From the Principal
Good luck to our runners in the school cross country carnival tomorrow at school. The boys and girls from Years 2-6 have been practicing each morning and are looking forward to competing tomorrow.

Good luck to our Year 6 students who will travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens next week with their teachers. We know they will have a wonderful time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures!!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please be advised that parent teacher interviews are now on and will be conducted over the final weeks of this term. It is pleasing to note that already over 475 parents have booked in to see their child’s teacher. We again used an online booking system but have now closed the site, so any parents who still wish to arrange an interview time should please phone the school office.

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. The Training Band will entertain us with a special item before the parade, followed by the senior band who will perform an interactive piece towards the end of the parade.

Deputy Principal
As you may be aware, Liz Armstrong (Deputy Principal) will be on Maternity leave from the end of this term. We wish Liz all the best for this exciting time ahead. We are very fortunate that Rachael Tekampe (Assistant Principal) will be returning from her leave shortly and therefore will take on the Deputy Principal role for Term 2.

PSSA Winter trials
Winter trials for Netball, Rugby League and Soccer (girls & boys) have recently been held. As always competition for these teams is extremely strong and unfortunately not all students will be selected. Selectors and coaches pick the teams based on performance on the trial day/s. Unfortunately in a large school many girls and boys who play competitive sport on the weekend will miss out. Hopefully the students will remain positive, support their peers and try out again during summer. The PSSA winter competition commences in Week 3 in Term 2 (May 16).

School Fees Lucky Draw
A special draw for all the families who have paid their school fees will be held at next week’s Monday 9.15am assembly. Dinner vouchers and super hoots will be awarded to lucky families.

School Photographs - Thursday 8 May in Winter Uniform
School photos will be held in Week 2 next term. Please be aware that correct winter uniform for photo day should be worn. Photos envelopes will be distributed first day back next term, and family envelopes will be available at the school office.

Holiday Chicken Roster
Each holidays we will require a number of families who would like to look after our new school chickens. Duties include letting the chickens out of their roost each day, putting them to bed at night, feeding, cleaning and generally caring for them. Payment is usually in eggs…..they should be laying very soon!!! Please leave your name at the front office if you are interested.
Year 4,5,6 Ballroom Dancing Expression of Interest
Notes went home recently 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 to the school office by Friday 4 April.

Chess News
Notes are being distributed about Chess coaching for next term. This is a great opportunity to be instructed by professional chess coaches at school. Year 1 and 2 meet on Monday lunchtime and Year 3-6 on Tuesday lunchtime in the library.

NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Last week students in Years 3 and 5 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.

Enrolments for 2015
We have now set the dates for School Tours and the Information Evening for 2015 enrolments. If you do have a sibling attending Wheeler Heights next year could you please let the office know so that we can begin to collate numbers for next year. If you do have neighbours and friends who are hoping to enroll at our school in 2015 could you please let them know of the dates or to visit the website and find the note under enrolments.

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.

Term 2 Calendar
Please note a draft calendar of upcoming events for Term 2 has been attached to this week’s newsletter and will be sent home next week.

David Scotter
Principal

Wheeler Heights PS Enrichment Programs
In Term 1 we had a number of students who were selected to participate in our Enrichment groups. The Learning Support Team & class teachers identify students each term to participate in small group Enrichment programs. This term a Maths Enrichment program with Mr Dan Cox was conducted on Wednesday afternoons for 12 Year 3 students; a Year 3 Writing Enrichment program was on Tuesday afternoons with Ms Sandra Miles. Mr Blanshard took 12 Year 5 students for Maths Enrichment on Wednesdays and Mrs Radom took 12 Year 5 students for Writing Enrichment on Fridays. These groups will continue for the first two weeks of Term 2.

In Term 2, Year 5 & 6 Debating will begin with Mrs Smith in Week 3, as well as Robotics for Year 4, Film development for Year 6 with Mrs Young and Maths Enrichment for a select group of Year 1 students with Miss Alexander. This provides opportunities for a range of high performing students across the school to work with like-minded peers.

Liz Armstrong
Deputy Principal

Primary Ethics – Volunteer Ethics Teachers Required
Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need volunteers to teach ethics classes at Wheeler Heights Public School. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au. Alternatively, you can contact me at wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com. Belinda Reed (Ethics Coordinator) or please contact Mr Scotter at school.
SPORT REPORT

Golfers Win!

Congratulations to Carly Adams, Ella Gray, Zane Otten, Alyssa Logan, Jake Lowe & Jordan Devries who were selected during a skill development session staged by Cromer Golf Club to play in the Go Golf Tournament this week. Their team won the overall competition held between Narrabeen Lakes PS, Cromer PS & St Rose. All students enjoyed their experiences.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL ARRANGEMENTS - 2014

• We will be starting promptly 12.30pm to ensure there is sufficient time for all races. Sport bell will ring on Friday at 12.20pm and classes assemble in the grandstand and we will have the initial track & carnival rules.
• Older students aged 12/13 years will run first (five laps).
• Students who suffer from asthma are to carry their puffers/medication in their pocket.
• Children will need to wear their hats when spectating but will not be required to wear them when running.
• Children run in the age they are turning in 2014. Year 2 students who are only turning 7 this year will wear a wristband allowing them to run but not compete as there is not a race for 7 year olds at the zone.
• Bring water bottles on the day.
• Sports uniforms will be worn as it is a Friday.
• Parents are welcome to come along and spectate but need to keep the track clear.
• If time allows, there will be a ribbon presentation at the conclusion of the day in front of the grandstand.

Ms C Waldock
Sports Coordinator 2014

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)
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 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.

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/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
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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