

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Wk 7

Thurs 29 November

Good luck to our four PSSA teams (Boys' Jnr Cricket, Boys' & Girls' Softball and Jnr Boys' T Ball) in the semi finals tomorrow.

Well done to Year 6 for a fabulous Wheeler Wonderland today. The boys and girls have been working very hard to make the event a success. More details and photos next week!!

*Please see the flyer later in the newsletter about **Lex CR from 60** and his fundraising drive. Lex will be cutting 35cms off his hair in December in support of Variety, the Children's Charity and cancer. Please support Lex in this very worthwhile initiative.*

Carol Night - Tuesday 11 December 5-7pm

Please see the flyer later in the newsletter. This is always a very enjoyable school event. Free BBQ supplied by the wonderful P&C from 5-5.45pm. Please bring your own refreshments - water and soft drinks only.

Stationery Lists for 2019

The exercise book list, the text book list and the grade/stage stationery lists will soon be in the newsletter and on the school website so that parents can purchase and organise their school resources for the new year.

Presentation Days

The final preparations are being made for the three upcoming Presentation Days. The Sports Assembly is on Friday 7 December, Years 3-6 Presentation Day is on Thursday 13 December and K-2 Presentation Day on Friday 14 December. All three events start at 9.30am and will finish by approximately 11am. This year the school will be contacting parents by phone or in person to inform them that their child will be receiving an award at one of the assemblies. We do try to keep an element of surprise for these occasions.

Year 5 Leadership

The Year 5 students have been working through the School Leadership (SLIPS) program. Today the selected Year 5 students presented their speech to the school and voting for the captains, vice captains and prefects took place. Year 5 is our largest year group in the school and so the process has been highly competitive with a great number of very suitable candidates. The students have been well educated through the SLIPS program about what characteristics make a school leader. Being an exemplary role model, following the Wheeler Way and consideration for others are just some of the many traits which school leaders need to have.

Obviously many students and parents will be disappointed to miss out, but I'm sure that they will congratulate and support the nominated students. Elections for the other school leadership positions; House, Band, Dance, SRC, Sustainability etc will be conducted early in 2019.

Schools Spectacular

45 of our lucky students and three staff had a wonderful day attending the Schools Spectacular at Homebush last Friday. The event is always an amazing spectacle and a great reflection of the many talented students and programs operating in our state schools throughout NSW.

Helpers Breakfast - Thursday 6 December from 8.30am

I'm sure many school parents have already received the Helpers Breakfast invitation. We hope that parents and community members who have assisted in any way at school this year will be able to come along. We always endeavour to ensure that all eligible parents receive an invitation but occasionally we do miss a parent or the note may go astray! Please be sure to pass the word out to your friends so that they come along.

Once again we are very fortunate that the Jazz Band will be playing for us. Could you please send your RSVP's to the office to assist with catering numbers.

Drama Performances

Please see the dates on the calendar on this page for the Kindy, Year 1 and 2 Drama performances. Please note the specific dates and times (some have changed slightly) for the Kindy classes and Year 1 and 2.

End of Year Dates

Please note the Term 4 dates and 2019 dates which are on the school calendar on this page. These dates will regularly be updated if changes occur.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 29 Nov Yr 5 Leadership speeches

Fri 30 Nov PSSA – Semi Finals

Mon – Wed Dec 3-5 Yr 4 Camp to Milson Island

Tues 4 Dec KH & KT Drama 2.15pm
Yr 6 HS Open Day

Wed 5 Dec KG & KB Drama 2.15pm

Thurs 6 Dec Helpers Breakfast 8.30-9.15am

Fri 7 Dec Sports Presentation 9.30am
PSSA - TBC (Grand Finals)

Mon 10 Dec Band Concert

Tues 11 Dec Carol Night

Wed 12 Dec Yr 1 Drama 12.15pm
Yr 2 Drama 2.15pm

Thurs 13 Dec Yr 3-6 Pres. Day 9.30am

Fri 14 Dec Yr K-2 Presentation Day 9.30am

Mon 17 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Tues 18 Dec Yr 3-6 Picnics

Wed 19 Dec K-2 Picnics @ school
Yr 6 Graduation & Clap Out

Last day for students

Please note that all dates are subject to change

2019 Dates

Tues 29 Jan Staff return

Wed 30 Jan Years 1-6 return to school

Wed 30 Jan- Friday 1 Feb Kindy Best Start assessments

Tues 5 Feb Kindy begin school

Thurs 28 Feb School Swimming carnival

Wed 6 March Pittwater Zone swimming carnival

Thurs 14 March Selective HS test

Fri 15 March PCS High School Extension Test

School Reports

Semester Two school reports will be distributed during the last week of term.

David Scotter
Principal

KINDY EXCURSION

Kindy Excursion on Thursday 22 November to the Coastal Environment Centre

On Thursday 22 November, all Kindergarten classes went to the Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen. All four classes had a very informative and enjoyable day. Following are some pictures from the excursion and an account of the day from a child in each class.



Yesterday we went to the Coastal Environment Centre. I learnt not to touch a blue ring octopus otherwise you will get stung. The most fun thing was the rock pools. I found two little sea stars and one big sea star. I also found a crab. I saw a big sea slug too. – **Matilda KB**

Yesterday Kindy went to the CEC. We had 4 activities. My favourite was making sea animals out of clay. Mine was a starfish. Miss Thompson helped me with my starfish. Then we made sculptures out of nature. Alexis helped me with my sun but we didn't have time to make it so we made a rainbow instead. Then I went to see creature finding. I was in Miss Thompson's group. We found lots of starfish. - **Mia KT**

My favourite activity was going on the rock pools. I saw a starfish. I saw a baby starfish. I picked up a shell and I put my fingers on it and it started sucking my fingers. I saw a sea slug. It was slimy. – **Miren KG**

Yesterday Kindergarten went on an excursion to the Coastal Environment Centre. First we went on the bus. When we arrived the first thing we did was lots of activities. The first one we did was make clay creatures. After that we played a blindfold game. After recess we saw some native bees and made patterns using sticks, leaves and pine cones. Next we looked at some stuffed animals and looked through the microscope. Finally we went out on to the rock platforms and saw lots of sea creatures. I saw a fireworm. The colour was grey and a little bit of red. I held a sea star. It was brown. – **Milly KH**

LIBRARY NEWS

This week will be the last week of borrowing. All books to be returned by Week 8. Overdue notices will progressively be sent home over the next few weeks. We would rather the book be returned. If it is not possible please pay the office for its replacement. If there are any queries please contact us.

Mrs Hammond, Mrs Josephs
Library Teachers



WHEELER HEIGHTS DANCE PROGRAM



Rehearsals for the 2018/2019 dance season have begun. Please be prompt for all rehearsal times.

Junior Dance Group – Friday mornings 8 - 9am in the hall

Senior Dance Group – Wednesday mornings 8 - 9am in the hall

We are delighted to once again have Mrs Tahlia Lupton as the dance teacher for both groups.

For absences please email the school or the dance committee - whps.dance@gmail.com

Sarah Higgs and Belinda Alexander
Dance Coordinators

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA Spring / Summer Competition

Last week we played our final round of fixtures in the regular season against Collaroy Plateau. Despite the blustery conditions, Wheeler Heights managed to produce some exceptional performances. A huge well done to our Senior Softball teams and our Junior Boys' Cricket and Junior Boys' T-ball teams for qualifying for the finals. We wish all teams the very best of luck and know they will demonstrate The Wheeler Way on Friday.

SCHOOLS:	WHPS	V	COLLARROY PLATEAU	Week 6 Term 4
SPORT			SCORE	WIN/DRAW/LOSS
Jnr Boys Cricket			111-132	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket			34-95	LOSS
Jnr Girls Cricket			70-82	LOSS
Snr Girls Cricket			110-96	WIN
Snr Boys Softball			9-5	WIN
Snr Girls Softball			FORFEIT	WIN
Jnr Boys TBall			20-8	WIN
Jnr Girls TBall			6-14	LOSS
Jnr Boys Tag			3-9	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag			3-10	LOSS
Jnr Girls Tag			FORFEIT	WIN
Snr Girls Tag			6-1	WIN

The location of the semi-finals are below:

Junior Boys' Cricket – Plateau Park

T'ball – Rat Park

Softball – Boondah

Just a reminder to all parents who take their kids home early from PSSA games, please make sure you have told the coach at the venue. This means that your child has been officially signed out of school for the day and should not come back into the school grounds.

Please ensure your Parent Primary Planner App is updated for your child's PSSA sport so you can keep up to date with information.



Sports Assembly

Just a reminder to all parents that the Years 3-6 Sports Assembly will be on Friday 7 December from 9:30am.



Gymnastic Stars – Personal Best

Congratulations to Emmy H (KH) and Ella M (2J) who competed in the NSW State gymnastics championships at Rooty Hill recently. Emmy came away with a gold medal and Ella a silver. Well done girls!!

PSSA Sports Coach
Mr Alex Bennett

THANK YOU FROM WHPS





December @ WHPS

What's
on...

Week 8:

Mon - Wed Dec 3-5 Yr 4 Camp to Milson Island
Tues 4 Dec KH & KT Drama 2.15pm
Yr 6 HS Open Day
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Thurs 6 Dec Helpers Breakfast 8.30-9.15am
Fri 7 Dec Sports Presentation 9.30am
PSSA - TBC (Grand Finals)

Week 9:

Mon 10 Dec Yrs 3-6 Super Hoot Morning Tea & Band Concert Evening
Tues 11 Dec Talent Quest finals
Carol Night 5-7pm
Wed 12 Dec @ 12.15 Yr 1 Drama performance
2.15pm Yr 2 Drama performance
Thurs 13 Dec @ 9.30am Yr 3-6 Presentation Day

Week 10:

Mon 17 Dec K-2 Super Hoot Morning Tea
5.45pm Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 18 Dec Yrs 3-6 Class Picnics
Wed 19 Dec K-2 Picnics & 2pm Year 6 Graduation
Assembly & 2.45pm Clap Out
Last day for all Students



Pack Grandma and the picnic blanket and come along to the...

Wheeler Heights Public School

Carol Picnic

Tuesday
11 December
5pm - 7ish

Special performances
by every
Grade
& both
Choirs!

Complimentary
P&C
Sausage Sizzle

5pm - 5:45pm

BYO
Water &
Soft Drinks



Thank you for remembering that Dept. of Education policy states; all school events where children attend are alcohol free.

END OF SCHOOL
ICE CREAM SUNDAES
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th
\$2.00
OVER THE COUNTER AT
LUNCH



CANTEEN ROSTER 2018		CANTEEN ROSTER 2018	
TERM 4 2018		CLASS VOLUNTEER	
WEEK 8	03/12 - 07/12	3S & 3/4 W	
WEEK 9	10/12 - 14/12	4R & 5B	
WEEK 10	17/12 - 19/12	5S & 5M	

If you can't help during the week your class has been given, you can volunteer for any other time throughout the year. Each parent will receive a super hoot for volunteering Grab a friend and sign up!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Headstart Mandarin

Give your child a bilingual head start by joining our play and inquiry based Mandarin program, combining an online curriculum at home with a weekly 90 minute class at school. Our program is designed to be fun, engaging and relevant with multi media resources, fun textbooks, drama, games and Chinese Buddy Program, providing the best opportunities for our students to learn Mandarin in a non-native environment.

Learning Made Fun
Easy and Engaging
Small Class Size

Monday
Wheeler Heights Public School
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Register for a free trial class!
www.headstartedu.com.au
headstartmandarin@gmail.com
0430 222 116 Echo



Buenos Dias!!

Enrolment is now open for Term 1 2019. It is a 10 week Spanish Course starting first week with morning or afternoon lessons;

- 7.45am to 8.45am in the Junior Library.
- 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Junior Library.

Learn Spanish!

Spanish is the world's second most spoken language. It is more widely spoken than English and it is the official language in over 20 countries.

Interested?

Please email spanishschoolau@gmail.com to register your interest.

Maria Fernanda Lugo - 0416 866 214

NSW State election 23 March 2019

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You must be on the electoral roll to work at the election.

Apply now at elections.nsw.gov.au





LEXS CHOP FOR CHARITY

\$1,500.81

Hair with Heart, Variety - the Children's Charity

MY STORY

Lex made the decision to grow his hair 2.5 years ago not long after turning 9 and almost immediately after his Grandpa was diagnosed with cancer.

Lex will be chopping off 35.5 cms of his hair during December.

Along with donating his hair, he'd like to fundraise to help other kids who have to deal with so many different (and often grown up) medical conditions.

Please consider donating to Variety, no matter how big or small... Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need. Thank you for helping kids in need.

Lots of Love,
Lex

[Click here for Lex's fundraising page](#)

or go straight to the following link:

<https://hairwithheart.eve-rydayhero.com/au/lexs-chop-for-charity>

HAIR WITH HEART
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1st Narrabeen Scout Group



Christmas Tree Sale

Anzac Reserve, end of Kent Street, COLLAROY

- **Saturday 8th December 2018**
- **Sunday 9th December 2018 (unless sold out)**
- **8am - 3:30pm**



From \$55
CASH

Contact - Neville
0427 229 692

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT