From the Principal

Art Fest
Congratulations to all classes for their magnificent art pieces which were auctioned last Thursday evening. Over $6,000 was raised from the 22 class items with the top bid of $550 for the 6L Surfboard! Unfortunately there were only a small number of parents who came on the night, but thankfully we had a number of pre bids, lots of staff in attendance and those parents who were present bidded competitively!
A special thanks Peter Capindale and Helen Matthews from Ray White Narrabeen & Narrabeena who generously gave up their time and ran the auction so well…and even made a cash donation and gave away bonus prizes!
Everyone who did attend had a great night; special thanks to fundraising coordinator Sherene Lagasse and her small but talented crew of helpers.
Individual pieces of art are on sale for $10 and once paid will be distributed through the classes.

SASS Week
This week we have acknowledged our special School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) staff at Wheeler Heights PS. Special thanks to Robyn Hill, Wendy Clifford, Glenda Alderton, Teresa Murace, Kim Worrad, Diana Galati and Lionel Radom who do such a fine job in the school office and around the school. You would not believe the variety of ‘issues’ which occur each and every day in a large primary school. Phone calls, emails, faxes, visitors, sick children, accidents (both on the playground or to do with younger toileting issues!!!) technology, birthday cakes, evacuation drills, memorandums from the DEC, and dealing with 542 children, 40 staff and 380 parents…..there is rarely a ‘dull’ moment. So please spare a thought for our SASS staff and wish them all the best for another week of a job well done!!

NAPLAN results
Letters were sent home last week 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.

Sydney North Athletics
Congratulations to our representatives at Homebush this week in the Sydney North carnival. Special mention to Archie Saunders who came 2nd in the 10 years 100 metre final and 3rd in the Junior Long Jump & Jayden Harris who was 3rd in the 13 years 100 metre final. Both boys will now compete in the State carnival at Homebush next term.

Northern Sydney Combined Schools band Tour
Congratulations to Lucas Brown, Ashley Johnson, Alice MacDermott and Maya Turner who have been touring the North Coast for the past four days with the Northern Sydney Combined Band. This is a wonderful opportunity for these talented musicians and I’m sure they’ve had a fabulous and enjoyable experience.

Special Dance Try outs
Students in Years 2-5 have been trying out for the school special dance groups this week with Miss Tahlia Chojnacki. Successful students will be informed early next week with classes running for Term 4 and Term 1 and 2 next year.

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.

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.

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 for all of Term 4. The staff are considering playground options and areas during this time to ensure the safety of our students.

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.

Thank you again to the P&C team of helpers who organized and ran the very successful Fathers’Day stall last Friday. I saw many excited boys and girls buying a special gift for the occasion.

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 C- Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture!!

Artfest Business Supporters

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
J&M Calabretta – Floor & Wall Tiling        jandmctiling@gmail.com
Bruce Ovenden - Better Built Builders
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

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A big thank you to all our volunteers during a busy last week of fundraising efforts! I apologize in advance if I've missed anyone.

The Art auction was a huge success and I really appreciate the following volunteers for donating their time.

Belinda Lind, Valerie Lay, Simone Sakovits, Yvette Dee, Debbie Austin and Lionel Radom.

I would also like to thank Marina & Andy Barker from Alpen for donation the tableware and glasses to spruce up the event.

Secondly, the wonderful parents from Year 2 did an amazing job running the Father's Day Stall;

Vanessa McCullum, Tawau Porteous, Michelle Thacker, Jo Smith, Jac Ryan, Bec O'Hara, Julie Anderson, Kirsten Simpson and Fran Parry.
Our school fundraiser would NOT be possible without help from our parents. On behalf of the school and the P & C we thank you.

Sherene LaGasse  
Fundraising Coordinator

STAGE 2 & 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

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

SPORTS STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival held at Homebush on Monday 8 September. Outstanding performances in the finals came from:

**Archie Saunders**  
2nd 10 years Boys 100m

3rd Junior Boys Long Jump

**Jayden Harris**  
3rd 13 years Boys 100m

Both Jayden and Archie will be competing at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival on the 15-16 October at Homebush. Congratulations boys on a fine achievement.
Congratulations also to **Ellie Watts** who was part of the successful Sydney North Girls Softball team which won the state softball tournament recently in Manly. Ellie’s team beat the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) team 8-3 in the grand final. A fabulous performance, Ellie!

Good luck to **Luke Brown** and **Jordan Devries** who are off to Lismore next week for the State boys Softball championships.

**PSSA SPRING COMPETITION**

**Spring PSSA** commences tomorrow: Pittwater Tag will play at Narrabeen Reserve (Walsh Rd), all Softball at Boondah Reserve Warriewood, AFL at Narrabeen Sports HS and Cricket will travel to Avalon (Hitchcock Park). Please ensure that all notes and bus fares have been given to your coaches!!

Good luck to all teams!!

Ms Waldock

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I’m sure you’ve all heard of the classic tale of ‘The Elves & the Shoemaker’ by Brothers Grimm. You’ll know how the elves in a spirit of generosity and helpfulness took on the responsibility of creating beautiful shoes for the struggling shoemaker and his wife to sell. By the end of the story the elves give them the gift to make the shoes independently. It is a story about magic.

Well did you know, that every morning before school when the Learning & Support Teacher (that’s me) is at school, such magic also happens at Wheeler Heights in the library? No, we don’t have elves. What we do have are Year 6 students who volunteer their time, patience and skill to assist Year 1 students who need extra support with their reading. Like the elves they assist these students on the road to independence.

In Semester 1 these students were: 6C Jordan Devries, Jake Lloyd, Alyssa Nitch, Lauren O’Brien 6L Chloe Herriot, James Kofoed, Ellie Watts 6N Chloe Bremner, Olivia Schultz

In Semester 2 these students are: 6C Liam Nattrass, Carinna Gigliotti, Taylor Harper 6L Alyssa Logan, Maya Turner, Megan Green, Holly Lay, Kiera Kilbane 6N Dylan Szabo, Liam Benson

Also, a special mention to Lauren O’Brien who remained for Semester 2 to take on a leadership role as a mentor to the incoming Year 6 tutors.

A huge thank you to you all for working your magic!

Ms Loneck Learning & Support Teacher

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**Wheeler Heights Dance Program**

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 have been held this week with Miss Tahlia Chojnacki** (private dance teacher). For further information please see Miss Calvi or Miss Alexander.
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.
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Sunday 14th Sept and 21st Sept
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