



The Wheeler Word

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Term 2 Wk 9

Thurs 27 June 2019

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Gai-maraigal and Garigal people and we would like to respect our Elders of the past, present and future. Under our school the land will always be theirs.

Dominic P – Year 3

A very busy time of late for our performance groups. Congratulations to the **Junior & Senior Dance groups** who performed at Glen Street Theatre on Monday and Wednesday evening in the Sydney North Dance Festival.

Congratulations to the **Intermediate Band** who performed last Sunday at Pittwater High School. Special thanks to Band Directors Derek and Kirrily who have prepared the band so well. Tonight our **Senior Band** are performing at Forest HS and on Sunday our **Jazz band** will be at Harbord PS.

Today our **Year 6 Debating team** are visiting Bilgola Plateau PS as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Yesterday **Year 3 and 4** students visited Collaroy Plateau PS to watch their **Drama** performances. Next Thursday our students will perform in the Hall. Please be sure to come along at the correct time (see the calendar with times on the right).

School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion Run

The next big school fundraising event is the School Run 4 Fun COLOUR Explosion on Thursday 15 August! A detailed information form and sponsorship form will be distributed to all students on Monday. We hope that all school families will support our major student fundraiser for this year.



Super Hoot Morning Teas

Students who have received 25 Super Hoot awards, that is five Principal stickers, will be eligible for the special morning tea in Week 10. Boys and girls have received their invitation letter this week. The K-2 event will be on Thursday 4 July from 10.45am and the Years 3-5 event will be on Friday 5 July at 11am. The Year 6 morning tea will be held next term due to the school camp.

Admin Foyer Displays

Please be sure to visit the school front office and see the wonderful class foyer displays. Currently we have 2W & 5S whose beautiful and creative work is on display.

Enrolment 2020

Yesterday we had another School Tour. We were very lucky to see the Drama rehearsal, visit the Kindergarten classes and see Year 5 enjoying their ukulele lessons. Please remember to come to the office & collect an enrolment form for 2020. Often siblings tend to forget or leave it till the last minute. Please be sure to remind your friends and neighbours to come along and enrol.

Student Reports

As Mrs Wright and I have been mentioning in recent newsletters, we will not be sending home hard copies of reports this semester. All school reports will be emailed. Recently you all should have received an email and a message (through Flexischools, the school app) to check/confirm your correct email address. We do expect that there will be a few issues with the emailing process this semester and ask that you are patient as we trial this new system. We expect to email the reports to parents in Week 10.

End of Year dates

We are currently finalising a number of dates for the rest of the school year and these will be in next week's newsletter. Many parents ask us for future dates so that they can plan holidays or other activities. Occasionally some events do come up quite unexpectedly or teams/groups qualify for finals and extra opportunities. In these cases, it is often not possible to give much notice.

2019 DATES

TERM 2

Fri 28 June NO PSSA – BYE
 Wheelchair Rugby Syd Olympic
 Park - Year 6 Leaders
 Chess (Away)

Mon 1 Jul–Wed 3 Jul Yr 5 Camp

Wed 3 Jul–Fri 5 Jul Yr 6 Camp

Thurs 4 Jul Yr K-2 Super Hoot
 morning tea 10.45
 Yr 3 & 4 Drama performances:
 3S and 3B – 12.15pm
 3/4Y, 4J and 4R – 2.30pm

Fri 5 Jul Yrs 3-5 Super Hoot
 morning tea 11am
 NO PSSA or Chess
Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Mon 22 July Staff Development Day

Tues 23 July Students return
Wed 24 July Spelling Bee Stage
 finals
Fri 26 July PSSA & Chess
Mon 29 July P&C 7pm

Tues 30 July Drama group perform at Drama festival

Wed 31 July Yr 4 OC Test
Maths Olympiad No. 3

Thurs 1 Aug Yr 5 & 6 Incursion
Fri 2 Aug PSSA & Chess
Mon 5 Aug PCS Music Festival
 rehearsal & PM show @ Pitt HS
Tues 6 Aug Yr 3-6 Athletics
 Carnival @ Narrabeen
Wed 7 Aug Snr Choir rehearsal &
 PM performance @ Opera House
 Yr 3 excursion
Fri 9 Aug PSSA
Wed 14 Aug–Fri 16 Aug Life
 Education Van
Thurs 15 Aug School Run4Fun
 Colour Explosion
Fri 16 Aug PSSA TBC
Mon 19 Aug P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 21 Aug Maths Olympiad No. 4
Thurs 22 Aug Book Week author
 visit
Mon 26 Aug – Fri 30 Aug SASS
 Week
Friday 30 Aug Father's Day
 breakfast
Mon 2 Sept Pittwater Athletics
 Carnival
Thurs 5 Sept Bushlink visit
Mon 9 or Thurs 12 Sept Ballroom
 Dancing @ Homebush TBC
Wed 11 Sept Maths Olympiad No. 5
Mon 16 Sept P&C AGM 7pm
Tues 17 Sept School Tour 9.45am
Wed 18 Sept Yr 4 to Kimbriki
Thurs 19 Sept Yr 3 to Kimbriki
Wed 25 Sept Yr 5 Surf Skills
Thurs 26 Sept PCS NAIDOC
 sleepout @ Bilgola
Fri 27 Sept Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec
Wed 16 Oct Kindy 2020 Info night
Mon 21 Oct P&C 7pm

Obviously, we expect children to attend school each and every day and if this is the case then you will be assured of not missing any important school activity.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Flexischools have emailed users directly of an essential update. In order to continue using the app, you must install this important update. Included in the update are changes to the online terms and conditions. Please contact Flexischools if you have any questions or concerns by using one of the contact options available on their [website](#). If you do not have access to the internet, please call their Customer Service Team on 1300 361 769.



Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

Just when we think it is not possible to be any more proud of our wonderful Wheeler students we have a week like this when so many incredible things happen! Well done Team Wheeler!

CROMER CAMPUS PRIMARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



I was fortunate to attend the graduation day of the Semester One Cromer Campus Primary Enrichment Program with Josie J, Imogen L and Alana C on Tuesday afternoon. Over Terms 1 and 2, each Tuesday, the girls attended NBSC – Cromer Campus and joined selected students from a number of local primary schools to undertake enrichment activities covering many topics. The girls have explored marine biodiversity, medieval times, physics, food technology, coding and robotics just to name a few. Witnessing the end results of their efforts was truly phenomenal. The children presented on the various topics in pairs and delivered this information in various forms including news reports, skits and even a rap song!

Josie, Imogen and Alana were outstanding representatives of our school and we are extremely proud of them for taking full advantage of the opportunity they were given. We thank NBSC – Cromer Campus and their staff for creating this wonderful opportunity for our students. Once again we have witnessed the amazing things happening in public schools in our area.

PCS ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – “VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH” ART EXHIBITION

WHPS had a large representation of students, parents, families and staff at the opening ceremony of the Peninsula Community of Schools ‘Voice. Treaty. Truth’ Art Exhibition on Thursday 20 June 2019. This was truly lovely to see. Mr Scotter spoke on behalf of our school and the PCS. Each year a message stick and Aboriginal Artwork is presented to the school who will host the sleep out event. This year, that is Bilgola Plateau Public School. Isaac and Dominic P presented the message stick and artwork to students of BPPS. There were also many WHPS students in attendance with their families to view the work they had created at school. All students were wonderful representatives of our school and there has been a great deal of positive feedback from the community.

This event allows the community to not only acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture but to also witness the amazing work happening in public schools. The exhibition will remain open until Friday. If you get a chance to go and view the exhibition, I can guarantee you will not be disappointed.



A huge thank you must go to Miss Smithies and Miss Wilson for helping in the set-up of the exhibition and for all their assistance behind the scenes. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in making this event happen.

“VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH” ART EXHIBITION



GOT IT! PROGRAM



Getting on Track in Time (*Got It!*) is an exciting school-based early intervention program supporting children in their social and emotional development. It is a joint initiative between NSW Health and NSW Department of Education. The *Got It!* program will be implemented at Wheeler Heights Public School in Terms 3 & 4, 2019.

Two weeks ago, all parents who have children in Kindergarten to Year 2 were sent information regarding the program and have been asked to complete a screening questionnaire to help identify children who may be suitable for the program, and to help evaluate the effectiveness of the *Got It!* program at our school. Then, last week, further information explaining the program was sent home. The GOT IT! Team provided further information at our P&C meeting held on Monday 17 June.

REPORTS

As you know, this year we will be emailing reports rather than sending home printed copies. Last week, an email was sent as a test to ensure we have the correct email address for parents of each student. A push notification was also sent through the Flexischools app advising this email had been sent.

If you received the email to the address you would like your child's report sent to, there is nothing you need to do. If you did not receive the email or would like to change your email address we asked that the office be advised in writing by no later than Tuesday 25 June.

As with any new system, there may be some teething issues. If throughout this process there is an issue relating to you receiving your child's report, please advise us as soon as possible so we can rectify any problems quickly.

Thank you for your support and understanding throughout this process.

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal, Instructional Leader



SRC NEWS



Woolworths Earn and Learn Donation

We are donating our stickers to Trundle Central School. This school has 126 students across Kindergarten to Year 12. Our support will help a school and a community which has been badly impacted by the drought. Thank you to everybody that has donated Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. The collection period has now ended so please send in any stickers so they can be counted as part of our donation.

Fight on the Beaches Mufti Day

Yesterday the school was visited by Santa and lots of special elves and helpers as students dressed in Christmas theme clothing or wore red and green to raise money for cancer research. Thank you for your support of this very worthy cause. We raised \$591.60.

Miss Earl SRC Coordinator



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

As you know our students in Years 3-6 have been participating in spelling bee activities over the last few weeks. In-class finals will take place either this week or next. From there two representatives per class will battle it out in the Stage finals. After that, four students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 (two each) will go on to represent WHPS in the Regional finals (date and location for this is yet to be determined).

Please note the change to the stage final date below.

Wednesday 24 July

9.30am – 10.30am – Stage 2 final – hall

11.45am – 12.45pm – Stage 3 final – hall

Official word lists and any information required for the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee can be found online: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>

The required password has either been written in homework books or verbally explained to students. If you have any questions about the password please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Happy Spelling!

Madi Smithies
Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator



CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING (CCT) UPDATE

The development of critical and creative thinking skills requires knowledge and practise. As a result, students are participating in a whole school CCT program.

Week 10: Reflective Learner

What is a reflective disposition?



This means that you can think about, reflect upon and judge your ideas and your effort.

To support the learning, try to find opportunities to reinforce this trait in your child at home.

Ask your child: How did you go with your writing today? Is there something you could have done to make it better?
How did you go at netball training? Did you put in maximum effort? Did you work as a team?

CCT Crunch of the Week - Word Tennis

Two players role-play being tennis players and one person is the umpire.

Player 1 randomly selects one word to start the game (e.g. rain).

Player 2 responds with a word that relates to the word (e.g. rain and bow).

Player 1 responds with a word that relates to the new words (e.g. bow / slow).

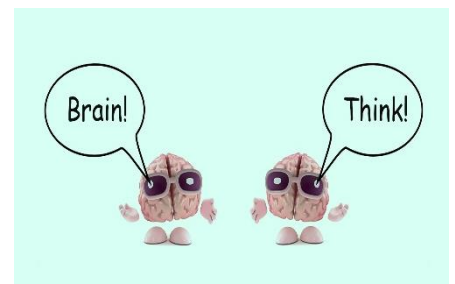
If a player takes longer than 3 seconds to respond or they repeat a word, or the word does not make sense, the other player gets a point. The umpire keeps the score and decides if a word relates or not.

Only good sportsmanship is allowed. The first player to reach 5 points wins the game.

Words: You can set the rules for your game. For example, words can be compound words (rain/bow), a rhyming word (bow/slow), an antonym (fast/slow), a synonym, a function word (brain/think) or other categories as you wish.

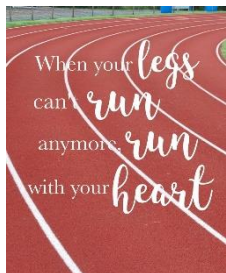
Happy brainstorming.

Miss Earl for the CCT Team



SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



The WHPS athletics carnival is fast approaching (Term 3, Tuesday 6 August). This year Pittwater Zone and Sydney North are including a 1500m race for juniors, 11yrs and seniors which will be a timed final. In order for the smooth running of our carnival and with time restraints at the track, we would like to get an idea of how many students would be interested in competing in the 1500m. So this year we will be registering students before the carnival for the 1500m, 800m, long jump, high jump and shot put. Over the next two weeks classroom teachers will enter students into these events. Please let me know via email if you have any questions or if you are away and would like to register your child in any of these events. However, there will be opportunities for students to be added early next term too. Please be mindful when talking to your children about putting their names down for events. Many hours go into organising a carnival and preparing the relevant paperwork for each event.

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

The Year 6 Leadership Team, captains, Mr James and Mrs Alexander are very lucky to be attending the GIO Wheelchair Rugby Nationals and Opening Ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park tomorrow. The championship is sure to be fierce! The event will be held from Friday 28 June - Sunday 30 June 2019. Australia's best will battle it out on the court to be titled the 2019 National Champions! Wheelchair Rugby is a team sport for athletes with a disability. It is practised in over twenty-five countries around the world and is a summer Paralympic sport. All Wheelchair Rugby players need to have disabilities that include at least some loss of function in at least three limbs. Although most have spinal cord injuries, players may also qualify through multiple amputations, neurological disorders or other medical conditions. If students, parents, teachers or friends would like to gain free entry to any of the events over the weekend, you just need to show the 'Free Entry' image. We hope they have an awesome day.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER!



**2019 GIO
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Anyone who shows this image on a device or printed at the gate will receive

FREE ENTRY

QUAYCENTRE, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

FRI, 28 JUNE	SAT, 29 JUNE	SUN, 30 JUNE
10:00 Opening Ceremony	9:30 QLD T v. NZL	9:00 QLD C vs. VIC
11:00 NSW vs. QLD C	11:15 QLD C vs. SA	10:30 NSW vs. QLD T
12:45 SA vs. QLD T	13:00 VIC vs. NSW	12:00 SA vs. NZL
14:30 VIC vs. NZL	14:45 NZL vs. QLD C	14:00 Bronze Medal Match
16:15 QLD C vs. QLD T	16:30 QLD T vs. VIC	15:30 Gold Medal Match
18:00 NZL vs. NSW	18:15 NSW vs. SA	17:00 Medal Presentation
19:45 SA vs. VIC		

FOR EVENT INFORMATION VISIT www.wheelchairrugby.com.au



SNOW SPORTS TEAM

Ice Block Fundraiser

This year WHPS is entering a snow sports team. We will be travelling to Perisher and competing in the first week of the school holidays. It is a very exciting time for the group of athletes who will be competing in a range of ski and snowboarding events. To support the snow sports team, we will be holding an ice block fundraising event on Friday 5 July. All proceeds will go to support our snow sports team.

When: Friday 5 July at lunch

Where: Canteen Cola

Cost: Gold coin

Yours in Sport
Nadine Young
Sports Coordinator

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE (PSC)

We are in the 4th week of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Next week is our 5th and final week before we have a 2 week break. However, during the school holidays please continue to encourage and support your child to get outside, play games and be more active.

Nadine Young
Sports Coordinator

PSC - AMBASSADOR ABBEY McCULLOCH

Netball champion shares the joys and challenges of being an elite athlete.

Students at our school were given a real treat on Thursday 13 June when former NSW Swifts captain Abbey McCulloch visited our school assembly. Abbey is an ambassador for the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC), a NSW public schools initiative, which challenges students and staff to record their physical activity levels over a 10 week period. Classes record these in log books and on an e-wall chart and this allows students to track their progress over the period. Teachers at the school are recording their daily physical activity levels using the PSC phone app.

During Abbey's presentation she spoke about trying all different types of sports as a child and not actually being outstanding at any. She realised she enjoyed netball the most and decided to really focus on practising the skills and training hard which led to her being selected at a representative level. The reward which followed was a contract with the Queensland Firebirds to then compete in the national league. This success was eventually followed by a contract to play with the NSW Swifts. Her determination to improve continued with her being named as captain of the team a year or so later. During Abbey's playing career with the Swifts the team achieved runners up on three occasions for the national netball title. Abbey was asked by one of the students what was her favourite game she ever played and her response was one of those grand finals which despite the loss was an incredible game which went into overtime.

Lennox C

"I enjoyed the part when Abbey said she had sad moments and people were saying she wasn't good enough but she kept trying and achieved her goal. She wasn't naturally tall so she had to work harder than anyone else."

Ewan McK

"Abbey was resilient and flexible on her journey and she never gave up. It is inspirational how she is going to try to get back into the NSW Swifts team again following her injury."

Maddy C

"She explained that you can just start playing netball with your friends and that if you are determined and practise hard you can still make it to the top."

Abbey talked about the importance of using resilience in sport and in life when situations get difficult. She faced injuries and national selection disappointments during her career however she maintained her determination to hard work and enjoyed major successes as an elite athlete from humble beginnings as a young girl growing up in country NSW.

Cindy Waldock
Assistant Principal



YEAR 5 BALLROOM DANCING



This term, Year 5 have been participating in the Dancesport Confidence Well-Being Program at Wheeler Heights Public School. The program involved 15 dance tuition sessions, each Thursday for 45 minutes, where a professional dance instructor, Miss Katrina, led them through performances of the Cha Cha, Tango, Salsa and Jive. 40 students (20 couples) will be selected by Miss Katrina to perform at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday, 9 September 2019 and the best two couples in each dance will represent WHPS in the competition held that night.

The program's core focus is the development of Respect, Courage and Self Belief and Year 5 students display all three values as they dance with their partner using effective communication through eye contact, body language, tone of voice and words of positive encouragement to each other. Dance skills have come as a bonus!

All Year 5 students will perform at the Ballroom Dancing Exhibition to be held at school on Thursday 5 September. Time to be confirmed.

Dancesport Co-ordinator
Mrs A Sullivan

DEBATING NEWS

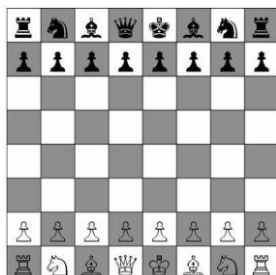
The WHPS Debating team is currently competing in the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. The team is comprised of Imogen L, Josie J, Alanah C, Malie G and CJ W.

The girls won their first debate against Elanora Heights Public School. Today, they also won their second debate against Bilgola Plateau Public School. Thank you to Mrs Julie Harrison for transporting the girls to today's debate. Next term they will have two debates against Collaroy Plateau Public School.

Mrs Sullivan
Debating Coach



CHESS NEWS



The Rookies Chess team is continuing to do us proud as they represent WHPS in the NSW Junior Chess League Inter-School tournament on Friday afternoons. There are 3 matches left in the tournament and WHPS is currently in third place. Thank you to the parents for transporting the players to their away matches and providing afternoon teas at our home matches. This week they play an away match against Belrose Public School.

Mrs Sullivan
Chess Coordinator



Wheeler Heights Public School

...a hidden gem



Kindergarten 2020

Is your child starting school next year? Come and join us!



School Tours

Wednesday 26 June 9.45am | Wednesday 14 August
9.45am | Tuesday 17 September 9.45am

Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 16 October 7:00pm



Kindergarten 2020 Transition Mornings (9:30-10:45am)

Friday 25 October
Friday 1 November
Friday 8 November

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Website: <https://wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

36 Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau



The Wheeler Way

LOST PROPERTY

IS LOCATED NEAR THE CANTEEN



UNLABELLED & UNCLAIMED ITEMS :-

- School uniforms are washed & returned to the uniform shop for re-sale at the end of each term.
- Lunchboxes & containers are periodically cleared & given to charity.
 - Drink bottles are placed in recycling.

Please label all drink bottles, lunch boxes
& container lids to help avoid wastage

P&C NOTICES

The P&C would like to thank Belinda Lind for her work as the Canteen Convenor this past year. Unfortunately Belinda has had to resign and we have accepted her resignation. We'd like to thank Belinda for her volunteer work and her continued support of the P&C.

With that, we are now in need of a Canteen Convenor. The role will include liaising between the canteen, the school and the P&C as well as holding committee meetings per term. The canteen currently has a Secretary (Cathie Butler), a Treasurer (Ditte Larson) and other General committee members (nominated at AGM, all welcome).

Please become involved especially if you have an interest in your child's canteen.

At the last meeting the P&C were proud to offer a cheque (yes, they still exist) over to the school for \$20,000 which will help contribute to the new synthetic grass outside the toilets and also near the oval.

The P&C are currently working towards curtains for the hall. The main aim being to help with acoustics for our children's performances.

Any questions or feedback is always received and replied to so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mobile: 0412 575540

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Natalie Cook
P&C President



Wheeler Heights Public School Parent & Citizen Committee

FUNDRAISING

P&C FUNDRAISING EVENTS CALENDAR

Events	Class Helper	Dates
Colour Run	Year 5	Thursday 15 August
Father's Day Breakfast	Year 1	Friday 30 August
School Disco	Kindy	Thursday 24 October
Trivia Night	Year 2 & 4	Saturday 9 November

Canteen News Update – Baby Sushi is Back This Friday!

The canteen is happy to report that after much perseverance our sushi supplier has decided to change their single use plastic container to a BioPak sugarcane container. This container is carbon neutral, recyclable and compostable. Which in theory sounds good, however, it has to make it to a commercial compost machine or home composter for it to break down. For those reasons this container is a temporary solution while we source a better reusable option. It also raises the baby sushi purchase price to the canteen. We do appreciate the school parents' patience and support of our sustainability program while we resolved the matter.

Baby sushi will be available this FRIDAY!

If you have any questions or ideas please email the canteen whpscanteen@gmail.com



CANTEEN ROSTER 2019

TERM 2 2019		CLASS VOLUNTEER
WEEK 9	24/06 – 28/06	4J & 4R
WEEK 10	01/07 – 05/07	5M & 5S
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		RETURN 23 JULY

We really appreciate everyone that takes time to volunteer their help in the canteen. Can all parents please always use the sign up webpage. On the website you can see which slots are available and even who else is volunteering.

<https://signup.com/go/wXnukHJ>

Once signed up you will be sent an email confirmation and will also be sent a reminder link a couple of days before in case you need to change or cancel your spot. It's easy to use and will make it simple for parents and the canteen to manage their time.

Please can you still let your class parent know when you sign up (the day and time) for your class week.

Thank you!

BAYRUN

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019



Join our school's BayRun '19 team!

Sunday August 4, 2019 at 8am

Run the Primary OSHCare 2km children's challenge

Everyone receives a medal for taking part!

Register now at www.bayrun.com.au

Like us on facebook.com/bayrunaustralia/



Make your race count!

Fundraise for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and help children in remote communities across Australia!

Set up your own fundraising page at:
give.everydayhero.com/au/team-bay-run-2019

Free Tap Workshop with TAP DOG Reid Perry



We are thrilled to be hosting a FREE Tap workshop these school holidays on the 16 July with the amazing REID PERRY!!

Just returned from his world tour with the Tap Dogs, Reid is keen to spread his love of Tap with the Northern Beaches community.

Date: Tuesday 16th July 2019

Everyone is welcome from beginners to advanced with sessions for ages 8-16. No tap shoes needed for beginners. You'd be crazy to miss this!! [CLICK HERE](#) to book your spot today as numbers are limited.

For more information call 0438273571 or email us at info@tempored.com.au