

The Wheeler Word



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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to pay our very best respects to Elders both past and present for they have cared for the land on which we stand today. We would also like to appreciate the Gai-mariagal and Garigal people for they are the true custodians of the land we call home. We must remember that they have kept this land alive and passed down many stories, lessons and spiritual culture.

Monique W – Year 6

Thank you to the P&C Association for organising the coffee van last week for National Teachers' Day. The gesture was much appreciated by the staff.

Farewell to Sherene

As we mentioned previously, Sherene LaGasse will be finishing as Canteen Supervisor. Her last day will be tomorrow, Friday. Sherene has done an amazing job over the past 2-3 years in her role. Our canteen and school are now very well known on the beaches and further afield as a lighthouse school in regards to sustainability practices. Sherene has worked passionately and tirelessly in the canteen and as the school fundraising coordinator. Sherene will be dearly missed and we thank her sincerely for the incredible contribution she has made at Wheeler Heights.

Next week we welcome Kylie Rogers as the new Canteen Supervisor. She will be working in the canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with Tracey Brilman continuing on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Also, please see the note later in the newsletter for the Canteen Convenor and Secretary positions. Please be sure to mention these positions to friends or colleagues who may be interested.

Remembrance Day Services

Next Monday at 10.50am, we will be having a K-6 Remembrance Day Assembly at school. Also, our Senior Choir and Mrs Radom will be singing at the War Veterans Village as part of their service.

University of NSW Competitions

Congratulations to award winners in the recent University of NSW ICAS Tests. Each year we seem to have less participants and we will be looking at the viability of these tests for next year.

Spelling – (Nine participants). Merit to Kirra B, Credits (top 30% of the state) to Kai K, Tyson B, Leo B and Josie J, Distinction (top 10% of the state) to Rhys K and a High Distinction (top 1% of the state) to Imogen L.

Science - (Seven participants). Merits to Rhys K, Kirra B and Maddy C, Credits (top 30% of the state) to Hayden L, Kai K and Hayden W.

Digital Technologies - (Five participants). Credit (top 30% of the state) to Kai K.

Helpers Breakfast - Thursday 21 November from 8.15-9am

I'm sure many school parents have already received the Helpers Breakfast invitation. We hope that parents and community members who have assisted in any way at school this year will be able to come along. We always endeavour to ensure that all eligible parents receive an invitation but occasionally we do miss a parent or the note may go astray - invitation is attached! Please be sure to pass the word out to your friends so that they come along.

Once again we are very fortunate that the Jazz band will be playing for us. Could you please send your RSVP's to the office to assist with catering numbers.

2019 DATES

Fri 8 Nov Kindy O morning 9.30am
PSSA

Sat 9 Nov P&C TRIVIA night

Mon 11 Nov Remembrance Day
Assembly at 10.50am
Choir to War Vets service

Thurs 14 Nov Stage 3 Public
Speaking finals
Band Musicale TBC

Fri 15 Nov PSSA

Mon 18 Nov P&C meeting 7pm

Thurs 21 Nov Yr 5 Surf Skills
Helpers Breakfast 8.15-9am

Fri 22 Nov PSSA TBC
Schools Spectacular

Tues 26 Nov Yr 5 Leadership
elections

Thurs 28 Nov 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
9.30am

Mon 9 Dec Kindy Drama TBC
Band Concert TBC

Tues 10 Dec Carol Night

Wed 11 Dec Yr 1 Drama

Thurs 12 Dec Yrs 3-6 Presentation
Day 9.30am

Fri 13 Dec K-2 Presentation Day
9.30am

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

Tues 17 Dec Yrs 5 & 6 Picnics

Wed 18 Dec K-2 Picnics
2pm Yr 6 Graduation & clap out

Last Day of Term 4 for students

2020 dates

Tues 28 Jan Staff return

Wed 29 Jan Years 1-6 return

Wed 29 – Fri 31 Jan Kindy Best
Start meetings

Tues 4 Feb Kindy start school



Public Speaking

Our Stage 2 finalists spoke today and next Thursday our Stage 3 finalists will present their speeches. We have a very strong K-6 Public Speaking program at Wheeler Heights and each year we are so impressed with the high standard on show.

Commonwealth Banking

Recently, the P&C and school staff have been discussing the School Banking program run through the Commonwealth Bank. You will no doubt have heard discussion in the media about the questionable benefits of such programs and whether primary schools should be so closely aligned to one particular banking group. Also, each week there is a large amount of administration which our Admin staff complete for which the school receives a small commission. Consequently, as have many many other schools, we will not be participating in the program in 2020. Please see more information in the From the Office section below.

Schools Spectacular

We are very pleased that we will once again be able to visit the Schools Spectacular on Friday 22 November. All available tickets have already been snapped up by members of our various performance groups.

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.

I'm sure I'll see lots of parents at the Trivia Night on Saturday. We're all looking forward to a great night!
SOLD OUT - doors open 6.30pm – trivia starts 7pm!

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Commonwealth Student banking will not continue at Wheeler Heights Public School in 2020. Your child's account will remain open, you can continue to use this account yourself.

If your child has enough tokens to claim a reward please:

Complete a Rewards Card slip by writing in your details and ticking the item you would like to redeem

Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Silver Dollarmites tokens and hand in with your School Banking Deposit.

There are a number of children that are close to receiving a reward (need to bank 3 more times). We will continue processing banking until Monday 2 December, as soon as your child is eligible for a reward, please complete the rewards card slip. This will need to be done by our last banking day. We have the list of current eligible children, as well as the children requiring a few more tokens. Please contact the office if you need clarification.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up



Very special Visit by a VIP at WHPS

We were all extremely excited to meet little Adie on Wednesday. Mr Scotter's grandson was definitely a hit with lots of 'clucky' teachers. He was so well behaved during his visit and made hearts melt all over the staffroom. As you can see Mr Scotter is an extremely proud grandfather and it was lovely for us to meet Adie and see his mum and aunty too.

Progressive Picasso Portraits by the Positively Proficient 1M

Ms McCombie set her students an inspiring artistic task! After researching Picasso and his various styles of portraiture, 1M students were challenged to progressively change their faces from looking like they actually do each day to drastically different and out of proportion. As you can see they handled this test with artistic flair and finesse! Thanks for sharing your works with us 1M. They are absolutely incredible!



Stages 2 and 3 Public Speaking Finals

The Stage 2 Public Speaking final was held today and the Stage 3 final will take place in the hall at 9.30am on Thursday 14 November.

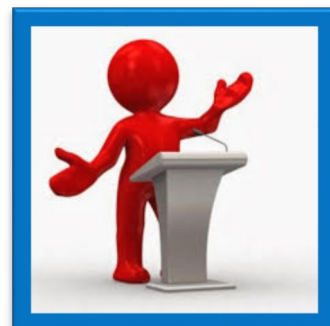
All children have had a chance to present a speech to their class or grade over Weeks 3 and 4. Speeches were presented on the following topics:

Years 3 and 4 – An environmental issue that is important to me

Year 5 – Role models

Year 6 – Resilient role models – A role model with a disability

We are very proud of all Years 3 – 6 students for putting in such wonderful effort and preparation for their speeches. The presentations were of an extremely high standard. Congratulations to the finalists for each year.



Year 3

Dominic P
Everett M
Harper H
Jack C
Ryan H

Year 4

Aiden N
Ben K
Evie D
Kai K
Laura H

Year 5

Connor W
Jake B
Josh S
Natasha H
Taj S

Year 6

Alana C
CJ W
Imogen L
Josie J
Monique W

Thank you to Miss Smithies and Mrs Sullivan for organising the Stage 2 and 3 finals, respectively.

Finalists and their parents have been informed of their inclusion by letter and parents are welcome to attend.

Please look out for details of the winners from both finals in coming week's newsletters.

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal
Instructional Leader



YEAR 2 SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Year 2 students are currently participating in a ten day swimming program at the Andrew Boy Charlton Swim Centre at Manly. This valuable program improves students' swimming ability, increases student knowledge of water safety and teaches important water survival skills.

On the first day, students were assessed and placed into four groups depending on their swimming ability. Each day the students work through a series of activities to develop their water safety skills and improve their swimming technique. At the completion of the program each student will receive a certificate outlining their water safety skills and their swimming capabilities. Some comments from the students:

They are not just teaching us to swim they are teaching us how to survive in the water. If I was pulled out in a rip I now know what to do. **By Georgie**

We learnt how to develop our swimming skills. I enjoyed treading water and freestyle. **By Ashlynn**

The teachers taught us how to float on our back. This is good because if you get a cramp you can back scull. **By Charlie**

All Year 2 teachers have been extremely impressed by the behaviour of the students who are to be commended for their model behaviour at the pool. Thank you to Mr Jeffery and Miss Wilson who attended each day and make this possible for our students.

Miss Earl
Classroom Teacher



DANCE PROGRAM

All children who were successful in making the Junior and Senior dance groups were notified last week and notes were handed out. Could all permission notes and behaviour contracts please be returned as soon as possible. If you are unable to accept the position, please let us know so we can notify our reserve student.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Rebecca De Battista until Miss Tahlia Lupton returns from maternity leave.

Rehearsals will begin next week – Week 5. Please be prompt to all rehearsal times.

Junior Dance Group – Friday mornings 8 - 9am in the hall

Senior Dance Group – Wednesday mornings 8 - 9am in the hall

We look forward to another wonderful and successful dance season!

Sarah Higgs and Belinda Alexander
Dance Coordinators

SPORTS UPDATE

Summer PSSA

WHPS had another fantastic week of sport against Collaroy Plateau last week. There was a lot of amazing effort on show and every student performed to the best of their abilities.

Sport	Score	Win/Loss/Draw
Jnr Boys Cricket	107 – 114	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket	67 - 93	LOSS
Jnr Girls Cricket	82 – 99	LOSS
Snr Girls Cricket	85 – 128	LOSS
Snr Boys Softball	5 – 0	WIN
Snr Girls Softball	7 – 1	WIN
Jnr Boys T-Ball	9 – 14	LOSS
Jnr Girls T-Ball	5 – 1	WIN
Jnr Boys Tag	2 – 5	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag	2 – 4	LOSS
Jnr Girls Tag	6 – 2	WIN
Snr Girls Tag	1 – 3	LOSS

Week 4 Games – Friday 8 November: Wheeler Heights v Elanora Heights

- Boys Cricket – Plateau Park
- Girls Cricket – Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park)
- Eagle Tag – Narrabeen North Public School
- Softball – Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park 1)
- T-Ball – Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park 2)

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

P&C NEWS

Wheeler Heights Public School P&C Association is offering the following amazing volunteer opportunities for parents or friends of the school to join our canteen, a focal point of our friendly school community.

Canteen Convenor

The role of the Canteen Convenor is to run Canteen Sub-Committee meetings in a fair, democratic and unbiased way and to oversee the operations of the canteen. Other key activities include:

- Developing and maintaining canteen policies and procedures
- Acting as the liaison between the School Principal, the P&C President, the school community and canteen workers on all things relating to the canteen
- Attending P&C meetings to present monthly and annual reports
- Coordinating end of term stocktake

Canteen Secretary


The Canteen Secretary's role is to prepare and keep a full and accurate record of the minutes of the Canteen Sub-Committee meetings and related correspondence. Other activities include:

- Distribution of meeting agendas and minutes
- Preparation of notice of meeting and call for agenda items
- Keeping up to date with the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy and informing Canteen Sub-Committee and Canteen Supervisors of any changes
- Full and accurate record keeping

If you are looking for a flexible role that adds value to our school please contact Paul Hardy, P&C President president@whps-pandc.org

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

CANTEEN NEWS

	
CANTEEN ROSTER 2019	
TERM 4 2019	CLASS VOLUNTEER
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 1G