

The Wheeler Word



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Term 1 Wk 9

Thursday 28 March 2019

Good luck & well done to our swimmers who swam at the Sydney North carnival today at Homebush. Mr James & Mrs Young were both there also as Pittwater team manager and carnival officials.

Thank you to the school community for embracing Harmony Day last week. Special thanks to Miss Earl and the Year 2 team for coordinating the activities.

Parent Interviews

Please see the detailed information in Mrs Wright's section about Parent/Teacher interviews to be held over the next two weeks.

Please note that the booking system will be closed this Friday afternoon.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Tuesday evening was the first Kindergarten 2020 Information night. It was lovely to see new families and current families attend and learn more about our school.

Please be sure to mention to your friends and neighbours about enrolling for 2020. Next week is the first school tour on Tuesday 2 April at 9.45am. Please meet at the school office or library for this event.

All important dates are listed on the school website under Kindergarten 2020.

Election Day Cake Stall

What a busy and profitable day on Saturday. Thank you to the wonderful fundraising team who coordinated the hugely successful and never ending cake stall & white elephant. School families kept bringing in cakes as they arrived to vote and the talented band musicians entertained the voters. Once again it was a lovely atmosphere at the school. Please see more details later in the newsletter under P&C news.



Road Safety

The safety of our students and the local community has certainly been vastly improved thanks to the council changes on Veterans Parade. I also again remind students & parents that we should only cross at the designated crossing points, particularly on Rose Avenue which is extremely busy before and after school. A member of the public has reported that a number of students regularly cross at dangerous locations on Rose Avenue.

Raffle Tickets to Win a Car

Thank you to the many families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets. Student leaders are in the school playground each morning from 8.45am to collect the tickets. Parents can collect more ticket books to sell, from the school office. Remember there will be prizes for the best classes and students who sell the most tickets. **All tickets must be returned by Friday 5 April please!!**



David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Autumn 2019 School Holiday activities programs run by Northern Beaches Council are now open for bookings. Brochures are available from the office. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

2019 DATES

Thurs 28 March

Syd Nth swimming carnival
Jazz Band at Cromer HS

Mon 1 April – Fri 12 April

(Wks 10 & 11) Parent Interviews

Mon 1 April – Tues 2 April

Aboriginal Cultural Immersion days

Tues 2 April 9.45am

School Tour

Thurs 4 April

Hope Choir performance

Wed 10 April Stage 2

Multicultural Public speaking finals

Thurs 11 April Stage 3

Multicultural Public speaking finals

Thurs & Fri 11 & 12 April

State swimming @ Homebush

Fri 12 April 9.30

Easter Hat Parade & 10.15 Open classrooms

TERM 1 ends

TERM 2

Tues 30 April

Students return

Friday 3 May

School Cross Country carnival

Wed 8 May 7-8pm Hall

Fears & Worries in Children Talk for parents

Fri 10 May

Mothers' Day breakfast

May 14-16

NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Thurs 23 May

School Photos

Sat 25 May

Dance @ Pitt. House

Sun 2 June

Dance @ Abbotsleigh

Wed 5 June

District Cross Country

Thurs 6 June

PSSA & special group photos

Mon 10 June

Public Holiday

Thurs 20 June

PCS NAIDOC Art Ex @ Warriewood

Fri 21 June

Syd Nth Cross Country

Mon – Wed 1-3 July

Yr 5 Camp

Wed – Fri 3-5 July

Yr 6 Camp
Fri 5 Jul Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Tues 23 July – Fri 27 Sept

Mon 5 Aug

PCS Music Festival @ Pittwater HS

Tues 6 Aug

Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival @ Narrabeen

Thurs 15 August

Colour Run

Mon 2 Sept

Pittwater Athletics

TERM 4

Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up



Wonderful Wheeler Community Campaigners!

What a wonderfully wondrous community we have at Wheeler Heights Public School. Everyone has been madly selling tickets in our raffle and making so much money for our school. The thought of winning a car is obviously very appealing! One student has already sold eleven books and has taken another ten! WOW! Our student leaders have been assisting with the collection of tickets and giving up their playing time in the mornings. We are extremely proud of the students who have remembered every day and been on time to complete their commitment. The leadership being shown is impressive.

Teachers forever learning

This week our teachers have been collaboratively learning about and working on our whole school modern learning focus, Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT). In a time of major educational reform due to massive changes in societal requirements, we are having to teach our students to think differently and be problem solvers. We have a three year plan in place to implement and incorporate CCT into all learning areas. Later this year, all staff will be attending two evening sessions where they will gain further knowledge of incorporating CCT across the curriculum and ways to teach our students to think for themselves. We then have huge plans for next year. I'll update you on that as the time arises. All teachers are extremely excited by our initiative and are motivated to ensure the implementation is successful and our students learning experiences are rewarding and effective.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

As stated last week, we will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews next week and in Week 11 this term. Interviews will take place in your child's classroom.

Please note that each booking is for 15 minutes. Teachers attempt to stick to this time limit to ensure people are not waiting for long periods for their appointment. Please be prompt for your interview and allow the teacher to finish within the 15 minute time frame.

Bookings will close tomorrow.

You will need to book your interview online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and the code is **s3w4z**

1R extra information – Interviews for 1R students took place this week.

5/6T extra information – Miss Tekampe returns in Week 11. Parents of Year 6 students in 5/6T please do not make a booking in Week 11. These slots are for Year 5 students only. Miss T will be completing interviews for Year 6 students early in Term 2 (dates TBA). Further information will be sent out before this time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mind Quest 2019

On Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 June 2019 the 91st NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. **These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability** with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, Lego robotics, art and much, much more. The cost of the weekend is \$200. If you would like to apply, application forms can be obtained from the office.

Have a terrific week everyone and look out for more exciting news next week!

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal (Rel)
Instructional Leader



Education
Public Schools

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

All students in Years 3-6 are taking part in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Students have presented or are presenting their speeches this week. Two students from each class will be selected for the Stage finals which will be held during Week 11 – Wed 10 April for Stage 2 and Thurs 11 April for Stage 3. Finalists will be given letters outlining specific details next week.

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Public Speaking Coordinator

Miss Madi Smithies
Stage 2 Organiser

Mrs Adele Sullivan
Stage 3 Organiser

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Last Monday, I had the pleasure of accompanying 5 students to the Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge. The tournament was run by the NSW Junior Chess League and hosted by Mona Vale Public School. Edu B, Hayden W, Callum H, Leo R and Sonny T won most of their games against other schools and gained a lot of experience along the way. Well done boys! You were wonderful representatives for WHPS. Thanks to the parents who attended and supported our players. Participation certificates were awarded at assembly today.

Mrs Sullivan
Chess Coordinator



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT WHPS

Thank you to all the classes at WHPS who spent 20 minutes cleaning up our beautiful school environment today. Lots of rubbish was collected from our playgrounds and garden areas.

The school looks amazing!

Stage 2 Teachers
Clean Up School Organisers



Everyone Belongs Harmony Day 2019

WOW! What a fantastic and colourful Harmony Day we enjoyed last Thursday.

Students from K-6 created their own Harmony Day hand reflecting their cultural heritage. Unfortunately the weather didn't allow for the outdoor installation as planned but they looked terrific displayed in our school hall.

All money raised on the day is used to support our World Vision sponsor child Gedete who lives in Ethiopia. Thank you to all our families for supporting this event. We raised \$533.00 via gold coin donations. An extra special THANK YOU to the amazing Sherene and Tracey in the canteen and all the fantastic volunteers who made and served a tasty array of special multicultural meals on the day. The food was delicious and the canteen has kindly donated the profits, which is an amazing \$500.00 to support Gedete. As a result we raised over \$1000.00 to support our sponsor child. Congratulations everyone!

Miss Earl



SPORTS UPDATE

PSSA

Last week we held a very successful round of winter PSSA trials. All coaches and teachers commented on the talent and the great sportsmanship that was displayed by the WHPS students. It is going to be a tough day for students and coaches at the trials this Friday. Fingers crossed for more clear weather so we can hold our last round of winter PSSA trials. Teams will hopefully be announced during Week 10. Permission notes and behaviour contracts will be sent home by Week 11. Good luck to everyone this week!

I would also like to clarify the changes to netball and rugby league this year. Netball and Rugby League are non-gender specific sports (i.e. boys rugby league is now just rugby league). This means that there is no number of either gender set or required in a team. It can be all male, all female or a combination of both. However, AFL is still currently classified as 'mixed' in our PSSA competition meaning that we need 3 of either gender minimum on the field at all times.



Sydney North Rugby Union



Also, a massive congratulations to Beau M who successfully trialed for the Under 11s, Possibles vs Probables Sydney North Rugby League Team 2019 on Wednesday. The Sydney North teachers spoke very highly of the Combined Zone team. They said that the boys were respectful on and off the field and should be congratulated for their efforts, sportsmanship and the way they represented not only our school, but our Zones.

Sydney North Swimming Carnival

A massive congratulations to the 7 boys who proudly represented our Pittwater Zone at the Sydney North Swimming carnival today. More results will be posted next week.

Yours in Sport,

Nadine Young
Sports Coordinator



This year Wheeler Heights is participating in the Interschools Snow Sports Competition.

The Interschools is an organisation running school based snow races for students in Kindergarten to Year 12. Public and Independent schools compete together within their regions. There are three regions within our state (Northern, Southern and Sydney). Wheeler Heights competes in the Northern Region and will contest its Regional Titles during the first week of the July school holidays at Perisher.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to join in the fun at the Regional Championships.

Students qualifying through their Region can expect to then compete at State and maybe even National level. The Interschools offers the disciplines of Alpine Ski, Skier Cross, Mogul Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboard GS and Snowboard Boarder Cross.

The races are divided into divisions as follows:

Division 4 = Years 5 & 6

Division 5 = Years 3 & 4

Division 6 = Kindergarten to Year 2

The Wheeler Heights ski and board program is teacher co-ordinated, requires parent involvement and is funded on a user pays basis. If you would like to be part of our snow team, take a further look at the Interschools website <https://ausinterschools.com.au/> for a great overview of snow racing in NSW.

An information afternoon for interested families will be held on Tuesday 9 April at 3:30pm in Miss Smithies' classroom. Snow sports is a wonderful winter opportunity for both students and their families.

We look forward to welcoming you to the information afternoon.

Miss Smithies and Mrs Young
Snow sports Co-ordinators

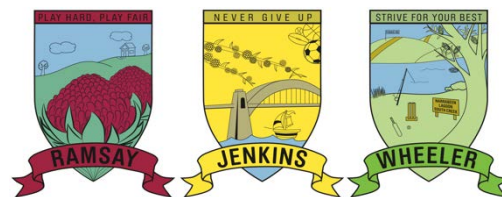


CROSS COUNTRY



It's time to get your running shoes on! The school cross country is just around the corner and it's time to start preparing. Cross country training will run for the following dates:

- Week 9: Tuesday 26 March – Friday 29 March
- Week 10: Tuesday 2 April – Friday 5 April
- Week 11: Tuesday 9 April – Friday 12 April



The actual cross country event will be held on Friday 3 May, commencing at 9:30am.

Students will need to bring their running shoes for the training days and a water bottle for afterwards. It is expected that all students will participate in the training and event (if there is a medical reason that they cannot participate, a note will be required).

In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack, or last. You can say 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that. Author Unknown

Samuel James
Cross Country Coordinator

WHEELER HEIGHTS DANCE PROGRAM

Junior and Senior Dance are in full swing this year. Miss Tahlia has been rehearsing hard with our groups to prepare our dancers for performance season which starts very soon.

A few dates for the diary:

The Dance Challenge 'I'd Rather Be Dancing' is on Saturday 25 May at Pittwater House School.

'Extreme' is on Sunday 2 June at Abbotsleigh School.

The Sydney North Dance Festival dates at Glen Street Theatre will be confirmed once notification has been received.

If you are away for any period of time please advise us now as stage positioning is extremely important. It is also very important as performances are approaching, that children attend all classes. For absences please email the school or the dance committee - whps.dance@gmail.com



Miss Higgs and Mrs Alexander
Dance Teachers

UPCOMING PARENT PRESENTATIONS

Understanding fears and worries in children



MACQUARIE
University
SYDNEY · AUSTRALIA

Professor Jennie Hudson is the Director of the Centre for Emotional Health within the Department of Psychology, Macquarie University. Jennie's research focuses on understanding the factors that contribute to children's emotional health and working to improve the services available to children experiencing anxiety and other emotional disorders. She is an author of the internationally renowned Cool Kids program, an evidence-based program for managing anxiety problems in children and young people.

Jennie's presentation will provide parents with information on anxiety problems in primary school aged children. She will discuss how to know if your child's fears and worries are normal, when to seek help, and what strategies you can put in place to set them on the right track.

Date: Wednesday 8 May
Time: 7pm - 8pm
Location: WHPS School Hall



Mrs Kathy Westwood
Learning and Support Teacher



Easter Hat Parade and Grandfriends Day

K-6 Grandfriends, parents and younger siblings are invited to our Annual Wheeler Heights K-2 Easter Hat Parade.

Friday, 12 April at 9:30am

The parade will be held on **C-Deck**. There will be some seating available on C-Deck but you're welcome to bring a picnic chair to set up on B-Deck to look down at and enjoy the festivities.



HATS

Kindergarten making hats with buddies at school.
Year 1 and 2 are to make their Easter hats at home.

WET WEATHER PLAN- in the hall

Morning tea
for
Grandfriends
and parents
from 10:45am

K-6 open
classrooms
from
10:15am

'Pre-school' siblings are invited to make their own creative hats and join in their own special parade.



The flexischools app currently used to place canteen and uniform orders will now also be our communication app. You will be able to:

- receive instant notifications regarding whole school events
- receive specific information relating to a roll class or group e.g. individual PSSA team, dance group.
- send absence notes via the app

GET STARTED

Step 1: Download the App

Download the Flexischools App from the App Store or Google Play.

Note: for iPhone and iPad select 'Allow' notifications.



Step 2: Add your School and Group/s

Click on the search icon and search for 'Wheeler Heights Public School'

Ensure when you add the communication groups you choose for each child:

- Scholastic Year
- Roll class
- Each extra curricula group e.g. senior dance

If your child is in a PSSA team, choose the individual team e.g. 'girls cricket' AND the group titled 'PSSA'. The individual team group will have specific information regarding that team only, the PSSA group will give information regarding cancelled games/wet weather.

Step 3: Select NEWSFEED

Step 4: Add your Flexischools Account

Click the 'Order Now' button located in the bottom right hand corner of the App. This will open up a login screen.

- Already a Flexischools User – enter your details and login.
- New to Flexischools User – Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email.

To place an order with canteen or uniform shop

Click on the 'Order Now' button located in the bottom right hand menu of the App.

- Select the items you wish to order.
- Select payment option and complete payment.



P&C NOTICES

P&C NEWS

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

It is fantastic to see raffle tickets and money coming in so quickly. A big thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets. Please continue to send in money and raffle tickets (sold or not as all tickets need to be accounted for) and wherever possible return them to the school office, in the bag they were provided in so that we can reuse them. Student leaders are located near the office each morning for returns and additional raffle tickets can be collected from the school office, for those who are keen to sell more!

WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FACEBOOK PAGE

We are pleased to announce that the P&C now has its very own Facebook Page. This page is run by the P&C and will be used as an additional communication tool for parents. Please 'like' our page to stay on top of what is going on at school - [Wheeler Heights Public School P&C](#).

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school.

Natalie Cook
P&C President

P&C FUNDRAISING EVENTS UPDATE



Rotary Raffle Tickets - SELL SELL SELL

Last days to sell your raffle tickets. All money and unsold tickets need to be returned to the office or our school leaders collecting each morning in front of the office by **Friday 5 April** (we were able to extend by 1 week). It could be you winning the Kia Picanto car! Don't forget we have prizes for the highest individual ticket seller and also the class that sells the most tickets.

Election Day Cake Stall - Wrap Up & Thank You

A massive thank you to all the bakers and donations made for our cake stall on Saturday during the Election Day voting. We had a massive turn out and many happy people walked away with their treats.

A very special THANK YOU to the following volunteers for helping out with the cake and white elephant stall: Jane Pollard, Cathie Butler, Kate van de Wall, Nicole Cattanach, Jo Ramdeen, Michele Freebairn, Susie Paul, Bronwyn Nakhla, Nicole Byford, Suzanne Baker, Kristin Anstiss, Elisa Winslett and Melissa Mulle.

We raised a massive \$1025 which was gratefully received by the P&C.

P&C Fundraising Committee

Events	Class Helper	Dates
Rotary Raffle	Fundraising Committee	Feb - April
Mothers' Day Breakfast	Year 3	Friday 10 May
Fathers' Day Breakfast	Year 1	Friday 30 August
Colour Run	Year 5	Thursday 15 August
School Disco	Kindy	Thursday 24 October
Trivia Night	Year 2 & 4	Saturday 9 November

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like the class parent to please email the canteen with your volunteer list by the Friday before the week you've been allocated. If your volunteers use the signup.com website you'll still need to email the canteen your list including those parents.

Parents, if you use the online sign up system please email your class parent to let them know.

If you can't help during the week your class has been given, you can volunteer for any other time throughout the year. Please sign up today online at <http://signup.com/go/NsULEeM>

Every volunteer will receive a canteen superhoo for their child to use at a later date. You'll also go into the draw to receive a \$50.00 voucher to a local restaurant.

The class with the most parent volunteers will get a pizza party at the end of the year! Grab a friend and sign up!

Thank you, The Canteen

CANTEEN ROSTER 2019		CANTEEN ROSTER 2019	
TERM 1 2019		CLASS VOLUNTEER	
WEEK 9	25/03 - 29/03	KH & 1R	
WEEK 10	01/04 - 05/04	5/6T & 6A	
WEEK 11	08/04 -12/04	5M	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		RETURN APRIL 30	

BLOKES' VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE CANTEEN



**“Blokies’ Day” in the
school canteen
Wednesday April 10
all day!**

Let's celebrate with a
sausage sizzle!
\$3.50

Vegetarian option available

Sausages are Gluten Free

Gluten Free bread available upon request

Pay online with flexischools

To volunteer please email whpscanteen@gmail.com or pop into the canteen



Thank you to all our volunteer parents who helped on the day and to all the parents who supported Harmony Day by ordering food.

The canteen raised \$500.00!

The money will be used to help support our *World Vision* child.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Kids Gardening Classes

11am

Mon 15 - Thurs 18 & Tues 23, Wed 24 & Fri 26 April

No classes on Good Friday, Easter Monday & Anzac Day

Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Pot your own seedling to take home.

For more gardening advice, visit
flowerpower.com.au