From the Principal

Congratulations to classes KM and 6L who were judged to have the cleanest areas in the school after the recent Clean Up Australia Day. Each class has a designated area and every month a class will receive the special Environmental award and a free ice cream!! Thanks to Mrs Radom and year 5 for co ordinating the event.

Farewell to Healthy Harold and educators Louise and Michelle who have been at Wheeler Heights for the last two weeks with the Life Education Van.

School Disco
What a great night we all had at the disco last night. Well done to the fabulous parent organizing committee, DJ Andy and the kids for a memorable evening.

SRC Representatives
Year 2-6 classes are currently selecting two students to be the class Student Representative Council member for this year. Thanks to Miss Mavromatis and Mr Blanshard who will be co ordinating the SRC this year.

Harmony Day
The school was a sea of orange today as we acknowledged Harmony Day. Thank you to all students for their support; the SRC will decide on which charity to send the money to.

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28 March at 9.30am for K-2 students and Year 6 buddies
Parents and community members are invited to join us next Thursday for the Easter Hat Parade. A detailed note was recently distributed to all K-2 classes.

MULCH spreaders……volunteers needed…no experience necessary….all tools provided….please come along to the new play area on the school oval and help spread the mulch…many hands will make light work…just a few helpers for an hour or two would be fabulous…

School Fees
Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their program for 2013. This year we have outlined most of the costs and charges for the entire year. In this way the school will save on frequent notes and we hope that parents will be better informed about what is happening throughout the year. While the initial cost may sound rather high there is no doubt that the school program fees are tremendous value. As always if parents are having any financial difficulties please contact the school. Such enquiries will be treated confidentially. A special prize draw will be made at the 9am assembly on Monday for all families who have paid their school fees in total.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please be advised that parent teacher interviews will be conducted during weeks 10 and 11 this term (April 2-12). We are using a new booking system this year, so parents are asked to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and book online using the event code PUS9B.

The site opened for bookings on Monday and already almost 300 bookings have been made. Parents who may not have access to the internet are very welcome to come to the school and use the computers in the office. Please log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

University of NSW Competitions
Each year the University of NSW conducts tests in Computer, Writing, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling for students in years 3-6. An information sheet was distributed to all year 3-6 students recently. Please be sure to bring in your entries asap.
School Website
Please be sure to visit our school website where the newsletter is uploaded each week. We are also endeavouring to place all important notes and permission slips on the website as soon as possible. Special thanks to parent Louise Brooks who is once again assisting the school.

David Scotter
Principal

NOTES OUT THIS WEEK
Harmony Day note (K-6), Parent Teacher Interview (K-6), Easter Hat Parade (K-2)

Year 2 Writing Group- 'Text on Tuesdays'
Twelve enthusiastic and creative young writers in Year 2 are creating their own magazines based on their personal interest. While students are learning about what goes in to a magazine and the purpose and format of the various text types, it is also fostering their originality, creativity and independence of mind. Magazines will be completed by the end of Week 10, Term 1 and will be available to view in the school library. We’ve everything from inventions to graffiti and all time favourites such as cute critters and sport.

Alina Loneck (Learning & Support Teacher)

100 Nights of Reading
Wheeler Heights Public School Incentive Reading Program

Dear Parents,
Monday 25th March will be the start of Wheeler Heights’ reading incentive program, “100 Nights of Reading!” Our goal for this program is for every Wheeler Heights Public School student to read 100 nights throughout the rest of the school year. Children will be rewarded with an incentive - a book of their choice, for reading for each 100 nights.

Helping your child to reach these goals will be easy! Each child needs to read for a minimum 20 minutes Remember your child should be reading for pleasure and on his/her reading level. Students can read books, comic books, magazines, newspapers, etc. for our program. Students can also be reading on the weekends and during holidays.

Your child has been provided with a reading log. Each night your child reads, you will need to list the title of the book then sign and date the reading log. Depending on the length of a book, it is okay for our older students to list chapters / pages rather than whole books. When the log is filled, your child will need to return it in to the class teacher to obtain the book prize. Please note that these logs are for the number of nights read and not for each book read. Also, all documentation must be recorded on these reading logs.

Since reading is so important to a child’s success in school, we hope that you will become as excited as we are about starting our reading adventure, “100 Nights of Reading!”

Fiona Bevan, Teacher Librarian

Senior Art’s North Choir
The Arts North Senior Choir is open to Years 5 and 6 students. We are preparing 9 songs which we will perform at the Sydney Town Hall on 1st August, 2013 as part of a Mass Choir of 700 Primary School Students. We practice ion Tuesday during 1st half of lunch but students are also given a CD and book to practice the songs at home. There are still a couple of places but we are limited to 20 in total. There is a cost of $60 per student to participate in this choir. This includes a t-shirt, music book, CD and bus fares to and rom concert rehearsals.

The Peninsular Community of Schools Choir (The Wheeler Wailers)
The PCS choir is an opportunity for children from Yrs 2,3 and 4 to perform throughout the year. The children will be performing at the PCS Music Festival (limit of 25 children), school assemblies throughout the year, The War Vets, Plateau View Aged Care Facility and the School Showcase later in the year. With the exception of the PCS Music Festival there is no limit to how many children can join the choir as long as they are willing to use their Wednesday lunch times to participate in rehearsals. Children from Yrs 2,3 and 4 are welcome to come along to try choir until the end of Term 1.
**BAND NEWS**

**HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS ... EASTER IS NIGH**
The WHPS Bands’ first performances are just around the corner. OMG! So is the Easter Bunny! No way? Easter already? EGGCELLENT!

Make a diary note and, if you can, please come along to band performances (with a box of tissues if it is your first time!). Performances at school are a fun and friendly way for the Bands to learn and participate in the ceremony and tradition of music. It also gives the band children a great opportunity to develop their self-confidence in the daunting discipline of live performance.

Please note that sometimes the Intermediate and Senior Bands will play together during the year as the WHPS Combined Concert Band – for a great sound! We are also ensuring that the Intermediate and Senior Bands have some separate performances.

**CONTINUED THANKS**
*Thanks to the parents* that come along to rehearsals and help. Thanks also to the Senior Band children (and their parents) for helping out at Training Band. In all the bands, from setting up and packing away equipment, marking the roll, sorting and photocopying music and monitoring the bathroom and cleaning the vomit - thanks...it's totally worth it.

**HELP MAINTAIN YOUR INSTRUMENTS**
The WHPS Hall storerooms are out of bounds without permission. You can’t borrow instruments without permission from Sue Miles (or her Band Committee Delegate). If your instrument is broken, please contact Sue Miles – do not leave it in disrepair.

**BAND FEES**
There are still some stragglers. If you haven’t paid your band fees please do so. Late fees now apply.

**TRAINING BAND PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
Congratulations to Daniel Jenkins, the Training Band Player of the Week. Daniel plays percussion in Training Band and has been given this award as a result of his unrelenting dedication to playing well. We had the opportunity to interview Daniel about his award and here are some of his comments:

- Why do you like Band? *I want to play drums*
- Do you have a favourite Band? *No, I just like bands that rock*
- Why do you want to play percussion? *My cousin and my neighbour both play drums so that’s why I wanted to play as well*

Well done Daniel. Keep up the good work!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 893

**BAND EVENTS**

**BAND JAM BONANZA: 18-19 MAY**
The 2013 Band Jam dates have now been finalised. AND GUESS WHAT? ...It’s now to be held over two days to help our students get the most out of the experience!

The event will start on a Saturday afternoon (18 May) finishing in the evening (after pizza, popcorn and a movie!). We then will restart on Sunday morning (19 May) culminating with a performance of all bands before lunchtime on Sunday.

This will be a fun and intensive workshop working with Debbie and Cheryl in their bands and also small group tutoring with professional musicians. More details will be provided later.

All students are required to attend, please. Fun is guaranteed.

**EVENTS FOR THE DIARY**

**K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE @ WHPS**
Training Band
Combine Band (Intermediate AND Senior)
*Thursday 28th March, 9.30am*

**3-6 ASSEMBLY @ WHPS**
Intermediate Band
*Thursday 4th April, 2.45pm*

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY @ WHPS**
Senior Band
*Thursday 11th April, 2.45pm*

The entire Senior Band will perform the National Anthem at this ceremony. Auditions for this year’s solo trumpeter to play the Last Post are being held during Senior Band rehearsal times.

**BAND JAM @ WHPS**
All Bands
*Saturday 18th May, 1.00pm to 8.00pm*
*Sunday 19th May, 8.30am to 12.00 midday*

**NORTHERN BEACHES EISTEDDFOD**
Venue on the Northern Beaches, to be advised
All Bands
*Monday 20th May (Times to be advised)*

**JAZZ @ DY BEACH**
Jazz Band (and friends)
*Sunday 2nd June (Time to be advised)*

Warning: Please check your email for the “Band Event Reminder” before performances. It will provide updates on event details, including appropriate uniform to be worn.

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EASTER EGGS
Well done Wheeler Heights!
So far we have raised $4830 for our school!!

We only have another 20 boxes to sell so if you are requiring more please send me an email at whps.fundraising@gmail.com or visit the office and Wendy will help you. There is a prize for the family who sells the most boxes!

The eggs are to be sold and money back to the P&C box in the school office by Tuesday 2nd April. We cannot return unsold eggs.

We would like to thank the following Year 6 parents who helped transport and deliver the boxes to the whole school on a very warm day! Those people are Tima Benias, Marti Pattinson, Kim Van der Kwartel, Belinda Back, Nicole Monckton Jacqui Schouw, Marg Roberts, Anne Marie Watl, Alex Piper, Natalie Edwards, Cherie Woodley and Kylie Trewartha.

DISCO
We hope your children had lots of fun dancing with their friends and enjoying for some of them their very first disco. We will let you know more next newsletter.

We have lots of people to thank for organising the event, especially the Year 5 mum’s who co-ordinated the whole thing!

DONATION
We would like to thank Tina Burns for organising the shopping tour last year. The group managed the raise $200 for our school. Thank you Tina and the willing bus load of shoppers!!

Easter Egg Fundraiser

We have had a huge response to our new Easter Fundraiser! Thank you to all who have already sold their box/es of eggs. Together we have raised over $1500 for WHPS in just 1 week!

As some of you may know we are getting an extra delivery of eggs, if you would like any extra boxes for your family to sell please email whps.fundraising@gmail.com or fill in the slip below, put it in the P&C Box and they will go to your eldest child’s classroom.

There will be a prize to the family who sells the most boxes!

All money and unsold eggs are to be returned to the office by Tues 2ND April.

Name_______________________ of Class____________

Would like #______ of extra boxes please.
How did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter Hat Parade?
He said it was **EGGSCELLENT**!

**CAPCAKE DAY MONDAY 25TH MARCH $2**
Thank you to all the children who submitted wonderful posters advertising Cupcake Day. It was difficult to choose winners as they were all fantastic! Thank goodness I didn’t have to judge them, my lovely volunteers *Julie Harrison*, CJ in KW’s Mum and *Debbie Gollitt*, Lily in KAS’s Mum did the very difficult job of picking the winners.

The winners are;
- Lillie 3M, Millie 3M,
- Izzy 3/4Z, Anna 4N, Bianca 4J,
- Luke 5RW, Mia 5G, Alena 5G
- Megan 6L and Kane 6L.

Please come to the canteen and collect your free cupcake voucher to be used on Monday.

Sorry if you missed out on submitting your poster the cut off day was Wednesday 20th March.

We can’t thank *Jo Day* (Jack Day’s Mum) and *Skyline Bakery* enough for generously supplying us with the cupcakes.

**Thank you Zoe and Tracey**

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