

The Wheeler Word



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Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 6 Feb 2020

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to pay our respects to the stories and connection this land holds. This land is very important to the Gai-maraigal and Garigal people who are the traditional custodians. We also pay respects to the Elders and the youth who will soon be the caretakers of this land.
Isaac P – Year 6

Kindergarten 2020

Our 72 Kindergarten students have settled in very smoothly this week. Special thanks to our four amazing Kindergarten teachers and the Year 6 students who have been very excited to meet and help their new buddies!!

****STOP PRESS****

Newly elected House Captains will be receiving their badges at next Monday's 9:15am assembly.



Staffing 2020

Please see the detailed Staff List later in the newsletter.

Meet the Teacher Nights - next week.

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.

If possible, it would be helpful if parents were able to arrange child minding for younger siblings on the night.

P & C Meeting - Monday 17 Feb 7pm

The first meeting of the year. All parents are very welcome to come along, meet new parents and find out all about our fabulous school. Meetings are held in the staff room at 7pm.

Welcome to new Parents BBQ – Date TBC

The annual welcome BBQ for all new Kindergarten students and their buddies, and any new school families will be held later this term from 5-6.30pm around the hall and canteen area. Invites will soon be distributed for this afternoon, organised by our wonderful P&C.

ICT Agreements

Our school ICT Agreement notes will be handed out on Monday or Tuesday next week for all students K-6. We ask that you carefully read these notes with your children, sign where appropriate and bring them back to school on the Meet The Teacher evenings.

School Program Fees

A note outlining whole school program fees and expenses will be distributed shortly. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated, with a special prize draw for full payment made by the due date.

2020 DATES

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 Dance Sport (Ballroom Dancing) at Homebush TBC

Term 4 - Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec

Morning Supervision

Please be advised that for safety reasons students should not arrive at school before 8:45am. Students must remain seated in the morning until the bell rings and there is a teacher on duty. If a student needs to arrive earlier than 8:45am for band or sports/club practice, then younger siblings should not be left unattended at school. Don't forget that Before and After School Care operates from 7am each day and until 6pm each evening. Please visit OSHC for an enrolment form.

Band 2020

Please be advised that all Band rehearsals will begin next week.

Dance Groups

The Junior & Senior Dance groups will recommence with Miss Tahlia in Week 4.

Chess 2020

Coaching for Chess began this week on Tuesday afternoon in the Library. New enrolments are very welcome; please see the flyer later in the newsletter.

Newsletter by email and school website

The newsletter is emailed and uploaded to the website each Thursday afternoon. 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 wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au for easy access at any time. Notes can also be picked up from the front office.

Important Dates

The Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be on Thursday 20 February at Manly Pool. Please be advised that students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old this year and are **strong competitive swimmers** are eligible to compete. Please note that the K-2 Bubble Fun Day will be held at school on the carnival day. Swimming carnival notes were distributed this week.

We are trying to be a NUT FREE School. Anaphylaxis - What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen (such as food or insect bites). We currently have a number of anaphylactic students enrolled at Wheeler Heights. Many schools have students with such allergies. As a community we are requesting that students do not bring nut products to school. Most importantly we remind you that students should never share their food at school or pressure any other child to try something to eat.

Road and Car Park Safety

Please be extra careful in the morning and afternoons around the school and car park areas. We must always follow road rules and be extremely vigilant when young children are present. As parents and teachers we must set the correct example for our children and never compromise where safety is concerned. If you do see unsafe practices occurring outside the school please give the council a call and let them know. The council will then send traffic rangers to observe and help to enforce the rules.

Please see the following link to a Northern Beaches Council traffic safety video featuring one of our school families.

<https://youtu.be/TrheyGbvCXU>

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Flexi Schools App

Absences – To record an absence with the school, the absence information is now located under 'News'. Click on 'More'. You are able to access absences and website from here.

Year 6 parents

You will be receiving a booklet in a few weeks regarding Year 7 2021, more information will be provided next week. It is important, if you have recently changed address, to inform the school before next week.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

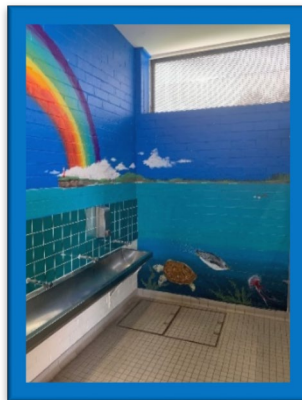
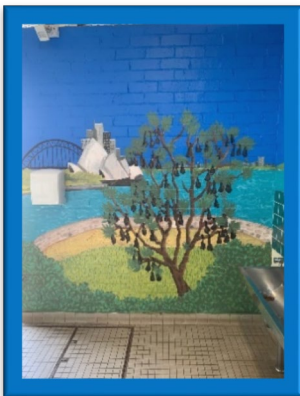
WELCOME TO OUR ABSOLUTELY ASTONISHING NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

WOW! What a first day and first week our new Kindy students have had. They all settled in so quickly and have hit the ground running. Their Year 6 buddies are so excited to have them here and have been helping to show them around the school and how to follow the Wheeler Way. Our new students are so lucky to have Miss Bamford, Miss Higgs, Miss Migan and Miss Thompson for their first year of school. Our Kindy team are truly remarkable! We can't wait to see what the year brings for you Kindergarten!



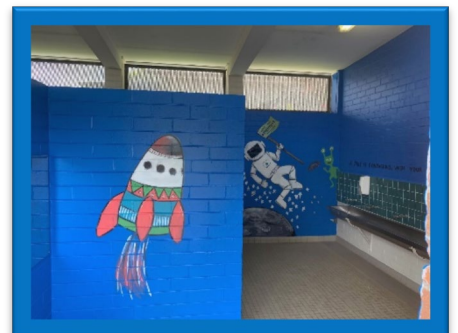
INSPIRATIONAL ARTWORKS FROM SOME OF OUR INCREDIBLY TALENTED PARENTS

Our student amenities block looks utterly extraordinary thanks to the remarkable Kate M (mum of Charlie and Molly) and Susie P (mum of Charlie, Honor and Olivia). Both ladies had done work for us before and have now finished their pieces. If you haven't yet gone and had a look, you really should do yourself a favour. We are ever so thankful to Kate and Susie as their artworks have made such a difference to our school. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful parents at our school.



Mrs Priscilla Wright

Assistant Principal
Instructional Leader



SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting year in sport. Teachers, coaches & students are all looking forward to many sporting opportunities in 2020. Please read the newsletter each week to stay up-to-date with all sporting events.



MORNING PSSA from 2020

At the end of last year, we announced that PSSA and home sport will be moving to the mornings. The main reasons behind this decision was sun safety and the benefits of morning exercise on student wellbeing.

How this will look for WHPS:

8:45am PSSA students meet teachers for roll marking

9am Teams leave school on buses

9:30am PSSA competition starts

10:50am PSSA competition finishes and students return to school

The Summer/Spring season of PSSA will commence in Week 6, Friday 6 March. PSSA sport options are offered to all students in Years 3-6. PSSA teams are organised according to age. All Summer/Spring sport Teams have a Junior and Senior team (except T-ball and Softball). Junior teams are for children who are 8-10 years old and senior teams are for children who are 11-13 years old. On Friday, students competed in their first round of trials and they will continue this Friday (weather permitting). We post team lists after we have successfully held two trials. At Wheeler Heights we run our trials in accordance to the Pittwater Zone constitution.

WHPS PSSA Trial Guidelines:

- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team
- Students pre-register their interest by indicating a preference for two sports only
- The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions
- Two teachers are present at the trials and make the decision together
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days or away due to other school commitments, please let the school know and we will do our best to make suitable arrangements

When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display ability and a strong skill level on the days of the trials. Students complete a range of activities that involve demonstrating the skills needed to play that particular sport. It is not about which children know how to play that sport or whether they play it on the weekend or not. Consideration may also be given for those that display:

- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions

Unfortunately, some of the popular sports have over 40 students trialling and most teams can only take 10-15 players. Yes, we understand that this means there are students who are disappointed and upset. These decisions are difficult for our teaching staff who volunteer their time and effort in coaching PSSA teams. They do not make these decisions lightly and they use their professional judgement to select teams. If your child does not make a PSSA team, please help them learn from the experience and build their resilience.



“Nurture a positive view of your child, keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook”.

Summer/Spring Sports:	Coach:
Boys Cricket	Mr Sam James
Girls Cricket	Mr Alex Bennett
Boys Tag	Mr Mitch Jeffery
Girls Tag	Mrs Nadine Young
Senior Softball	Mr Chris Jolly
Junior T-Ball	Miss Rachael Tekampe

**** Training times and days will be advised on the PSSA permission notes****



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival is fast approaching, it will be held in Week 4, Thursday 20 February. House meetings were held yesterday and students from Years 3-6 voted for House Captains and Vice-Captains. These positions will be announced at Monday morning's assembly. Notes for the swimming carnival were sent home yesterday. Students in Year 2 who are strong swimmers and turning 8 should collect notes from their classroom teachers. More information will follow in coming newsletters.

2020 CARNIVAL DATES

WHPS Swimming Carnival	Term 1, Week 4, Thursday 20 February
Zone Swimming Carnival	Term 1, Week 7 Tuesday 10 March
Sydney North Swimming Carnival	Term 1, Week 9, Friday 27 March
WHPS Cross Country	Term 2, Week 1, Friday 1 May
Zone Cross Country	Term 2, Week 5, Wednesday 27 May
Sydney North Cross Country	Term 2, Week 8, Friday 19 June
WHPS Athletics Carnival	Term 2, Week 4, Monday 18 May
Zone Athletics Carnival	Term 3, Week 7, Monday 31 August
Sydney North Athletics Carnival	Term 3, Week 9, Monday 14 September

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

After the fun and success from the past 2 years, we have entered the following teams in State Cup Knockout tournaments for 2020:

- Cricket (Boys)
- Football / Soccer (Boys)
- Netball (Girls)



UPCOMING PITTWATER ZONE TRIALS

PSSA Zone trials are for students in Years 5 and 6 who excel in a particular sport. They must have several years of club/representative experience. We are only allowed to send 2-3 students for each sport. Successful students must be able to commit to training and future trial sessions.

Date	Sport	Location	Time	Cost
12/2/20	Boys Cricket	Wheeler Heights Public School	4pm-5:30pm	-
13/2/20	Tennis (boys and girls)	Narraweena Tennis Club	12:30-3pm	\$5.00
17/2/20	Boys and Girls Basketball	NBISC	1:30-3pm	\$5.00
27/2/20	Boys and Girls Soccer	Cromer 1	1:30-3:30pm	Nil
7/3/20	Girls Cricket (Syd North)	Bill Sohler Oval	9:30-2:30pm	\$6.00

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.

Please ensure your Flexischools App is updated for your child's PSSA sport so you can keep up to date with information.

Good luck to all our students trialling for sports this week.

Yours in Sport,
Mrs N Young
Sport Coordinator



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Wheeler Heights Public School is held on Tuesdays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting on 4 February 2020.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Live Life Well @ School

KIDS EATING HEALTHIER FOODS

What to pack
for

Crunch & Sip

Pack a water bottle
and a container of bite
sized pieces of fruit or
vegetables ready to eat
in the classroom.

Choose an easy to eat
fruit or vegetable that
isn't messy.



For more ideas see:
healthy-kids.com.au/crunchsip-healthy-snack-ideas



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

P&C VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wheeler Heights Public School P&C Association is offering the following amazing volunteer opportunities for parents or friends of the school to join our canteen, a focal point of our friendly school community.

Canteen Convenor

The role of the Canteen Convenor is to run Canteen Sub-Committee meetings in a fair, democratic and unbiased way and to oversee the operations of the canteen. Other key activities include:

- Developing and maintaining canteen policies and procedures
- Acting as the liaison between the School Principal, the P&C President, the school community and canteen workers on all things relating to the canteen
- Attending P&C meetings to present monthly and annual reports
- Coordinating end of term stocktake

Canteen Secretary

The Canteen Secretary's role is to prepare and keep a full and accurate record of the minutes of the Canteen Sub-Committee meetings and related correspondence. Other activities include:

- Distribution of meeting agendas and minutes
- Preparation of notice of meeting and call for agenda items
- Keeping up to date with the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy and informing Canteen Sub-Committee and Canteen Supervisors of any changes
- Full and accurate record keeping

If you are looking for a flexible role that adds value to our school please contact Paul Hardy, P&C President
president@whps-pandc.org

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

WHPS STAFF 2020 Term 1

updated 5/2/20

Principal		Mr David Scotter
Instructional Leader		Mrs Priscilla Wright - (AP)
Teaching Staff		
KB	Miss Laura Bamford	
KM	Miss Skye Migan (Relieving AP)	
KT	Miss Kate Thompson	
K/1H	Miss Sarah Higgs	
1J	Mr Nicholas Jones	
1M	Ms Patricia McCombie	
2J	Mr Mitchell Jeffery	
2S	Miss Madi Smithies	
2W	Ms Elizabeth Wilson	
3J	Mr Chris Jolly	
3Y	Mrs Nadine Young (Relieving AP)	
4RO	Mrs Rosemary Radom (Tues, Wed & Thurs)	Mrs Julianne Owens (Mon & Fri)
4E	Miss Deanne Earl	
5A	Mrs Belinda Alexander	
5S	Mrs Adele Sullivan	
5/6B	Mr Alex Bennett (Relieving AP)	
6J	Mr Sam James	
6T	Ms Rachael Tekampe	
RFF/LIB5	Mrs Corinne Josephs (Wed- Fri) - Science & Library	Ms Amie Hammond (Mon & Tues) Science/Drama/ICT
RFF 1	Ms Amie Hammond (Wed) Science/Drama/ICT	
RFF 2	Mrs Wendy McColl - (Mon & Tues) - Technology	
RFF 2	Mrs Nicole Marshall (Tues & Wed) -Music/Drama	
Mrs Kathy Westwood -Early Learning Intervention (ELI) & L&ST		(Mon-Thurs 9.15- 1.45ish)
Mrs Louise Seager - Learning & Support Teacher (L&ST)		(Tues, Wed & Thurs))
Mrs Lisa Terrill - School Counsellor		(Tues & Wed)
School Support Staff		
Mrs Jodie Sly		BM & School Administration Manager (Mon – Fri)
Mrs Wendy Clifford		School Administration Officer (Wed- Fri)
Mrs Amanda Downs		School Administration Officer (Mon,Tues,Thurs,Fri)
Mrs Helen Braund		School Administration Officer (Mon, Tues & Wed)
Mrs Amy Knight & Mrs Karen Loduwick		School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)
Mrs Marzia Higgs		School Administration Officer (Thurs -Library)
Mr Greg Wetzler		IT Support (Thurs pm)
Mr Lionel Radom		General Assistant
Don (am), Dolma (am & pm) & Mina (pm)		School Cleaners



GIANT BOOK FAIR

Warriewood
Ted Blackwood Hall
Jacksons Road

February 14-16

Friday 12-8
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 9-3

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF LITTLE CHAMPIONS



FROM U6s* & ONWARDS

Dee Why FC offers fun programs and sessions to develop the future little champions. And for those little ones who wish to further expand their skills, we have a Youth Academy managed by Ryan Doidge, A Licence coach who has experience working with LA Galaxy, Western Sydney Wanderers Ladies & North Shore Mariners.

Register now at www.dyfc.com.au.

\$100 Active Kid reduction incentive still applies.

Free training kit for your kids.

For any other information Call Craig on 0400323575 or email craig.anderson@wovenimage.com.

*Kids who turn 5 this year are eligible to register for U6s competitions.



Fun Languages



AN INVITATION !!

TO ALL THE STUDENTS AT WHEELER HEIGHTS

COME ALONG TO OUR NEW FUN LANGUAGE CLUBS AND
DISCOVER AN EXCITING FUN WAY TO LEARN
FRENCH AND SPANISH

You are invited to attend a complimentary class in our
NEW French and Spanish Club at Wheeler Heights PS



• K-Y6 Spanish Club on Wednesday 12th February

• K-Y6 French Club on Thursday 13th February

Start time: 3.30pm - Finish time: 4.30pm



RSVP by 7th February: to Nathalie Roy 0430 286 590

nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au

www.lcfclubs.com.au





NSW Primary All-Schools Girls 12 Years & Under Australian Football Selection Trial Term 1, Weeks 10/11

**Registrations for this event
close 5:00pm Friday 13 March 2020**

**All girls who trial must be available, if selected, for the
School Sport Australia Championships in Adelaide, South
Australia from 1 to 8 August 2020.**

How to enter:

To apply for the Primary All-Schools Selection Trial in your area, you must complete the on-line registration and payment by the closing date, Friday 13 March 2020.

Further information is available from the NSW School Sport website by clicking on the link for each trial.

**Registrations close
5:00pm
Friday 13 March 2020**

**Cost
\$10.00 per student**

Who

**The trial is only for Primary
School Girls 12 Years and
Under.**

**Girls can be 12, however must
not be turning 13 in 2020.**

**Girls enrolled in Secondary
Schools are ineligible to trial.**

When and Where

Thursday 2 April 2020

- **Southern Inland**
@ Jubilee Park, Wagga Wagga

Wednesday 8 April 2020

- **South Coast**
@ Hanging Rock Sports
Ground, Batemans Bay

- **Metro East**
@ Olds Park, Penshurst

- **Mid North Coast & Inland**
@ Tulkaba Park, Newcastle

Thursday 9 April 2020

- **Metro West**
@ Blacktown International Sports
Park (Field 2), Rooty Hill

- **Northern Coastal & Inland**
@ Fitzroy Oval, Coffs Harbour

