

# The Wheeler Word



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**Term 2 Week 6**

**Thursday 4 June 2020**

## Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land for they will always be the ones who kept this land alive. We would also like to acknowledge the Gai-maraigal and Garigal people and appreciate what beautiful land we are left with today. We must respect the culture, hopes and beliefs that the ancestors have passed down to us all.

*Eva D – 6T*

## DESIGN, MAKE AND INNOVATE

Last term Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Design, Make and Innovate (DMI) project with the assistance of Cromer HS senior students. Today the projects were on display in the hall and all students were able to view and consider each group's project. Mrs Wright and I had the very difficult job of judging the works. Unfortunately, the public viewing of all schools' projects has not been possible at this time.

*Well done to all students for their creativity, innovation and enthusiasm with this project.*



## DROP OFF & PICK UPS

As you will know, all schools are trying to limit the number of adults within the school grounds.

We appreciate that most parents are supporting the school by dropping their child at the school gate in the morning and arranging to meet their child at one of the school gates in the afternoon. Please do not arrive at school too early in the afternoon and if you do, please wait in the car or on the designated yellow crosses or dots marked at the school entrances, until just before the bell is about to go. We must all continue to practise social distancing and be sure to set the right example for our children.

We are very fortunate that we have a number of school entrances and exits at our school, but the peak periods are always busy.

Mrs Wright and I are at the school gates each afternoon and we greatly appreciate the sensible and calm approach of most parents. Unfortunately, we have seen dangerous behaviour from a small number of parents. There has also been parents not observing social distancing. The school has received phone calls from members of the community, complaining about parent behaviour. Please let us remember to always focus on the safety of our children and community.

## NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL COVID-19 PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Council will be displaying new COVID-19 restrictions to be in force around the school entrances. These signs will clearly indicate where Quick 2 Minute Parking is allowed to make dropping and collecting students a little easier.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL SIGNAGE AND DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL OR SCHOOL STAFF.**

## YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS (OC) 2021 PLACEMENT TEST

Students currently in Year 4 will receive an email this week with details about sitting the Year 5 2021 OC Class Test. The test will be held on Wednesday 16 September and all applications are to be made online.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Almost 400 parents booked in for the Parent Teacher interviews held by phone this week.

## SEMESTER ONE SCHOOL REPORTS

Due to the COVID-19 situation and the Learning from Home program, our Semester One report will be in a modified format. The reports will be emailed to all parents in the final week of this term.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thank you to Heidi and Tracey who have now reopened the Canteen every day for Flexischools orders for recess and lunch. There will be NO over the counter sales.

## 2020 DATES

**Mon 8 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Mon 15 June** P&C Meeting 7pm  
Venue or ZOOM TBC

**Thurs 25 June** School Tour 9:45am  
TBC

**Fri 3 July** TERM 2 ends

## TERM 3

**Mon 20 July** Staff Development Day

**Tues 21 July** School starts for all students

**Mon 27 July** PCS Extension Test  
TBC

**Mon 17 Aug** P&C Meeting TBC

**Sun 6 Sept** Fathers' Day

**Wed 16 Sept** Yr 4 OC Test

**Mon 21 Sept** P&C Meeting TBC

**Fri 25 Sept** Term 3 ends

## TERM 4

**Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec**

## CYBER SAFETY

Please be vigilant during these challenging times to ensure that your children are communicating and responding appropriately to online chats, messages and websites. There are a number of extremely helpful sites on the Department of Education website. During first term all Year 3 and 4 students had a Cyber safety workshop with members of the local police. The Year 5 and 6 workshop was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 but will be rescheduled as soon as practical.

Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter with a list of very useful resources for parents to use.

*Take care & stay safe.*

*Mr David Scotter  
Principal*

# Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

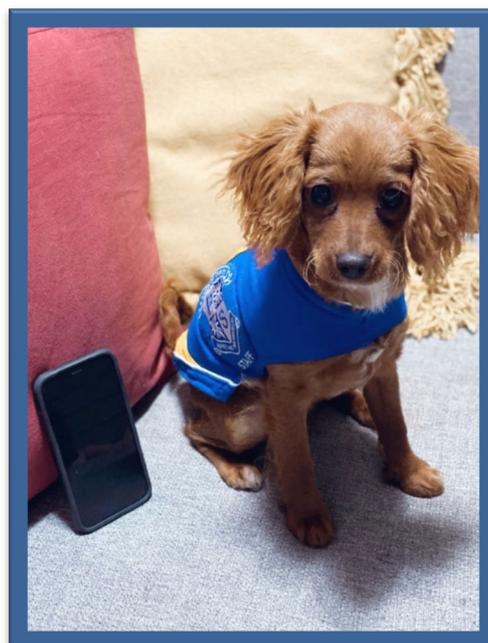


## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – BY PHONE

Many parents took the opportunity to book in for interviews this week. Even our little mascot Winnie wanted to get in on the fun!

We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents and our teachers during this process. It was a different format for everyone and we thank parents for being considerate and allowing teachers to stick to the timeframes to make sure they were able to contact everyone at their designated times.

I would like to thank our amazing staff for completing these important interviews and ensuring open communication between home and school. This allows us to work together and create the best possible learning environment for our students. Interviews conclude tomorrow.



## WONDROUS, WITTY AND WORLDLY WRITING

I've been so lucky lately. Lots of students have come and visited to show me their work. Lots of 'Scratch 'n' Sniff' stickers have been given because the work I have seen has *blown my mind*. Year 1 have been showing me their 'Witch's Brew' informative texts and they included absolutely disgusting concoctions. They involved smelly feet, dog poo, worms and snot amongst many other horrible ingredients! Yuck! But the writing was absolutely wonderful. The handwriting was terrific and the work was well structured and used appropriate punctuation and grammar. Great work Year 1!

Then yesterday I was visited by Taylor (Year 1) and Elly (Kindy) to show me Elly's amazing story. Elly had put so much effort into her work and was very proud of what she'd produced. Let me tell you, she should have been. It was truly fantastic. Well done Elly and thank you to all the students for showing me your excellent work. Keep it up!

## DESIGN MAKE AND INNOVATE

Mr Scotter and I were extremely excited to judge Stage 3's DMI (Design, Make and Innovate) projects today. Make sure you check next week's newsletter for details!

Mrs Priscilla Wright  
Assistant Principal - Instructional Leader

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Payment of school fees

We have had a few enquiries regarding fees for this year. The following is a suggested list of fees to be paid:

Standard Tests Yrs 2-6 and stationery

Computer Levy

Paper Levy

CAPA Levy

Library donation

The following fees are requested to be paid as the event took place or the students have received goods:

Yr 2 recorder

Yr 6 T-shirt

School Magazine

Attached is the 'Whole School Program Fees' sent with the statement of account in Term 1 listing the costs of above.

Parents that have paid all fees or have paid for some excursions/incursions:

At this stage some events may still be held later in the year. If you have paid for an excursion/incursion and the event does not go ahead in 2020, your account will be credited if your child is in Kindergarten-Year 5 as per Department of Education guidelines.

Parents of Year 6 students will receive a refund. This will be organised in Term 4.

### Absence Notes

We appreciate the many parents who have diligently sent in notes to outline their children's attendance during the COVID-19 period.

As a school we must always accurately record absences for each student. Even if your child did log on to Home Learning for a particular day, we do need confirmation that you gave permission for your child to be at home.

As we have stated previously, a note detailing that; for example: 'my child was present at school on May 15 and May 16 but at Home due to pandemic on all other days from April 7 to May 14' will suffice.

### Book Club

Scholastic Book Club brochures were handed out last week. Please process your order online to limit visits to the office. The last date for orders is Tuesday 16 June.

Thank you

Jodie Sly

School Administration Manager

## LIBRARY NEWS

### BORROWING IN THE LIBRARY

There are new procedures for NSW school libraries. We are following the DoE guidelines for our library learning space. From this week students began borrowing on their allocated day but there is no browsing of shelves as this is a high touch area. Safety is our priority and ongoing cleaning is taking place including the quarantining of books for 24 hours before they are re-shelved. The library is currently closed at lunchtime.



Hey! *LIBRARY LANE*  
2020 EDITION  
IS COMING BACK!

Information will come home soon explaining how you can be a part of this fantastic project. While you are waiting for the details, ask the kids to take a little walk along Library Lane to get inspired. There are a lot of great titles already on the wall but there are still plenty out there waiting for their spot on the giant bookshelf. Will your family be the one to give one of those great books a chance?

Trish McCombie



## ECO WARRIORS NEWS

### What's on in the garden...



We were busy in and out of the garden this week. Despite the cold weather, (which worms usually hate) our worms are happy and are producing valuable worm tea for the garden once more.

A big thank you goes out to Mr Radom for making us a compost sieve...already in the greenhouse we have sproutings of spinach, silverbeet, onion and broad beans! Once they are a bit bigger we will use this compost sieve to fill the beds with healthy, nutrient rich soil and then transplant the seedlings so they can grow into delicious, healthy food.

After we each tasted a little bit of some supermarket coriander (with the roots still attached) we planted it in our new designated herb plot. With the addition of some worm tea, our fingers are crossed that it will take off.

After tending to the garden, we went inside to begin our scarecrow. We did a bit of trial and error, as originally we tried stuffing it with paper, but it didn't quite work. We then used material which proved to be much better. Although we only got one leg stuffed, our scarecrow is starting to come together, and we can't wait to show off the finished product soon!

Elizabeth Wilson  
Eco Warriors Coordinator



## P&C MESSAGES

### CANTEEN NEWS

#### WHOO HOO! WHEELER HEIGHTS BITES IS BACK!

As of this week, Wheeler Heights Bites has been back in action, open every day. Orders must be made online through Flexischools ONLY as there will be no over the counter sales until further notice. We will be following the strictest hygiene guidelines and have made the decision to return to paper bags for orders due to COVID-19 precautions.

We look forward to keeping their tastebuds satisfied.

#### TERM 2 MENU ITEMS AVAILABLE (OPEN EVERY DAY FROM WEEK 6)

##### SUSHI (soy sauce not available)

##### HOT FOOD

- Canteen made ham, cheese & spinach scrolls
- Canteen made vegemite scrolls
- Canteen made cheese melts/ garlic bread
- Canteen made sausage rolls (no sauce available)
- Canteen made pasta bolognese
- Meat pies small or large (no sauce available)

##### SANDWICHES/WRAPPS

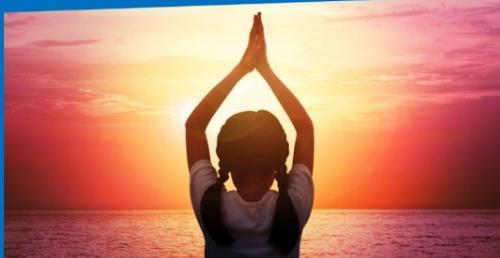
- cheese
- ham
- vegemite
- chicken

##### SNACKS

- Canteen made banana bread
- Canteen made cookies
- Choc magic muffins
- Pretzels
- Popcorn

### Live Life Well @ School

#### THE POWER OF MINDFULNESS



**Mindfulness is the simple practice of bringing your attention to the present moment. It has been shown to help promote happiness and relieve stress in children.**

Introduce mindfulness to your child with video story books like:

- Mop Rides the Waves of Life: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk)
- How mindfulness empowers us: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss)
- Mindful Ozzy Introduces Mindfulness: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k\\_R7R1gldA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_R7R1gldA)



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### Live Life Well @ School

#### LET'S GET ACTIVE AT HOME



NSW Department of Education has a range of fun video episodes, linked to the PDHPE syllabus, called **GetActive@Home**

Support your child to be active at home and give these action packed sessions a go.

For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Variety is important!

Search 'GetActive@Home' at: [www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)



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## WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL WHOLE SCHOOL PROGRAM FEES - 2020

Grade	Standard Tests Yrs 2-6 & stationery	PD/H/PE special programs	Computer Levy	Paper Levy	Creative & Practical Arts Levy	School Magazine subscription Yr 3-6 Literacy 10 issues per year	Life Education Yrs K-2	Visiting Perfor- mances		Pre Planned Excur- sions/ Activities	Program Sub Total	*General School Voluntary Contribution Per student	*LIBRARY DONATION  Tax Deductible	TOTAL
Kinder	\$25.00	\$110.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	-	\$11.00	\$25.00		\$105.00	\$391.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$480.00</b>
Year 1	\$25.00	\$110.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	-	\$11.00	\$25.00		\$100.00	\$386.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$475.00</b>
Year 2	\$25.00	\$110.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	-	\$11.00	\$25.00		\$297.00	\$583.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$672.00</b>
Year 3	\$20.00	\$110.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.00	-	\$25.00		\$162.00	\$448.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$537.00</b>
Year 4	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.00	-	\$25.00		\$362.00	\$608.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$697.00</b>
Year 5	\$20.00	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.00	-	\$25.00		\$379.00	\$725.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$829.00</b>
Year 6	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.00	-	\$25.00		\$442.00	\$753.00	\$64.00 *	\$25.00*	<b>\$822.00</b>

Student Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Class/es: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⇒ Payment by **cheque, cash or POP**. Eftpos facility is available at the office. Cheques made payable to Wheeler Heights Public School.
- ⇒ (Please see attached detailed information on how to pay by POP, Parent Online Portal).
- ⇒ **Please indicate which programs you are paying for and include surname and initial of each child.**
- ⇒ Payments may be paid in instalments at any time. If any parent is experiencing financial difficulties please see Mr Scotter. Any discussions will be strictly confidential.
- ⇒ Payment by 1 April would be most appreciated. A **special prize draw** will be held for all parents who have paid fees by this time.

David Scotter  
Principal  
5 March 2020

◆ Please note throughout the year each class may organise additional activities such as excursions and activities. These programs will be invoiced separately and are not included in "Whole School Program".

COMMUNITY NEWS



LOWER NORTH SHORE  
**CHILD & FAMILY  
INTERAGENCY**

**ONLINE FORUM 2020**



## Fathers in Focus – Supporting Dads on their Parenting Journey

**WEDNESDAY 15 July**  
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

**VENUE**  
Via Zoom (Link sent a day prior)

**Cost: FREE**

**REGISTER:**  
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## Online Safety Resources for Parents

Online safety is paramount to keeping children and young people safe. Parents and carers can play a key role in their children and adolescent's mental health and wellbeing by ensuring steps are taken to regularly monitor and supervise your child or young person's online presence.



### Online Safety Resources and Websites

	<p><a href="https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents">https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents</a> Advice for parents to help children have safe experiences online</p>
	<p><a href="https://raisingchildren.net.au">https://raisingchildren.net.au</a> Information on media and technology safety for different age groups</p>
	<p><a href="https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/topics/cyberbullying-and-online-safety">https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/topics/cyberbullying-and-online-safety</a> Evidence based information and resources on cyberbullying and online safety</p>
	<p><a href="https://parents.au.reachout.com">https://parents.au.reachout.com</a> Information for parents on technology use and cyberbullying</p>
	<p><a href="https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents">https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents</a> Information for parents on cyberbullying, social media and safety</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.internetsafeeducation.com">https://www.internetsafeeducation.com</a> Information and courses for parents on internet safety</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au">http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au</a> Information and courses for parents on internet safety</p>



### Helpful Tips for Parents and Carers

- **Educate yourself** to become familiar with the online activities your children engage in
- **Supervise and regularly monitor** your children's online activities. Keep a look out for inappropriate or harmful content and any change or unusual behaviour in your child.
- **Empower children and young people** to use the internet safely and educate your children on internet safety
- **Report** prohibited or inappropriate material to the [eSafety Hotline](#)

References:

1. Robinson, E. & Carlow, M. (2018). Online Safety. CFCA Resource Sheet– April 2018. Retrieved from <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety>

### Gardening - fairy

#### TIPS

- Create a fairy garden by choosing a pot plant or spot in the garden to decorate.
- Use your imagination!



#### SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- fine motor skills, Science & Technology.

#### REFERENCES

Search fairy garden ideas.

### Gardening - food

#### TIPS

- Plant fruit, veg or herbs.

#### RESOURCES

Garden pot/spot, soil, seeds/seedlings, coconut fibre brick, compost.



#### SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE-fine motor skills, nutrition education.

#### REFERENCES

Search 'munch and crunch garden' See composting and worm farming videos and fact sheets at [www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)

### Gardening - bees

#### TIPS

- Create a bee highway stop (native bees need to rest every 500m) by planting pollinator plants e.g. lavender and rosemary, pansy, nasturtium.
- Put out a shallow dish of water with a rock in it.
- Build a bee hotel <https://www.abc.net.au/life/how-to-make-a-bee-hotel/11492162>
- Watch the bees and butterflies come!



#### RESOURCES

Garden spot/plot, garden seeds/seedlings.

#### SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- fine motor skills, Science & Technology.

### Hula hoop

#### TIPS

- Create a routine.
- Add music.
- Search for 'hula hoop tricks' online.
- Challenges: Who can hula hoop for the longest time? Who can do the most tricks?



#### SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- FMS, Creative Arts

#### REFERENCES

Search 'hula hoop activities for physical education'.

### Hide and seek

#### TIPS

- Hide and chasel



#### SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- FMS , spatial awareness.

### Project Wild Thing

Movie to inspire getting outdoors and active <https://www.thewildnetwork.com/inspiration/project-wild-thing>.