From the Principal

Good luck to our swimmers at the District swimming carnival on Monday at Warringah Aquatic Centre. Tomorrow all students will be cleaning up our school as part of clean up Australia Day. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter.

Welcome BBQ for New Families - tonight Thursday 6 March from 5.30-7pm

We hope that all new families, especially our new parents of our 87 Kindergarten students and their Year 6 Buddies will be able to join us tonight for the welcome BBQ put on by our wonderful P&C. Free BBQ for all outside the canteen area and an opportunity to meet fellow new families.

Special Thanks to IGA

Thank you to James and the IGA team for the very generous donation of $1,549.11 for our school. We greatly appreciate the tremendous support of our local supermarket IGA and the friendly staff and management.

Interrelate Program at Wheeler Heights PS Monday 17 March

Interrelate will be presenting in the school library on Monday 17 March. Two sessions are offered for families: 6-7pm Yr3 – 4 ‘Where do I come from?’; 7.15 – 8.15pm Yr5-6 ‘Preparing for Puberty’. A note was sent home last week to make a booking, they are also on the school website. Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters. The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will also be for sale. **Numbers are limited so please send in the forms asap.**

Dance Captains 2014

Congratulations to the three dance captains, Alina Tracey, Ashley Aldrich and Breeana Burns who were recently chosen for 2014. The students will receive their badges at the Monday morning 9.15 assembly on March 10.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the following students who were recently elected as SRC representatives for the year. Each class from Year 2-6 elected two students who will meet fortnightly with Miss Mavromatis, SRC members and the school captains. Badges will be awarded at the Monday 9.15am assembly on March 10. (Any students who are at the District carnival will receive their badges the following Monday).

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COMING EVENTS

Thurs 6 March
P&C Welcome BBQ
5.30-7pm

Fri 7 March
Clean Up Australia Day

Mon 10 March
District Swimming Carnival
Band Meeting 7pm

Thurs 13 March
Yr 7 Selective HS Test

Mon 17 March
Interrelate evenings
**Release from face to face (RFF)**
At Wheeler Heights PS we have a number of support staff who provide RFF (Release from face to face time) for classroom teachers. Mrs Newbold teaches Music from K-6, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Fairweather teach Library from K-6 and Mrs Jolly and Mrs Lanham teach Science for a number of classes in the school.

**School Program Fees**
Earlier this term we distributed the detailed program and school fee notice with most of the costs and charges for the entire year outlined. 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. As always if parents are having any financial difficulties please contact the school. Such enquiries will be treated confidentially. A special early bird draw (for free dinners!!) for fees paid by March 17 will again be on offer. A copy of the note was sent home with all families and is also available on the school website.

**Farewell Healthy Harold**
Students in Years K-6 participated in Life Education lessons over the past couple of weeks with Healthy Harold visiting. His van has been a popular addition to our school site, however, he has had to move on to other schools now. We hope your children have been having informed conversations with you about healthy lifestyle choices and safety.

David Scotter
Principal

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA AT SCHOOL DAY 2014**

Friday 7 March is **Clean Up Australia At School Day**. Each class will be allocated an area of the school and given some Hessian sacks to fill with weeds and rubbish. Students are asked to bring in a pair of gardening or rubber gloves (labelled with their name) to wear at the clean up. Encourage your children to participate with enthusiasm and “act locally, think globally.”

**Mrs Rosemary Radom (Clean Up Australia Day Coordinator)**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
Please consider donating your old school uniforms and accessories to the Uniform shop for resale. All money raised goes back to the school

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND UNDAMAGED**

We are seeking new parents for volunteer shifts at the uniform shop.

- 8.30am – 9.45am Friday, 1-2 shifts per term, to suit you!

Enquire whpsuniform@gmail.com or come in and see us

Thank you

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**SCHOOL BANKING IS NOW ON MONDAYS**
Anxiety Seminar

This single-session seminar is designed for parents of children aged 3 - 12 years old. It is designed to educate parents about childhood anxiety and to introduce parents to a variety of strategies that can be used to manage anxiety.

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In the first instance please speak with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service - Intake Worker on 9466 2500 for a discussion regarding the family concerns and suitability for the program.
Gosh this term is flying by….
What’s orange and sounds like parrot? Carrot!

Big THANK YOUs to;
Bonnie Cleary and Joob Kofoed for filling in last Friday you were amazing.
Thank you to the lovely Tracey McTighe and Philippa Blaxall for stepping in when they saw me in need.
And a super final thank you to Belinda Lind for collecting the sushi on a Fridays and to Andy Barker for collecting the buns.
All your help has been invaluable and I am truly grateful. xxx

Now Available.
Limited time;
Supreme Pizzas and Cheese and Bacon Pizzas $2

Thank you to everyone for labelling their bags with PSSA SPORT.
Please remember, children doing PSSA sport are now allowed to order lunch. They leave school at 12:20 (normal bell 1:10) therefore it is imperative the lunch bag is marked with PSSA, Flexischools online has a tab at the top in RED please make sure you mark the tab.

Date for the diary.
The last day of canteen is Friday 11th April 2014.
Thank you,
Zoe & Tracey