From the Principal

Well done to all students…and staff who looked so smart for the school photos today.

Year 5 had a lovely day on Wednesday at Taronga Zoo for Project Penguin, a combined project based learning opportunity with other local primary and high schools.

On Monday K-6 students thoroughly enjoyed the amazing Salaka Drum Beat performers who entertained us with music and dance from Africa. The performers had over 90 drums which the students and staff enjoyed playing!!

Good luck to our junior and senior dance groups who are auditioning on Monday for the Sydney North dance festival.

Mothers’ Day Stall – tomorrow
Don't forget….it’s on tomorrow from 9.30 at school. I’m sure most families have already paid $10 for a lovely gift using Flexischools. Please be advised that the Flexischools site closes this afternoon at 4.50pm……but cash sales will be accepted on the day. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter.

School Car Park Safety
Please be advised that no parents are permitted to use the school car park after 7.30am in the morning. There have been a number of very dangerous incidents of late often involving band children and before school care children. After 7.30am there are a number of school deliveries and staff are arriving. Similarly in the afternoon no parents are permitted to use the car park before 5.30pm. Please assist in ensuring the safety of our students.

Tree Audit
Recently we have had a very extensive tree inspection and audit following the tragic falling tree incident at a primary school in northern Sydney. Thankfully the results of the inspection have not identified any trees which are an extreme hazard but many other trees will be closely and regularly monitored.

Mathletics Success
Each year the school subscribes to the Mathletics on line mathematics program (as part of your technology school program fees) This activity is a world wide site with students competing against others in Australia and the world. Recently I believe some of our Year 3 classes have been identified as being in the top 20 places in Australia and the world.!!!! Well done boys and girls.
School Program Fees
Please be advised that outstanding school program fee invoices will be sent out next week.

Toilets and Hygiene
The staff, SRC, students, parents and I have recently been talking about the state of our toilet facilities. The cleaners always endeavour to ensure that soap and paper towels are available and we ask that parents have a little chat with your children about appropriate behavior and hygiene when visiting the toilets. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Opportunity Class (OC) placements for 2015
Students in Year 4 received a note last week about OC classes for 2015. Applications to attend on OC class are now available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Parents can complete the form online and need to submit the forms by May 16. Hard copies of the application form are available at the front office.

NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Students in Years 3 and 5 will be doing their NAPLAN testing next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The classes have been doing test preparation and the tests should certainly not cause concern for students, teachers or parents. Good luck to all students!!!

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.

I hope all mothers have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

David Scotter
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.

CRAZY COLOUR DAY! - Wednesday 21 May
The SRC will have a Crazy Colour Day to raise money for our sponsor child, Gedete. The children can:
- wear crazy colour clothes;
- colour their hair or wear a wig
- wear odd socks etc

(For safety reasons, children will not be permitted to bring hair sprays to school. Any hair spray found at school will not be returned.)

Each child is asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day.

Tracey Mavromatis (SRC Coordinator)
PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE 2014

Next week our school K-6 begins participating in the 2014 NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students more active, more often!

Over a ten week period (12th May- 1st August) our school will be monitoring the physical activity we do during class time, at lunch as well as outside of school hours.

Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity which they keep at school. Your support in encouraging your child to be physically active before and after school as well as on weekends will encourage him/her to develop healthy lifestyle habits. You may like to join us in this venture by organising family activities such as walking, swimming and cycling.

Each student completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of NSW. As part of our school’s registration in the program, we will receive additional funding for sports equipment.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends. I know our students are really looking forward to taking part in the Challenge and having fun along the way.

Live Outside the Box Program – Stage 3 Students

As part of our PDHPE curriculum this term, students in Year 5 and 6 will be involved in the Live Outside the Box program. It is a fun two week challenge for primary students which focuses on each student’s lifestyle habits over that time. The challenge begins on Monday 12th May and concludes on Sunday 25th May 2014.

In the program, students are encouraged to Live Outside the Box. This means turning off the TV and computer games more often, getting outside, moving, playing and being active. It also means reducing the amount of less healthy foods they consume and replacing these with fruit, vegetables and water. The students record their results each day in the passport provided. This is then signed by parents/caregivers at the conclusion of the two weeks.

It could be an interesting insight into your child’s ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Thanking you for your support of the program.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Training at lunchtimes has commenced for all competitors in the District Cross Country team. Please remind your child to bring their runners in to change into at school and we meet outside the office area at the beginning of lunch. Notes and money are due back by the 16th May.

Ms C Waldock
Sport Co-ordinator 2014

Wheeler Heights Dance Committee Update

Email communication: we have sent out over the last few weeks’ 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.

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: 12th May Glen Street Audition
31st May Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod 8:30am arrive 7:30am
11th June War Veteran's Performance
15th June Extreme Dance Eisteddfod 7:45am arrive 6:45am
19th June School assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)
June Glen Street not yet confirmed

Senior: 12th May Full dress rehearsal in dance class + Glen Street Audition
29th May Assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)
31st May Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod 9:15am arrive 8:15am
11th June War Veteran's Performance
15th June Extreme Dance Eisteddfod 7:45am arrive 6:45am
June not yet confirmed Glen Street
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.

Lost Property
A black John Holland quick dry jacket has been found, possibly belonging to a parent helper…..please see the front office.

Basketball News
Saturday Basketball trainings will resume this SATURDAY 3rd May 2.30-3.30pm U7 with Mark & Jerome 3.30-4.30pm 8s and over with Mark, John, Seb & Jerome just $9. At NBISC Jacksons Rd Warriewood. Enquiries: 99133622
Potter League (primary school basketball Leagues) will continue in term two, there are still positions available in school year 3/4 League on Tuesdays after school at NBISC and school year 5/6 League on a Wednesday after school at NBISC (reduced fee for students joining in Term 2) Enquiries: 99133622

Manly Warringah basketball programs can be downloaded from the website http://www.manlybasketball.com.au/portal/

Wheeler Heights Public School is looking for keen skiers and snowboarders who may be interested in competing in the NSW Interschool snowsports competition in the school holidays. Initially, we need to know if we have enough competitors to form a team to compete.

Any interested families can gather more information from the Interschool’s website and they need to send a letter confirming their interest to Mr Cox over the next fortnight (by 16th of May). He will contact you with further details. Our school will have to compete on the following dates at the venues mentioned below.

Please be advised that no transport, accommodation or lift tickets will be paid for by the school. These will all be the responsibility of competitor’s families.

Wed 2 Jul Thredbo
Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Interschools Champs: Snowboard GS All, Snowboard X All, Moguls 5,4

Thu 3 Jul Thredbo
Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Interschools Champs Alpine 5: Skier X 4, 1, Moguls 3,2,1

Fri 4 Jul Thredbo
What Disciplines are on Offer?
• Alpine - Skiers are timed on a modified giant slalom course
• Skiercross - Skiers are timed individually on a slope-style course.
• Freestyle Moguls - Skiers are scored on a bumps/jumps course.
• Snowboard Giant Slalom - Boarders are timed on a modified giant slalom course
• Snowboard Cross - Boarders are timed individually on a slope-style course
• Cross Country Freestyle - Raced with skate or classic cross country skis or style with a mass start. Teams need to field three skiers to achieve a team result.
• Cross Country Classic - *New for 2014 as a trial event at the NSW & ACT Cross Country Champs.. Raced with classic cross country skis and style with a mass start.
• Cross Country Relay – Three skier relay team event only.

What are the Entry Fees?
Race entry fees are $40 per race, per competitor.

Which Regional Championships do I Compete In?
New schools will need to compete in either the Northern NSW or ACT-Southern NSW Regional Championships depending on where they are located. **Schools located North of Moss Vale, NSW should compete in the Northern NSW Championships.** Schools located South of Moss Vale should compete in the ACT-Southern NSW Championships.
Upcoming P & C Events for WHPS

Mothers Day Stall May 9th – hosted by year 4
School Disco May 29th – hosted by year 5

Wild West Trivia Night October 18th

New Date

Volunteers are needed for the trivia night committee if you interested please email whps.fundraising@gmail.com
MOTHERS DAY STALL

WHPS Mother’s Day Stall will be held on

Friday 9th May.

Your child will enjoy choosing from a large range of goodies.

Gifts will be $10 each.

Pre purchase via Flexischools click on the link


Or cash will be accepted on the day.

There will be NO IOU’s so please do not forget to give your child $10 or let them know if they will be buying a gift.
WELCOME TO TERM 2 BAND
With our bands now establishing good repertoires, Term 2 is a busy time for band events, performances and competitions. Please check over our list of events, add them to your calendar and keep an eye open for updates. Remember that we do expect band students to attend any weekend commitments as a part of their band commitment. It is essential you let us know if your child is unable to attend a performance or event so that our conductors are aware of any ‘gaps’ in the band.

EASTER HAT PARADE GOES OFF!
Congratulations to Kelvin and the hugely popular Training Band for their performance at the Easter Hat Parade late last term. What a show! The band played four pieces and blew the roof off! Thanks to all who contributed.

And then the Senior Band appeared. Thanks to Cheryl (with a little help from Spiderman) the Senior Band cooked up some spicy Spider-Chicken to popular acclaim. Everyone was dancing, even Mrs Armstrong! Well done to the Senior Band and Cheryl on a memorable performance.

AND GUESS WHO FLEW THE COOP?
Earlier this term the irrepressible Cooper Rowe performed the Last Post on Trumpet at the 3-6 Anzac Assembly. This is one of the most challenging performances any trumpeter, young or old, can be asked to perform...and Cooper nailed it. Despite Cooper’s music apparently being blown off the music stand he soldiered on, playing by memory, to complete a wonderfully moving rendition. Congratulations Cooper: your maturity and confidence under pressure was astonishing.

SENIOR BAND STARS IN MOVIE PREMIERE
The Senior Band is excited to report that its application to participate in the DEC Arts Unit Festival taking place later this year has now been lodged. The results of their hard work can be viewed online (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0mfW9Xq xt0 ). We hope their application will be successful because, should we be successful, the band will be participating in a series of prestigious concerts at the Sydney Opera House in August/September. We wish to thank and congratulate those parent volunteers (Katie Brown, Mako Turner and Mona Johnson) who helped video the band, edit the video and prepare the application. Fingers crossed...

BAND COMMITTEE MEETING
Our next Band Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th May, starting at 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome. Please come along and join the conversation.

BAND JAM 2014: GENERAL INFO
This is an annual fun and intensive musical workshop, held over two half-days as follows:

Saturday, 17 May 2014
- 3.15pm – sign-on and commencement
- An afternoon of band rehearsals and a small group tutorial session for every child. A late afternoon tea will be provided.
- A pizza dinner will be provided at around 6.30pm together with a secret G-rated movie, concluding at 8.00pm.

Sunday, 18 May 2014
- 8.15am – commencement
- A morning of band rehearsals and two small group tutorial sessions for every child. Morning tea will be provided.
- 12.00pm – Band Jam Performance. All parents and friends are welcome to attend to our informal performance and see just how much our bands have progressed! We plan to finish no later than 12.30pm.

To participate, you will need to return a payment slip to cover the two-day Band Jam. Please return it to us (with payment) to the Band Box in the Office by Tuesday 13th May.

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help at Band Jam. Even volunteering for a short period of time (for as little as one or two hours handing out food) will greatly help our 2-day program to run smoothly. Please let us know how you can help, in any way, because WE NEED YOU.

NORTHERN BEACHES EISTEDDFOD
It is anticipated that all the school’s bands are participating in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod on Thursday 22 May at St Augustines at Brookvale during school time and is conveniently timed a few days after the Band Jam. Bus transport will be arranged. We are also aware of the conflict with the District Cross Country Carnival. Permission slips and further details will be available shortly.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY
Band Jam @ School
All Bands
Sat 17th May (3.15pm-8pm) AND
Sun 18th May (8.30am-12.30pm)

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod @ St Augustines
All Bands
Thursday 22nd May: school hours (details to come)

2014 Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival
Pittwater High School (Mona Vale)
All Bands
Sunday 22nd June: AM (times to be advised)

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 893

MONA JOHNSON
whpsband@gmail.com
Christma in July
Charity Ball

Join Us!
25 July 2014
8:00pm – Midnight
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Event to Feature

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• Canapés and Champagne

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• Fantastic Prizes and Auctions
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