From the Principal

Art Exhibition Evening- TONIGHT from 6.15pm for viewing….Auction at 7PM
The children and all classes are very excited about TONIGHT’S Art Exhibition. Please remember that if you can’t come along to the auction that you have someone bidding for you. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to own an amazing art creation by your child’s class.

PCS Science Fair
Yesterday was the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Science fair and we were represented by Miss Eustace and 10 Year 4 students. The boys and girls have been working very hard this term on their project and yesterday they presented their project at Narrabeen Sports HS to the 13 local school involved in the PCS. The Wheeler Heights stall was a huge success with Chilli and Licorice ( two of our chickens) proving very popular with the visitors. Their tasty Garden Super Smoothies were delicious!! Also a group of Year 3 students were lucky enough to visit for the afternoon, sampling crickets and other foods for the future.

Special thanks to Lisa Eustace for an outstanding Enrichment activity and also to Mia Favolaro and Diana Galati who assisted on the day.
Such activities are made possible by the PCS, a unique learning community that we are very fortunate to be a part of.

University English Test
Outstanding results from the recent English competition. From 42 entries we received 5 Merit awards to Ewan Wallace, Jet Tracey, Olivia Langer, Sophia Monteleone and Alyssa Nitch, 13 Credits to Kai Turner, Luke O’Donnell, Daniel Smith, Anna Dahlstrom, Alice MacDermott, Alianna Burney, Ashley Johnson, Lulu Blayney, Callum Filmer Ramsay, Bianca Green, Megan Green, Kiera Kilbane, Lauren O’Brien and 8 Distinction awarded to Sofia Bayfield, Aimee Wallace, Sachi Lardner, Mia Giladi, Chloe Herriot, Lucas Brown, Liam Hazell and Maya Turner.
Congratulations to all participants and certificates will be presented at the 9.15am Monday assembly.

Uniforms
Some of the senior students have been asking recently about the change over date for summer uniforms. The last two weeks of this term will be the transition period and then we ask that all students are in full summer uniform for the first day of next term.
Also of late some students have been wearing inappropriate jumpers and footwear. We do request that school footwear is predominately black and only school jumpers and jackets are worn.
At Monday’s 9.15am we will be initiating a new special uniform draw run each week by the student leaders.

Enrolments 2015
Letters have been sent to all 2015 enrolments this week, in preparation for the Parent Information evening on Wednesday 15 October at 6.30pm and the Orientation mornings in early Term 4. At this stage we have almost 80 in area students and siblings enrolled for 2015, meaning four Kindergarten classes. If you have not received a letter by the end of this week please see the front office.

NAPLAN results
Letters will be sent home tomorrow to all students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN tests earlier this year. Overall we are very pleased with the school results and a full analysis will be included in future newsletters.

Technology Issues
Recently, we had a reported incident of inappropriate use of the internet. This incident occurred out of school hours, reminding us of the need to carefully monitor internet usage at
home and the availability of devices (phones, laptops, tablets etc) which can easily connect to the internet. Could I please ask that all parents are extra vigilant and have an open discussion with your children about this ever increasing complex issue. Also we are currently discussing the policy in regard to mobile phones. In general the school does not believe that mobile phones should be at school. Therefore the school does not take responsibility for students’ mobile phones.

You may be interested in the attached flyer about an upcoming Cyber safety talk at a nearby school.

Dance Try outs- next Wed & Thurs lunchtime
Students in Years 2-5 are invited to try out for the school dance groups next week. Please see the information later in the newsletter.

Eating Lunch
Having a healthy lunch and calmly spending 10-15 minutes each day to eat it is essential for so many reasons. Unfortunately each day many students do not have a suitable lunch or simply rush off to play. The teachers are all having a chat with their classes about this issue.

Walking home from School
Just a reminder that when the school bell goes in the afternoon each child is expected to be collected by a parent/carer or walk straight home. Some children tend to talk/play/hide etc etc and this can cause distress for parents waiting at home or for local neighbours watching kids who are not supervised. If your child is a little slow to make his / her way home please let the office know and we may be able to assist.

School Oval
We are very excited that work will soon commence on the re-turfing of our school oval. An automatic watering sprinkler system will be installed using the existing rainwater tanks under the hall. The dusty, sloping area below the canteen will also be developed into a tiered seating area. The project will mean that the oval will most likely be out of action later this term and for all of Term 4. The staff are considering playground options and areas during this time to ensure the safety of our students.

The Chicken Holiday Roster
Once again we are looking for four or five families who would like to look after the chickens during the upcoming holidays. Duties include letting out & re housing the chickens each day, ensuring food & water is available and collecting the eggs!! Please let Mr Scotter or the office know when you may be available.

Change of Address
If any family has recently changed their address or contact details could they please be sure to let the office know asap. Such details are crucial if an emergency situation occurs.

Please be advised that Term 3 will finish on Friday 19 September and that Term 4 will commence for all classes on Tuesday 7 October.

David Scotter – Principal

BOUNCEBACK STUDENT WELFARE PROGRAM
All classes K-6 have commenced lessons using the BOUNCEBACK program. The program aims to develop and build a child’s resilience and their capacity to cope well with times of adversity or hardship (and even be strengthened by them.) It is the ability to bounce back from difficult times to a fulfilling life while retaining a positive sense of self. Resilience skills are also needed to academic success. e.g. persistence, courage and goal setting.

Each week, class lessons focus on a letter in the name ‘BOUNCEBACK’.

This week’s letter is A for Accept what you can’t change and try and change what you can.
Core values: Dealing with Anger
Wheeler Heights ArtFest!

What is it? Art Exhibition and Auction of Class Major works (K-6)

When? Thursday 4 September – TONIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Where? WHPS School Hall

Time? Doors open at 6.15pm. Auction commences at 7pm under the guidance of a registered auctioneer

Where can I view Major Artworks? On the School Website and in the Newsletter. Also the School Library on Wednesday 3 September

Where can I bid on Class Major Artworks before the event? email: wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Bidding begins at $200

How much are tickets? $10 entry fee

What does the entry fee include? Glass of wine/champagne/beer and canapes on arrival

How can I buy tickets? Through the school office (cash/credit/cheque) or via Flexischools

How much is each individual child's piece of artwork? $10 – payment via office or Flexischools

Is this an adults only event? Yes. Students will be given the opportunity to view both the individual and major class artworks when on display in the library on Wednesday 3 September.

Here are ALL of the class major works for 2014. Happy viewing!

2W Creative Colour Explosion                   6C Julian Opie Style Self Portraits

1C Green Abstract Design                      5B The Lonely Line (Piece 1 & 2)
4E Turkish Terracotta Tiles

3M Tree of Life

3C Tree of Life

2M Sydney City Collage

1B Class Mural

KM Fun!
A very big thank you to the following businesses for their generous support of the class major art pieces:

Michael Maras – Warringah Timbers  warringahtimbers@bigpond.com.au
Our Talented Parent Helpers

A very big thank you to the following parents who supported their classroom teachers:

6L  Jenny Rosnell  John Calabretta
    Mark Glasson  Bruce Ovenden
    Michael Maras

2W  Michelle Calabretta & Kara Bremner

2JK  Rene Steiner

KC  Doug Davidson

IC  Suse Davey, Steve Davey, Deb Howard

KW  Peter Kappelman

Y4  Kay London

3EZ  Justin & Deneille Gigg

KT  Peter Kappelman, Claudia Kappelman
    Deb Howard, Kelly Douglas,
    Zoe Lown, Julie McKinnon

TEAM SELECTIONS FOR PSSA SPRING COMPETITION

Despite the difficult weather, PSSA Teams have almost been finalised in Softball, Cricket and Tag. Due to our oval being re-turfed, training for these teams will take place at Plateau Park according to this schedule.

Junior Teams (JB Softball & JG PittwaterTag) will meet Ms Zillhardt & Mrs Donohue at the park on Wednesdays at 8.15am.

Senior Teams (SG Softball & SB Cricket) will meet Ms Williamson & Mr Cox at the park on Fridays at 8.15am.

**We will reassess the training venues for next week if oval re-turfing has not commenced. Training will be held at school on the oval if that is the case.

Teams will be walking back with their teachers at 8.55am.

Year 3 & 4 AFL will train in the school infants oval area with Mrs Smith.
Stage 2 Public Speakers - Monday 15 September @ 10am in the Hall

3Z Sofia Bayfield & Dorothy MacDermott
3C Luke Rodr & Josh Davey
3M Olivia Howe & Luke Dixon
4E Sean McConnell & Imelda Rankin
4S Mia Herriot & Zac Cleary

Stage 3 Public Speakers – Monday 15 September @ 11.40am in the Hall

5B Ella Bowles & Anna Dahlstrom
5RW Alice MacDermott & Sachi Lardner
5G Erin Gaw & Bailey Swain
6N Ashleigh Aldridge & Finn Soegaard
6C Chloe Herriot & Lauren O’Brien
6L Alyssa Logan & Kiera Kilbane

We look forward to a terrific competition of public speaking and best wishes to all speakers in their respective stages.

Deputy Principal (Acting)
Ms Cindy Waldock

Wheeler Heights Dance Program

Attention Year 2-5 students. The time is finally here to try out for the School Dance Groups. Please be advised that there will be no social hip hop program this coming year. This season we will have a number of try outs and then form appropriate dance groups based on numbers, ages, abilities and interests. The 2014-2015 dance season begins in Term 4 of 2014, and runs through to Term 2 2015. The financial commitment per student if selected in the Dance Group is approximately $250 (dance costumes, eisteddfod fees & lessons).

Trials will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime with Miss Tahlia Chojnacki (private dance teacher). For further information please see Miss Calvi or Miss Alexander.

Simple Love Charity

A huge thank you to all those who left donations for the charity Simple Love, providing basic items to asylum seekers.
All of the donations (a big station wagon boot-full!) were delivered to the transporters, H30 Church of Dee Why, on Sunday 31.
They will be delivered to the relevant centres this week for later distribution to those in need. - Sarah Kearney
Warringah Council presents

RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

With Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady

Leonie Smith is one of Australia’s leading cyber safety educators and a mother of four.

Learn how to keep your kids safe online.

- Screen time balance
- Safe social media
- Cyber bullying
- Smart phone safety
- Avoiding adult content

Wed 17 Sept
6.30 - 8.30pm
St John the Apostle Primary School
166 Alfred St, Narraweena
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au
For more information call 9942 2681.
“Siblings of Children with a Disability”

Presented by
Kate Strohm
Director, Siblings Australia Inc.
& Author of
'Siblings: Brothers and Sisters of Children with Disability' (revised edition)

Interactive Workshop for Parents

Date: Tuesday 14th Oct 2014
Time: 7pm - 9pm  Supper provided
Venue: Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Inc
Yabsley Ave Jarvie Park
Marrickville 2204
Cost: $15 pp  (Discounts Available)

The workshop will assist parents to:
• Understand the concerns of siblings
• Identify behaviours that might indicate stress
• Explore factors affecting the adjustment of siblings
  • Identify parent role in supporting siblings
  • Identify other sources of support for siblings
  • Meeting other parents with similar experiences

For bookings log on to:
or call Amy on 0403 824 279
Sea Eagles Final Series
Rugby League Beach Clinic

Come and learn to play league.
Thursday 25
September
10AM – 1PM, Collaroy Beach

COST: $20 per participant (morning tea provided, manly merchandise)

WHO: Boys and girls aged 5-12 years

TIME: Registration commences at 9:15am. All registrations online at playnrl.com

Show your true colours by wearing maroon and white
Register now for Summer 2014-15

Hey Kids want to join a club where you get to have fun every week?
Then come and join Narrabeen Nippers this season.
Our focus is on having fun in a family friendly atmosphere.
Get your friends and come and sign up.

Registration Dates:
Sunday 14th Sept and 21st Sept 9.30 till 11.30am
Where: Narrabeen Beach SLSC - Ocean St, Narrabeen
For more details visit our website: http://www.narrabeach.org.au

e-mail: nippers@narrabeach.org.au