From the Principal

**SRC Representatives**

Congratulations to the recently elected Student Representative Council (SRC) members. These students will receive their badges at the 9.15am assembly on Monday 8 April.

- **2JK** Josie Garrett, Charley Gardiner
- **2M** Kali Gray, Harrison Cook
- **3M** Jenna Manson, Jack Panetta
- **4J** Kahli Johnson, Declan Rattigan
- **5B** Mitchell Hardie, Lauren O’Brien
- **6C** Emily Back, Alex Stirrat
- **2W** Kye Burns, Asha Nicholson
- **3C** Blake Duryea, Ben Cook
- **3/4Z** Elsie Loadman, Jaylen Lyndon
- **4N** Gabbie Clarke, Jem Sykes
- **5G** Charlie Campbell-Clancy, Jake Lloyd
- **6L** Megan Edwards, Rafael Coelho

**Harmony Day**

Thank you to all students for their support, the SRC has decided to donate the money raised (over $530) to the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Children’s Hospital.

During the Harmony Celebrations 3M & 3C made an installation in the front garden. The children designed symbols that made them happy with simple shapes, contrasting colours and smiles all round. Our theme was ‘Everyone Belongs’.

**Year 6 are at the Great Aussie Bush Camp** for three days this week. I visited the camp yesterday and was most impressed by the enthusiasm and effort of the students in a wide range of challenging, exciting and often muddy activities. Special thanks to Linda Williamson, Cindy Waldock and Tyson Blanshard for supervising the students. A three day school camp is a huge responsibility for staff. We all know how tiring and stressful a mere birthday party or sleepover for a handful of children can be…but imagine almost 60 kids for over 55 hours of meals, activities, medication, counselling, support and everything else which 11 and 12 year old children get up to…

**The Mulch has been moved**

Thank you to the many parents and children who came along on Easter Saturday to spread the mulch. There were so many helpers that we had the job done in under an hour. The installation company will be here very soon to install the fabulous new playground equipment.

**School Program Fees**

Reminder invoices have just been sent out to all families with outstanding fees. Thank you once again for your support of essential school programs.
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher interviews will take place for all classes this week or next. The new online booking system has proved to be very effective with over 450 parents booking their interviews this way. The online system is now closed so if you have not yet arranged an interview please contact the teacher directly to find an available time.

School Website
You will have noticed that the school website has been modified. We are now using the DEC website service which has links to all DEC guidelines and policies. Please visit the site and give us your feedback.

Staff Development Days - Term 2
Next term, all schools across NSW have been given an extra staff development day at the beginning of the term, to assist teachers in implementing the new English curriculum. Teachers across the state will then be able to trial the new English curriculum until the end of the year prior to it becoming mandatory in 2014. Please note that students do not return to school until Wednesday 1 May.

Congratulations to Sarah Sommerville from KT who won 2nd place in the under 8 painting competition at The Royal Easter Show, a wonderful honour for Sarah!!

It has been pleasing of late to hear and see random acts of kindness and honesty. A number of parents spoke to me about the good manners of our students at the Easter Hat Parade and during the cupcake day. Such behavior is so important and we must always encourage our children to show respect, responsibility and personal best … The Wheeler Way

David Scotter
Principal

NOTES OUT THIS WEEK - SRC representatives

PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2013

On Thursday 21st March, eleven students from our school participated in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge leadership program at Freshwater High School. The students from Year 5 & 6 were selected by their class teachers based on their enthusiasm for sport and the opportunity for them to develop leadership skills in relation to sport. Our students listened and participated very well on the day and were involved in learning the skills in a variety of sports including soccer, AFL, touch football, tennis and softball. The coaches were students in Year 10 from Mackellar Girls, Cromer and Balgowlah Boys high schools.

Here are some quotes from our students who attended the day:

“In AFL we did some stretches, passing and kicking drills and after that we played a game. It was really fun at Freshwater High School.” - (Emily Van Buuren - Year 5)

“We did tennis and started with some tennis skill relays. It was an action-packed day.” - (Finn Soegaard- Year 5)

“Next was AFL. I would consider it 10/10 because we did some really fun games and we were in groups practising hand ball passes and kicks. I was with Miss Waldock! I enjoyed playing all the sports. I reckon it really paid off. It was actually sad to leave the place.” - (Aliana Burney- Year 5)

“There were children there from other primary schools in the local area. The day was organised with rotating groups, around four sports with breaks in between. The best part of the day was the AFL.” - (Kiera Kilbane – Year 5)

“When we did tennis we did some drill relays. We played a game where you had to get the ball over the net and not allow the ball to stop. If it stopped moving the other team scored a point.” - (Annalise Rankin – Year 6)

These eleven students will now be given the challenge to teach their class a lesson based on one of the sports they played on the day before the end on Term 1.

Good luck to everyone and I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to participate on the day. Our school will again be supporting & participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge from Kindergarten – Year 6 this year.
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Commencing Tuesday 9th April (last week of this term), students in Year 2-6 will be beginning their Cross Country training. Prior to staging a carnival, each school is required to adequately prepare the participants in a training program which develops cardiovascular fitness. Each class in those grades will be running a lap incentive program over the weeks leading up to the carnival on Wednesday 8th May (12.30-3.15pm). Students are encouraged to focus on performing their personal best. Teachers can incorporate the data from the training program into their class Maths program (addition, sourcing averages, finding the range, etc). In preparation for this, all students need to bring their running shoes to change into each day. We encourage students to continue their training into the school holidays- makes a great activity for the whole family (including pets!).
Ms C Waldock
Sport Co-ordinator 2013.

CANTEEN NEWS

Q: What belongs to you but is used more by others?
A: Your name.
The canteen will up to and including the last day of term 12/4 and re-open on the first day of Term 2.

Volunteering
Whether you can offer only a few hours here and there, or want to dedicate one day per month, term or year, Zoe and Tracey are happy to accommodate your needs.

If you’ve been too afraid or busy to try it, but your kids would like to see you behind the counter, pop in to see Zoe or Tracey or email them at whpscanteen@gmail.com to work out an arrangement that suits you best.

And don’t worry, Zoe or Tracey will be there to help you every step of the way so ultimately you can enjoy the experience and, most of all, the look of joy on your child’s face. Go on, give it a trial – you’ll even get lunch on Friday it is beautiful fresh sushi from Sushi Hiro!

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We can’t thank Jo Day (Jack Day’s Mum) and Skyline Bakery enough for generous supplying us with the cupcakes. Cupcake day was a great success, should you have any feedback please email us at whpscanteen@whps.com.au.

Kind regards, Zoe and Tracey
EASTER HAT PARADE GOES OFF!
And the *Training Band* went extra-completely off! Great performances also from the *Jazz Band* and the *Senior Band*. Thanks to Debbie, and all who contributed. Woodwind, percussion, low brass, high brass ... top class ...

The Easter Hat Parade was a tribute to the character of the school’s spirit. Thanks to the many volunteers and teachers who contributed in their own way. It’s totally worth it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Thanks to one of our keen band parents for reminding us about the importance of musical education:

*Hi Band,*

*I spoke to Mr Scotter about this article today and thought if you need any more assurance of what good the band is doing for the kids here it is:* [http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-music-education](http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-music-education)

Follow the link and remind yourself and others why it’s soooo important to keep the spirit of music alive at our school.

END OF TERM INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR “JAM”
To celebrate the last rehearsal of Term 1, Cheryl is inviting both the Senior and Intermediate Bands (and their friends and family) to come on Thursday 11 April for a *combined “jam”* which will be held over the usual rehearsal times. This will involve the bands playing together and separately (as a mini-concert). Senior Band members are encouraged to come straight after school (at 3.15pm) while Intermediate members are encouraged, if possible, to stay later (until 5.15pm). Please feel free to bring your favourite party food to share during the intermission.

EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE …
When........we..........talk..........we..........do........N OT........breathe........between........every word?!?!?!?!?! We phrase our conversations in sentences. We usually take a breath when the sentence ends.

The same applies in music. *Phrases in music are like sentences*... So make each breath count! Practice breathing BETWEEN musical phases, not [...]big breath.[...] in [...]sigh.[...] the [...]omg![...]] middle!

SHOUTOUT
Congratulations to *Maddi Simpson* (alto sax) and *Jasymn Barnes* (clarinet) the Training Band Players of the Week (over the last two weeks)! Keep blown' loud! And be proud guys. You sound awesome!

LEAVING BAND REHEARSAL EARLY
At all WHPS Band Rehearsals children are legally under WHPS Band supervision. Accordingly, children will not be allowed to leave a rehearsal before the scheduled finish time unless their parent or guardian has verified an exception.

We understand that children may have to occasionally leave early. Please *be there yourself* or *send a written note* to explain situation. If it’s got to be routine, let us know, so we can monitor and even assist with the routine.

Please don’t let your child try to explain why they need to hitchhike to Bathurst to watch the VB’s because...sorry... in all cases, they will be forced to stay until the rehearsal ends without your prior permission.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

**3-6 ASSEMBLY @ WHPS**
*Intermediate Band*
*Thursday 4th April, 2.30pm*

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

The Senior Band will perform the National Anthem at this ceremony, with special trumpet solos.

**END OF TERM “JAM”**
*Intermediate Band AND Senior Band*
*Thursday 11th April, 3.15pm to 5.15pm*

Intermediate Band members may leave at the usual time of 4.30pm.

**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)*

**SUNDAY ON THE STRAND**
*Jazz Band (and friends)*
*Sunday 2nd June, Dee Why Beach*
*(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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