From the Principal
It's hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over. I hope all students have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Wheeler Heights on Tuesday 29 April. Please see the information in the newsletter about Anzac Day at the War Veterans Village. Please note that we will have an Anzac service at school on Tuesday 29 April at 2.30pm.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade & K-2 Grandfriends Day - Friday 11 April from 9.30
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.

Year 6 Excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp
Congratulations to the 75 Year 6 students who have spent the last three days at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. I'm sure we'll see and hear all about the variety of challenging and enjoyable activities which took place. A huge thank you to teachers Ms Waldock, Williamson, Marshall & Young who supervised our students. Taking away such a large group of young people is a great responsibility, leaving their own families and being on duty for over 55 hours and dealing with an amazing multitude of big and small issues. Please be sure to thank the staff for their commitment……..I'm sure everyone slept well last night!!

Deputy Principal
As you will 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.

Opportunity Class (OC) placements for 2015
Applications to attend on OC class for Year 5 in 2015 will be available online from April 28 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Parents can complete the form online and need to submit the forms by May 16.

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 paid their school fees on time was held on Monday. Congratulations to the Howard family (Natasha KT & James 1C) and the Carmer family (Lucy 2JK) who have won dinner vouchers at the Chinese Restaurant across the road and to the Tracey (Alena 6N, Jet 4S), Spooner (Murray KW and Cameron 1A) and Jones (Mitch 5G) families who have won Super Hoots.

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.

Chess News
Notes have been 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.

Annual School Report
Each year the school produces an Annual School Report (ASR) listing school achievements and mandatory information. The ASR is on the school website and copies are available at the school office.

NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Recently 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
The first morning tea with the Principal was held yesterday with 30 students from Years 3-6. Any student who had received five principal stickers was eligible to attend. Congratulations to the super students who attended yesterday. Super Hoots are awarded for a variety of positive behaviours in and out of the classroom. Morning teas are held each term throughout the year.

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 enrol 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.

Term 2 Calendar
Please see the calendar of upcoming events for Term 2 has been attached to the newsletter and also a hard copy has been sent home this 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

WORKING BEE       SATURDAY 24TH OF MAY
8am – 2pm
We are seeking as many volunteers to help tidy up our school grounds. The more hands we have, the more we will be able to achieve. So please come along, even for an hour as there is planting to be done, cleaning up of the vegie garden area, removal of fallen branches, to name a few things. Of course we will gather at the end of a short day to enjoy a light refreshment, admiring all that we have achieved. All you will need to bring along other than yourself is a pair of working gloves.
A Big Kid at Heart …
Our much valued school crossing man, Mr Warren Sullivan, has joined Year 6 in wearing their special Thursday polo-shirts. He has watched many of them grow up over the years and this year asked to be included in the tradition of wearing the shirt, as a way of showing his commitment to the students and the wider community.

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
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students who ran so well last Friday in the school cross country in brilliant running weather. Special mention to the many Year 2 runners who competed on the tough course against runners who were much older than them. Thank you to the many parent supporters on the day. Please see the full results attached. The results are also posted on the school website. The Pittwater PSSA District Carnival will be held on Thursday May 22 at Warriewood.

Congratulations to Jordan Devries who has again been selected in the Sydney North soccer team to compete in the NSW PSSA championships next term at Camden. Well done Jordan!

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)

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Wheeler Heights Dance Committee Update

Email communication: we have sent out over the last week individual emails to all families regarding costumes and upcoming performances. If you have not received any of these please email us so we can correct the contact details.

Costumes: have been issued to Junior, Senior. Hip Hop will receive theirs on Friday. All the children will look fantastic up on stage.

Performances: please mark your calendars with the below dates. If you are aware your child will not be available for any performances we need to know as soon as possible please.

Junior:
- 31st May: Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod
- 11th June: War Veteran's Performance
- 14 or 15th June: Extreme Dance Eisteddfod (TBC Sat or Sun)
- 19th June: School assembly performance
- June: Glen Street not yet confirmed

Senior:
- 29th May: Assembly performance
- 31st May: Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod
- 11th June: War Veteran's Performance
- 14 or 15th June: Extreme Dance Eisteddfod (TBC Sat or Sun)
- June: Glen Street not yet confirmed

Hip Hop:
- 11th June: War Veteran's performance
- 19th June: School assembly performance

There may also be end of year performances and any other requested performances throughout the year.

Class parents: thank you to Natalie Cook (Junior), Alison Fairchild (Senior) and Natalie Edwards (Hip Hop) for volunteering to take on these roles. We really appreciate it.

Our email address for any correspondence is whps.dance@gmail.com

Deneille Gigg on behalf of WHPS Dance Committee.
MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL CAMP

Tues 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2014

Session 1 (ages 5-9): 10am - Noon
Session 2 (ages 10 & above): 1-3pm

Venue: NBISC, Jackson Rd, Warriewood
- Special Guest Coaches
- Professional coaching

Day 3 is Competition Day with great prizes

Cost: $70
This is a 3 day camp ONLY
Payments must be made prior to camp starting date

Please complete details and forward to:
Fax: 99133644
Email: camps@manlybasketball.com.au
Enquiries-99133622

Due to administration and coaching numbers camp enrolments close 3pm Thursday 17th April 2014

Photos may be taken on the day of camp to place on our website. Please advise staff if you do not want your child photographed.

♦ REFRESH YOUR SKILLS ♦ IMPROVE YOUR GAME ♦ HAVE SOME FUN ♦