

The Wheeler Word



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Term 1 Wk 1 Wed

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Welcome back to Wheeler Heights Public School.

We have had a very smooth start to the year with 5 new students starting this year. We currently have 455 students in 18 classes. Our 72 Kindergarten students are completing their Best Start assessment this week and will begin school next Tuesday.

We have been able to form our classes this afternoon. Please see the classes listed below. A more detailed note will be in this week's newsletter (emailed on Friday this week) and placed on the school website as soon as possible.

KB Miss Laura Bamford
K/1H Miss Sarah Higgs
2J Mr Mitchell Jeffery
3J Mr Chris Jolly
4E Ms Deanne Earl
5A Mrs Belinda Alexander
6T Ms Rachael Tekampe

KM Miss Skye Migan
1J Mr Nicholas Jones
2S Ms Madi Smithies
3Y Mrs Nadine Young
4RO Mrs Rosemary Radom & Mrs Julianne Owens
5S Mrs Adele Sullivan
6J Mr Sam James

KT Miss Kate Thompson
1M Ms Patricia McCombie
2W Ms Elizabeth Wilson

Class Organisation 2020

During Term 4 the teachers spent a great amount of time carefully planning the structure of classes for this year. Firstly the state staffing formula dictates the number of staff allocated to our school and then we must form classes to best accommodate the specific numbers in each grade. Many factors are considered when grouping children into classes; number of boys and girls, relationships and friendships that should continue or be split, special needs (assistance or extension), NESB, composite classes and other factors.

Please be assured that we always carefully endeavour to form the best combination of classes for the students and for the whole school.

Meet the Teacher Nights

Year 3 & 4	Tues 11 Feb 6-7pm
Year 5 & 6	Tues 11 Feb 7.15-8.15pm

Kindergarten & Year 1	Wed 12 Feb 6-7pm
Year 2	Wed 12 Feb 7.15-8.15pm

These sessions will be held in your child's classroom, unless otherwise advised.

These nights are general information talks about plans for the grade and year ahead. Teachers will be providing some details about activities for the year and expectations of each class teacher. Please be advised that these evenings are not parent teacher interviews. For any specific individual concerns with your particular child it would be best to arrange a suitable interview time to meet with the teacher.

Newsletter by email and school website

The newsletter is emailed and uploaded to the website each Thursday afternoon (Friday this week). Hardcopies are available at the office if required. If your email has changed please be sure to confirm with the office. Again this year most notes will be available on the school website www.wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au for easy access at any time. Notes can also be picked up from the front office.

Stationery Lists for 2020

The exercise book list, the text book list and the grade/stage stationery lists are on the school website and on previous newsletters. The exercise and textbooks are purchased through LJ Harper. This site will close on 15 February.

Coronavirus Information

An information sheet with the latest updates from the NSW Government was emailed to all school families this morning.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and enjoyable 2020.

David Scotter
Principal

2020 DATES

Wed 28 Jan Years 1-6 return to school

Wed 28 Jan- Friday 30 Kindy Best Start assessments

Tues 4 Feb Kindy begin school

Tues 11 Feb 6-7pm Yrs 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher evenings
7.15-8.15pm Yrs 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher evenings

Wed 12 Feb 6-7pm Yrs K & 1 Meet the Teacher evenings
7.15-8.15pm Yr 2 Meet the Teacher evenings

Mon 17 Feb 7pm P&C Meeting

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)

Thurs 9 April Term 1 ends.

Term 2 Tues 28 April- Fri 3 July

Fri 1 May School Cross Country

Mon 18 May School Athletics Carnival

Thurs 21 May School Photos

Term 3 Tues 21 July – Fri 25 September

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

Term 4 - Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec