

# The Wheeler Word



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Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 19 March 2020

## Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge Gai-maraigal and Garigal people who are the traditional custodians of the land we stand on today. We need to acknowledge that the Aboriginal people have taken care of this land in the past, present and will do in the future. We need to respect that under our school the land will always be theirs.

*Jake B – Year 6*

## COVID-19

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding in these difficult times. We have been very impressed with most of our students and the mature way which they have handled the everchanging situation. I have re attached the Updates (numbers 1 and 2) which were emailed to all school families on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

*I would very much like to congratulate and thank ALL STAFF (particularly our Admin team and cleaners) for their incredible hard work, professionalism and compassion this week. You would not believe the number of emails, phone calls, texts, meetings, talks, etc we have had this week. Also of course our teachers are juggling their own concerns and responsibilities with their family members, young children, elderly parents and relatives.*

*At all times our staff have put your children first and ensured that a safe, consistent and happy environment is maintained at school. Mrs Wright and I are extremely proud of the team effort from the entire Wheeler Heights Public School community.*

*The school is currently working on preparing Online resources for each grade if the current arrangements change.*

Parent/Teacher Interviews have also been postponed until next term.

## Welcome to new Parents BBQ

The annual welcome BBQ for all new Kindergarten students and their buddies was held last week. It was a lovely casual and friendly afternoon with the children thoroughly enjoying playing on the oval and having a tasty sausage or two. A huge thank you to P&C President Paul Hardy and his great team of parent helpers. Special thanks also to Shauna Tyson and the senior band who stayed behind after their regular practice and entertained us all.

## School Program Fees

A note outlining whole school program fees, expenses and statements was emailed to all families recently. A copy of these notes is on the school website. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated, with a special prize draw for full payment made by the due date.

## Rotary Raffle Tickets to Win a Car

A detailed information note and tickets were distributed to each child last week. Remember there will be prizes for the classes and students who sell the most tickets. Money raised from the Rotary Raffle will support the school canteen, sustainability and technology resources. Last year a Wheeler Hts school family won the CAR!!

**Please ensure that Safe Selling Strategies are always followed, particularly as we all should be practising social distancing.** We certainly do not encourage any children to go door knocking in the local community.

## OOSH News

We farewell Tim Buckley our OOSH Coordinator and Kathryn Bennett from OOSH this week. All OOSH parents received a detailed letter from OOSH. We thank both Tim & Kathryn for their fabulous service and support over the past years and wish them well with their future careers in the fields of children's education.

*Best wishes for a safe and peaceful weekend with your families.*

David Scotter  
Principal

## 2020 DATES

Fri 20 March PSSA CANCELLED

Wed 25 March Multicultural Public Speaking POSTPONED

Maths Olympiad No. 1 (Yrs 5 & 6)

Thurs 26 March DMI Yrs 5 & 6 In school

Fri 27 March Sydney North Swim Carnival CANCELLED

Late Term 1  
Parent Teacher Interviews –  
POSTPONED

Mon 30 March Chess @ Mona Vale PS  
- CANCELLED

Mon & Tues April 6 & 7  
Aboriginal Immersion Days -  
POSTPONED

Mon 6 April PCS Combined Choir rehearsal POSTPONED

Thurs 9 April Easter Hat Parade –  
CANCELLED

TERM 1 ENDS

TERM 2  
Mon 27 April Staff Development Day

Tues 28 April Term 2 starts  
All students

Wed 29 April Kindy 2021 Information Night 7pm

Friday 1 May School Cross Country TBC

Wed 6 May School Tour 9:45am

Mon 18 May Athletics Carnival  
P&C Meeting 7pm

Wed 21 May School Photos

Wed 27 May Pittwater Cross Country

Thurs 4 June Sport & special photos

Mon 8 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mon 15 June P&C Meeting 7pm

Fri 19 June Syd Nth Cross Country

Thurs 25 June School Tour 9:45am

Fri 3 July TERM 2 ends

**Term 3: Tues 21 July - Fri 25 Sept**

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**

# Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

## EVERYONE BELONGS – HARMONY DAY 2020

It was wonderful to see so many students in the colours of their cultural heritage on Monday to celebrate Harmony Day 2020. The wet weather prevented our collaborative exhibition from taking place that day, however, Year 2 sorted it out for us on Wednesday and it looks terrific. Everyone does belong at WHPS and we love that everyone is different! It would be so boring if we were all the same! A huge thank you must go to Mr Jeffery, Miss Smithies and Miss Wilson for organising such a great day and week!



## HYGIENIC AND HAPPY STUDENTS

As you know from Mr Scotter's update emails, all students and staff at WHPS have been working overtime to ensure we maintain stringent hygiene practices. This is being done to ensure the safety of all of us. Lots of classes have been utilising the 'stamp challenge' as a way to promote this. KB were all super excited to show me their stamps ready to try and make sure they had washed them off by the end of the day. Miss Bamford told me they have been doing a great job and most are getting the stamp removed by the end of each day! Well done to all our students on their sensible and mature behaviour.



### Please remember - Steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of infection



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## NAPLAN PRACTICE TESTS

Next week, Years 3 and 5 will complete a NAPLAN practice omnibus test and Year 5 will also complete a practice writing test. This is being done to ensure all equipment is working effectively for the administration of Online NAPLAN testing in Term 2. If children are absent for these tests they will not be completing them at a later date, as the tests are being administered simply for our school to address any technical issues.

## MIND QUEST 2020

On Saturday and Sunday 30 and 31 May 2020 the 95th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. **These include high potential and gifted 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, future problem solving, Lego robotics, art and much, much more. The cost of the weekend is \$210. If you would like to apply, application forms can be obtained from the office.

## UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Please note there will be a two to three week changeover period regarding uniforms and season changes. Students will be able to continue wearing summer uniform for the first two to three weeks of Term 2 if they would like to.

Have a fantabulous week everyone and stay tuned for more exciting news next week!

Mrs Priscilla Wright  
Assistant Principal  
Instructional Leader



The Wheeler Way

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Students leaving early – a person other than a parent collecting child

The emergency contacts listed on the enrolment form are only used when there is a medical emergency and we are unable to contact parents. If a person other than a parent (this includes grandparents) will be collecting a student before 3:15pm, a parent MUST provide the school with written permission before this can occur. Unfortunately if we do not have permission and we are unable to contact a parent, the child will not be allowed to leave the school.

Thank you

Jodie Sly  
School Administration Manager

## LIBRARY LANE

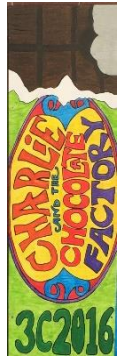


We're happy to announce that our biennial project - **Library Lane** is coming back next term! For those families who would like to participate this year, information will be coming out early next term.

For now we are looking for anybody who has access to scrap plywood and/or anyone able to cut said plywood into book spine size pieces.

If you think you are able to help please contact Trish McCombie via [wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or drop into 1M for a chat.

Thank you in anticipation.



## SRC NEWS

### Ride to School Day

Last Friday we celebrated National Ride2School Day which promoted the benefits of active travel. The SRC did a fantastic job giving out stickers at the gates to participating students. They also helped to collect data on how students get to school.



National Day  
of Action against  
Bullying and Violence

Friday 20 March 2020

Tomorrow, Friday 20 March is a National Day of Action against bullying. To support this day, all teachers will talk to their class about bullying. Importantly, at Wheeler Heights we consistently promote respectful relationships, so the issue of bullying is regularly discussed throughout the year via different programs. For example, it may be discussed as part of our PDHPE programs, our IT program when we address internet use or as part of our lessons supporting the Wheeler Way which focus on respect, responsibility and personal best.



### Poster Competition

Students have one week left to enter the annual Interrelate Say No To Bullying Poster Competition for Australian Primary Schools. This year's theme focuses on celebrating diversity. Students are encouraged to create an A4 size poster on the theme 'Celebrate our differences and create a more colourful world'. All entries must be returned to me by the 25 March so they can be submitted by the deadline. Please see last week's newsletter or the [Interrelate website](http://interrelate.org.au) for entry requirements.

SRC Coordinator  
Miss Earl

## SPORTS UPDATE

### SUMMER/SPRING PSSA

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents for a very positive first round of morning sport. We feel that Friday was a huge success with everyone working together to help with a smooth transition to morning sport. Playing in the morning was certainly much cooler for all teams, spectators, coaches, umpires, teachers and school sport participants. The atmosphere at the games was awesome with many parents still finding the time to cheer the students on. Back at school on Friday it was business as usual and all classes enjoyed quality learning time with their teachers after recess. Thanks again to everyone for working together to make Friday a great success.



<b>SCHOOLS: WHPS V ELANORA HEIGHTS</b>	<b>Term 1 Week 7</b>	
<b>SPORT</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>WIN/DRAW/LOSS</b>
Jnr Boys Cricket	85-175	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket	61-66	LOSS
Jnr Girls Cricket	25-13	WIN
Snr Girls Cricket	99-111	LOSS
Snr Boys Softball	2-3	LOSS
Snr Girls Softball	5-5	DRAW
Jnr Boys TBall	5-3	WIN
Jnr Girls TBall	5-5	DRAW
Jnr Boys Tag	7-9	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag	4-5	LOSS
Jnr Girls Tag	2-6	LOSS
Snr Girls Tag	2-6	LOSS



Under the advice of The Sydney North Schools Sports Association, unfortunately all sport has been cancelled due to the 'social distancing strategy' put in place by the DoE. This means that PSSA, Pittwater Zone, State Knockout and Sydney North games and trials will be cancelled for the foreseeable future. We are staying up to date with recommendations from NSWPSA who state that all activities will be 'temporarily ceased until further notice'. <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/NSWPSSA>

#### **ROUND 3 ~ POSTPONED to Term 4**

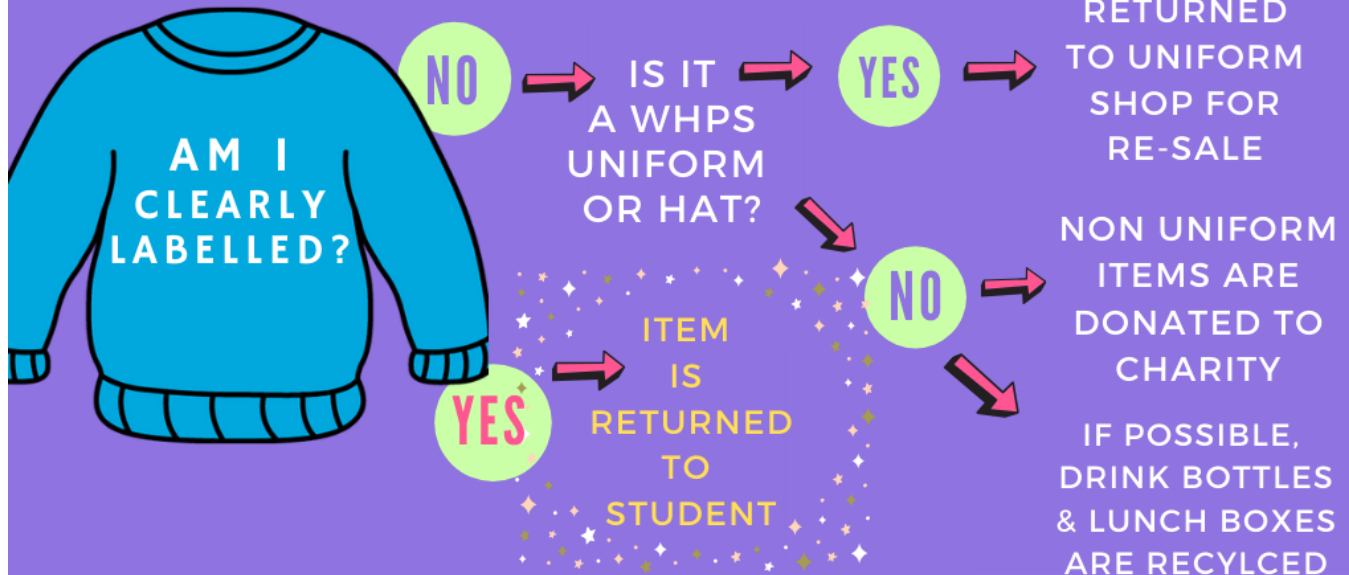
Please ensure that your Flexischools and Team App are updated for your child's PSSA sport so you can keep up to date with information.

Yours in Sport,

Mrs N Young  
Sport Coordinator

# THE LOST PROPERTY GUIDE

LOST PROPERTY IS CLEARED REGULARLY



LOST PROPERTY IS LOCATED NEAR THE CANTEEN  
PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS CLEARLY

## Live Life Well @ School

R-E-D-U-C-E daily screen time!

Balance screen time with active play for strong, fit and healthy bodies!

For children aged 6-12 years; no more than 2 hours of screen time per day.



### Tips:

- Encourage outdoor or active play
- Make meals and snack 'screen free times'
- Make bedrooms 'screen free zones'
- Have 'screen-free' time periods during the day

*Try to keep these habits even during holidays!*

More Information:  
[healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District



Welcome to the 2020 Fundraising year. If you are interested in helping the Fundraising Committee for any events this year it would be greatly appreciated. Events don't run smoothly without parent helpers. Please email us at [fundraising@whps-pandc.org](mailto:fundraising@whps-pandc.org) to let us know what you can help with. We are always in need of a helping hand to maximise our fundraising potential. More information will be made available on the below events and responsibilities closer to each event.

**Contact Jo, Yvette or Fiona (Year 4 Parents) for more information.**

Event	Co-Ordinator / Class Helpers	Dates
Rotary Raffle	Canteen Committee	March - April
Mothers' Day Breakfast	Year 3	Friday 8 May
Fathers' Day Breakfast	Year 1	Friday 4 September
School Disco	Kindy & Yr 5	Term 4 - October
Trivia Night	Year 2 & 4 + Keen Helpers	Term 4 - November

### REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Rebel Sport & The Athlete's Foot at Warriewood and Warringah Mall support Wheeler Heights Public School every time you purchase from them and mention our school. If you have a rewards card for either of these, make sure you link Wheeler Heights Public School to ensure the benefits can be passed on.



## P&C VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Canteen Volunteers Required

Our school canteen is seeking more volunteer parents. To operate, the canteen needs 1-2 volunteers Monday-Thursday and 2-3 volunteers each Friday from 9:30am until 11:30am and/or 11:30am-1:30pm. No experience is necessary to volunteer – just bring a sense of fun and embrace the opportunity to interact with other parents and friends in the school community. Our canteen Managers, Heidi and Tracey will guide you as much as necessary, and tasks generally include heating and preparing hot/cold lunch orders, cleaning up and working at the window during lunch. Every child loves the feeling of having a family member on canteen duty for the day. Volunteering in the canteen is a direct and easy way of helping make a significant contribution to your child's education at Wheeler Heights Public School.

If you are interested in volunteering at the canteen, please sign up using this link <https://signup.com/go/gOWjaGQ>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email our Canteen Treasurer at [canteen.treasurer@whps-pandc.org](mailto:canteen.treasurer@whps-pandc.org)



# UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

**Uniform Shop will not open on Fridays until further notice.  
Orders can still be made online and will be delivered to students on Fridays.**

**\*\*The planned 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms Sale will continue next term  
or when the Uniform Shop can reopen\*\*.**



**THANK YOU**





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## UPDATE #1 – 16 March 2020

Dear Wheeler Heights Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience at this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The reports of potential school closures in the media over the weekend may have increased your concern about whether the school is operational and safe for your children to attend. WHPS is open for education as usual and children (unless unwell or self-isolating from returning overseas) should be attending school.

As per the mandated directives released last night from our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, any families returning from overseas are required to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school.

Additionally, **any students who present with any flu like symptoms or who are feeling unwell are asked to remain at home** and their parents should seek the advice of a medical practitioner. Please advise the school of the GP's recommendations.

Principals are continually receiving updates from the Department of Education and NSW Government and Health regarding the management of our schools. We will keep you up to date with any information and email further advice regarding postponed school activities as it comes to us.

As of today, Monday 16 March 2020, there will be a few specific variations at WHPS that you will need to be aware of for this week.

1. The P&C Meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.
2. The Taronga Zoo excursion for Years 1 and 2 has been postponed (date TBA).
3. The Interrelate Evening planned for Wednesday night has been postponed (date TBA).
4. PSSA has been cancelled until further notice.
5. Scripture has been cancelled until further notice.
6. All assemblies have been cancelled until further notice.
7. Reading group parent helpers have been cancelled until further notice.
8. After school classes (Mandarin - Monday, Chess - Tuesday, Spanish - Wednesday, French - Thursday, Keyboard - Thursday) have been cancelled for this week.

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As always the safety and welfare of our students and school community is our prime concern. We will provide further updates as necessary or if changes occur. Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have concerns or require advice, please feel free to contact either myself or Priscilla Wright during school hours.

Kind regards,  
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## UPDATE #2 – 17 March 2020

Dear Wheeler Heights Parents and Carers,

I would like to again, thank you for your ongoing support and patience at this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our school is still fully operational and therefore teaching and learning are occurring as normal.

There are additional changes to our school programs and coordination.

1. **PCS Extension Test** (for Year 6 students who nominated) scheduled for Thursday has been postponed (date TBA).
2. **All Band rehearsals** and **private tutoring** have been cancelled until further notice.
3. **Junior and Senior Dance** is cancelled until further notice.
4. **Yoga** lessons cancelled until further notice.
5. **Uniform Shop** will not open on Fridays until further notice. Orders can still be made online and will be delivered to students on Fridays. **\*\*The planned 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms Sale will continue next term or when the Uniform Shop can reopen\*\*.**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Scouting is all about education for life. Our dynamic, challenging and adventurous program equips young people with life skills such as team work and leadership, and gives them the tools to develop into strong, resilient adults and valuable members of the community.**

Instead of learning in a formal way, our members have been getting their hands dirty, independently solving problems and learning from their mistakes. We emphasise active learning for young people through adventure and challenge.

At Scouts, children learn life skills such as independent thinking, leadership and problem solving skills, social interaction and responsibility. They experience weekly physically and intellectually challenging activities in the Scout hall, outdoor activities such as bushwalking and water sports, and large-scale events such as Jamborees, where Scouts from around Australia and the World come together.

Scouting is an ideal activity for the whole family. Boys and girls can be involved and parents are encouraged to join in with activities and become helpers, supporters or Leaders. Scouting can be an amazing experience for parents. Join your child's Scout Group on outdoor activities, family camps and outings – and learn new skills like abseiling and canoeing.

Experience the benefits yourself. Join Scouts today by contacting our membership hotline on 1800 SCOUTS (1800 726 887) or [info@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:info@nsw.scouts.com.au)

### **USE BOTH OF YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS WITH SCOUTS**

Families can apply for and redeem both of their Active Kids vouchers with Scouts!

**Voucher 1 can be redeemed from January to December, and Voucher 2 can be redeemed from 1 July to December.**

**Using your Active Kids vouchers is as easy as 1, 2, 3:**

1. Apply for your Active Kids voucher on the Service NSW online portal [here](#).
2. Download a copy of your voucher.
3. Select one of the buttons below to redeem your Active Kids voucher with Scouts and complete the Redemption Process.

**Joey Scout** Ages 5-8 years

**Cub Scouts** Ages 8-11

**years Scouts** Ages 11-14  
years

Your local scout groups are Cromer Dee Why, Collaroy Plateau and Narrabeen

Contact Jim Baldwin 0404 931 743 or e-mail [jim.baldwin@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:jim.baldwin@nsw.scouts.com.au)