From the Principal
Today we welcomed the PCS combined choir, over 500 students from the 10 local PCS schools. The choir practiced in our hall under the expert guidance of PCS conductor Ms McCombie. Good luck to our PSSA teams who are competing in the Gala Day tomorrow. More details below.

Harmony Day
Well done to Wheeler Heights students for their wonderful costumes and cultural items which were worn or brought in yesterday. Many teachers and classes have commented on what a worthwhile and educational day it was. Also we raised over $650 for Stewart House. Special thanks to Mr Cox for coordinating this special event. Hopefully our school, local area and our nation can learn to be, and strive to be more tolerant and accepting everyday…not just on special occasions. Let’s all work together and set the right example!!

Interrelate Program
It was very pleasing to see a large number of families attend the Interrelate evening this week. Over 75 attended the first session and over 60 in the second session. The educator Ann was very impressed with the participation and involvement of the children and parents involved.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please be advised that parent teacher interviews will be conducted over the final weeks of this term. Each teacher has allocated time slots depending on their availability and school events. We are again using an online booking system, so parents are asked to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and book online using the event code R99YM. The site is now open for bookings. Parents who cannot access a computer may visit the school office for internet access.

Ticks at School
Please be advised that a number of students and parents have reported grass ticks found at school. Please be sure to thoroughly check if you have an itch.

Head Lice
Please be advised that we have had some reports of head lice in various classes. When this occurs a note is distributed to the class with suggestions for monitoring and removal. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

University of NSW Competitions
Earlier this term students in Years 3-6 received a note outlining the University of NSW competitions for 2014. Students can sit tests in English, Writing, Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Computer Skills. Please note that these forms must be returned to school asap. A copy of the note is on the school website.

Out of Bounds
Just a reminder that the area on the far side of the path down towards the Berith Street exit is out of bounds. Could parents please assist in the mornings and afternoons by ensuring that students stay on the concrete path and do not climb on the rocks.

David Scotter
Principal
PSSA GALA DAY- Tomorrow Friday 21 March
Just a reminder to all students in PSSA teams this term that the Pittwater PSSA Gala Day is being held tomorrow Friday 21 March. All students are to arrive at school before 9.15am and meet their coach on C Deck. Buses will return at 3pm.

Venues:
T-Ball - Newport Oval
Cricket - North Narrabeen PS & Boondah Park (across the road)
Tag - North Narrabeen Reserve
Softball - North Narrabeen Reserve
AFL - Narrabeen Sports High

Students please bring hats, water bottles, recess and lunch for the day. Good luck to all teams!

Ms C Waldock

WOOLWORTHS REWARDS HELP OTHERS.

Last week Liz Armstrong & Tracey Mavromatis visited the Royal Far West School (RFWS) in Manly to donate some wonderful teaching resources that WHPS earned during last year’s “Woolworths Earn & Learn” project.
The resources included hand puppets; percussion instruments; Numeracy & Literacy games & big books.
The SRC of 2013 nominated the school to be the recipient of these goods which arrived a couple of weeks ago.
The Royal Far West School works with over 1500 students a year (3-18 years) from country NSW, often remote areas of the state. They cater for a range of developmental, learning & behavioural difficulties. It was lovely to see the children explore the resources and enjoy them!

The Principal & teachers from RFWS asked us to extend their appreciation to the Wheeler community.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge Update
Both Mrs Bevan and I are thrilled that so many WHPS students have committed themselves to the Challenge. The PRC is a partnership between teacher/librarian, student and parents. K-2 are required to read or have read to them, 30 books and Years 3-6, 20 books. As the Challenges goes until late August there’s still plenty of time to achieve this worthy goal.

Registration is easy! As WHPS is registered as a PRC school, students are already in the PRC website. This means that to log on and activate your participation requires you to Google ‘PRC’, then click on 2014 Premiers Reading Challenge.

On the left hand side you will see Logon which is where you enter your DEC student user name and password. All WHPS students have this from the start of school. Only the class password will change from year to year. It is the user name that they use to log on at school (or home) to the DEC website (not their Mathletics username). Please contact the library or ask for your teacher’s help if you have any difficulty with this.

Thank you

Wendy Fairweather / Fiona Bevan
Teacher/Librarians

Year 4,5,6 Ballroom Dancing Expression of Interest
Notes will be going home today for students in Yrs 4,5,6 seeking expressions of interest in Ballroom Dancing lessons as a primary sport option for Terms 2 and 3. Please return these notes before next Friday 28 March to the school office.
Wheeler Heights Dance Committee Update
All of the children are putting in a great effort learning all their routines for upcoming performances. Currently we are compiling a list of upcoming performances so families can save the dates, how exciting for the parents to see the hard work the children are putting in.

Deneille Gigg has taken on the role of Dance President from Stephanie Haagen who has stepped down. We thank Stephanie for all her hard work over the years.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 1st. We would love to have new committee members join us and get involved with the Dance Groups.

Please email us at whps.dance@gmail.com if you would like to come to the next meeting.

Bek O'Hara (Secretary) and Deneille Gigg (President)
WHPS Dance Committee.

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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

UTS Whizz Kids Enrichment Workshops
Following the success of their 2013 program, the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Broadway campus are again hosting a series of innovative workshops for Year 3-6 students, beginning with the weekend of the 22 and 23 March, then June 7 & 8, August 9 & 10, or October 25 & 26. Workshop presenters are fully qualified and passionate Gifted and Talented teachers who are presenting workshops across literacy, numeracy, science, HSIE and creative arts. If you are interested in enrolling your child, the workshops are run as either single days $90 or $165 for the weekend 9.30 – 3.30pm, visit the website: www.inspirationeducation.com.au or collect a flyer from the school office.

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Narrabeen Lakes School Market
Narrabeen Lakes will be hosting a Market on Saturday 5 April 2014.

Stallholders have been carefully selected to offer quality products such as Australian made/designed goods, Fair Trade goods, handmade items, organic or boutique foods and artisan items.

The Lakes Café will be open for the hungry, as well as Devonshire Teas, the BBQ and the famous Lakes Cake Stall. Come along on Saturday 5 April and join in the fun!

www.facebook.com/narrabeenlakesschoolmarket
COOL KIDS ANXIETY GROUP

NOW ENROLLING FOR TERM 2, 2014

Cool Kids is a structured, skills-based group program that teaches children and adolescents how to better manage their anxiety. It involves participation of both the child or adolescent and their parents, and focuses on teaching clear and practical skills.

Topics covered include:

- Learning about emotions and anxiety
- Learning to think more realistically using ‘Detective Thinking’
- Parenting an anxious child
- Fighting fear by gradually facing fear (‘Stepladders’)
- Problem-solving
- Assertiveness and dealing with bullying

- Cool Kids/Chilled programs run 6pm - 8pm on Thursday nights for 10 weeks during school term.
- Cost of the 10-week program, facilitated by two Clinical Psychologists, is $850 (+ $35 per set of manuals).

Medicare rebates of up to $312 may apply. Speak to your GP or phone (0478) 763163 for more information.
Friday the 14/3 BUSIEST day on Flexischools.

Friday was the busiest day we have had in the canteen in the past 5 years that I have been manager, it was wonderful to see so many families on Flexischools - Thank you.

Flexischools helps the canteen run with ease.
A BIG - Thank you Danni Pearson and Jo Gaw for helping out on Friday.

New Mamee noodle snacks flavours BBQ and Chicken available over the counter 70c.

Canteen Committee.
The Overall management and policy direct of the school canteen is undertaken by the Canteen Committee, a sub-committee of Wheeler Heights Public School P&C.
The Canteen Committee is responsible for ensuring the Wheeler Heights Canteen operates in an efficient manner.

The Canteen Committee aims to:-

Provide balanced and nutritious food and drinks in line with the Fresh Tastes Strategy as implemented by the Department of Education and Committees.
Provide a regular and high quality service to the school community at a reasonable cost.
Maintain legislative standards of hygiene and health care (or better) in relation to the preparation, supply and service of food to the canteen.

Reinforce in practice the principles of classroom nutrition education.
Provide an opportunity for parents and other family members to participate in their children’s educational environment.
Aim to operate with a small profit and for that profit to be returned to the school P&C Association.

Members of the Canteen Committee
The Canteen Committee is headed by a Canteen Convenor.
The Committee also needs a minimum of 3 other members.

Canteen Committee Roles
» Canteen Convenor
» Canteen Secretary
» Treasurer - reconciliation, bill, wages
» General Member

Due to unforeseen circumstances the canteen committee now only has a Canteen Convenor and the 2 the Canteen Managers.

Should you be interested in a volunteer role on the canteen committee please email us at whpscanteen@gmail.com

We meet once a term either on a Tuesday after the morning bell or an evening suitable to everyone on the committee.

Thank you,
Zoe & Tracey

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**ROSTER WEEK 9 & 10**

**MONDAY 124th**

Nicole Clark 0419 239 935

**TUESDAY 25th**

Mako Tuner 9944 0360

**WEDNESDAY 26th**

Pete Gray

**THURSDAY 27th**

Joob Koofed 8021 6703

**FRIDAY 28th**

Min Baker 0401 000 898

Mona Johnson 0403 324 367

**MONDAY 31st**

Katie Brown

Emma Rutty 0421 837 132

**TUESDAY 1st**

Michelle Pitt 0451 176 388

**WEDNESDAY 2nd**

VACANT

Tash Porteous 12.45 - 2

**THURSDAY 3rd**

Tracey Logan 0402 149560

Penny Soegaard 9984 9798

**FRIDAY 4th**

Jo Gaw 0412 673 799

Susie Wu 0417 676 310s
**BAND NEWS**

**IT'S EASTER ALREADY? EGGCELLENT!**
The WHPS Bands’ *first performances for the year* are just around the corner. And, yes, so is the Easter Bunny! See our Events for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter and please watch out for your “Event Reminder Notice” (sent by email as the performances approach) for details of your band’s upcoming cameos at School assemblies and the Easter Hat Parade.

These performances are a *fun and friendly way* for the Bands to learn and participate in the ceremonies and traditions of Music. It also gives the band children a great opportunity to develop their *self-confidence* in the daunting discipline of live performance (all in front of a sympathetic audience, of course).

**JAZZ BAND GIG GOES OFF!**
Congratulations to the WHPS *Jazz Band members* who recently performed at the Welcome BBQ for New Families. The response was overwhelming - and what an *amazing sound* (and repertoire) for a band that had only had three rehearsals! An extra special well done to those “newbies” to Jazz Band who bravely performed some difficult pieces with limited practice time. Rumor has it that this Jazz Band will soon be the best Primary School Jazz Band in Australia (provided we keep practicing of course!).

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT …**
When you’re practicing, why not *practice the hard bits* first? The easy passages will then seem even easier!

As Winston Churchill said “Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.” So *don’t be afraid to make a mistake*, just keep practicing, slowly, until you get it right!

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

**OUR AMERICAN IMPORTS SHINE!**
Congratulations to *Archie Saunders* (Clarinet) who is new to the school this year, fresh from the USA. Archie stunned the WHPS musical community last week by moving from Training Band to Intermediate Band in the space of 5 weeks! Great playing Archie! And good luck, the Training Band will certainly miss you!

Congratulations also to Archie’s brother, *George Saunders* (Alto Sax) who is another “import” from the USA and who has settled wonderfully in the Training Band (actually, he’s blowing the roof off!!). Keep up the great work George!

**ANTHONY MACDERMOTT**
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 893

**EVENTS**

**BUGLE CALL**
As *Anzac Day* approaches we’re getting close to that time of year when we call on trumpet and cornet players to have a go at some very special solo pieces. We are looking for soloists to play *The Last Post* and *The Rouse* at the ANZAC ceremony.

Senior Band trumpeters/cornet players are preparing these pieces with their tutors, then will *rehearse/audition* with Cheryl over the next few weeks.

Younger trumpet/cornet players are encouraged to become familiar with the requirements and *challenges* of these pieces, so that you can audition in future years for this *solemn* and *special* privilege.

**BAND JAM 2014 – WE’RE JAMMIN’ …**
The *2014 Band Jam* dates have been set down for *Sat 17th & Sun 18th May*. Please make a note, early, as this is an important event in the musical development of our musicians and bands.

This *compulsory event* is held at the school, starting on a Saturday afternoon (17 May) finishing in the evening (after pizza, popcorn and a movie or a fun activity). We then will restart on Sunday morning (18 May) culminating with a *performance* in the School Hall of all bands, finishing before lunchtime on Sunday.

This will be a *fun and intensive* workshop, held over two half-days. The students will be working with the conductors in their bands and will also be tutored in small groups and sections by professional musicians. Last year the cost was $75 per child and covered professional tutor fees, conductors’ fees, Saturday dinner and Sunday morning tea. We expect fees to remain constant this year. *Fun* is guaranteed.

**EVENTS FOR THE DIARY**

**3-6 Assembly**
Senior Band
*Thurs 3rd April: 2.30pm*

Easter Hat Parade
Training Band [*FIRST PERFORMANCE!!!*]
& Senior Band
*Fri 11th April: 9.30am*

**K-2 Assembly**
Intermediate Band
*Thurs 8th May: 2.30pm*

Band Jam
All Bands
*Sat 17th May (PM) and Sun 18th May (AM)***

**MONA JOHNSON**
whpsband@gmail.com
Narrabeen Lakes School Market

Our art and design market will have lots of fabulous stalls featuring unique, handmade products/great food and live entertainment...

First Saturday in April

by the lake, next to the sea
1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen
(opposite the fire station)
“HOT SHOTS” MLC
HOLIDAY TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP
BEVERLEY JOB PARK
MCINTOSH ROAD NARRAWEENA
Camp 1 - Mon 14th April – Thurs 17th April (4 days)
Camp 2 - Tues 22nd April – Thurs 24th April (3 day)

Time: 9.00 -12.30 pm OR 9.00 - 3.00 pm
Cost:$150 for any 5 full days  $110 - 5 half days
$110 for any 3 full days  $80 - 3 half days
Casual rates - $40 per full day  $30 per half day
Discounts for family members

All camps subject to numbers.

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