

The Wheeler Word



Phone: 9971 8352 Fax: 9982 5617
Email: wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Website: wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Term 1 Week 9, Thursday 26 March 2020

Acknowledgement of Country

This land is so special because our ancestors took care of it in the past, they do now and will hopefully in the future. Our beloved and not forgotten Aboriginal leaders and ancestors have shared their stories down the ages. With high hopes let us look after our land and have a bright, rich future. Taya F – Year 3

****ALL UPDATES are located on the school Website under 'Covid-19 Information' for easy access****

SCHOOL GATE CLOSURES

Due to social distancing requirements, please be advised that from tomorrow, **Friday 27 March, all entry to and from WHPS will be from Veterans Parade ONLY**. All other gates will be locked until further notice.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Students who were present at school on Monday 23 March should have the following items;

- Their personal Pencil case with all equipment
- A blank workbook
- Handwriting textbook (Grades 1-6 only)
- A Literacy and a Numeracy booklet (Kindy only)
- Reading Log (if it was at school)

****Students coming to school need to ensure they bring these items each day!****

****These items are not ESSENTIAL to their learning at home. They are simply being sent home to assist if required****

If your child does not have the above resources these can be collected from the school office. **Please email or phone before arriving**, to allow time for the books to be sent to the office. The resources will be left on a table outside the school office for collection.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS AND CLASSES

As you are aware we are limiting communication with class teachers. This is a practice that most schools are adopting to ensure that a clear and consistent message is conveyed to all school families. **Once again, we ask that all communication to our school is made via the school office by email or phone.**

Please rest assured that all important messages will be conveyed to the class teachers and classes as soon as is practicable.

We certainly do plan to have more direct personal communication next week, possibly through our Class Parent network or individual class systems. We will keep you informed via the regular Updates.

TOLERANCE, UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY

At this incredibly challenging time it is always so gratifying to hear the positive, caring reports from our school and local community. There have been so many random acts and thoughts of kindness and compassion from young children, mums and dads, grandparents and carers, teachers and community members, politicians and all manner of people in our society and world.

Sadly, I have been informed of a few instances where people have been less than friendly and have made negative references to parents and children regarding their attendance at school. Please do not address anyone in this way.

At this unprecedented time in our history, let's all try to work together and make a positive difference to at least one person each and every day.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please be sure to report all student absences to school through the normal processes. If you have informed the school of a long absence (till the end of term) then this will be on the school system and a note each day is not necessary.

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 situation, Rotary have decided to cancel the Rotary Raffle. The exact arrangements have yet to be finalised. We do ask that parents return their tickets and money (sold or unsold) to the school office. There is a collection box located outside the office for easy return. Rotary & our school will then confirm the specific arrangements for the tickets and funds which have been collected.

MATHS OLYMPIAD- YEARS 5 & 6

The first Maths Olympiad Test, scheduled for this week, has been deemed a practice test and does not count towards the overall competition.

DMI PROJECTS

The Year 5 and 6 DMI projects have obviously been postponed.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Belinda Alexander is now on Maternity Leave. We are very fortunate to have Mr Lee Hewes as the teacher of 5A. Mr Hewes is an experienced casual teacher who has been teaching at our school this term.

Mr Nicholas Jones is now on Paternity Leave with his baby due shortly. Mr Jones will return to class 1J early next term.

We wish both these teachers and their partners the very best of health for the very exciting time ahead.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Could I please ask that you remind your children (and any other friends or neighbours that you see) that no one is allowed to ride through the school at any time, during the day or before and after school.

It is very disappointing when Wheeler Heights students and ex-students ride through the school being rude and disrespectful, causing unnecessary stress and worry for our students and our OOSH students.

At this unprecedented time, such disruptions and lack of understanding and respect is very frustrating and will not be tolerated.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

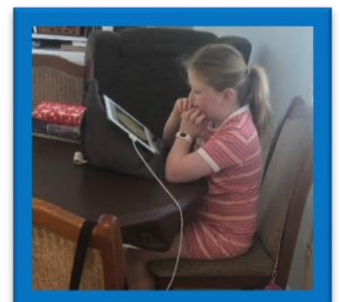
Most of the latest Book Club Orders have arrived. If you would like to collect these books please contact the school office to ensure that your order has arrived.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please be advised that the School Canteen will be closed until further notice.

STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME

We are so proud of our students working hard at home to make sure they are keeping up with their learning. Our teaching staff have worked hard to create learning schedules to accommodate online learning. We thank them for their efforts and professionalism. Once again, working as a team is enabling everyone to do well.



Mr David Scotter
Principal