The Wheeler Word

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Term 4 Wk 7

Thurs 28 Nov 2019

Acknowledgement of Country

Before we begin we would like to pay our respects to the Gai-mariagal and Garigal people who were the caretakers of this land. We would also like to appreciate the traditional custodians of the past, present and future.

Chloe W - Year 6

Good luck to our **Year 4 students** and teachers who are off to **Milson Island** next week for three fun filled days.

Please see **the flyer** later in the newsletter with a complete list of special activities in the next few weeks. Please be sure to watch for updates and time confirmations as they occur.

Presentation Days

Staff are busy planning the approaching Presentation Days. As was the case last year, the school will be phoning 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

PCS Emotional Health Survey

Over 150 students from Years 4-6 recently completed the online Emotional Health Survey conducted by the 15 local Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS). Phone calls are being made and/or letters are currently being mailed to the parents of students who may have scored highly on a number of specific criteria identified by the survey.

If you are in need of more information or assistance please speak to our school counsellor Lisa Terrill, Mrs Wright or myself.

Please be assured that all information and discussion will be highly confidential.

Stop Work Meeting

The NSW Teachers Federation has called on its members to attend a stop work meeting on **Thursday 5 December at 9am.**

As almost all the teachers from Wheeler Heights PS will be attending the meeting, there will be <u>very minimal supervision</u> at school until 10.30am, when normal classes will resume.

This is not a strike.

Why is it important to distinguish between a strike and a stop work meeting?

A strike occurs when there is a dispute between the employee and the employer, which is not the case in this situation. This meeting is about the negotiation of our new two year salaries award. The last time teachers stopped work was three years ago for the same reason. We don't like missing school either, but this is important.

Why can't the meeting be held outside school hours? It is standard practice in all fields when negotiating a salaries and conditions contract that it be done in working hours; and also, trying to organise 60,000 employees to meet at one time is a VERY BIG JOB.

Patricia McCombie

Federation Representative - Wheeler Heights Public School President – Manly/Warringah Teachers Association

Canteen Supervisor Manager

Please see the details and advertisement later in the newsletter regarding Canteen positions which are still available.

Drama Performances

Our K-2 Drama performances are coming up very soon in the hall. The children are very excited about their performances.

Kindergarten: Monday 2 December at 2.15pm
Year 2: Wednesday 4 December at 2.15pm
Year 1: Wednesday 11 December at 2.15pm



2019 DATES

Mon 2 - Wed 4 Dec Yr 4 to Milson Is. Kindy Drama 2.15pm

Tues 3 Dec Wheeler Wailers to War Vets 5pm

Wed 4 Dec Yr 2 Drama 2.15pm

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

Mon 16 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner Yrs 3 & 4 end of year activities

Tues 17 Dec 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

Cromer High School Extension Studies



Congratulations to Joshua S & Charlie B who graduated last Tuesday from the Extension program at Cromer High School. Josh and Charlie have been attending Cromer HS each Wednesday this semester with students from a number of local primary schools.

Special thanks to the amazing class teacher, Lorna Curtis, and Cromer HS for providing this wonderful opportunity for our talented students. In 2020 we will be sending a couple of students from Year 6 to participate.

Carol Night - 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
- 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.

David Scotter Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Book Club is due tomorrow, Friday 29 November.

Jodie Sly School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up



HEAVENLY HARVEY'S VISIT TO THE SPECTACULAR KS

Our munchkins in KS and Miss Migan were bursting with excitement on Tuesday when they had two very special visitors. The lovely Mrs Smith came in to let the children meet her gorgeous little daughter, Harvey May. Harvey is only four weeks old and extremely divine so there were many 'ooohhhhhsss' and 'ahhhhhhsss' happening during the visit. Welcome to the Wheeler family little Harvey. You are very loved by us all! Congratulations again Mrs Smith, we think you're very clever!

TALENTED TEACHERS HAVING A BALL DURING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

For our Wellbeing Week Teacher Professional Learning afternoon last Wednesday Mr Scotter organised a fun and educational experience for our staff. Our WHPS teachers are an incredible team who work so well collaboratively. We worked with Drum Corp for the afternoon and realised that some of us are more coordinated musically than others! Who knew it was so tricky to bang a drum stick on the side of a drum whilst spinning the other one around to hit the middle of the drum straight after? Phew... it was a great workout! We learnt three drumming 'tricks' and eventually put them all

together to be able to play along with Maroon Five's *Move Like Jagger* song! It needs to be noted, we sounded absolutely terrific! Drum Corp offer programs to schools which cover various syllabus requirements in an extremely engaging way. Our teachers loved the program and we are looking at the possibility of incorporating it into our student learning programs in coming years.

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS RECEIVE MATHS OLYMPIAD AWARDS



Mr Scotter worked with a



group of Year 5 and 6 students who exhibited a talent in thinking mathematically for a session each week during Terms 2 and 3. The students undertook Maths Olympiad challenges. These tasks are extremely complicated, time consuming and demanding. We were tremendously impressed with our students this year as many of them achieved fantastic scores each week. A number of students were awarded prizes for their commitment or ability. Keilana S was outstanding and even though she was absent for one test still managed to achieve 17/20! An incredible result! Congratulations to Keilana and all our students on not only their results but also their attitude and commitment to learning.



2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINEE SPEECHES AND ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our 2020 Student Leadership Team nominees for their wonderful speeches on Tuesday. They all showed a great deal of maturity during the process and we wish them all well. Thank you to the Year 5 teachers for coordinating the process. Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced at Presentation Day on Thursday 12 December.

PRESENTATION DAY AWARD WINNERS NOTIFICATION

As we did last year, we are again phoning parents of students who will be receiving an award at any of the presentation days this year. These calls have been or will be made by Friday of this week to allow people time to organise attendance if possible.



EXCELLENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC BEHAVIOUR DURING EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION DRILLS

We were so proud of our students and their mature and sensible behaviour during the process of emergency drills this week. They were involved in a lockdown drill followed by an evacuation drill. All students from Kindy to Year 6 conducted themselves beautifully and we are certain they are aware of their responsibilities if ever one of these events happen. We conduct these emergency drills a number of times each year to ensure our students and staff are confident and safe if ever a real emergency was to occur. Congratulations to all students and staff on their efficient and practical conduct.

Mrs Priscilla Wright Assistant Principal Instructional Leader

Attention Year 4 parents... Milson Island is next week!

I'm sure you are aware, as the children (and teachers) can hardly contain their excitement... Our Milson Island Camp is <u>next week!</u> The final instalment was due 7 November. Thank you to those families who have paid. A friendly reminder for those who have not yet completed the payments, could you please fix this up with the lovely ladies in the office ASAP.

We will be meeting at Newport Wharf (at the end of Queens Pd) at 7.45am (ferry will leave at 8am) on Monday 2 December and return to Newport Wharf on Wednesday 4 December at approximately 2.30pm. If you cannot drop your child at the wharf, you can organise with another family to carpool. If you are having difficulty, please see your class teacher.





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've included the list of what to pack below to assist the students 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.

What to Bring:

Please label all clothing, towels and sleeping bag with your child's name.

- Shorts and t-shirts (no singlets, sleeveless or midriff tops)
- Jeans
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants
- · Socks and underwear
- Raincoat
- Pyjamas
- · Swimming costume and rashie shirt
- Sunscreen, sun hat and sunglasses
- Two pairs of running shoes (one old pair to wear in the water)
- Toiletries, soap, lip balm and insect repellent (no aerosols)
- Two towels
- Pillow, sleeping bag or doona and two single flat sheets
- Day backpack
- Paper, pens or pencils
- · Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothes
- Medication (if required)
- · Handkerchief or tissues
- Water bottle

Optional

- Camera
- Up to \$30 for souvenirs

What NOT to bring:



- Mobile phones and other electronic devices (these will be taken by teachers if brought by students)
- Aerosol cans (i.e. spray-on deodorant or insect repellent)
- Lollies or chewing gum
- Jewellery
- Anything valuable (The Office of Sport takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to a client's personal property, including money or other valuable items)

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.

In case of emergencies, parents can contact the centre at Milson Island between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday on 9985 9261. Otherwise you can contact the school and they will contact us at camp.

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

Mrs Nadine Young Assistant Principal (Relieving) Stage 2



CHESS

We are very proud of the WHPS Rookies Chess team which competed in the NSW Junior Chess League Inter-School tournament. Edu B, Josh S, Callum H and Leo R came second after missing out on first place by only half a point! Well done boys!

Thank you to the parents for transporting the players to their away matches and providing afternoon teas at our home matches.

Chess coaching will continue next year on Tuesdays from 3.20-4.20 pm in the library as follows:

Term 1: 4 Feb – 7 April Term 2: 28 April – 30 June Term 3: 21 July – 22 September

Term 4: No chess

Mrs Sullivan Chess Coordinator



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

On Friday 22 November, 45 children from various performing arts groups attended the Schools Spectacular at Homebush. The show was made up of 5500 students from public schools across NSW, singing and dancing.





An incredible performance! Miss Higgs and Miss Wilson

SRC (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL)

Save Water Poster Competition



All students from K-6 are invited to create a poster for our poster competition, to encourage people to save water.

The SRC representatives from each class have been talking to their classes about why we need to save water and how we can save water. Due to the drought, this is an extremely important message.

Posters will be displayed in the library and there will be certificates and canteen vouchers for the best posters. Students can draw, paint or use a computer to create their poster. The size should be A4 or A3. Please bring me your poster by **Friday Week 8 (6 December).** Thank you to the students who have already submitted posters.

SAVE THE
FARMERS
by swing water!

Included here are two wonderful examples from CJ W and Monique W.

Miss Earl SRC Coordinator

SPORTS UPDATE

Summer PSSA

WHPS had a round to remember last week against Narrabeen Lakes, and what a way to cap off an incredibly successful PSSA campaign for our school. We put in a monumental effort and got some amazing results to go our way. Each and every student performed to the best of their abilities and really exemplified the Wheeler Way.

Sport	Score	Win/Loss/Draw
Jnr Boys Cricket	135 – 39	WIN
Snr Boys Cricket	100 – 23	WIN
Jnr Girls Cricket	85 – 53	WIN
Snr Girls Cricket	139 – 106	WIN
Snr Boys Softball	1 – 5	LOSS
Snr Girls Softball	Forfeit	WIN
Jnr Boys T-Ball	12 – 10	WIN
Jnr Girls T-Ball	14 – 8	WIN
Jnr Boys Tag	9 – 2	WIN
Snr Boys Tag	5 – 4	WIN
Jnr Girls Tag	6 – 2	WIN
Snr Girls Tag	9 – 2	WIN

PSSA Singlets and Jerseys

Last week was the end of PSSA games for the year. Singlets now need to be returned to coaches. Could all singlets please be returned to coaches no later than **TOMORROW - Friday 29 November (Week 7)**. PSSA teams that need to return singlets are:

- Junior and Senior boys eagle tag (Mr Jones or Mr James)
- Junior and Senior girls eagle tag (Ms Waldock or Mr James)

Acknowledgements

For a school to be as successful in sport as Wheeler Heights, there is an incredible amount of work that needs to be put in behind the scenes week in and week out. I would like to make a few 'shout outs' to those who have made this sporting year so amazing for our students and school community.

Firstly, to our Principal, Mr Scotter – who not only leads our academic success, but is very much invested in sport across the school. You will always find him at gala days and zone carnivals and he loves to hear how our students go each Friday at PSSA. His passion is infectious and we are very lucky to have him at our school. Another key figure at our school is our sports coordinator, Mrs Young – her tireless work organising PSSA trials, trainings, carnivals, school sporting events and just generally being a one stop shop for any question we have or advice we need. She has made a huge impact on the success of our school and is the forefront of the amazing culture we have here at Wheeler Heights.

To our amazing office staff and SLSO's. Each week our first aid bags are packed, buses are booked and not a single band aid is out of place. These unsung heroes have made the coaches job so much easier and we are all very thankful for the work that you do. To my fellow coaches, you have all done an exceptional job! Volunteering your time with an incredibly busy schedule is never easy, but the professionalism and dedication you have put in makes me very proud and is amazing to be a part of. Additionally, to all staff who have helped out in the running of carnivals and home sport – a big thank you to all of you. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed and I'm sure every student and parent is appreciative of the effort you have put in.

Lastly, to our incredible parent community. Thank you for your continued support of sport here at Wheeler Heights. From transporting students, to cheering the victories and supporting the losses. You have been pivotal in creating a culture of respect and fair play amongst our students. I know your children love having you support them and I hope your passion continues long into the future.

Yours in appreciation, Mr James



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

<u>Talent Quest K – 6 Final</u> Friday 13 December – Times to TBC





P&C NEWS



What an amazing year it has been!

There have been 7 fundraising events, lots of hard work, many friendships formed and so much fun and laughter.

We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to such a successful year. To our volunteers, we really couldn't do it without you. Whether you designed a poster, cooked a snag, baked a cake, sold a raffle ticket, door knocked for prizes, packaged up gifts, set up or cleaned up, painted nails or threw colour over hundreds of excited kids, thank you! Every single minute is appreciated. We have loved getting to know so many people in our school.

To our major school supporter, Belle Property – Nick Duchatel, thank you for getting behind our school and being a part of our amazing community. Your financial and volunteer contributions are invaluable.

To the WHPS staff, thank you for attending the events, both as supervisors and as participants. It's always great to see so many of you getting involved.

To every child and parent who bought tickets and participated in all of this year's fun events, thank you for supporting our fabulous school. An event is only successful if people come along and it's always fantastic to see high attendance rates.

So how did we go?

We are excited to announce that this calendar year we have raised an estimated total of \$56,000 which is a record amount! This money will go towards technology and playground upgrades, air conditioning and a range of other items that are on the "wish list".

Event	Estimated Monies Raised (after expenses)
Rotary Raffle	\$7750
Election Day Cake Stall	\$1000
Mother's Day Breakfast	\$1200
Father's Day Breakfast	\$850
Colour Run	\$14,000
School Disco	\$3200
Trivia Night	\$23,000
Other donations/sponsorship	\$5000
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$56,000

The Fundraising team would like to wish everyone a fun end of Term 4 and a very happy and safe holiday period. We hope to see you all at the Carols Night on Tuesday 10 December at 5.00pm and if you'd like to be more involved in Fundraising next year, please contact us at whys.fundraising@gmail.com. We'd love to have you on board.



We have kindly received a large donation of Christmas cards which we will be selling each morning next 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.



Wheeler Heights Public School

Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best

Parents and Citizens Association

Canteen supervisor

HOURS 18

Hours per week, Casual



Wheeler Heights Public School is based on Sydney's Northern Beaches and has a cohort of around 490 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

We are seeking a casual Canteen Supervisor to work approximately 18 hours per week during term time as part of a job share arrangement.

The school canteen is managed by our committed P&C Association and is open 5 days per week with all proceeds benefiting the school and students directly.

The Canteen Supervisor is responsible for the management and day-today operation of the school canteen according to the policies and procedures of Wheeler Heights Public School P&C Association.

Key responsibilities include:

- Planning, organising, and monitoring the operations of the canteen and staff, including the rostering of voluntary workers, daily recordkeeping, opening and closing the canteen and the preparation of food and cooking for service;
- · Provision of exceptional customer service to students, parents, teachers and visitors to the school:
- Menu planning;
- Stock ordering and monitoring;
- Invoice processing and cash handling/reconciliation;
- · Adherence to food handling and hygiene regulations as well as WH&S legislation;
- Working within the school and P&C environmental and sustainability guidelines;
- Mentoring and leadership of paid and volunteer workers;
- · Promotion and marketing of the canteen; and
- Assisting the school and P&C with special events.

This role will suit someone with the following skills and background:

- Previous experience running a canteen or similar will be highly regarded;
- · A passion for sustainability and the provision of healthy food;
- Familiarity with the NSW Healthy Food Guidelines for Schools;
- · Loves to work in a fast paced and customer focused environment; and
- Proven leadership experience with the ability to work with a diverse range of people.

If you are looking for a flexible role where you can add real value to our school, please send your CV and a covering letter that clearly outlines your relevant skills and experience to secretary@whps-pandc.org by Friday 29th November 2019.

Address

P&C VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 Supervisor – please see the advertisement on previous page.

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 7	3/4Y and 3B	
WEEK 8	3S and 4J	
WEEK 9	5S and 4R	
WEEK 10	5/6T (no year 6) and 1G	



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hunger is a hidden crisis in Australia with over 3.6 million Australians seeking food relief at some point each year. Half of those are children.

The items for the food drive will be collected by FoodBank on the 16th of December so please deliver donations to our office 1238 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen (across from Bunnings) in business hours Monday to Friday prior to that date.

FoodBank accepts the following items:

- * Tinned food
- * Packaged goods
- * Personal hygiene and laundry products

As you can appreciate no perishables including fresh produce can be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact my office on (02) 8484 0300

As always, thank you for your ongoing cooperation.



Jason Falinski MP Electorate | 02 8484 0300

Shop 1, 1238-1246 Pittwater Road | Narrabeen | NSW 2101 |

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