

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Wk 8

Thurs 5 Dec 2019

Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country We must all remember the people who took care of this land and how they respected it. We must acknowledge the traditional custodians and ancestors who came before us. We must respect the past and the culture too. This land is special because of the people who lived on it long ago.

Maya R – Year 5

Special thanks to the Wheeler Wailers Choir and Ms McCombie who have been touring local venues of late. On Tuesday evening they visited the War Vets and next Monday will visit the Plateau View Aged Care facility.

Year 4 Excursion to Milson Island

Over 60 students returned from Milson Island yesterday after three fun filled & busy days away. This camp is certainly one of the highlights of the school year. Special thanks to Mrs Young, Mrs Radom and Mr Jones for leaving their own families and looking after the Year 4 students so well.

Classes 2020

All teachers are currently working on class placements for 2020. We farewell our largest cohort this year, 82 Year 6 students. We have approximately 72 Kindergarten students enrolled for next year and so at this stage we believe we will have 18 classes for 2020.

Super Hoot Morning Teas

Students have received notes about the upcoming Super Hoot morning teas. Yrs K-2 and Yrs 5 & 6 will be held on Monday 16 December and the Year 3 & 4 event will be held on Tuesday 17 December.

Drama Concerts

Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 2 and 1/2E for wonderful Christmas Drama concerts this week. On Monday Mrs Falcone organised the Kindy performance and on Wednesday Ms MacPherson coordinated the Year 2 show. In both shows the three classes came together to sing and perform with each child having at least one line. The costumes and make up were very impressive and the boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed performing. Next Wednesday Year 1 will perform on 11 December at 2:15pm.

Text Books, Work Books and Stationery Lists

Details regarding all book and stationery needs will be in next week's newsletter and a link will be on the school website. We hope that all families will be able to purchase all necessary books online and organise all stationery requirements ready for the new school year.

Presentation Days

Staff are busy planning the approaching Presentation Days. As was the case last year, the school has phoned the parents of children who will be receiving an award at one of the Presentation Days. We do ask that you consider keeping this news as a surprise for your child.

Sports Presentation (Yrs 3-6):	Friday 6 December at 9:30am
Yr 3-6 Presentation Day:	Thursday 12 December at 9:30am
Yr K-2 Presentation Day:	Friday 13 December at 9:30am

Carols Picnic – Tuesday 10 December 5-7pm

We are all looking forward to the upcoming Carol Night. Our school P&C generously provide a free sausage sandwich for all attendees, so we require a number of BBQ & food helpers. Please follow the easy link below to sign up as a volunteer for a 30 min shift on the afternoon.

We are still looking for a number of time spots to be filled.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:
<https://signup.com/login/entry/436983798889208048>

2019 DATES

Fri 6 Dec Sports Presentation
9.30am

Mon 9 Dec Wheeler Wailers to
Plateau View
Combined Bands end of year concert

Tues 10 Dec Carol Night 5-7pm
Kindy CEC Excursion

Wed 11 Dec Yr 1 Drama 2.15pm

Thurs 12 Dec 3-6 Presentation Day
9.30am

Fri 13 Dec K-2 Presentation Day
9.30am
Talent Quest Final

Mon 16 Dec Super Hoot Morning
Tea for Yrs K-2 & Yrs 5 & 6
Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Yrs 3 & 4 end of year activities

Tues 17 Dec Super Hoot Morning
Tea for Yrs 3 & 4
Yrs 5 & 6 end of year activities

Wed 18 Dec Yrs K-2 end of year
activities
Yr 6 Graduation & clap out
Last Day of Term 4 for students

2020 dates

Tues 28 Jan Staff return

Wed 29 Jan Yrs 1-6 return

Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan Kindy Best Start
meetings

Tues 4 Feb Kindy start school

Thurs 20 Feb School Swim Carnival

Tues 10 March Pittwater PSSA
Swim Carnival

Thurs 12 March Selective HS test
(Yr 6)

Thurs 19 March PCS Extension Test
(Yr 6)

Fri 1 May School Cross Country

Mon 18 May School Athletics
Carnival

Thurs 21 May School Photos

Mon 31 Aug Pittwater PSSA
Athletics

Mon 7 Sept Yr 5 DanceSport
(Ballroom Dancing) at Homebush
TBC

Sept 16-18 Yr 5 Camp – TBC

Sept 22-24 Yr 6 Camp - TBC

2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Suz Baker 0411 131 090

Secretary- Wheeler Heights Public School Parents and Citizens Association

Reports

Once again, this semester, the reports will be emailed to all parents. Please ensure you inform the school office if your email address has changed.

Please be sure to read carefully the important dates on the previous page & also the detailed flyer later in the newsletter which does have a few updates from last week. You will also see many scheduled school events for 2020. I hope to see many school families at next Tuesday's Carols Picnic.

David Scotter
Principal

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

MARVELLOUS AND MATURE YEAR 4 AT MILSON ISLAND CAMP

Anyone that has been on the Milson Island camp knows it is absolutely amazing and so very much fun! Year 4 and their teachers have again experienced a wonderful time this year! Mrs Young, Mrs Radom and Mr Jones were very tired yesterday afternoon but were all extremely proud of Year 4 and their tremendous behaviour whilst away. Yet again our students are demonstrating incredible Wheeler Way conduct outside of school! Well done Year 4! A massive thank you to Mrs Young, Mrs Radom and Mr Jones for giving up time with their own families to provide this opportunity for their students. Look out for lots of details of Year 4's adventures in next week's newsletter!



DELIGHTFUL AND DELECTABLE DRAMA PERFORMANCES BY K-2 CLASSES

We were so lucky to witness incredible drama performances by Kindy, Year 2 and 1/2E this week. Next week Year 1 will perform for us also. If there aren't Wheeler Heights students names being announced at the Oscars in a few years, I will be very surprised! Gosh there was a lot of talent on the stage on both occasions! Huge thanks and congratulations goes to Mrs Falcone (Kindergarten) and Ms MacPherson (Year 1 and 2) who put so much time and energy into helping the children perform so terrifically. Every student has a line to say, all are involved and most importantly they all have a fantastic time. The Kindy, Year 1 and 2 teachers have all supported the process extensively and helped the children in learning their lines and the songs to ensure the final performances were epic! Another big thank you needs to go to the Year 5 and 6 students who assisted in the costuming, face painting, lighting and technical aspects of the performances. Without these helpful students the shows would not have been possible! Yet again, WHPS showing how magnificent teamwork truly is!



CARING, CONSCIENTIOUS AND CONSIDERED CLASS PLACEMENT PLANNING

Planning for classes in 2020 commenced on Wednesday afternoon and will continue over coming weeks with an extensive amount of thought, effort and time put in. Teachers work collaboratively, taking many factors into consideration to create classes that will provide a positive learning environment for ALL students. Thank you to our tremendous staff for their continued hard work and professionalism.



Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal
Instructional Leader

A SPECIAL VISIT

Fire Safety Talk

Last Thursday Year 1 & Year 2 students enjoyed a special visit from the fire brigade. The firefighters kindly donated their time to educate the students about fire safety. Students got to explore two fire trucks and hear a fire safety talk by two of our parents who are firefighters, Chris James and Yanda Morison.

Students learnt; what to say if they called emergency services, why smoke alarms are important and what to do in a fire. Yanda donned the full firefighters costume with breathing apparatus to show what firefighters look like when they fight fires. This was especially beneficial as students learnt not to be afraid or hide from firefighters in an emergency.

Students learnt why it is important to prepare and practise a home fire escape plan. A highlight for many was getting to go inside the truck. The students had many questions about how the firefighters fight the fires and how they get the water. They also learnt about the different rescue and fire equipment such as thermal imaging cameras. Mr Jeffery was even lucky enough to get a 'ride' in a stretcher.

Just last weekend there was an apartment block evacuated in Dee Why due to fire so if you don't already have a fire plan, please talk to your child about exit plans and pick your special meeting place.

A special thank you to Chris James for organising this valuable event and his colleagues from Narrabeen and Willoughby Fire Station for answering the countless questions. The students loved the visit and judging by their comments it may have inspired some to be future firefighters.

Miss Earl
Organising Teacher



SPORTS UPDATE

PSSA Singlets and Jerseys

All PSSA singlets now need to be returned to coaches. These are now overdue and I still have a number of students who haven't returned their singlets. Please return all singlets to Mr James ASAP. PSSA teams that need to return singlets are:

- Junior and Senior boys eagle tag
- Junior and Senior girls eagle tag

Yours in sport,

Mr James

WHEELER'S GOT TALENT

It's that time of the year again and we are calling for all talented **musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, actors or any other entertaining acts from K-6** to start preparing for this year's **WHEELER'S GOT TALENT!**

Performances are optional, can be individual or part of a group and will need to be created in their own time.

Each Stage will hold a semi-final show in order to select finalists.
If your child is auditioning for their stage semi-final, please feel free to come along.

Suitable and appropriate music needs to be available on Youtube, Spotify or a USB. See dates below:

Talent Quest Auditions

Thursday 5 December
Years 5 & 6 – 11.40 – 1.00pm
Kindy, Years 1 & 2 – 2.00 – 3.15pm
Friday 6 December
Years 3 & 4 – 11.40 – 1.00pm

Talent Quest K – 6 Final

Friday 13 December – Times TBC

Bring the family and the picnic blanket and come along to the...

Wheeler Heights Public School

Carols Picnic

Tuesday
10 December
5pm - 7ish

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

Special performances
by every Grade
The Combined Bands
The Senior Choir
The Wailers!
The Ukulele Group

BYO Water & Soft Drinks

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

**December is
looking merry
and bright at
WHPS**

9th- **Wailers to Plateau View** 10:30am
9th- **Band Christmas Concert** 5-7pm
10th- **Carols Picnic** 5-7pm
10th- **Kindy Excursion**
11th- **Yr. 1 Drama Performance** 2:15pm
12th- **Yr. 3-6 Presentation Assembly** 9:30am
13th- **K-2 Presentation Assembly** 9:30am
13th- **K-6 Wheelers Got Talent!** 12pm

WEEK 9

WEEK 10

16th- **Yr 6 Farewell Dinner** 5:45-8:45pm
16th- **Stage 2 Picnic Day**
17th- **Stage 3 Picnic Day**
18th- **K-2 Picnic Day**
18th- **Yr 6 Graduation Assembly**
18th- **Yr 6 Clap Out** 3pm

WEEK 8

2nd-4th- **Year 4 Camp**
2nd- **Kindy Drama Perf.** 2:15pm
3rd- **Year 6 Public High School Orientation Day**
3rd- **Wailers performing at War Vets Christmas Concert** 5pm
4th- **Yr. 2 Drama Performance** 2:15pm
5th- **Teacher Industrial Meeting** limited supervision 9:15-10:30
5th- **Stage 3 Talent Auditions** 11:40am
5th- **K-2 & Talent Auditions** 2pm
6th- **Sports Assembly** 9:30am
6th- **Stage 2 Talent Auditions** 11:40am



P&C NEWS



We have kindly received a large donation of Christmas cards which we will be selling each morning this week (2 - 6 Dec).

They will be available out the front of the office area between 8:45am and 9:15am.

Cards will also be available for sale in the uniform shop and the canteen.

Pricing is \$1 for a pack of 12 and \$2 for a pack of 24.



CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER 2019	
TERM 4 2019	CLASS VOLUNTEER
WEEK 8	3S and 4J
WEEK 9	5S and 4R
WEEK 10	5/6T (no year 6) and 1G

COMMUNITY NEWS

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE 2020 SRE TEAM ?

(Special Religious Education = Scripture in schools)



WHO IS A SRE TEACHER?

A SRE teacher is a person who gives his/her time voluntarily to provide Special Religious Education to students in public schools. A SRE assistant helps the SRE teacher in the classroom.

WHY BE A SRE TEACHER OR CLASSROOM ASSISTANT?

It is a worthwhile and rewarding way to give back to your community. The content of the lessons you teach will, in many ways, impact the minds and hearts of the children well into adulthood.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- ☐ 1-2 hours per week (school terms only) to prepare and teach a lesson.
- ☐ Initial training, easy to use curriculum and regular development training opportunities provided.
- ☐ Current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or willingness to obtain.

WHO DO YOU CONTACT?

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER ETHICS TEACHER AT WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

At Wheeler Heights Public School we are fortunate to be able to offer ethics classes to all students currently enrolled. However, many of our classes are beyond capacity and without additional ethics teachers we will not be able to offer these classes to all current and future students.

All ethics class teachers are volunteers (parents, grandparents or other community members) who can spare half an hour a week to run the class. All volunteers receive full training through online modules and a comprehensive 2 day workshop. It's a fun, rewarding and interesting curriculum for both students and teachers, with full lesson plans provided by Primary Ethics.

The curriculum aims to help children develop a life-long capacity to make well-reasoned decisions on ethical issues. Children discuss topics such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- homelessness

We hope students will become informed and inquiring adults with the ability to recognise ethical issues and explore them with others in a considered, productive and respectful way.

At Wheeler Heights Public School, Ethics classes run on a Wednesday afternoon 2-2:30pm and 2:30-3pm. For more information about the program or to find out more about volunteering please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact:

Emilie Mascarenhas
(Ethics Co-ordinator)
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children to
think for
themselves

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Please be involved:

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Class Features :

- Learning Made Fun
- Easy and Engaging
- Small Class Size

Curriculum for :

- Beginners
- Continuers
- Background Speakers

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Live Life Well @ School

Try for 5!



5 serves of vegetables each day

One serve =

- 1 cup salad
- or
- 1/2 cup cooked veg
- or
- 1 medium potato

Developed by Murrumbidgee Local Health District

Try veggie sticks for Crunch & Sip
(cucumber, capsicum, celery and carrot are great options)

Discover new ways to add veg to your day, visit:
www.tryfor5.org.au



Health
 Northern Sydney
 Local Health District

Join the Manly Hockey Academy!

Want to try a sport that improves your child's motor skills and co-ordination but is also fun and exciting?
 Then hockey is the sport for you!

Many Junior Hockey is running a 4 week Academy program for new players in the lead up to the 2020 hockey season for girls and boys aged 5-8yrs.

Dates & Times:

Wed 12th Feb 4.30-5.50pm
 Wed 19th Feb 4.30-5.50pm
 Wed 26th Feb 4.30-5.50pm
 Wed 4th Mar 4.30-5.50pm

Location:
 Warringah Recreation Centre,
 Kentwell Road, North Manly





Quality coaches including current NSW state representatives.

Format is designed to maximise the children's hockey experience within a fun and friendly environment, with both skills sessions and small sided games.

\$50 per child which includes stick, shinpads and a training shirt. All you need to bring is a mouthguard! For those that continue with Manly during the winter season there will be a 10% reduction on your winter fees!

For more information or to register go to:
www.revolutioniss.com.au/manlyhockey/events/55920/
 or email us:
manlyjuniorhockey@gmail.com

