From the Principal:

Courtesy of our Students
It was lovely to receive an email this week from one of our regular volunteers telling me about the courtesy of our students. We are often very quick to comment or fire off an email about a problem or inappropriate behavior but I do ask that you also feel free to comment or send me an email when you see or hear about the many positive, encouraging events that occur each day at school or outside of school. Such examples will motivate and inspire us, and serve as a role model for positive behavior in the future.

Senior and Intermediate Band Musicales
Congratulations to our band members for another outstanding evening of entertainment last Thursday. There were over 25 solo pieces and a number of combined band performances, showcasing the extraordinary talent of our students!!

Applications for Year 7 Selective High School in 2016
Applications from Year 5 students for Year 7 selective high school are now available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. This year applications are only available online, with applications due by 17 November.

School Program Fees
Fee reminder notices have recently been sent out. Could we please ask that all school program fees are paid as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please see Mr Scotter or the school office.

Digital Citizenship
I recently attended a Police Forum where the police and principals from northern beaches primary and high schools discussed cyber safety. At Wheeler Heights we regularly discuss and focus on appropriate behavior when using any digital device. A number of local schools have held Digital Citizenship talks of late and we are in the process of organising an evening for 2015. You will also find many useful links and resources which can be accessed from the school website.

Halloween
The local Police service has also asked us to remind children, parents and caregivers about the upcoming Halloween celebrations tomorrow Friday 31 October. As always we ask parents to ensure that they know where their children are, and remind children to be respectful and behave in an appropriate manner at all times.

Mathematics camp @ Elanora
Next Monday we have three year 5 students off to a Maths Challenge Camp to exercise their problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. The girls have demonstrated very strong skills in these areas and hope they enjoy this wonderful brain challenging experience for the three day camp. Have fun and work hard, Sachi, Anna and Emily!

Phone App
Please see the information later in the newsletter about our new school App, which will hopefully lead to improved communication within the school community.

Italian News
Mrs Polito our Italian teacher has reported how pleasing it is to see many of our students using and practicing Italian around the school. Tom and Luke in Year 3 have been using greetings and questions and visiting a language online site which Mrs Polito recommended.

Annual Report Surveys
Each year the school publishes an Annual School Report (ASR) with details about school achievements, budgets, staffing and links to an analysis of NAPLAN data. We are also required to conduct student, staff and parent/community surveys and report on the results. In the next few weeks links to these surveys will be available and we ask that you kindly complete these surveys.
Enrolments 2015
We are currently organizing numbers and arrangements for 2015. If for any reason you will not be returning to Wheeler Heights in 2015 could you please let the office or Mr Scotter know as soon as possible. At this stage we anticipate approximately 80 new Kindergarten enrolments and therefore will have 21 or 22 classes and approximately 540 students next year.

David Scotter – Principal

COMMUNICATION APP

Wheeler Heights Public School is pleased to introduce an innovative and convenient way for you to organise and plan whole-school, class and extra-curricular events. We now have a new smartphone application called Primary Parent Planner available which allows you to download all important class and whole school dates to your smartphone, synchronise them to your calendar and receive regular alerts before each event. Additionally Primary Parent Planner allows us to send messages to your smartphone regarding any important information as well as providing another avenue for you to access newsletters, notes and forms, the canteen flexischools website and school contact information.

We encourage you to take advantage of this product. If you have an iPhone, iPad or iTouch simply go to the Apple App Store or if you have an Android device visit the Google Play Store, search for Primary Parent Planner, install the app and follow the prompts. It is simple, easy to use and will help our school and parents develop a closer working relationship. The school is paying a small fee for the use of the app, so installation and use will be free.

The app is an ‘opt-in’ system which relies on parents ‘subscribing’ to the various groups and activities run throughout the school. In this way only those parents who have selected the ‘PSSA Junior Boys Softball’ group for example will be sent notifications that are only applicable to that group.

Below is a list of groups which are already active and may have date reminders and notifications set – bare in mind that, as it is late in the year, any groups or teams that have already wound up for the year will not have any notifications or dates and thus are unnecessary to be subscribed too, but are set up in preparation for 2015. We will always endeavour to only send necessary notifications and will ensure only the pertinent groups are notified.

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We envisage the system working such that, when children elect or are invited to join a group, they will receive a note (as usual) which will also include a reminder for you to join that group in the app.

For assistance to download or setup the app on your devices read the full page information leaflet later in the newsletter or visit the website at http://primaryparentplanner.com/ and look under the ‘Parent Resources’ tab at the top of the page. We also have a copy of the ‘setup instructions’ at the front office which you may reference if necessary.

John Williams – Deputy Principal (Acting)
PSSA SPRING COMPETITION

Spring PSSA continues tomorrow against Newport…please note ovals:
Pittwater Tag will play at Narrabeen Reserve (Walsh Rd),
Softball at Boondah grounds
AFL at Narrabeen Sports HS
Cricket at Plateau Park

All PSSA practices will take place at school – all juniors on Wednesday morning and all seniors on Fridays mornings from 8.15-9am.

Good luck to all teams this week!!*

** Congratulations to Lachlan Trewartha who achieved a hat trick (for the cricket boffins – a ‘maiden hat trick!’) last Friday in the Senior A match against Narrabeen North. His first wicket was a catch, then a stumping to Liam Delaney and then Lachlan clean bowled the next batsman!!

TENNIS COMPETITION

Tennis Northern Beaches will be holding the Primary Schools Tennis Challenge on 15 November at Wakehurst Tennis Centre. If you are a regular tennis player and would be interested in making a school team please see Ms Waldock.

DRAMA

We are very excited in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 as the dates draw near for our Christmas performances! Over the next few weeks we may be arriving home with our lines on a highlighted script, so if you could spare a few minutes, please help us remember these and practise them in a really loud voice! Then come and enjoy the performance in December - all welcome.

Ginny Macpherson
Teacher - Drama RFF

MOVEMBER

Movember is fast approaching and Wheeler Heights Public School is supporting this great cause. Any interested gentlemen or women are invited to join us in this fundraising venture by either signing up to grow a mo, or donating to our team. Please ‘sign up’ via the Movember website (http://au.movember.com) and, when prompted, select ‘join a team’ and search for the “Wheeler Heights Public School” team. You have various preferences for the communication and notification emails you receive. If, after signing up, an abundance of emails becomes a problem, communication preferences can be set via the “Edit my details section” and via “Correspondence”. Photos can be updated regularly via the Movemeber website.

Rules: The rules of Movember are described in detail on the Movember website, but remember to be clean shaven when you start your Mo on the 1st November and remember that each Mo Bro must conduct himself like a gentleman.

A Taste of Narrabeen

You are invited to spend an afternoon sampling high school at Narrabeen.
A co-educational, comprehensive school offering a strong academic and cultural curriculum.

Students at Narrabeen enjoy quality educational programs and exceptional opportunities, delivered through state of the art facilities with a strong emphasis upon technology and 21st century learning. Our school is dedicated to providing the very best educational opportunities, wide choices and enriching experiences.

When: Thursday 13th November 2014
Time: 3:45pm to 5:00pm
Where: Narrabeen Sports High School 10 Namona St Narrabeen
RSVP: Karen Dipper 9913 7820 ext 129 or email karen.dipper1@det.nsw.edu.au

For more information go to our website http://www.narrabeen-h.schoolls.nsw.edu.au
THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS FOR THE 2014 WILD WEST TRIVIA NIGHT!
MUSICALE MAGIC – SALUTE OUR SOLOISTS!

Congratulations to all bands and musicians who participated in last week’s Musicale events. The quality of the performances of all the bands and the incredible solo performers was simply amazing. To all who played at Musicale last week please give yourselves a huge pat on the back and remember that confidence grows with experience.

RECRUITING FOR 2015

New Band Members:
Over the course of the next week applications will be circulated to children who may be interested in joining the band program in 2015. If you are in years 2 to 5 this year and are wanting to join our bands (or know anyone else who may be interested) be sure to grab a form and return it to us as soon as practical.

Don’t be scared of asking for more information. Please bear in mind that you don’t have to be a year 2 student to join our band program. Some of our most successful graduates have started band in years 3, 4 and 5 with great results. Should you have any questions in relation to the form or the forthcoming year, please do not hesitate to contact us at whpsband@gmail.com.

Existing Band Members:
All existing band members should shortly receive an important information sheet on Returning to Band in 2015. This will include important including the rehearsal schedules for next year. If you are in Years 3-5 we will assume you are returning to the band program. If you are NOT returning to band next year, please let us know. Also, if you are currently hiring an instrument and will NOT be hiring next year, we need to know as soon as possible.

MORNIGN BAND REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE
Have you ever wondered, after you drop your child off in the morning, whether they actually go to the hall for their rehearsal? We have had reports of the possibility that some children disappear into the school playground at drop off (instruments in hand) but do not surface at band as they are supposed to.

The committee and conductors are on notice of such possible activity and all band rolls are being marked with extra vigilance. Unexplained absences will be reported. If you are in any doubts in this regard we ask that you deliver your child to the hall on rehearsal mornings and not simply to the front gate.

MORE EXAM SUCCESS
Congratulations to Bianca Henderson-Brooks the friendly French Horn player in both the Senior Band and the Jazz Band who got an A in her grade 3 AMEB French Horn exam. That’s Brilliant Bianca!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 893

BAND EVENTS
www.whpsband.wordpress.com

BAND RECRUITMENT CONCERTS
The Combined Senior/Intermediate Band will be performing to children in years 2 to 5 during school time this Thursday. This is an important and precious opportunity to showcase and advertise the merits of WHPS Band Program in front of the whole school and help attract new members for next year. We will be distributing flyers about the 2015 band program to all interested children with information on how to join.

On Monday 3 November (straight after the morning assembly) there will be a quick “proms concert” especially for the Year 2 children, hosted by our Training Band. This will be a personal and intimate musical affair, with “hands on” information from the conductors about band instruments and how they work. Not only is this event a great opportunity to attract new band members from our primary source of replenishment (Year 2), it also allows the Training band to perform in front of their (wide eyed) younger peers and should give the band another burst of confidence.

FOR THE DIARY: END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT!
Tuesday, 2 December 2014: 6.00pm
This is the WHPS Bands’ “red carpet affair” held in the school hall, at which all bands will perform in a concert to family members, friends, relatives and anyone else who is interested in coming along. ALL of our bands will play at the concert. Entry is free.

This annual production is a celebration and acknowledgement of all the hard work of our volunteers, conductors and band children over the last year. Please be warned - this year there are a few happy surprises in store for band and audience. Fun is guaranteed! Please make a note of the date and let people know.

MORE HELPERS NEEDED
As 2014 draws to an end it appears inevitable that the band committee will be losing a couple of invaluable committee members who, quite unexpectedly, will be changing schools in 2015. So, to keep the program moving onwards and upwards, we continue to need more helpers. Please contact us if you can help in any way.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Recruitment Concert
Combined Band Thurs 30th October 2.00-2.30pm

‘Proms’ Concert
Training Band Monday 3rd November 9.30am

End of Year Band Concert
All Bands Tuesday 2nd December 6.00pm

MONA JOHNSON
whpsband@gmail.com
DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, WE WILL BE MANUALLY PROCESSING EFT PAYMENTS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

Orders placed via FLEXISCHOOLS will be processed as normal

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who worked hard to service our Uniform Shop & School. More volunteers are always welcome

whps.uniform@gmail.com
Check out the latest Wheeler Heights News!

The September Vacation Care program was enjoyed by an average of 32 children each day. Vacation Care feedback was received we had some extremely positive feedback with comments such as “I got an award and got dressed up to do the fashion walk! That was really fun!” Some of the children’s favourite days included Photography and Film Day, The Spring Carnival and Majestic Hoops.

Planning for the December/ January program is well under way and will include a circus incursion, a mini Olympic day with local centres coming to join us at Plateau Park and a visiting scientist with some fun and exciting experiments.

We will combining our end of term multicultural event with our community meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of December during After School Care commencing at 4pm (all families welcome). We have enjoyed activities during term 4, themed around National Water Week, Children’s Week, Nutrition Week and Space Week. This has enabled the children to participate in activities such as creating their own planets, child profiles, water collages and healthy food pyramids.

Please be aware that all children booked in to an afternoon session are expected to arrive at OSHC within 10 minutes of the school bell. If they do not arrive they are deemed to be missing and a series of actions are required to be followed by staff. If your child is booked in to OSHC and for some reason will not be attending the booked session, please ensure that Centre staff are notified before the start of the session.

The weekly program for this term in OSHC is as follows:

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Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 99723895 or 0430321735 or by emailing whoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au. Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.
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If you have an iPhone, iPad or iTouch simply go to Apple App Store or if you have an Android device visit the Google Play Store and follow the prompts.

It is simple, easy to use and will help parents become more organised and engaged with their school. As WHPS pays a yearly subscription, it is free for you to download and use the full functionality of the app.

Differences between Apple & Android Functionality

It is important to note also there are some differences between Apple and Android devices. The Apple version will sync straight to the calendar on your iPhone/ipad. However, the early Android platform does not allow this functionality and so on Android phones the app will sync to a gmail account which can in turn sync to your phone calendar and send alerts.

There is also a difference in the alert function between Apple and Android. On the Apple version alerts and notifications from the app automatically appear on your phone. With the Android version alerts always come from the calendar but alerts and notifications from the app will only appear if the app is open or running in the background. All messages are stored on the Android devices for two weeks under ‘notices’ in the app.

How to Sync to an Android Device

Once you have downloaded your events press the notifications button. In this screen press sync now. It will ask you for your google calendar username and password. Enter these and it will sync to your Google calendar.

If you do not have a gmail account go here: https://accounts.google.com/SignUp?service=mail
Once it is synced to your gmail account, go to the settings in your phone. Choose accounts and sync your gmail calendar to your phone calendar. **** Please note this will vary from phone to phone.

Messages and Notifications

Apple

For an Apple product ensure your notifications are enabled. Go to Settings, Notifications, and scroll down to your see Primary Parent Planner. Open this and ensure the notification centre is turned on; that you choose the alerts option under alert style and the Badge App Icon and Sound is on.

Once an alert goes off the main screen, it will appear under the notices section on the app.

Android

The Android platform does not allow alerts to be sent to the phone, but rather the app itself. Therefore, on Android phones, alerts and notifications from the app will only appear if the app is open or running in the background. If the app is closed and you receive a message, it is stored on the Android devices for two weeks under ‘notices’ in the app. Therefore we recommend checking the notices section regularly.

How to set up the app on your phone

Watch the following Youtube clip;

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT59Ka59Bu4
BOOK FAIR
21-23 November 2014

Dear Lifeline Book Lover,

The countdown to Christmas and the holiday season has begun and so too have the preparations for our final book fair for 2014. Traditionally, this is a bumper event both for Lifeline Northern Beaches fundraising and for all book lovers who support our important work in the local community.

Please find the details below and please put into your diary and remember to share with family, friends and colleagues!

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**GOLD COIN ENTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED**

Over the 3 days, you will have the opportunity to browse and shop from over 25,000 books, some new, most “as new”. What better time to build up your Summer reading collection, select a title to say Thank You to someone who has helped you out this year or to put together a book gift pack to fill out a Christmas stocking or place under a wishing tree. Of course, we’ll have a selection of beautiful Christmas books to excite children and families.

For information about the work of Lifeline Northern Beaches and what’s happening, please visit Lifeline Northern Beaches or call 9949 5522

*Somewhere in Australia there is a new call to Lifeline every minute and it costs Lifeline $27.96 for every call that we respond to.*

This is why your ongoing support is important and valued.

If you do not wish to receive any Book Fair notices in the future, please respond with UNSUBSCRIBE.
Come & Join The Fun At

THE MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
MAD HATTERS SPRING FAIR
Sunday 9th of November 2014 11am to 4pm
77 Sunshine Street Manly Vale

Silent Disco
Fancy Dress Competition

The Kid Creative Outdoor Art Space

Games
Carnival Rides

Cake Decorating & Art Competitions . Food Stalls
Crazy Hair & Face Painting . Parents Chill Out Area
Buskers and Fabulous Prizes to be won!

“A celebration of our colourful school & Community”
For more information on everything that is happening on the day &
details on our cake decorating, art & dress up competitions visit :

facebook.com/madhattersfair

Thank you to our major Sponsor Jacquelyn Watson
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