

The Wheeler Word



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Term 1 Wk 11

Thursday 11 April 2019

So much has been happening at our fabulous school recently.....Yoga, Drama, Chess, the Ugandan Hope Choir visit, Aboriginal visits, activities, smoking ceremony & mural painting, cross country practice, PSSA tryouts & selections, multicultural public speaking, Yr 5/6 photography day, breakfast with students at Scotty's Bakehouse, Blokes Day BBQ in the canteen, Fee draw at assembly, Rotary raffle ticket selling, Parent Teacher interviews, 10 new amazing IWB screens installed and of course the Easter Hat parade and final day of Term 1 tomorrow.



Best wishes to all members of the Wheeler Hts community for a very safe and happy holiday. School resumes for children on Tuesday 30 April.

Please take note of the School Security phone number 1300 880 021 to report any matters of concern at our school at any time.

Wheeler Heights family win the CAR

Congratulations to the Tierney family (Morgan & Pearce) who won the car in the Rotary Raffle last night. A number of school principals and I were present at Pittwater RSL club when local MP Jason Falinski drew the winning ticket and announced that it was from Wheeler Hts. We have participated in this raffle for the past 4 years and to win the major prize is wonderful news.



Staffing News

Congratulations to **Priscilla Wright** who was recently selected as our new Assistant Principal (AP) after the merit selection process. Mrs Wright has been acting AP for quite a while now and we are delighted that she is now in the position permanently!

Ms Cindy Waldock (AP) will return at the start of Term 2 after a number of years working in the Education Department School Sport Unit. Ms Waldock will take over from Mrs Miller on 5M on Thursday and Friday each week and also teacher RFF (release from face to face) on Monday – Wednesday.

I will be on leave over the holiday break and for the first seven days next term. During this time Mrs Wright will be the Acting Principal.

Easter Hat Parade and Open classrooms - Friday 12 April from 9.30am

Please see the flyer later in this newsletter and come along tomorrow to the Easter Hat Parade, open classrooms and morning tea.

2019 DATES

Fri 12 April 9.30am Easter Hat Parade & **10.15am** Open Classrooms

TERM 1 ends

TERM 2

Mon 29 April Staff return

Tues 30 April Students return

Thurs 2 May Anzac Service at school 2.30pm

Friday 3 May School Cross Country Carnival

Sat & Sun 4 & 5 May School Band Jam

Wed 8 May 7-8pm Hall Fears & Worries in Children Talk for parents

Fri 10 May Mothers' Day Breakfast PSSA Rd 1

Mon 13 May Special Dance auditions

Tues 14 May – Thurs 16 May NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Thurs 16 May Kindy excursion

Fri 17 May PSSA Rd 2

Tues 21 May School Tour 9.45am

Wed 22 May Maths Olympiad No. 1

Thurs 23 May School Photos

Sat 25 May Dance @ Pittwater 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 Exhibition @ Warriewood Square

Fri 21 June Syd Nth Cross Country

Mon 1 July – Wed 3 July Yr 5 Camp

Wed 3 July – Fri 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 Aug Colour Run

Mon 2 Sept Pittwater Athletics Carnival

TERM 4

Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

Athlete's Foot Support for our school

Thank you to Kyle from the Athlete's Foot who presented \$515 to our school at the Monday morning assembly. This money has been raised by a donation from every sale made by a Wheeler Hts family. Please be sure to mention our school when you purchase shoes at the Athlete's Foot at Warriewood or Warringah Mall.



Anxiety Talk – Wed 8 May 7pm

Next term we are very fortunate to have Dr Jennie Hudson talk to us about 'Understanding fears and worries in children'. Please see the detailed note later in the newsletter. We are also inviting parents from Cromer and Collaroy Plateau Public Schools to attend. Could parents please be sure to RSVP to the school office as soon as possible.

School Fees draw

Congratulations to the Johnston (Toby & Anna) Cheetham (Max & Alana) and Waller (Ava & Sam) families who won the special draw on Monday for vouchers at Scotty's Bakehouse, Anthony's Chickens and the Z Bar. Thank you once again to our fabulous local businesses for their support of our school.

Artificial grass

New areas of artificial grass will soon be installed at our school. The Year 6 tiered area adjacent to the oval and the area adjacent to the hall will be greatly improved. Thank you to our very generous P&C who have contributed substantially to this school project.

Year 4 2020 OC (Opportunity Class) Applications

Applications for the Year 5 OC classes open on 30 April and close on Friday 17 May. Please note that all applications must be made online. Details of this process will be emailed to all Year 4 parents and copies of the form are available at the front office.

School Holiday Chicken Roster

Our new chickens have settled in very well to their new home...and have just started laying eggs!! If you would like to look after the chickens for a few days over the upcoming school holidays, please let the school office know. Duties include letting the chickens out of their hutch in the morning & putting them back in the afternoon, collecting the eggs, ensuring that food and water is available & general cleaning of their area.

Advertisements in the school newsletter

The school regularly receives requests to print community announcements and private advertisements in the school newsletter. We do carefully monitor the appropriateness of the announcements and services provided.

Once a term, the newsletter includes an advertising feature where appropriate advertisers pay to be included. **Please be aware that the school or I personally do not specifically endorse or recommend any of the advertisements which appear in the school newsletter.**

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

We had our first school tour for the year last week. The next tour is scheduled for Tuesday 21 May. All Kindergarten dates and details are on the school website. Please be sure to mention this date to your friends and neighbours.

Safety before school

It has always been the rule that big balls are not allowed before school as many parents, siblings and babies are often in the playground area and may be endangered. Only small hand balls are permitted before school.

School Grounds open in the School Holidays

Once again our school will be supporting the Share Our Space program during the school holidays. Only the main school oval, cricket nets & climbing equipment will be available for use. We do ask that students only play in this designated area and be respectful of our WHOSHC providers who will be operating as usual over the holiday period.

Cromer High School

If you will be attending Cromer HS in 2020 you may be interested in the dedicated Creative Arts (CAPA) Enrichment Program. Copies of the application forms are available at the front office.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

A scooter was found in the school grounds this week. If your child has lost a scooter please contact the office.

Thank you

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews finish this week (apart from Year 6 students from 5/6T who will have theirs next term – further details early next term). Thank you to parents for making the time to come in and have these important discussions and to our amazing teachers for giving up their time. We have a wonderful staff at WHPS and hearing lots of positive feedback from parents about the professional manner of teachers during interviews was terrific.

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.

Public Speaking

Wow! What amazing public speakers we have at Wheeler Heights Public School!!



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The Multicultural Perspectives
Public Speaking Competition

This week, 20 students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Finals. Each representative prepared a speech based on one of a variety of multicultural topics provided. Finalists had the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills, heighten awareness of multicultural issues and improve their confidence. We were thoroughly entertained and educated by all the speakers. The speeches this year were all of an extremely high standard. Our finalists also participated in the challenging task of impromptu speeches to better prepare them for the regional final. Students were given an unseen topic on a general, non-multicultural theme. They had 5 minutes to write a short speech and then presented that speech in front of the audience. The standard of the impromptu speeches was outstanding this year and the confidence shown by our students was amazing. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Mr Scotter and I had the extremely difficult task of adjudicating the finals. We made our decisions based on the manner, matter and method the contestants employed in presenting their speeches. The content included within the speeches was very important in our decision making. After much deliberation, 2 students were chosen from each final to represent Wheeler Heights at the regional final held sometime next term.

Congratulations to:

Stage 2 Winners: Everett M and Laura H

Stage 3 Winners: Imogen L and Alana C

We wish them all the best as they prepare for the next final.

A huge thank you to Miss Smithies (Stage 2) and Mrs Sullivan (Stage 3) for organising the events and Mrs Radom and Mrs Sullivan for assisting students with their impromptu speech preparation. Thank you Mr Scotter for doing a wonderful job of adjudicating and to our fantastic hosts Ryan, Kyah, Lily and CJ.

Again, well done to all contestants for your amazing efforts.

STAGE 3 Finalists and Winners



STAGE 2 Finalists and Winners



Have a terrific holiday everyone and I look forward to seeing you all next term!

Mrs Priscilla Wright

Assistant Principal
Public Speaking Coordinator
Instructional Leader



As part of its patronage of the arts, the Moran Arts Foundation provides up to 100 free photographic workshops to schools around Australia each year. The Moran Arts Foundation is a philanthropic, not-for-profit organisation whose objective is to support the arts in Australia through the Moran Prizes, Moran Galleries and School Photographic Workshops

Yesterday, 30 students from Stage 3 were lucky enough to attend a Moran Arts Foundation photographic workshop at Wheeler Heights Public School with local photographer, Sally Mayman.

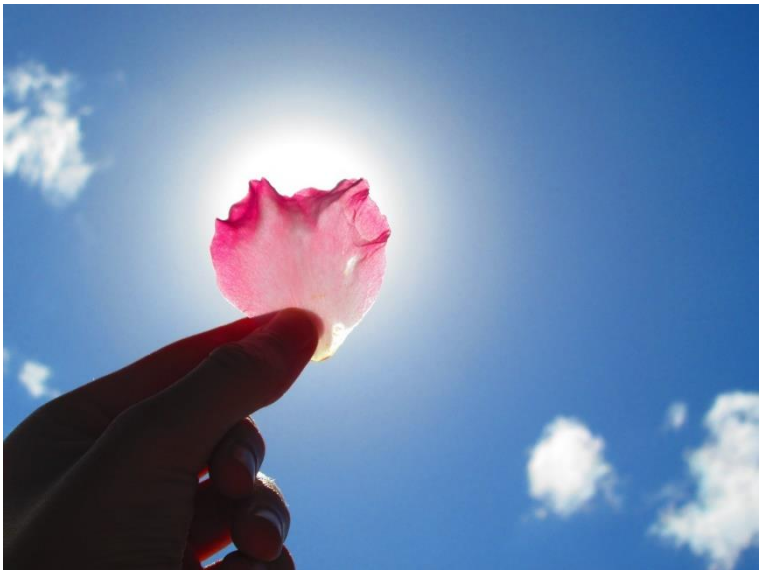
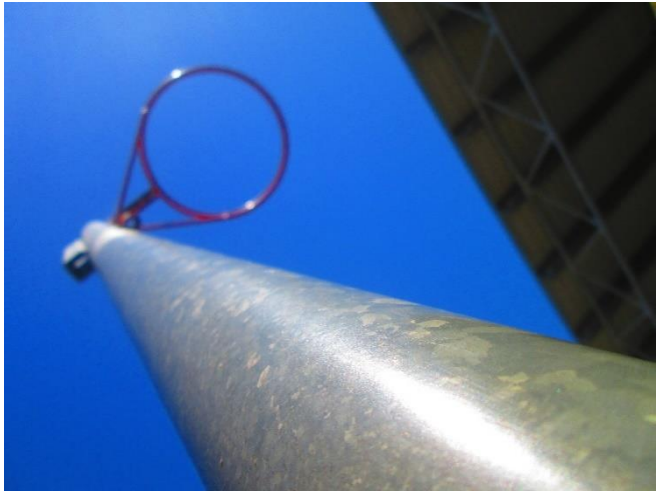
Each student was given a digital camera to work with for the day and learnt basic photography skills along the theme of 'Visual Storytelling'. They printed their favourite 5 shots of the day which were automatically entered into the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize (student category). See a selection of their favourite photos on the next page.

All participating students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be imaginative and creative through the art of photography and built valuable skills and confidence in the process.

Mrs Sullivan
Photography Workshop Supervisor



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SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Maya L and Coco F who are our sustainability leaders of the month for March. These two leaders have shown outstanding commitment to minimising our waste at WHPS. From monitoring the bins, sorting waste, educating others and assisting with our compost bins, these two girls have been wonderful leaders. Keep up the great work!

In other news, WHPS has been holding a seedling drive over the last few weeks and have received a number of donations. On behalf of our community and school, I want to say a very **BIG THANK YOU** to those families who have contributed to helping us expand our vegetable patch. We truly appreciate it, and we look forward to seeing our produce grow.

If you still wish to contribute, the donation box is at the entrance of 6A.

Mrs Alexander
Sustainability and ECO Coordinator



**WHEELER HEIGHTS
PUBLIC SCHOOL**




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.**

SPORTS UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to **Chloe W** who was successful at the zone netball trial last week and will now trial at Sydney North. Good luck at the next level.

UPCOMING PITTWATER ZONE SOFTBALL TRIALS

Date	Sport	Location	Time	Cost
Monday 13 May (T2W3)	Girls Zone Softball	Newport Oval	2.00pm	nil
Monday 20 May (T2W4)	Boys Zone Softball	Newport Oval	2.00pm	nil

Please email the school if your child is interested in trialling for Pittwater Zone teams. Please remember that these trials are very competitive and of a very high standard. You will need to include details of your child's ability (years' experience and representative teams). Notes will be sent home to students selected to trial.

Yours in Sport

Nadine Young
Sports Coordinator

UPCOMING PARENT PRESENTATIONS

Understanding fears and worries in children



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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 & 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
Cost : FREE



Please RSVP by phone or email to Wheeler Hts PS by 3 May. Phone 9971 8352 wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Kathy Westwood
Learning and Support Teacher

P&C NOTICES

CANTEEN NEWS



The canteen would like to thank all our volunteers this term!
Our canteen volunteer winner for Term 1 is Alison Evans who wins a voucher for \$50.00 for Oceans in Narrabeen.. Enjoy!



P&C FUNDRAISING EVENTS UPDATE

Events	Class Helper	Dates
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

COME AND JOIN US

Mother's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY MAY 10 | 7-9 AM
SCHOOL HALL

(Staggered bookings to avoid queues)

BREAKFAST & GIFTS

We will be serving a delicious selection of refreshments, scones, pastries & fruit platters and there will be an onsite barista serving fresh coffee to all our adult guests (GF options available online)

BOOKINGS

Please book on Flexischools. Tickets and gifts will be available within the next 7 days. We will send out a reminder email when they are available.

Parent & First child + gift	Additional sibling + gift \$10.00
\$12.00 on Flexischools	Gift only \$7.00 per child
\$15.00 Cash on the day	(delivered to your child's classroom)

Questions? whps.fundraising@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Could your child's resilience do with a top-up?

Book them into one of our fun, play-based, Term 2 after school workshops!

Wheeler Heights Primary School

Tuesdays | K-3 | 3.30 - 4.30

We will meet your child when the bell goes and supervise them until 3.30. We can also pick up from and drop off at after school care

Your \$292.50 investment includes 9 1-hour workshops, a 1-hour parent briefing and resources and support through the term

Book them into one of our 1-day April school holiday camps!

Neutral Bay, Roseville, Cammeray | Ages 5-8 and 9-12
Superpower Camps, Resilience Bootcamps, Confidence Camps, Chill-out Camps

Book online at:

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RESILIENCE IN KIDS



PCYC NORTHERN BEACHES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES 5-12 FROM 9AM-4PM

\$60

PER DAY

OPTIONAL

6PM PICKUP + \$20

LUNCH PACK + \$10

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

BASKETBALL SKILLS

Develop key fundamental basketball skills that will lay a solid foundation for a basketball player. Our program is action packed and full of fun.

SOCCER WORLD CUP

The world game tournament where players wear the colours of their heritage. Dividing the players into small teams and playing in round robin format, everyone will get to play for the title of champions of the world.

NINJA WARRIOR

Become a Ninja for the day with a martial arts session and run on our ninja assault course. Run, jump, roll and balance your way through, trying to be the quickest ninja on the course. This day will also include some multisport fun.

LASER WARRIOR

Join in the action and thrill of laser tag. Playing a couple of objective style missions such as King of the Hill and Capture the Flag, you can show off your sharp shooting skills. To finish the day we play some sports and games.

BOOK ONLINE OR AT RECEPTION TODAY!

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MONDAY 15TH APR	TUESDAY 16TH APR	WEDNESDAY 17TH APR	THURSDAY 18TH APR	FRIDAY 19TH APR	WEEK 1
BASKETBALL SKILLS	NINJA WARRIOR	LASER WARRIORS	SOCCER WORLD CUP	GOOD FRIDAY	
MONDAY 22ND APR	TUESDAY 23RD APR	WEDNESDAY 24TH APR	THURSDAY 25TH APR	FRIDAY 26TH APR	WEEK 2
EASTER MONDAY	LASER WARRIORS	NINJA WARRIOR	ANZAC DAY	BASKETBALL SKILLS	