From the Principal
A very busy week last week with crazy colour day, excursions, eisteddfods, sporting events, tours & parent working bees.

Disco
The School Disco is on TONIGHT with our amazing DJ Andy. 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 to see many students attending. Tickets will be available at the door for $12 which includes a drink, chips and a flashing light. Please be advised that parents must collect their child at the conclusion of the disco and for safety reasons only the Veterans Parade gate will be open after 6pm.

Band News
Congratulations to the Intermediate band who were victorious in the eisteddfod at St Augustines and the Training band who performed so well in their first ever competition last Thursday. Thank you also to the amazing band directors and parent committee who were so flexible and cooperative last week dealing with a busy day of clashes with school excursions and the district cross country.

Working Bee
Thank you to many families who attended the first working bee for 2014. We planted trees near the play equipment, trees at the back of the toilet block and trees near the canteen. Drains were cleaned, vegie gardens were deweeded, the chicken coop was cleaned and the school was given a very thorough make over. Special thanks to working bee co ordinator Karen Nitch, husband Roland & brother Sean who organized the purchase & donation of all the trees and soil. It was a lovely community morning.

PSSA Code of behaviour
All students who represent our school receive and sign a player’s co curricular behaviour contact. Coaches and teachers regularly reinforce the terms of this agreement which are closely aligned to the school’s welfare policy and Wheeler Way expectations. Teachers, parents and supporters also have a code of conduct to follow. Such procedures are standard for all sporting teams both in school and out of school competitions. The overwhelming majority of students and parents follow such codes of behavior. Unfortunately of late there have been a few inappropriate incidents at some PSSA matches. Consequently a number of PSSA players have and will miss the opportunity of representing our school. Not only do they miss out, but they also let down their team mates. We believe it is certainly necessary to take such measures as we are determined to set the standard ensuring that Wheeler Heights students behave in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times. We as parents, teachers and supporters must set the correct example for our students. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Tim Bailey Weather Report
We are very excited that Tim Bailey from Channel 10 will be presenting his weather report from Wheeler Heights PS on Monday afternoon 23 June. Special thanks to teacher Deanne Earl who organized this great event…more details soon.

Dance groups
Good luck to our senior and junior dance groups who are performing this weekend at the northern beaches eisteddfod. The senior girls will also perform at today’s 2.30pm primary assembly.
University of NSW Competitions
Last week 28 students from Years 3-6 sat the NSW University Computer Studies test. I will always give the students a note outlining the date and time of the test and a practice paper. Could students please return the practice paper to their class teacher. The next test is the Science test to be held on Wednesday 4 June at 10.15.

Starting School in 2015
Next Wednesday evening from 7-8pm is the School Information Evening. Please mention this date 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.

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 Transition and Canteen – topics of discussion will include being polite, using manners, being mindful personal space and the safety of yourself and others.

Rachael Tekampe
Relieving Deputy Principal

GIRL POWER AT THE ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all members of our Zone Cross Country team who performed well at last Thursday’s carnival at North Narrabeen Public School. The warm weather certainly provided additional challenges to all competitors as the temperatures rose into the high 20’s.
In the results below, it is terrific to see our younger competitors (particularly the girls!) coming into prominence. As I was a judge on the finish line, it was marvellous to witness Kahli Johnson sprinting the last 70 metres to win her age event by such a convincing margin.
All students competed against the other eight schools in our district particularly well and below are those students placed in the first eight positions in their respective event:

8/9 years Girls
2nd Lulu Ryals
4th Mia Herriot

10 years Girls
1st Kahli Johnson

11 years Girls
2nd Erin Gaw
6th Alice MacDermott
8th Ella Bowles

Wheeler Heights finished 4th in the Handicap trophy and equal 6th in the overall pointscore.

Ms C Waldock
Sport Co-ordinator 2014.
Last Friday 23 May was another cracking and unusually hot day for the Winter PSSA sport teams! With the first round matches under their belts, the teams were eager to get back out on their respective pitches and put in another fantastic effort.

All the Netball girls were pumped for big games against Bilgola Plateau. The sun was beating down and Ellie, who plays for the A’s, summed the weather up beautifully, “It was hot, real hot”. The seniors took the court and were clinical in attack and defence resulting with well-deserved wins. The A’s result was 21-2 with Mel taking out the MVP and the B’s had an equally impressive 20-10 win with Taylor being voted MVP for that match. Mrs Young said “with inspiration from the Morris twins playing Origin for NSW, WHPS’s own Morris twins were absolute superstars in their matches”. The teams were faced with some interesting challenges as stated by Emily, “We had to dodge the hole in the middle of the court. We were all tired and very parched by the end of the match!” The juniors took to the courts with gusto and the A’s MVP Milly was chuffed with their winning result of 11-0. The B’s faced a tougher time in their low scoring match, unfortunately taking the silver this time. Congrats to Miki for taking out the MVP for the B’s.

The soccer crew were bubbling with enthusiasm and looking to improve on last week’s performance. During the warm-up, the girls revised their game plan and stuck to it throughout both of their tough matches. The girls’ gutsy effort saw them take the crown in both seniors and juniors with 2-0 and 4-2 wins respectively. Frankie took the MVP for the seniors and Poppy in the juniors. Well done girls! The modest coach Mrs Marshall stated post-match that, “There was a big improvement on last week which was a result of hard training sessions and super coaching!” The boys were also looking forward to their big matches last week. The seniors took the field and showed some excellent skills; unfortunately it was not quite enough with Bilgola taking the win 2-0. Luke was most deserving of the MVP with great effort across the park. The juniors were in the zone and firing on all cylinders in their fantastic 5-0 victory with MVP Daniel being deadly whenever the ball was in his control. Mr Cox could see a massive improvement and stated “I was impressed with the never say die attitude. And Daniel, he was an absolute shining star during his match!”

The league boys came down from the high of last week’s wins to concentrate on the ‘Pride of Plateau’ match against CPPS. The boys didn’t let an interrupted training session cloud the goals for the game and took to the field with confidence and determination. The juniors had a see-saw type of match. Archie’s (MVP) line breaks and speed were devastating for Collaroy’s left edge defence which saw him bag a double for the match. A 16 all draw was a great result for what was a nail-biting match. Jaylen stating that, “We had great defence again and Archie had magic hands!” The seniors shook out the nerves and were looking to play smart; with no bench they had to conserve their energy. Right from kick-off you could tell it was going to be an arm wrestling kind of match and with nil all at the half, it was anyone’s game. Collaroy crossed first which only fired up the WHPS boys more and off a grubber we were in under the posts. It was up to Jordy to convert for the match who stated, “The whole game was very nerve racking, especially having to kick for the win” – which he did. With a 6-4 result, the boys were exhausted but over the moon. Mr Blanshard couldn’t have asked for anything more from the boys, “They all played out of their skins! Reid was fantastic yet again, taking control and leading by example in attack and defence. I couldn’t go past him for MVP – Although, I think all the boys that were there deserve a massive rap!” It was a game that had all the tension of the round 4 Roosters vs Manly clash with an equally great result – if you were a Manly fan (sorry Ms Waldock).

Round 3 is seeing the Netball and Soccer teams take on Collaroy Plateau at Boondah and the League boys are taking on Narrabeen North at Lake Park. Wishing all the teams the best of luck for this week’s games! Don’t forget you can access the draws and notes through the permission notes tab on the school website. Also, bus money is due – please be sure that you have paid up!!

Written by A Reporter
Wheeler Heights Public School Press

Chess News

Two more resounding wins to both teams in Round 3 of the NSW Junior Chess League competition - Rookies 4 v 0 against St Lukes Grammar and Junior Rookies 3 v 1 against Oxford Falls Grammar. Super well done to Ethan, Jet, Luke, Kai, Alexander, Zoe, Jago and Patrick - and good luck for the Home game on Friday!

Ms Zillhardt Chess Coordinator
DANCE GROUP NEWS

Performances: we are now approaching the busy dance season where we see all the hard work from the dance teachers and students pay off. Very exciting news and a big congratulations to Junior and Senior Dance groups for both qualifying to be a part of Sydney North Public Schools Dance @ Glen Street.

Junior:
- 31st May Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod 8:30am arrive 7:30am
- 11th June War Veteran's Performance (time to be advised)
- 15th June Extreme Dance Eisteddfod 7:45am arrive 6:45am UTS
- 19th June School assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)
- 19th June Glen Street 9:30am dress rehearsal & 7:30pm performance
- 21st June Glen Street performance 5pm
- 27th June Glen Street performance 9:45am (Matinee)

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 (time to be advised)
- 15th June Extreme Dance Eisteddfod 7:45am arrive 6:45am UTS
- 19th June Glen Street 9:30am dress rehearsal & 7:30pm performance
- 21st June Glen Street performance 5pm
- 27th June Glen Street performance 9:45am (Matinee)

Hip Hop:
- 5th June School assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)
- 11th June War Veteran's performance (time to be advised)
- 12th June School assembly performance 2:30pm (parents welcome)

There may also be end of year performances 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.

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.
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.

The focus this fortnight – Get active each day

All students will bring home a healthy living information sheet with a homework activity attached next week. Please read this information and discuss it with your children. Further information can be obtained for the Healthy Kids website below.


Be healthy – be active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Keep active in the colder months

Don’t be a winter wannabe and let you and your children be sedentary this winter. Encourage children to engage in active play such as bush walking, bike riding, kicking the footy, or playing a game of tag all year round.
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC8 Location: Northern Beaches

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Bayview Golf Club
1825 Pittwater Road, Bayview NSW 2104

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 June 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Monday 28 April 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Registration Form

To Register please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet.
This form allows you to register to attend the Parent/Carer Workshops and some information sessions
Each person attending must complete their own form even if from the same family.
The locations and dates for each of the Parent/Carer Workshops and Information Sessions were chosen through
a collaborative planning process in each state and territory.
For more information, please contact parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au or call 1300 881 971
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop

Code: 2014NSWPC8  Location: Northern Beaches  Dates: Tues 3 & Wed 4 June ’14

CONTACT INFORMATION
Title:  □ Mr  □ Mrs  □ Ms  □ Prof  □ Dr.  □ Other:____________________________
First Name:_________________________________________ Last Name(s):_________________________________________
Email 1:_________________________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)
Email 2:_________________________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)
Mailing address:_________________________________________
City/Suburb:_________________________________________ State:__________ Postal Code:________________
Phone (daytime): (  )_________________________ Phone (home): (  )_________________________
Mobile Phone:_________________________________________
Access to internet: □ At home  □ At work  □ At home and work
Computer internet skills: □ Low  □ Moderate  □ High
How many children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum do you have/care for:
□ Zero  □ One  □ Two  □ Three or more
What type of educational program is your child/are your children receiving?
□ Mainstream with support  □ Autism specific special class  □ Non autism specific special class
□ Autism specific special school  □ Special school  □ Other
Diagnosis: □ Autistic Disorder  □ Rett’s Disorder  □ Childhood Disintegrative Disorder  □ Asperger’s Disorder
□ Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS  □ Atypical autism  □ Autistic Characteristics  □ No Diagnosis
□ Other

GENERAL INFORMATION
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop.

Please answer by ticking (✓) the appropriate box
1.  Are you  □ Male?  □ Female?
2.  Would like to attend the workshop as  □ Parent?  □ Grandparent?  □ Fulltime Carer?
3. How did you hear about the workshop?  
☐ Media  ☐ School  ☐ Autism Organisation  ☐ Friend  ☐ Other ____________________________

4. Have you attended a Positive Partnerships workshop before?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

5. Have you attended an Early Days workshop before?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

6. Are there any additional supports that would assist you at or beyond the workshop?  
☐ Interpreter required – language ____________ ☐ Support accessing online resources  
☐ Translation of information – language ________________ ☐ Literacy support  ☐ Other: ____________

7. Do you identify with any of the following groups?  
☐ Aboriginal or Torres Strait  ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities  
☐ Regional or Remote Community

ATTENDANCE
For catering purposes, please indicate which days you will attend
Attending Day 1: ☐ Yes  ☐ No  Attending Day 2: ☐ Yes  ☐ No

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Please indicate if you have any dietary requirements
☐ Vegetarian  ☐ Vegan  ☐ Gluten free  ☐ Halal  ☐ No nuts  
☐ No red meat  ☐ No dairy products  ☐ Other: ____________________________

INFORMATION SESSIONS
ON DAY TWO a number of information sessions will be conducted.
The following information is able to assist the Positive Partnerships Team to plan effectively for Day 2
Please indicate two areas of interest:
Sessions to choose from:
Completing work  Making Friends  Communication
Managing Everyday Transitions  Bullying  Siblings
Understanding Behaviour  Sexuality, Personal Hygiene & Safety

Preference One: __________________________________________ Preference Two: ______________________________

CHILD INFORMATION
Please fill out the required information for each of your children who are on the Autism Spectrum. Please include the age group, the school name and the school address. These details will be used to prepare the information presented during the workshop.

YOUR REGISTRATION CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS YOU COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION.
How many children with ASD do you have? _______________________

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| School: ____________________________ | School: ____________________________ | School: ____________________________ |
| How many years is it since your child's diagnosis? | How many years is it since your child's diagnosis? | How many years is it since your child's diagnosis? |
| ☐ no formal diagnosis yet  ☐ less than two years  ☐ more than two years | ☐ no formal diagnosis yet  ☐ less than two years  ☐ more than two years | ☐ no formal diagnosis yet  ☐ less than two years  ☐ more than two years |