From the Principal
Good luck to our team of 12 Year 6 students who are at Long Reef today as part of the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Green Sea Turtle project.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please be advised that parent teacher interviews are now on and 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. Apologies for the opening date being a week earlier than reported!! Please note that the site will be closed for bookings on Monday afternoon. Parents who cannot access a computer may visit the school office for internet access.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade & K-2 Grandfriends Day - Friday 11 April from 9.30
Please be aware that this special event will be held on Friday 11 April. The Hat Parade for K-2 will take place from 9.30-10.15 and the K-2 classrooms will be open for parents and grandparents from 10.15-10.45. Morning tea will then be available at the school canteen. Later in the year we will be having a whole school Grandfriends Day with Year 3-6 classrooms open for display.

PSSA Winter trials
Winter trials for Netball, Rugby League and Soccer (girls & boys) are currently being held. The PSSA winter competition commences on the first Friday in Term 2 (May 2).

School Photographs - Thursday 8 May
School photos will be held in Week 2 next term. Details regarding the correct uniform for photo day will be conveyed in the school newsletter.

Chess News
Well done to our three Chess teams who competed at Mona Vale PS yesterday in the Northern Beaches One Day tournament with over 70 teams entered. Our A team (Ethan Baillie, Jet Tracey and Luke Dixon) finished just outside the top six teams with Luke having five wins and a draw from his seven matches. The B team (Kai Turner, Daniel Jenkins & Ben Soltau) and C team (Alex Wu, Patrick Aldridge and Zoe Henderson-Brooks) also performed strongly against older opposition. Special thanks to the parent supporters and drivers and coach Lev for his support on the day.

NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Students in Years 3 and 5 today received a detailed information note about NAPLAN testing. The tests are held in Week 3 next term (May 13-15).

Super Hoot Morning Tea – Wednesday 9 April at 11am
The first morning tea with the Principal will be held in the last week of term. Any student who has already received five principal stickers will be eligible to attend. Super Hoots are awarded for a variety of positive behaviours in and out of the classroom.

Drawing Prize Winner- Alyssa Nitch
Congratulations to Alyssa (6C) who won a Highly Commended prize of $100 in a Youth Drawing competition recently. Over 100 drawings were on display and can be viewed at the ‘Brookvale If U Like ART’ studio at Brookvale. Well done Alyssa.
Year 6 Golfers
Good luck to our Year 6 golfers, Jordan Devries, Jake Lowe, Zane Otten, Carly Adams, Ella Gray and Alyssa Logan who will compete at Cromer GC on Monday afternoon in an inter-school challenge. These students were selected from a recent Jack Newton Junior Golf Clinic at school.

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

Family Sculpture Challenge

From school art and design activities in the past, it is evident that we have a very talented community who can turn their hand to a variety of practical skilled tasks. With this in mind, we are running a fun competition to encourage family participation in adding another sculpture to our growing collection of welcoming pieces that currently surround the entrance area.

The purpose of this particular sculpture is to encapsulate the old flag pole structure on B Deck. We would welcome some talented people to envisage a 3D sculpture that uses the two metal poles and concrete base as part of a realistic or abstract design.

The proposed timeline and process for choosing firstly a winning sculpture design and then eventually the installation of one sculpture, is as follows:

Step 1:
Over the Easter Break
Design (only) a substantial sized sculpture that would incorporate the old flag pole frame and base, found on B Deck.
We ask that you consider using durable but safe products in your design, as well as consider the edges and angles in relation to safety of students walking past the sculpture.

Step 2:
Week 1 Term 2
Submit your design, including family names, to Mr Scotter, via the office or on email

Step 3:
Week 2 Term 2
A panel of people will be consulted to choose the most appropriate sculpture to be made

Step 4:
Week 3 Term 2
We would then ask the winner to work with their child/children to build and install the sculpture

Step 5:
The sculpture would then have a family name plaque attached and ‘opened’ with a formal ceremony.

Please speak with me if you have any further questions.
Linda Williamson (Y6 teacher)

SPORTS REPORT
DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our district swimming team performed well at the carnival on Monday 11 March.
Congratulations to the following students who gained a place in the finals and progressed to the Sydney North Carnival on 25 March.
Senior Girls Medley                       3rd - Sophia Thomas
11 Yr Boys 50m Freestyle            2nd - Mac La Torraca
11 Yr Girls 50m Breaststroke        1st - Sophia Thomas
12 Yr Boys 50m Butterfly               3rd - Jarod Thacker
11 Yr Girls 50m Butterfly               3rd - Sophia Thomas

Special congratulations to Sophia Thomas who came 4th in the Regional breaststroke final!!!

**FOOTBALL TRIALS**

Congratulations to Jordan Devries who was selected in the Pittwater/Manly Football (Soccer) team last Wednesday and Liam Hazell who has been selected in the Pittwater /Manly team for Rugby League.

Very fine achievements in very competitive sports on the Northern Beaches.

**FILMING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

Congratulations to those students in the classes who participated in the filming of physical activity lessons on Tuesday 18 March. The students looked fantastic in their sports uniforms and hats and participated with great skills and enthusiasm (even though it was in front of a camera).

We had a variety of lessons such as skipping, hopscotch, darts, handball, soccer skills, throwing and catching, relays, Kindy counting and alphabet games as well as fun and fast moving games. Thanks to Mr Blanshard, Mrs Wright, Mrs Smith, Mr Williams, Mrs McColl and Miss Alexander who assisted me in this activity. The Department of Education will send our school a copy of the DVD when it is edited. Well done, Wheeler Heights!

Ms C Waldock
Sport Co-ordinator 2014

**Mind Quest – June 2014**

This year’s MindQuest programs are to be held at Glenwood H.S. MindQuest offers many exciting courses for gifted and talented students in Years 1-6. This fast paced challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. These courses are offered over a weekend on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 June 9.30 – 3.30pm at a cost of $175. If you are interested in applying for your child to attend, the information sheet and application forms are available in the front office. Entries close on Friday 16 May 2014.

**NSW parents in world-first project - two years of free parenting support to parents of children with disability**

The University of Sydney launched a new project which offers two years of free parenting support to parents and caregivers of children with a disability in New South Wales. Parents and caregivers are invited to go to [www.mysay.org.au](http://www.mysay.org.au) to fill in a survey and register for free parenting support under the Stepping Stones Triple P (SSTP) Project.

Health and education professionals who work in the child disability field can also complete the survey and apply for free Stepping Stones training and resources.

The University of Sydney’s Chair of Mental Health Professor Stewart Einfeld from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Brain and Mind Research Institute launched the project at the Helping Families Change Conference in Sydney today. Professor Einfeld said the SSTP project aims to reduce high levels of emotional and behavioural problems in children with a disability by providing parents with more support. “Children with developmental disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorders, Fragile X and Down syndrome experience three to four times the emotional and behavioural problems of typically developing children,” Professor Einfeld said. “This has an enormous impact on parents, and understandably many struggle to cope with the daily demands of raising their child and the extra challenges it involves.”

The SSTP Project offers free parenting sessions through Stepping Stones, which is a Triple P - Positive Parenting Program for parents of children with a disability.

A 2007 study¹ found 71 per cent of children with a developmental disability showed substantial behaviour improvement after their parents completed a Stepping Stones program. The three-state SSTP Project is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia, and is being rolled out in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.
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 went home last week 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 Thursday 3 April 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.

SCHOOL BANKING IS NOW ON MONDAYS

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/design 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
Avalon Recreation Centre
59a Old Barrenjoey Road
Sunday, 6th April
10:00am - 3pm

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle and Auction for ‘Rallying for Ruby’

Clothing, Toys, Homewares, Jewellery, Gifts and Much More!

Children’s Craft Activities, Crocodile Encounters
Easter Hunt, Face Painting and even a Special Appearance from Dora the Explorer!

Easter Northern Beaches Mums Market

Come and Support your local Mums in Business whilst doing your Shopping and Entertaining the Kids!
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