

The Wheeler Word



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Term 3 Week 3

Thursday 6 Aug 2020

Acknowledgement of Country

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal land under all the buildings and concrete of our school. It is still Gai-maraigal and Garigal land that was respected and looked after by Aboriginal people for thousands of years. We need to respect them and the land.

Maya - 6J

We hope to have the school Cross Country tomorrow morning, weather permitting. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the training each week.

Please be reminded that unfortunately parents are not permitted to attend this event.

COVID-19

We are still constantly receiving guidance and information regarding school activities, which we endeavour to communicate to our school community as soon as possible.

Please be advised that non-essential parents and visitors are still NOT to enter the school premises.

Please see the detailed list below, which has been updated as necessary.

SCHOOL SPORT & HOUSE GROUPS

Please be advised that Summer PSSA will recommence in Week 7 this term, Friday 4 September in the morning session.

This term our Year 6 students have been organising the Home Sport activities for all students from Years 3-6 on Friday morning. To engender school and house spirit, the Year 6 students and teachers suggested that each house wear a shirt of their respective house colour, red, yellow or green. This has proved to be very popular and successful.



Recently we have been discussing the merits of only having three school houses, as almost all schools usually have four. Also, the Wheeler house name is rather an unusual choice as it is obviously the name of our school.

Consequently, after initial discussion with the students, staff and recently at the P&C meeting, we are proposing that from next year we have four school sport houses. Ramsay and Jenkins would remain and we would instigate two new houses. The two new houses may have an Aboriginal name significant to this particular area of the northern beaches.

Having four houses would provide more leadership opportunities for our Year 6 students and also more chance for students to represent their house by running or swimming in house relay teams. The most obvious difficulty with a change to four houses would mean the re allocation of some students to new houses.

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER - HAYDEN W

Earlier in the year, Hayden W (6T) entered one of his photos in the Northern Beaches Art Prize competition, hosted by the Northern Beaches Council.

His photo, titled "Parked, Going Nowhere!" was selected as one of 10 winners in the 'youth' category. <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/northern-beaches-art-prize/winners-2020/youth-category>

He is now eligible for the "People's Choice Award". You may like to vote for Hayden's art work. <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/northern-beaches-art-prize/online-exhibition>

2020 DATES

TERM 3

Fri 7 Aug Cross Country
No parents to attend

Wed 12 Aug Interrelate Evening - Online

Mon 17 Aug P&C Meeting - ZOOM

Thurs 27 Aug School Photo Day

Fri 4 Sept PSSA sport

Sun 6 Sept Fathers' Day

Thurs 10 Sept Bushlink Yr 3 & 4

Fri 11 Sept PSSA sport

Wed 16 Sept Yr 4 OC Test

Fri 18 Sept PSSA sport

Mon 21 Sept P&C Meeting - ZOOM
TBC

Fri 25 Sept PSSA SPORT - bye
Term 3 ends

TERM 4

Mon 12 Oct - School starts for all students

Mon 12 - Wed 14 Oct Yr 5 & 6
Camp TBC

Wed 14 Oct Kindy 2021 Information
Night TBC

Mon 19 Oct P&C AGM - TBC

Ballroom Dance @ Homebush TBC

Thurs 22 Oct School Disco TBC

Thurs 22 Oct Kindy 2021 Transition
9:30-10:45am TBC

Thurs 29 Oct Kindy 2021 Transition
9:30-10:45am TBC

Thurs 5 Nov Kindy 2021 Transition
9:30-10:45am TBC

Mon 9 - Fri 13 Nov Year 2 Special
Swimming Scheme - TBC

Wed 11 Nov Special group Photo
Day

Sat 14 Nov P&C Social event TBC

Mon 30 Nov - Wed 2 Dec
Yr 4 Camp @ Milson Island TBC

Tues 1 Dec Yr 6 High School
Orientation Day

Wed 16 Dec Last school day of 2020

ABSENCE NOTES FOR TERM 1 AND 2

All teachers have been following up on absence notes for Term 1 and 2 during the Learning from Home period. Notes have been sent home this week for some parents to sign. Could you please return these notes as soon as possible as department requirements insist that we must have a record of all student absences and periods when your child was learning from home.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Unfortunately, all schools have had to cancel School Tours for Term 3. Obviously if current guidelines do change then we will advise you. Currently we are adding all interested enrolments to our database.

If your child has any special needs or you do need to speak directly to the principal please contact the school to organise an appointment.

If you have a sibling due to start school in 2021 please see the school office for an enrolment form. Also, please be sure to remind your friends and neighbours to enquire about enrolment for next year.

SHARING FOOD & BIRTHDAY TREATS

Please remind your children never to share their food with their friends at school. We know that many families like to send in birthday treats for their child's birthday. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions and our duty of care, NO food or treats may be shared. We appreciate your understanding in these unprecedented times.

Currently these are the arrangements:

Summer PSSA – will recommence in Week 7 this Term, Friday 4 September.

School Excursions – NO excursions in Term 3 and still to be determined for Term 4.

Canteen – will continue with online orders for recess & lunch. There will be no over the counter sales at this stage.

Uniform Shop - orders online at this stage. No over the counter sales.

School Camps for Years 4-6 in Term 4 - still to be determined.

School Assemblies - very limited with no parents to attend.

School Photos - rescheduled for 27 Aug (Classes) and 11 Nov (Special groups).

University NSW ICAS Assessments - will proceed as scheduled - in late August (except writing. Payments for this test will be applied as a credit to the student's accounts).

Scripture/Religious Education & Ethics – have recommenced in Week 3 of Term 3, but some groups will not be operating at this stage.

Peer Reading – postponed till further notice.

Kindergarten 2021 Tours – cancelled until further notice.

Kindergarten 2021 Information Evening & Orientation in Term 4 – Still to be confirmed.

Extra cleaning and hygiene practices will continue in Term 3.

All providers of special programs (Band conductors & tutors, Ballroom Dance, Gymnastics etc.) will provide an updated Department form regarding safe working practices.

All rooms will have hand sanitiser and tissues available at all times.

Non-essential parents and visitors are NOT to enter the school premises.

Mrs Wright's Wrap Up

AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRINCIPALS' DAY – 7 AUGUST



Principals' Day has become a catalyst for celebrating the work done by all principals in all schools across our nation. This year we've seen, perhaps more clearly than ever, the true capacity and calibre of our principals as they stepped up to the challenge of leadership through COVID-19. We've realised afresh the real strength of the contribution they bring every day to their respective schools, staff members, students, families and the wider community. It is fitting that so many have commented on 'a fresh understanding and perception of the profession'. We are indebted to them in so many ways. *(extract from the Australian Primary Principals Association website)*

A big shout out to the best principal for tomorrow. We would like Mr Scotter to know that we appreciate all he does for all of us and that we feel very lucky to have him. The students and staff of WHPS feel very fortunate to have a

caring, professional, funny and kind principal and thank Mr Scotter very much for guiding us as he does. This year has been tricky for everyone and Mr Scotter has made sure things have run as smoothly as possible. He knows every student's name and something about them and he attends all events showing everyone that he values them and the things that are important to them.

Thank you so much Mr Scotter – from all of us!



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY – 4 AUGUST 2020



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Children's Day) is a national day dedicated to celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It is celebrated on August 4th, which was the date that stolen Aboriginal children were assigned as their birthdays. Children's Day has been run annually since 1988 and is the initiative of SNAICC – National Voice for our Children. The theme for 2020 is *We are the Elders of tomorrow - hear our voice*.

We celebrated this important day at WHPS in a number of ways. Some classes watched a special welcome to country and smoking ceremony which was being held at Barangaroo. Other classes watched a YouTube clip of Isaac and Dom's cousin reading 'Where's the Green Sheep?' in their cultural *Boandik* language. Such a special way to be able to celebrate. Thank you to Isaac, Dom and their family for sharing their culture with us all.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography.

If possible, it is our preference that ordering be completed online (see website details below) to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. However, if you require an envelope, please contact the school office.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9- digit advanced order code **VV6 AZM K8X**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please **contact advancedlife at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact**



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photography & print specialists

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal
Instructional Leader

SRC NEWS

Bicycle and Scooter Licences

This term it has been great to see more students interested in riding to school. All students Year 2 to Year 6 who ride a bicycle or scooter to school need to sign and return a bicycle and scooter agreement. Students do not generally receive their licence when they return their agreement, instead the first time they bring their bike or scooter to school they receive their licence. The reason for this is so I can check that licences are attached with the correct sized clips so students can easily remove the licences when not riding to and from school.

Miss Earl
SRC Coordinator



SPORTS NEWS



CROSS COUNTRY:

The WHPS Cross Country is scheduled for tomorrow morning however heavy rain is predicted. We will postpone the carnival in the event of bad weather. Students have been training hard and we are looking forward to a fun morning of cross country running (weather permitting). **Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions still in place the Cross Country will be a non-spectator event this year.**

HOUSE SPORT COMPETITION:

Last week the sun shone brightly, the sky was clear and the slight breeze was crisp. The conditions were perfect for our first round of House Sport games. It was a wonderful morning of sport and all students in Years 3-6 displayed great talent and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing everyone compete in the next round of games in Week 4. A huge thank you to the Sport Captains who have helped with training and umpiring games over the past few weeks.

Round 1 Results:

	Stage 2				Stage 3		
	J V R	R V W	W V J		J V R	R V W	W V J
Netball – Girls A	3 v 0	2 v 1	1 v 4	Netball – Yr 5 Boys	3 v 1	2 v 2	2 v 1
Basketball – Girls B	0 v 4	2 v 2	6 v 2	Basketball – Yr 6 Boys	2 v 9	6 v 6	2 v 8
Soccer – Boys C	0 v 3	1 v 3	4 v 1	Soccer – Yr 5 Girls	0 v 3	3 v 0	4 v 0
Tag – Boys D	2 v 3	2 v 1	1 v 1	Tag – Yr 6 Girls	2 v 1	1 v 2	5 v 2

POINTS:	JENKINS	RAMSAY	WHEELER
Round 1	11	15	12

Students are allowed to wear their House coloured t-shirt on Fridays to show house spirit.

Important dates/events:

- ♥ WHPS House Team Round Robin Competition – Weeks 1-6
- ♥ WHPS Athletics Carnival (modified) – Date TBC
- ♥ Summer PSSA resuming Week 7. Training to commence Week 5.

SUMMER PSSA:

The Summer PSSA Season is ready to return in a few weeks. Please read the following message from the PPSSA:



The Pittwater PSSA are so pleased to announce that we have been able to restructure our summer competition to allow for students across our 9 schools to re-commence competitive school sports.

A lot of work and collaboration has been going on behind the scenes with all schools and principals as well as Northern Beaches Council. The Pittwater PSSA would like to recognise all stakeholders for their willingness to support our goal to see students safely return to the sporting fields this year. We are very excited to announce that our PSSA Summer Competition will re-commence on Friday 4 September (Week 7 Term 3) with a new draw and dates.

For us to be able to achieve our goal we had to make changes to our draw, dates and venues.

These changes have been reflected in our Pittwater PSSA Team App. This application can be downloaded through the Apple App or Google Android stores. Our Pittwater PSSA App will give you up to date information including news, scheduling and competition standings. We are asking you all to please download this app to ensure that any new information is received by all of our parents and students in the Pittwater PSSA Zone.

We also require your assistance in ensuring our sporting competition can continue when we re-commence by asking all parents and carers to please not attend games as spectators this season. As we are unable to provide, monitor and supervise QR code access, sign-in registers for each school and at each venue to ensure accurate COVID-19 contact tracing measures, we have had to make this decision. The NSW School Sport Unit Policy for Term 3 states, 'spectators, including parents and carers, are not permitted within school grounds or at sporting events held during school hours.' We understand that this is not ideal but we require your support to ensure we are operating under the guidelines provided by the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

We thank you all in advance for your understanding and support as we strive to provide sporting opportunities in 2020 for our students.

Yours in Sport,

Pittwater Zone Primary School Sports Association

Our coaches are ready and raring to go, so all training will begin in week 5. If your child is unable to attend a training session, please contact your PSSA coach as soon as possible.

Summer/Spring Sports	Coach	Cost/Training
Boys' Cricket	Mr Sam James	\$50 / Friday Snr: 7:45am, Jnr: 8:20am
Girls' Cricket	Mr Alex Bennett	\$90 / Monday Snr: 8am, Jnr: 8:30am
Boys' Tag	Mr Mitch Jeffery	\$90 / Friday Snr: 7:45am, Jnr: 8:20am
Girls' Tag	Mrs Holly Miller	\$90 / Thursday 8am-9am
Senior Softball	Mr Chris Jolly	\$90 / Friday 8am-8:45am
Junior T-Ball	Miss Rachael Tekampe	\$90 / Friday: 8am-8:45am

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.



CONGRATULATIONS... Jake B! On Monday, Jake attended a trial for the Western Sydney Wanderers U13's youth team. The trial was an invite only and Jake was invited due to his impressive performances in recent rep teams and tournaments.

There are 2 trials of 26 boys and a squad of 16 will be selected to represent the Wanderers for 2 seasons. Jake performed to the best of his abilities and was selected to the 16-man squad. An incredible

achievement considering the very high skill level of all boys involved.


The Wheeler Heights community is very proud of Jake and we are positive he will represent himself, his family and his friends with great aplomb.

Yours in Sport,

Mrs N Young
Sport Coordinator

PITTWATER PSSA

NOW HAS ITS OWN APP





Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Pittwater PSSA App on your smartphone or tablet now!

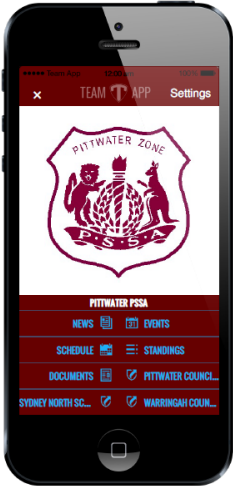
Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.

Available on the  

2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Pittwater PSSA".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to pittwaterpssa.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Nathan Casey
Email: nathan.casey1@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 99137077



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What's on in the garden...



We have had a massive week in the garden this week!

Last Friday was National Tree Day. We planted a Lilly Pilli near our veggie patch that should attract native birds and bees when it flowers in Spring. Not to mention, it also produces fruits that we can make into a delicious jam. A big thank you to Nathan and Harley who helped dig the hole, and all the Eco Warriors for giving up 10 minutes of their lunch time to help plant it.

Another big thank you goes to Maya, Zoey, Vaughn and Ethan who helped last week to sift the compost and put it on our broad bean patch. We also erected another tepee and planted some more broad beans in our lovely, healthy, nutrient rich compost soil.

At our usual Eco Warriors meeting on Tuesday, we also sifted another compost bin's worth of soil and transferred it to our lemon and lime trees to make them happy. Before we did this, everyone pitched in to help weed this area as the rain has caused an explosion of weeds.

Thank you to the Sakovits family for donating some extra clothes for the scarecrow to be stuffed with. We are still appealing for more if anybody has some old sheets and towels would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, another big thank you goes to Jules Bellamy from Northern Beaches Council for donating some native trees for National Tree Day. We will be planting these next week, so keep your eyes peeled!

Elizabeth Wilson
Eco Warriors Coordinator



BUSHLINK

Each year Stage 2 have the privilege to work with the incredible people from Bushlink. Bushlink is proudly operated by Northside Enterprise Incorporated and is dedicated to creating real and valued employment for people with disability, through a network of working environmental project teams. Bushlink will be visiting again this term to help Stage 2 students develop pride in their school grounds by working on various gardening and playground projects. By working with Bushlink, it reinforces an amazing culture of inclusion that nurtures a student's respect for people with disability.

Bushlink is proud to be a designated charity for this year's Manly Fun Run on September 6. They will be walking in both the 2km and 5km events, and you might even catch a few of them running the 10km! They are fundraising to purchase new tools the team require for their contracts and Schools Inclusion Program. To accomplish this, they have created a team called Team Bushlink.

If you can, please help by fundraising alongside us in Team Bushlink:

<https://manlyfunrun20.grassrootz.com/bushlink/team-bushlink>

If fundraising is not your thing then you can also help by donating through our team's page:

<https://manlyfunrun20.grassrootz.com/bushlink/team-bushlink>

It only takes a minute and any money you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to helping them reach their target. Bushlink will be working with Stage 2 on Thursday 10 September.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support.

Mrs Young
Bushlink Coordinator



MANLY
SCENIC FUN RUN & WALK

FUNDRAISE FOR BUSHLINK!



Join us September 6th 2020

2km, 5km or 10km events
Register now, at manlyfunrun.org 

Help us out by DONATING TODAY at
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