return it to your child's classroom teacher or respond directly to the email. More information about the survey and the research is available by contacting Mrs Priscilla Wright or myself.

**Could all consent forms please be returned by tomorrow at the latest.**

## **Year 5 Families - 2021 Selective High School Test**

Year 5 parents have been emailed the Intention to Apply to a Selective School in 2021 form.

**Applications are online.**

David Scotter  
Principal

## **2019 DATES**

**Fri 18 Oct** PSSA summer recommences

**Mon 21 Oct** P&C Meeting 7pm

**Thurs 24 Oct** School Disco

**Fri 25 Oct** Kindy O morning 9.30am PSSA

**Sun 27 Oct** Wheeler Woodstock

**Mon 28 Oct - Fri 8 Nov** Yr 2 Special Swim Scheme @ Manly Pool

**Tues 29 Oct** Drama group to Film Festival

**Fri 1 Nov** Kindy O morning 9.30am PSSA

**Fri 8 Nov** Kindy O morning 9.30am PSSA

**Sat 9 Nov** P&C TRIVIA night

**Mon 11 Nov** Remembrance Day

**Thurs 14 Nov** Musicales TBC

**Fri 15 Nov** PSSA TBC

**Mon 18 Nov** P&C meeting

**Thurs 21 Nov** Yr 5 Surf Skills Helpers Breakfast TBC

**Fri 22 Nov** PSSA TBC

**Thurs 28 Oct Yr 6** Wheeler Wonderland

**Mon 2 – Wed 4 Dec** Yr 4 to Milson Island

**Wed 4 Dec** Yr 2 Drama

**Fri 6 Dec** Sports Presentation

**Mon 9 Dec** Kindy Drama TBC Band Concert TBC

**Tues 10 Dec** Carol Night TBC

**Wed 11 Dec** Yr 1 Drama

**Thurs 12 Dec** Yrs 3-6 Pres. Day 9.30am

**Fri 13 Dec** K-2 Pres. Day 9.30am

**Mon 16 Dec** Yr 6 Farewell Dinner Yrs 3 & 4 Picnics

**Tues 17 Dec** Yrs 5 & 6 Picnics

**Wed 18 Dec** Yr 6 Graduation & clap out.

**Last Day of Term 4**

## **2020 dates**

**Tues 28 Jan** Staff return

**Wed 29 Jan** Years 1-6 return

**Wed – Fri 29-31 Jan** Kindy Best Start meetings

**Tues 4 Feb** Kindy start school

# Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

## Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) – Aboriginal Education Committee Celebrations 2019

### Acknowledging and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture on the Northern Beaches

Around ninety students from across the PCS, including ten Wheeler Heights Public School students, attended the PCS Aboriginal Education Committee celebrations at Bilgola Plateau Public School on the last Thursday of Term 3.

Upon arrival at 2pm, the students played some Aboriginal games before learning some traditional dances and the significance behind them and then being treated to activities explaining the importance of country to Aboriginal people. After a break and some afternoon tea they participated in traditional activities including weaving for the girls. The procedures involved in these traditional concepts were explained and local dreaming stories were shared. All students discovered amazing facts about the culture. Students and their families then enjoyed dinner together.

This was followed by a moving smoking ceremony and celebratory dances performed by Aboriginal Elders and people from our area, including some teachers from the PCS. All those assembled then participated in a yarning experience where Aboriginal teachers and Elders shared stories of their experiences, and students asked many interesting questions about the culture.

Each year, the event is growing and this year proved to be highly engaging and moving as local Aboriginal Elders ran all the activities and collaborated with the students. The students involved were wonderful ambassadors for our school and gained a tremendous understanding of Aboriginal Australian culture.

These events do not happen without a great deal of work and assistance. Thank you to Miss Smithies and Miss Wilson for attending many planning meetings, and the afternoon, with the students and I.





### Gorgeous Gai-mariagal local area Mural by Sheridan Bird

Over the holidays the very talented Sheridan Bird in consultation with Uncle Dennis Foley (our local Elder) started work on a mural depicting our local Gai-mariagal country. The crested cockatoo is a local area totem and of great significance to Gai-mariagal people. You can see it depicted on the totem pole to the side. There is also a large lace monitor, within the artwork, which is another Gai-mariagal totem. There are many other species of animals which live in our area depicted within the mural. How many can you find? Sheridan and Uncle Dennis are going to outline the significance of the mural and the animals within it shortly. This information will be shared with you all when I have it. We would like to thank Sheridan for her ongoing work with our school and Uncle Dennis for his kindness in sharing Gai-mariagal culture with us all.



### NAPLAN Results 2019

Congratulations to all our Years 3 and 5 students who participated in this year's NAPLAN tests. It was our first year completing these assessments online and we were thoroughly impressed with the mature way our students handled themselves. Before sharing information about our NAPLAN results, it is important to acknowledge that the results are a snapshot of our students' academic ability. Like all of us, a student might be having a bad day when they sit a test or they could be feeling slightly anxious, especially if the test is on a particular area they don't feel confident. We are very fortunate at Wheeler Heights Public School to have teachers with such extensive experience. They know what the students are truly capable of and if your child did not perform as well as expected they will know that their result was not a true reflection of their ability.



We have analysed Wheeler Heights Public School results to determine our areas of strength and areas to focus on for continued growth. It was pleasing to find that both year groups outperformed the state average scores in all areas. The areas that students are tested on are Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation.

### Year 3 Results Overview

In Year 3, reading, writing, numeracy, grammar and punctuation were the areas that students performed best when comparing to the state average. Although our spelling scores were above the state average, the difference was not as extensive. Therefore, we have identified spelling as a target area for our school to focus on.

#### % of students performing above national minimum standard – Year 3

Numeracy – 98%  
Reading – 98%  
Writing – 98%  
Spelling – 95%  
Grammar and Punctuation – 100%

### Year 5 Results Overview

In Year 5, our students were well above the state average in all areas. Similarly to Year 3, spelling was identified as an area to focus on, along with grammar and punctuation. Again, although our students still outperformed the state average score for spelling and grammar and punctuation, the difference was not as significant as the other areas.

#### % of students performing above national minimum standard – Year 5

Numeracy – 92%  
Reading – 93%  
Writing – 94%  
Spelling – 91%  
Grammar and Punctuation – 88%

We are extremely proud of our students and our dedicated staff. Well done for all your hard work and successful results.

Mrs Priscilla Wright  
Assistant Principal, Instructional Leader

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 2020 school bus pass travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire, will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Jodie Sly  
School Administration Manager

## DANCE PROGRAM



It is nearly that time again for a new dance season!

Auditions for the 2020 Dance Groups began this week with the Senior students (current Years 4 and 5). Junior (current Years 2 and 3) auditions will be held next week (Week 2) on Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime. While Miss Tahlia is on maternity leave, we welcome Miss Becky to our dance program.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Miss Higgs and Mrs Alexander. Dance Coordinators

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA recommences tomorrow and all trainings started this week. See Term 4 Summer Draw on the following page.

Round 1 Games: Wheeler Heights v Narrabeen North

- Boys Cricket – Plateau Park
- Girls Cricket – Narrabeen Reserve 1 (Rat Park)
- Eagle Tag – Boondah Field 5
- Softball – Boondah Field 1
- T-Ball – Boondah Field 2

### Sydney North Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 16 October, WHPS had several very talented athletes participate at the Sydney North Athletics carnival at Homebush. Each student competed to the best of their ability and were great representatives of Wheeler Heights.

Please see next week's newsletter for more details.

**Please ensure you have downloaded the Pittwater Team App and the Flexischools App, so you can keep up to date with all information related to PSSA, carnivals and gala days (all draws, calendars and results are posted and updated regularly).**



Yours in Sport,  
Sam James

# PITTWATER ZONE PSSA SUMMER DRAW

**JUN & SEN BOYS- CRICKET**  
(Lake, Kitchener, Hitchcock, Griffith, Newport, Plateau)  
**JUN & SEN GIRLS CRICKET-**  
(Narrabeen North Reserve)  
**SENIOR BOYS/GIRLS-SOFTBALL**  
(Boondah or Rat Park)  
**JUNIOR BOYS/GIRLS – TBALL**  
(Boondah or Rat Park)  
**JUNIOR & SENIOR BOYS/GIRLS**  
– TAG  
(Narrabeen North PS, Narrabeen Sports High, Boondah)



2019

TERM 4

**1. AVALON**  
**2. COLLAROY PLATEAU**  
**3. BILGOLA PLATEAU**  
**4. NARRABEEN LAKES**  
**5. ELANORA HEIGHTS**  
**6. NARRABEEN NORTH**  
**7. WHEELER HEIGHTS**  
**8. MONA VALE**  
**9. NEWPORT**

Date	Sport	Schools/Field				Bye
<b>Term 4</b>		1v9	3v2	4v8	7v6	5
<b>Week 1</b>	Boys Cricket	Hitchcock	Newport	Lake Pk	Plateau Pk	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Girls Cricket	NarraRes1	NarraRes1	NarraRes1	NarraRes1	
	Tag	NSHS	NNPS	NNPS	B5	
	Softball	RP5	RP1	RP3	B1	
	Tball	RP6	RP2	RP4	B2	
<b>Term 4</b>		4v7	5v9	1v6	2v8	3
<b>Week 2</b>	Boys Cricket	Griffith	Kitchener	Hitchcock	Plateau Pk	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Girls Cricket	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	
	Tag	NNPS	NSHS	B5	NNPS	
	Softball	RP3	RP5	B1	RP1	
	Tball	RP4	RP6	B2	RP2	
<b>Term 4</b>		7v2	4v1	8v3	6v5	9
<b>Week 3</b>	Boys Cricket	Plateau Pk	Kitchener	Hitchcock	Lake Pk	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Girls Cricket	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	
	Tag	NSHS	NNPS	NNPS	B5	
	Softball	RP3	RP5	RP1	B1	
	Tball	RP4	RP6	RP2	B2	
<b>Term 4</b>		5v7	2v9	3v1	6v8	4
<b>Week 4</b>	Boys Cricket	Plateau Pk	Lake Pk	Hitchcock	Kitchener	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Girls Cricket	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	Narra Res	
	Tag	NNPS	NNPS	NSHS	B5	
	Softball	RP1	RP5	RP3	B1	
	Tball	RP2	RP6	RP4	B2	
<b>Term 4</b>		GO TO Term 1 week 7 15 <sup>th</sup> MARCH				
<b>Week 5</b>						
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>						
<b>Term 4</b>		Extreme weather back up or finals				
<b>Week 6</b>						
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>						
<b>Term 4</b>		Extreme weather back up or finals				
<b>Week 7</b>						
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>						

First mentioned team teacher must umpire Senior game. Second mentioned team teacher must umpire Junior game.  
First mentioned team umpires Softball/Tball games



## FREE FOOTY TICKETS

### Downer Rugby League World Cup 9s Sydney 2019

Friday 18 October, commencing from 6.00pm  
Bankwest Stadium

Thanks to the NRL, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and Bankwest Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness the Opening Ceremony plus 8 games throughout the evening!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for each student and staff member to redeem for the match.

**Tickets are limited** so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

1. Simply go to the website: <https://bankweststadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register details.
3. Check your e-mail inbox for an e-mail containing the vouchers, print out the vouchers and bring with them on the day to enter Bankwest Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the Bankwest Stadium website.

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#### **Please note:**

- *Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.*
- *Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student) whilst tickets last.*
- *Event ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this event.*
- *There is a limit of 7,200 individual vouchers (registration available for up to 1,800 individuals).*
- *Entry may be refused if event ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.*
- *If an event ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.*
- *Accessible seating is available within the Stadium.*



## K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On the last day of Term 3, K-2 students enjoyed an exciting Athletics Carnival. The day began with all classes involved in the marching competition. Next up were the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 running heats followed by the finals. When students were not involved in their running heats, they participated in a range of novelty events such as Rob the Nest, Stuck in the Mud and Sack Races. The last events of the day were the preschool race, followed by the hotly contested mums and dads race.

**Well done to all students for doing your best. Your behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary.**



### Congratulations to our race winners!

Kindergarten	Boys: Heath T, Zachary T, Nate S Girls: Penny M, Piper S, Taylor O
Year 1	Boys: Logan T, Evan W, Dallas B, Nathan B Girls: Amaya O, Ella S, Milly J
Year 2	Boys: Rhys K, Bodhi K, Zion D, Cale D Girls: Elodie B, Addie R, Emily R



A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers for assisting in the running and organisation of the novelty events and a special thank you to Mr Radom for the setup of the running lanes and assistance with the equipment.

Kindergarten Team

## P&C NEWS



Wheeler Heights Public School Parent & Citizen Committee

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **P&C FUNDRAISING EVENTS CALENDAR**

Events	Class Helper	Dates
School Disco	Kindy	Thursday 24 October
Trivia Night	Year 2 & 4	Saturday 9 November

## **CANTEEN NEWS**



### **CANTEEN ROSTER 2019**

<b>TERM 4 2019</b>	<b>CLASS VOLUNTEER</b>
WEEK 1	-
WEEK 2	1G and 1M
WEEK 3	KT and 1R
WEEK 4	KS and 2J
WEEK 5	2W and 1/2E
WEEK 6	KH and 5M
WEEK 7	3/4Y and 3B
WEEK 8	3S and 4J
WEEK 9	5S and 4R
WEEK 10	5/6T ( no year 6) and 3S and 1G





# BLOKES DAY IN THE CANTEEN THURSDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & OTHER FUN SNACKS  
ON FLEXISCHOOLS SOON  
CUT OFF IS 4:00PM OCTOBER 30TH  
\$5.00 (INCLUDES SAUSAGE BUN & CRISPS)

CALLING ALL DADS, POPS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES - EMAIL  
[WHPSCANTEEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WHPSCANTEEN@GMAIL.COM) TO VOLUNTEER ANYTIME 9:30AM-2:00PM



WHPS BRINGS YOU

# GET YOUR GLOW ON *disco!*

**Wear white + bright and you'll be good to glow**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 24**  
**K-2: 5-6.30PM**  
**3-6: 7-8.30PM**



**TIX \$10 Flexischools, \$15 Door**

**INCLUDES: water & icy pole**  
**UV facepaint + nailpolish \$2 (at door)**

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*WHPS Trivia Night*  
**IT'LL BE ALL  
WHITE ON THE  
NIGHT!**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, WHPS SCHOOL HALL  
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM, TRIVIA STARTS 7PM SHARP  
DISCO: 10PM-12AM

**TICKET PURCHASE: FLEXISCHOOLS**

**VIP TABLE OF 10: \$550**

Includes catered food + extra perks

**STANDARD TABLE OF 10: \$450**

Includes catered food

**SINGLE TICKET: \$45**

Seats & food allocated by organiser

*BYO: PURCHASE FROM AUSUSTA CELLARS 4-9 NOV AND % WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL*

*Bring Cash especially gold coins!*

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**COME  
PLAY OUR  
GAME**

Come to a FREE afternoon of training for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and try an Academy sport followed by light refreshments. Narrabeen Sports High School offers professional coaching and world class facilities through our unique specialist Sports Academy.

**AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Football, Netball,  
Rugby All Code, Swimming, Surfing, Tennis, Touch Football**

**THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019 3:45PM – 5:00PM**

Please RSVP to: <http://bit.ly/CPOG2019>

For more information about the Come Play Our Game afternoon or enrolments, please contact the school office or visit our website.



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**SPORTS ACADEMY**



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**THE HUNT is ON**



# CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 10th November  
7.30am - 1.30pm

Available on the day  
**BARGAINS FOR BUYERS**  
Sausage sizzle, drinks,  
coffee and cakes

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

CLICK HERE OR VISIT

[www.trybooking.com/BEQBL](http://www.trybooking.com/BEQBL)

Vehicle \$45 / Trailer \$55

ALL PROCEEDS ASSIST THE PHS INSTRUMENTAL TOUR

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Stage Band  
performing

