

The Wheeler Word



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Term 2 Week 2

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Acknowledgement of Country

We must pay respect to those who cared for this land and always will. Our country must take care and appreciate the Gai-maraigal and Garigal people. This land will always be special and will be in the arms of the Aboriginal people. This country will always have the true memories from our childhood and up. We are forever hopeful that our country, school and land that we stand on will always hold the history and memories of everyone.

Chloe B – 5/6B

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we sent out Stage Newsletters with details of Term 2 arrangements. Please be sure to carefully read the details and instructions on these newsletters which apply to your specific class and grade.

Next week we begin the managed return to school process;

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
KINDERGARTEN	YR 1 & 2	YR 3 & 4	YR 5 & 6

Siblings

Clearly, if you have more than one child it may be difficult to organise home supervision when your children are scheduled to attend on different days. Please remember that the school is open each day and you are able to send all your children on the same day, if that is necessary. However, on such occasions there may not be many of your child's close friends or class teacher present at school on that day. I have spoken to a number of parents who have said to me that it would be ideal if they were able to send one of their children to school and therefore be able to concentrate on the online learning at home with the other child. This may be an option for some families.

DROP OFF & PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS FROM WEEK 3 – UPDATE - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Arrangements for **drop-off** & **pick-up** will change from next week with more students returning to school.

These arrangements have been updated from previous information.

The Berith St gate and the Veterans Pde gate will be open from Monday 11 May.

The Rose Ave gates will remain CLOSED.

The Berith St gate will only be open from 8:45am – 9:20am each morning and from 3:10pm each afternoon.

In order to limit adults in the school and for everyone's safety we ask that:

Children are dropped at the Veterans Pde or the Berith St gate and make their own way to the playground.

However, parents of Kindy & Yr 1 students may drop their children directly to the playground if necessary. Please do not linger, teachers will be on duty on the playground.

Similarly, for the afternoon pick-up, we ask that parents wait for their children outside the school at the Veterans Pde or Berith St gates. Once again, we understand if parents of Kindy & Yr 1 children need to collect their children directly from the classroom area.

Please talk with your child so that they are aware of the pick-up process for each afternoon.

We ask that you do not arrive too early for collection in the afternoon. Please be sure to keep your social distance and efficiently leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your child. We appreciate your support in this matter to ensure the safety of our school community.

As always, please be aware that plans and arrangements may change due to Federal, State and Department of Education directions and updates.

****ALL COVID-19 UPDATES are located on the [school website](#) under '[COVID-19 Information](#)' for easy access****



SCHOOL MASCOT

You may have seen our new school mascot, Winnie the straight haired Cavoodle looking very cute in her school jumper!!

OOSH ARRANGEMENTS

Parents may take children directly to OOSH each morning. Parents may collect children directly from OOSH each afternoon/evening.

MOTHERS' DAY GIFTS - TEA TOWELS

Please see the note later in the newsletter about the Tea Towels which are now available for picking up ready for Mothers' Day. They look fabulous! Thank you to our fundraising team for organising this activity.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now is the time for all students to begin wearing Winter School Uniform. As always, we allow a few weeks transition period. We hope that all students will be in full winter uniform by about Week 3, from May 11.

The Uniform Shop is still closed but Online ordering can be made at any time through Flexischools.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please be sure to mark student attendance within the Google Classroom each day. This is a check in to ensure students are completing work remotely.

Many parents did officially inform the school that they would be keeping their children at home for the last few weeks of Term 1. In many cases the absent note had an end date which may now have passed.

If you are still keeping your child at home for Term 2, please officially advise the school of this arrangement via email or through Flexischools.

WEBINAR

Please see the Webinar advertised later in the newsletter by highly acclaimed Michael Carr-Gregg regarding home schooling.

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

As we have mentioned in recent newsletters, due to the onset of the COVID-19 virus and related logistical restrictions, the Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches cancelled the 2020 Rotary Car Raffle. In these unprecedented times, it was not appropriate to conduct ticket sales and incur significant financial expenses.

The school can reimburse the full cost of each ticket that you have purchased or sold, provided you return the tickets to us.

Obviously, a number of school families have already returned their tickets and money. We have discussed the possibility of having a School Draw with the tickets already sold and returned. We would also then make a donation to Rotary who have absorbed all the costs associated with the raffle. We could also make a donation to a suitable charity like the current COVID-19 crisis or the Bushfire appeal.

Please let us know your thoughts and any specific instructions in regard to your own tickets. A final decision will be made in consultation with the P&C next term.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

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

LOST PROPERTY

Please see the picture of a bike which has been in the school grounds for a while now. If you recognise the bike please contact the front office or Mr Scotter.

Mr David Scotter
Principal



ECO WARRIORS NEWS

What's on in the garden...



Do you have any kids' sized clothes to donate for our scarecrow?

We are looking for:

- an old pair of denim jeans/overalls
- a shirt
- some old gumboots
- an old straw hat
- some pantyhose (to stuff for the body)
- an old wig

If anybody has any of these to donate we would greatly appreciate it!



Elizabeth Wilson
Eco Warriors Coordinator



2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge rule updates

We hope you are all doing well in the current COVID-19 situation. This email is to inform you of the changes that have been made to the 2020 PRC rules to help support students to participate in and complete the Challenge whilst their access to books at school and local libraries may be restricted.



What is happening with the Challenge in 2020?

The Challenge is well equipped to support student participation from home. The Challenge will continue with the same closing dates for validation of entries, and the same number of books to be read for all challenge levels. We have introduced some adjustments to support students who may be learning from home, and have reduced access to suitable reading material to complete the Challenge.

What changes have been made to the PRC rules for 2020?

The main changes to the [Challenge rules](#) are as follows:

- Students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books - an increase from five. Please see the support article about adding these additional choice books to a student reading record.
- Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.
- Students who complete the Challenge in 2020 will be able to count this towards cumulative awards.
- Students who do not participate in the Challenge in 2020 will not be disadvantaged in the receipt of cumulative awards.
- The Challenge will include Year 10 students in 2021 to allow all students the opportunity to meet the gold and platinum certificate and Challenge medal requirements.

How do students add these bonus choice books to their reading records?

A vertical yellow banner with a list of five bonus choice books. Each entry includes a small circular icon of a cartoon character reading a book, the book title, and a brief description. The text "2020 BONUS CHOICE BOOKS!" is written vertically on the right side of the banner.

685957 : 2020 Bonus choice book 1 by PRC Team
This entry can be added as a bonus choice book for 2020 so that students are able to count an additional 5 choice books for their reading records.
5-6 booklist

685958 : 2020 Bonus choice book 2 by PRC Team
This entry can be added as a bonus choice book for 2020 so that students are able to count an additional 5 choice books for their reading records.
5-6 booklist

685959 : 2020 Bonus choice book 3 by PRC Team
This entry can be added as a bonus choice book for 2020 so that students are able to count an additional 5 choice books for their reading records.
5-6 booklist

685960 : 2020 Bonus choice book 4 by PRC Team
This entry can be added as a bonus choice book for 2020 so that students are able to count an additional 5 choice books for their reading records.
5-6 booklist

685961 : 2020 Bonus choice book 5 by PRC Team
This entry can be added as a bonus choice book for 2020 so that students are able to count an additional 5 choice books for their reading records.
5-6 booklist

2020 BONUS CHOICE BOOKS!

Students will need to add their first 5 choice books the same way they always have for the Challenge. Their bonus choice books will need to be entered using the following PRCID's:

- [PRCID 68597 2020 Bonus Choice Book 1](#)
- [PRCID 68598 2020 Bonus Choice Book 2](#)
- [PRCID 68599 2020 Bonus Choice Book 3](#)
- [PRCID 68560 2020 Bonus Choice Book 4](#)
- [PRCID 68561 2020 Bonus Choice Book 5](#)

To add these choice books on the Student Site, students can simply enter "2020 bonus" either on the search screen or under "add choice books", and the Bonus Choice Book records will be the first ones to appear.

We have prepared a support article for adding Bonus Choice Books to a student reading record, which can be shared with parents and students to help with this process.

[How do I add bonus choice books for 2020?](#)

P&C MESSAGE

Mothers' Day - Tea Towel collection

Online orders for our Mothers' Day tea towels have now closed. They will be available for collection from outside the office on Thursday and Friday afternoon, from 2:30pm - 3:15pm

You may also collect from the front office between 9am-2:30pm on FRIDAY only.

They will also be available to purchase for cash at the above times (correct money only please).

Regards,

Wheeler Heights Public School Fundraising Team



Live Life Well @ School

Learn to make my own healthy lunch

Teach kids healthy habits for life!

Provide your children with useful life skills for the time previous school routines returns.



1. Prepare ingredients: Wraps, rainbow of fillings of choice chopped and laid out on plates.
2. Demonstrate choosing fillings and wrapping these.
3. Students prepare healthy wraps for lunch from the smorgasbord.
4. Share photos of your creations with your friends.

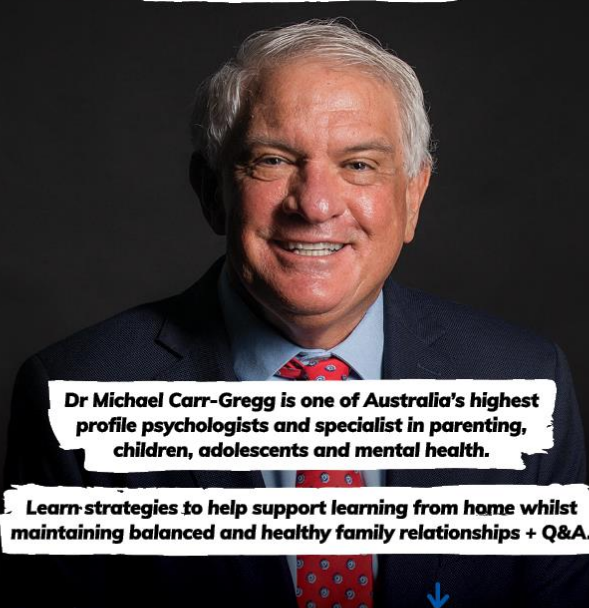
For more ideas, search 'healthy lunch box builder' at:

www.healthylunchbox.com.au



WEBINAR:
SCHOOLING FROM HOME 3
NAVIGATING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Wed 20 May, 6.30 - 7.30pm



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists and specialist in parenting, children, adolescents and mental health.

Learn strategies to help support learning from home whilst maintaining balanced and healthy family relationships + Q&A.

For parents, carers and students
Online webinar

Free (limited spaces)
Register at KALOF.com.au

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Young Writers' Competition 2020

Open for entries Tuesday 14 April - Wednesday 10 June

Write an original story using this years theme word "splash" for a chance to win prizes and be a published author in a Library eBook.

Enter online at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
Open to students, Kindy through Year 12
Enquiries: writers.comp@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

