From the Principal

Congrats to Liz Armstrong and Scott on the birth of baby boy Clive John Robert, born on 9 May, 4.6 kgs (10 pounds 2 ounces). Both mother and son…and father are doing well!!

Congratulations to Julianne Calvi who was recently made a permanent classroom teacher at our school. Julianne has been working as a temporary teacher and we are delighted to welcome her as a permanent member of staff at Wheeler Heights PS.

What a wonderful and colourful day we had yesterday. Congratulations to the SRC and Ms Mavromatis for coordinating such a fun initiative. Over $700 was raised for Gedete our sponsored child from Ethiopia.

Don’t forget the Working Bee this Saturday from 8am-11am. Please see the details later in the newsletter.

The School Disco is on next week with our amazing DJ Andy. Tickets will very soon be available on Flexischools, K-2 from 5-6.30pm and Years 3-6 from 7-8.30pm. This year we only have one disco planned and so we hope that all students consider coming along to one of the highlights of the year. Please see the detailed flyer later in this newsletter.

Starting School in 2015

Tomorrow Friday 23 May we have a school tour at 9.45am and on Wednesday 4 June is the School Information Evening. Please mention these dates to friends and neighbours who may have children ready for school in 2015. 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. Please visit the website or office for an enrolment form.
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.

David Scotter
Principal

Wheeler Way Owl Groups

This term students and staff across the school will be involved in Wheeler Way Groups. These group sessions will be held fortnightly before the 3-6 Assembly with students being split into mixed grade Owl Groups and working with different teachers across K-6. Follow up lessons will also be included in classroom programs over the fortnight.

These sessions will involve lessons to teach and encourage our school wide expectations:

Show RESPECT  Be RESPONSIBLE  Do your PERSONAL BEST

This fortnight’s focus is Toilets and Bubblers – topics of discussion will include hygiene, being mindful of privacy and the personal space of others and keeping the toilets clean and tidy.

Rachael Tekampe
Relieving Deputy Principal

Winter PSSA Round 1

Last Friday May 16 was a great day for sport and perfect for kicking off the first round of the Winter PSSA season! The coaches and players were equally excited and nervous about the clash with Mona Vale for Soccer and Netball and Bilgola Plateau for the League boys.

Facing the tough competition from Mona Vale, the Netball girls “played with pride and determination” as stated by Mrs Young post match. In the seniors, the A’s had a narrow loss by only 5 goals and the B’s an equally narrow victory by 3 goals! The MVP’s were Lulu (A’s) and Alyssa (B’s). The juniors had a much harder time getting around the great Mona Vale defence, but the girls never gave up. With losses in both A’s and B’s, the girls came away happy with their efforts and are looking to improve for the next round. The MVP’s being Abby (A’s) and Scarlett (B’s). Best of luck this week girls!

The Soccer crew arrived at the grounds chomping at the bit to take the field. The girls were well-structured, but Mona Vale proved to be too strong for the seniors with a 2-0 win over WHPS. Sophia proved worthy of the MVP award. In the juniors, the girls stuck to their game plan and came up trumps taking the game 2-0, with Kahli earning the MVP for the match. Well done girls on a gutsy performance! The boys faced a very slick outfit from Mona Vale in both seniors and juniors. Mr Cox noted that, “the boys put in loads of effort and kept playing right till the hooter. This demonstrated the boys outstanding commitment”. Cian took the MVP award for the juniors and Harry for the seniors. Harry stated, “We tried our best and we are looking forward to improving for our next game.”

The League boys arrived at the fields focused and determined for the clash against Bilgola Plateau. With a quick refresh of the week’s goals, the juniors took to the field with brick-wall like defence. It didn’t take long before they steamed across the line for their first points. At the end of the game, WHPS were crowned the victors with a 22-0 result and Ben taking out the MVP award. The seniors warmed-up and were inspired by the junior’s spirited performance. Reid directed the boys around the park and once they got the ball moving through the hands, the points began to tally up. At the final hooter, the WHPS boys came up trumps with a 26-6 win. Oliver was most deserving of the MVP award for rock-solid tackling and taking on the line in attack. “It was a great start for the boys and they were looking dangerous all over the park” said the elated coach, Mr Blanshard. The supporters commented on the effort and sportsmanship of both teams.

Looking forward to round 2 with Netball and Soccer at Boondah taking on Bilgola Plateau and the League boys having a ’Pride of the Plateau’ match with our neighbours Collaroy Plateau, at Lake Park!

Written by A. Reporter
Wheeler Heights Public School Press.
Chess News

Round 2 of the NSW Junior Chess League competition saw our teams play their first home game. In the Rookies, Jet, Luke and Kai triumphed over Avalon on Boards 2, 3 and 4, with Ethan unfortunately missing out on (the more difficult) Board 1. The Junior Rookies drew against the traditionally tough competition of Mona Vale, with wins to Zoe and Jago on Boards 2 and 3, and Alexander and Patrick missing out this time on Boards 1 and 4. All players are to be commended for being excellent hosts, with a fun time and delicious snacks had by all (thanks to the Soltaus and Dixons)! Drop in at the Library every fortnight if you’d ever like to (silently) cheer them on.

Wheeler Heights Dance Committee Update

Performances: we are now approaching the busy dance season where we see all the hard work from the dance teachers and students pay off.

Junior: 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: 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

Hip Hop: 5th June School assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)
11th June War Veteran’s performance

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

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

Deneille Gigg on behalf of WHPS Dance Committee.

Working Bee @ WHPS

This SATURDAY 24 MAY 8—11am

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 veggie 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.

Hope to see you there......

Karen Nitch  David Scatter
P&C Working Bee Co-ordinator  Principal
Live Life Well @ School

WHPS is very proud to be involved in the Live Life Well @ School initiative. LLW@S is a joint program between NSW Health and NSW Department of Education and Communities that aims to promote a whole school approach to physical and nutrition education.

Over the next two terms the whole school will be bringing home information sheets promoting healthy living concepts. These sheets are being incorporated into the homework of each grade in some manner. Please take the time to read and discuss this information with your children.

This fortnight’s focus is 5 ways to a healthy lifestyle.

Further information can be found at the Healthy Kids website

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

✓ boosts confidence
✓ improves fitness
✓ makes bones and muscles stronger
✓ improves posture
✓ helps maintain a healthy weight
✓ lowers the risk of heart disease
✓ reduces stress
✓ improves sleep
✓ reduces the risk of cancer
✓ improves self confidence
✓ teaches you new skills
✓ develops better motor skills
✓ makes a person happier with their body
✓ lowers the risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

Heart smart

Here are some healthy heart food tips:

 use margarine spreads instead of butter
 choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
 have fish at least twice a week
 snack on fresh fruit
 don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
 enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.

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.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php
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**
Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Interschools Champs Alpine 4,3: Skier X 5,2

**Sat 5 Jul Thredbo**
Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Interschools Champs Alpine 2,1: Skier X 3

**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.
Learn Music on Keyboard at
Wheeler Heights PS

Enrolment for Term 2

* Music theory       * Instrument playing
* Ensemble practice  * Fun music games
* 45 mins lesson weekly, small group
* Music material included * Competitive rate
* Instrument not required initially

Smart Kids LOVE Music!

Call to enrol: 9411 3122

(VIP Music est. 1984)

www.learnmusicatschool.com.au
STILL BUZZING ... BAND JAM 2014

Our WHPS “Musical Boot Camp” was an incredible success! In case you missed it, last weekend we had two intensive days of band practices as well as sectional tutorials with professional tutors. Then we sprinkled in some pizzas, popcorn and a movie!

And then we finished with an amazing concert. All bands sounded incredible. Their musical ability and confidence literally grew overnight and, with it, their sound. What a blast!

As usual Band Jam was coordinated and run by many selfless volunteer helpers. Huge thanks go out to all who contributed in their own many unique ways, big and small. Everyone is smiling. What a great team! Please keep up the momentum, it is all worth the effort.

AFTERNOON REHEARSAL BEHAVIOUR CONCERNS

Playing in band and learning music is meant to be a fun and enjoyable experience. As a volunteer committee, we feel strongly committed to keeping your children interested in learning their instruments and having fun at band.

Unfortunately, at Wednesday afternoon Training Band rehearsals some behavioural concerns have emerged which have removed the “fun” component and crossed the line to simply being disruptive, preventing other children from developing and learning.

Our conductors Kelvin and Natalie have laid down clear behaviour expectations which are followed by the vast majority of the band, who are wonderfully behaved and come to band with the right attitude. But it is a disruptive minority that is now spoiling band on Wednesday afternoons. Some parents are starting to feel very frustrated and quite uncomfortable at having to discipline other children.

As a result, the Committee has decided to reset expectations and implement some explicit procedures to maintain and encourage some ordinary behavioural expectations in band. Please watch out for further email correspondence from us setting out some standards and procedures in this regard.

In the meantime we seek that Training Band parents help us by:
(a) Spelling out to your child the importance of being on their best behaviour at band rehearsals, by listening closely to Natalie the conductor and avoiding the distractions of others; and
(b) As a parent, coming to a rehearsal when you can, particularly on a Wednesday afternoon and observing your own child’s behaviour and how s/he interacts socially with other children while also supporting the conductors.

2014 NORTHERN BEACHES EISTEDDFOD

This term our Training Band and Intermediate Band have been entered in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod. This Eisteddfod is on Thursday 22 May at St Augustine’s College in Brookvale. Parents are welcome to attend and support the bands.

As Senior Band parents are aware there is a clash of dates this day with Year 5 at Project Penguin and District Cross Country. Therefore, students involved in these events will not be performing in the Eisteddfod and the Senior Band will not be performing as a separate band.

The students will travel by bus to St Augustine’s College in Brookvale. Thanks to Mrs Butler and Ms Miles who will be supporting the students.

WONDROUS WASSELL

Can you believe it? Brianna Wassell (Pianist in Senior Band) got an A in her 2nd Grade Piano for Leisure exam ... playing her favorite “swing” style songs. But that’s not all. She also got a “highly commended” singing in the local Northern Beaches Eisteddfod. (Grandma’s costume sewing was apparently quite dazzling ... all good fun). Great job Bri!

NEW EVENT FOR THE CALENDAR!

We have been invited to perform at the NSSWE Concert Series being held at The Forest High. Our Senior Band will be performing on the evening of Thursday 12th June. Students will need to arrive at 6.15pm, with the concert performance from 7.00pm. This concert will involve bands from a number of schools as well as some of the NSSWE bands themselves. This is a great opportunity to showcase what our older students can do and give them an exciting performance opportunity. Entry to the concert is by donation at the door.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod @ St Augustines
Training Band; Intermediate/Senior Band
Thursday 22nd May
Training Band meet at 8.40am on ‘B’ Deck
[10am performance]
Intermediate/Senior Band meet at 10.15am on ‘B’ Deck
[11.30am performance]

NSSWE Concert Series
The Forest High School
Senior Band
Thursday 12th June: 6.15pm arrive; concert 7pm

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
Public Education Day

Thursday the 22nd May is Public Education Day. Public Education provides a dynamic and innovative learning environment for children all over New South Wales. All children are welcome in the public system regardless of economic, religious or ethnic background. It is this all encompassing inclusivity that makes Public Education so special and something to be proud of. The proud tradition of Public Education was started by the Henry Parkes Government with the introduction of the 1866 Public Schools Act. Before that, education was only provided by ‘church’ schools, who did not cater for all the children of the state.

Public education was originally founded on the ideals that it would be FREE, SECULAR and COMPULSORY. Now with the ever changing education landscape, the ideals for Public Schools have morphed into UNIVERSAL, SECULAR and EQUITABLE. In 1848 the first government school was opened with 50 students and by 1866 the government school sector (now known as Public Schools) had grown to 259 schools with 19 000 students. The first six High Schools were opened in 1883 with 1,677 schools across the state teaching 132 000 students. Now, the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities is the largest in the world with over 2 200 schools, 90 000 teachers and 800 000 students. Below are a few interesting comparisons between schools then and now.

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PROUD TO BE PUBLIC
Big THANK YOUs to;

Joob Kofoed, Kate Van Der Wall, Philippa Blaxhall and Tracey McTighe for filling in last Friday you were amazing, Mona Johnson and I were lucky to have you all step in.

The Canteen is only getting busier, we really do value our volunteers thank you we are truly grateful.

New Menu

We have had some wonderful feedback from the children regarding the new menu. Thank you for all the positive feedback, and of course with positive feedback there is always some negative please remember all feedback is welcome and required.

whpscanteen@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone for labelling their bags with PSSA SPORT

Please remember, children doing PSSA sport are now allowed to order lunch.

They leave school at 12:20 (normal bell 1:10) therefore it is imperative the lunch bag is marked with PSSA, Flexischools online has a tab at the top in RED please make sure you mark the tab.

CRAZY COLOUR DAY

Thank you Sally Cratchley, Cherie Paxton and Joob (AGAIN) for volunteering your time in the canteen. Crazy colour day was fantastic fun.

Thank you,

Zoe & Tracey

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ROSTER WEEK 5 & 6

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THURSDAY, MAY 29TH
TICKETS $10.00 IN ADVANCE
$12.00 AT THE DOOR
K-Y2 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Y3-Y6 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Note: Disco is for school children only. Sign in with parent or guardian only.

Price includes: Chips, water and a flashing light!
Plus glow sticks will be available to buy on the night.
Advance tickets can be purchased via Flexi School online (www.flexischools.com.au).
Advance tickets must be purchased before 5pm, Wednesday May 28.

Volunteers are needed please email whps.fundraising@gmail.com

THIS IS THE ONLY DISCO OF THE YEAR SO DONT MISS OUT! FLEXISCHOOLS OPENING SOON!
Narrabeen Lakes School Market

Lots of fabulous stalls with organic, hand-crafted, Aust made, fair trade and indigenous products. Great food. Live entertainment. Make a day of it.

Saturday 7th June

9 AM - 3 PM

By the lake, next to the sea
1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen
(Opposite the fire station)
3 Week Program
To help parents manage their children’s behaviour

This 3 week program aims to assist parents of 2-12 year olds to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting. Learn effective methods to stop unwanted behaviours, increase cooperation, and enhance the relationship between you and your children.

Dates: Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th June
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Location: Dee Why Schools as Community Centre
          Dee Why Public School,
          Regent Street, Dee Why

$30 charge for resources – concessions apply

Sorry – No child care available
RSVP essential as places are limited!

Contact: CatholicCare Brookvale, Tel: 02 8968 5100
         or E-mail brookvalefamilycentre@dbb.org.au