

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Acknowledgement of Country

Before this assembly commences, we would like to acknowledge the Gai-maraigal and Garigal people for taking care of the land we stand on today. They have passed down many traditions, songs, dances and culture to past and present generations and will continue to do so into the future. We must continue the connection between the land and our community as they are the Elders and caretakers of this rich land that we all call home.

Joshua S – Year 6

STAFFING NEWS 2021

Congratulations to **Mrs Nadine Young** who has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Newport PS for 2021. Mrs Young has been at Wheeler Hts for almost 10 years teaching Kindergarten, Year 6 and Yrs 3 & 4 and being relieving Assistant Principal on a number of occasions. Mrs Young is an outstanding classroom teacher and has been our PSSA co-ordinator for many years. Mrs Young has organised and coached countless PSSA teams and led numerous school events and initiatives. She has established positive friendships and relationships with students, staff and within the wider community. Nadine will be greatly missed, but we wish her every success in her new role. We are very excited that **Skye Migan and Sarah Higgs** have both recently been appointed as permanent teachers at our school. Both have been temporary teachers at Wheeler Hts for a few years and we are delighted that they are now on the permanent roster at our school.

Next year we will have Mrs Kate Falcone and Mrs Belinda Alexander returning from Maternity Leave in Term 1.

The Director Educational Learning, Andrew Stevenson has begun the process to select a new Principal for next year. A Wheeler Heights school parent, a school staff member and a Principal from another school will be on the selection panel with Mr Stevenson.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

Families of Kindergarten students for 2021 will have received an email about the Uniform Shop. Our wonderful team of volunteers will be having a Pop-Up Uniform Shop near the school office tomorrow and next Friday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am. New school families may be able to visit and purchase school uniforms. Due to COVID-19 regulations we hope that only new families come along and current siblings continue to purchase online using Flexischools. We do now have a new group set up for Uniform purchases on Flexischools called Kindy 2021.

2021 START OF SCHOOL DATES

The Department of Education has released the official school dates for 2021. Please be advised that from next year there will be two Staff Development Days at the start of Term 1 and only one at the end of Term 4. Please see the amended dates on the calendar on this front page.

CLASS ORGANISATION 2021

We are currently beginning to form draft classes for 2021, now that our Kindy enrolments have been confirmed.

If you will not be returning to Wheeler Hts PS next year could you please inform your class teacher or the office so that we can plan accordingly. At this stage we hope to have 19 classes for 2021.

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

The State Government and the Department of Education have updated COVID-19 arrangements for Term 4. The table below outlines the latest changes and updates to events for Term 4.

David Scotter
Principal

2020 DATES

Thurs 19 Nov Eagle Tag Gala Day

Mon 23 Nov Kindy Transition 2021
9:45am-12 noon Surnames K-Z

Tues & Wed 24 & 25 Nov
Aboriginal Immersion Days

Thurs 26 Nov Yr 5 Leadership speeches

Fri 27 Nov Year 5 Surf Ed Day

Mon 30 Nov – Wed 2 Dec
Yr 4 Camp @ Milson Island

Tues 1 Dec Yr 6 High School Orientation Day

Thurs 10 Dec Yrs 3-6 Presentation Assembly

Fri 11 Dec K-2 Presentation Assembly

Mon 14 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Wed 16 Dec Yr 6 Graduation & Clap Out

Last school day of 2020

2021 DATES – TBC

Wed 27 & Thurs 28 Jan School Development Days - Staff only

Fri 29 Jan Years 1-6 start school & Kindy Best Start

Thurs 4 Feb Kindy start – TBC

Thurs 1 April Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 Tues 20 April - Fri 25 Jun

Term 3 Tues 13 July - Fri 17 Sept

Term 4 Tues 5 Oct - Thurs 16 Dec

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

Currently these are the arrangements as at 19/11/2020

Canteen will continue with online orders for recess & lunch. There will be no over the counter sales at this stage.

Uniform Shop - orders online at this stage. No over the counter sales. Kindergarten 2021 have the opportunity to purchase uniforms on November 20 and November 27 from 9:30am - 10:30 am.

School Assemblies - very limited with no parents to attend.

Kindergarten 2021 Tours/Case Conferences – only when specifically required.

Extra cleaning and hygiene practices will continue in Term 4
All providers of special programs (Band tutors, Ballroom Dance, Gymnastics etc.) will provide an updated Department form regarding safe working practices.

All rooms will have hand sanitiser and tissues available at all times.

Non-essential parents and visors are still NOT to enter the school premises.

FROM THE OFFICE

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club brochures were handed out recently. Please process your order online to limit visits to the office. The last date for orders is Monday 23 November.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

CHEERFUL, CAREFUL, CREATIVE CHRISTMAS FUN

As we were unable to have our PCS Aboriginal art show at Warriewood Square this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were asked by their management to create some Christmas artworks to help decorate the centre for the festive season. If you are shopping at Warriewood Square in December have a look around for one of our pieces. Thank you to 2S, Stage 2 and Year 6 for creating absolutely fabulous artworks for us. I can't wait to see the finished products.



FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE YEAR 6

Gee Year 6 are having a fantastic time to finish off the year. Over five weeks they are perfecting their footwork to be able to dance up a storm at their graduation evening with the Footsteps program. Their dance teacher has been very impressed with their commitment and effort so far. Well done on your positive attitudes and smooth dancing skills Year 6!



KINDY 2021 ORIENTATION DAYS



We had our third Kindy 2021 Orientation day on Monday and have now met most of our new students.

We have loved seeing their smiley and excited faces and are so looking forward to having them all with us next year.

The final orientation day will be held next Monday. A huge thank you must go to our 'Kindy O' team. Miss Migan and Mrs Smith, our chief organisers, Miss Thompson, Miss Bamford, Mrs Seager, Mrs Westwood, Mrs Terrill, Amy and Karen who have done a superb job of welcoming our new students, providing them with many exciting experiences and showing them how truly awesome Wheeler Heights Public School is.

For parents of students who do not have a sibling currently at the school, we are offering the opportunity to come in on 2 Friday mornings to purchase uniforms. A pop-up shop will be set up outside the office area on November 20 and November 27 from 9:30am - 10:30 am. Due to *COVID-19*, there will be no change room facilities. We kindly ask all families with siblings already at school to refrain from coming in on these days.

Alternatively, Flexischools is an online system used at Wheeler Heights where you can order recess and lunch from the canteen and order uniforms through the uniform shop. To purchase uniforms, please download the Flexischools app, (see attachment for instructions), set up your account and nominate the 'Kindy 2021' class. This option is preferable for pre-existing families of the school.

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal
Instructional Leader



STAGE 3 CAMP

Last week between the 11 – 13 November, Stage 3 were fortunate enough to travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. During the excursion, the 126 Wheeler Heights students represented both themselves and the school superbly drawing many positive comments from the staff. It was amazing to see the students working together as teams, pushing themselves to conquer their fears and encouraging each other to be the best they could possibly be.

A huge thank you to the Stage 3 teachers who threw themselves into everything, including thick 'mud' and Tik-Tok dances to help make it such an enjoyable and memorable experience for the children. Below are some photographs of our time away. Thanks for being awesome Stage 3!

Mr Bennett
Stage 3 Relieving Assistant Principal



YEAR 4 CAMP

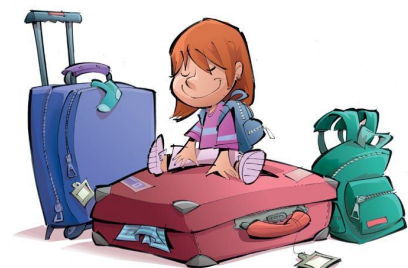
Milson Island

Attention Year 4 parents... Milson Island is just around the corner!

I'm sure you are aware, as the children (and teachers) can hardly contain their excitement... Our Milson Island Camp is just under 2 weeks away! The deposit was due on Thursday 5 November and the final instalment is due on Thursday 19 November. Thank you to those families who have paid in full. 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.

For those who have not yet completed their medical and consent forms, please complete the form online at:

<https://oos.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?eid=VTNGcmJYZTNEOFFXeUZ1RnFGeTJQQT090>



The 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 ask that you allow the children to do most of the packing and just assist where necessary to promote higher independence.

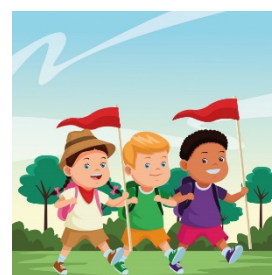
A few students are a bit anxious about attending camp (with nights away from home, medical issues or special sleeping conditions being the major concerns). This is totally normal. Please be assured that we are very understanding of any issues and will do everything we can to make sure every child has 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.

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

Year 4 Teachers

Mrs Nadine Young, Mrs Radom and Miss Earl



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. These students will be receiving their certificates this week.

Week 6 is the last week for borrowing from the Library. **Please return all books by Week 7.**

Local libraries are a great resource for borrowing over the holidays! It has been great watching students continue their love of reading this year.

Ms Hammond

Teacher Librarian





Through the Flexischools 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
- place canteen & uniform shop orders

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

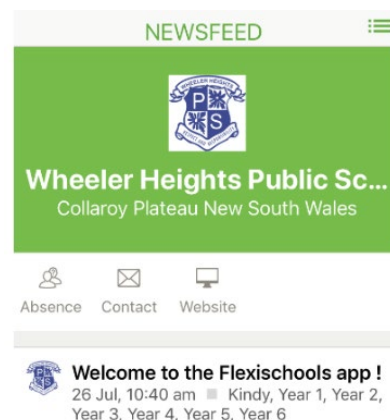
Click the 'Order Now' button located in the bottom right hand corner of the App. This will open up a login screen.

- 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 MESSAGES



JOIN OUR BAND IN 2021

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN!

Are you interested in joining the school's fun and successful band program next year? We welcome any child in Years 3-6 in 2021 to join our band program STARTING TERM 1 2021.

More Info [CLICK HERE](#)

Register your interest [HERE](#)



P&C FUNDRAISING



Fundraising Team Coordinators Wanted

Do you like to arrange functions, events or social occasions?

Wheeler Heights P&C needs you!

Whether an individual or a team, the P&C needs help to coordinate the fundraising for the school. You don't need to reinvent the wheel as there is a program of events in place, similarly there is always room for new ideas to bloom.

Contact the P&C President Paul Hardy or if you wish to have a chat to the outgoing team, they would be more than happy to have a chat with you and provide support along the way 🤗

whps.fundraising@gmail.com

2020 Tea Towels

5 Weeks Till Christmas

A keepsake of your Child's year, the perfect gift to send overseas to family or environmentally friendly wrapping paper!

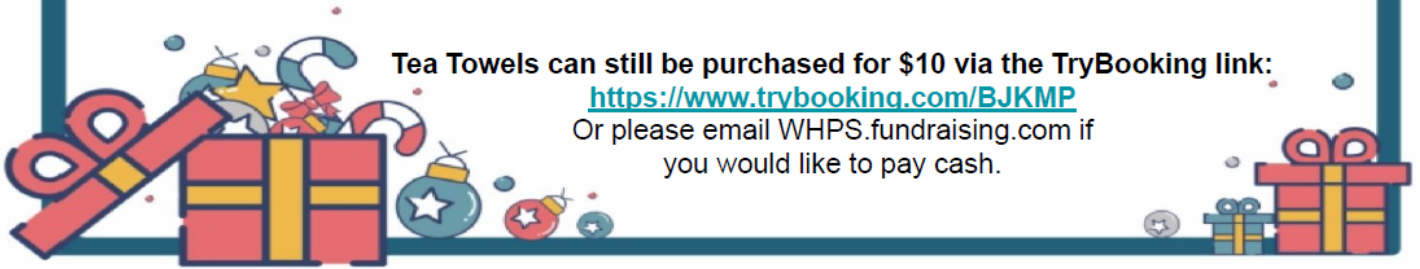
Thank you to all the families who have purchased additional or a first time order of our personalised 2020 Tea Towels.

We have reduced the price and in these unprecedented times, this year is not about raising lots of money for our school but is about continuing to offer these events and feel good opportunities for our school community. Again, we hope that you will help us to ensure that these remaining tea towels get put to good use as they are a really lovely and quality keepsake.

Tea Towels can still be purchased for \$10 via the TryBooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJKMP>

Or please email WHPS.fundraising.com if you would like to pay cash.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Part-Time Work

Multiple Permanent part time position – Multiple Locations Across Sydney – 7010

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts for Wheeler Heights Public School and Wahroonga Public School fall between 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:45pm - 3:45pm

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close Sunday, 29th November 2020



Parent Support Seminar

Thurs. Nov 19th 7-8:30 pm

Berry Hall -Tramshed, Narrabeen

Struggling to cope with your teen?

- Compassionate strengths-based approach
- Break the cycle of stress and exhaustion

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