FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Time to Reflect
I’m sure that many of you will have heard of the very sad news this week.

Lachlan Muldoon, a former student of our school passed away on Tuesday morning. Lachlan was a delightful young man who was extremely popular with all who knew him. Our thoughts are with the Muldoon family at this very difficult time.

Last weekend a former teacher and assistant principal from our school, Paul Jackson also passed away. Paul was a fabulous teacher and mentor and was highly respected by students, parents and colleagues. Our thoughts are with Faye and the Jackson family.

The school office has funeral details available.

This is a very difficult time for our community as we grieve these terrible losses. At such times, children may react or be affected in different ways. If you do have any concerns, please talk to your class teacher or contact the school. The school counsellor, Lisa Terrill is also available if needed.

Welcome to our new students who started this term. Eliza and Sophie T from Malabar, Ally R from Emu Plains and Helena from Brazil. The new students have settled in very well at Wheeler Heights.

Staffing
Unfortunately Ms Alina Loneck will not be returning to Wheeler Heights this year due to a sudden illness. Ms Loneck is a wonderful Learning and Support expert who has organised a number of important specialised programs. We are very fortunate that experienced, regular casual teachers will be continuing her support programs. Ms Lynne Bridges will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Ms Kylie Jolly will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday. Ms Jolly will also EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect) support on part of these days.

Please note that the before school Peer Reading program will re commence next Monday 19 October.

K-2 Sports Carnival- now on tomorrow FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER…please wear your sports house colours on this day.

Selective High School 2017- current Year 5 students
Students currently in Year 5 are able to apply for placement in a Selective High School for Year 7 in 2017. The applications are now available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement A note with more information is attached to this newsletter for all Year 5 students and information forms are also available at the front office. Applications must be made by 16 November.

Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening
It was lovely to meet many of our new families for next year at last night’s information session. If you were unable to attend, the information packs are available at the office for pick up or will be sent home with siblings. We look forward to seeing all our new enrolments on the first of our Orientation mornings on Friday 30 October at 9.30am.

Leavers 2016
We are currently organising numbers and classes for 2016. If for any reason you will not be returning to Wheeler Heights in 2016 could you please be sure to let the office or your class teacher know as soon as possible.

Transition to High School Parent Workshop - Thurs 22 October at 7pm
The P&C have organised a special workshop on Thursday 22 October. This workshop is especially recommended for parents of Year 5 and 6 students but would be very valuable for any parents. Please feel free to bring along friends or neighbours; the night is open to all interested members of the community.

See the flyer later in the newsletter and RSVP to the school office or at whps.parents@gmail.com.
P&C AGM - next Monday at 7pm in the staff room.
Please see the detailed information later in the newsletter regarding the upcoming P&C AGM, to be held on Monday 19 October. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful P&C made up of interested and dedicated parents, please consider joining up and finding out more about our school.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY:
White Ribbon
In order to provide background and contextual information around the issue this week, below is a link to a short skit performed by Patrick Stewart and Joanna Lumley called 'The Audition'. This video is certainly confronting and I would encourage parents to watch it without their children, at least initially. The message concerns the type of aggressive and violent behaviour prevalent in our society. By identifying such behaviour, as a collective, we can begin to remove it.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=qf0JfstwWP0

You may also be interested to read the factsheet on 10 common Misconceptions about violence:


Don’t forget that during week 8 we will be holding a community breakfast to show our community support. As a school we believe that education is the key to ensuring that the young men and women of tomorrow display and expect positive respectful relationships. Not violent, not silent!

Chess News
Congratulations to Luke D (4M) who has been performing very well this year in the school chess competition and out of school tournaments. Luke is now ranked the 24th best Under 10 player in NSW and was ranked 7th in the latest ‘most improved player’ category, as rated by the NSW Junior Chess League. Well done Luke, a great achievement.

Chess has now finished for the year at WHPS. Following such a successful year, some of our talented and keen chess players may wish to continue with weekly chess coaching and practice via the weekly junior chess coaching classes which are held at Harbord Diggers Club in Freshwater each Monday evening (6-7pm) from Monday 19th October for eight weeks. The coach for these lessons is the one-and-only Lev and will allow keen and talented students the opportunity to continue honing their skills in preparation for restarting chess competition here at school again next year.

Please contact myself or the office should you wish to enrol in this coaching opportunity or for further information.

John Williams
Deputy Principal (relieving)

From the Office:
Book Club pamphlets have been distributed. Orders are to be returned to the office by Friday 23 October.

VIP Keyboard lessons: Enrolment forms for 2016 are at the office for music lessons held at the school. These need to be returned to the front office by Friday 30 October.

Australian Girls Choir flyer also at the office. They have an open day on Sunday October 25.

Scarlet Fever
There has been a reported case of scarlet fever at the school.
For your information, the NSW Dept. of Health suggests:

**Time from exposure to illness** 1 to 3 days.

**Symptoms** Sudden onset sore throat, high fever and vomiting, followed by a rash in 12 to 36 hours.

**Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, until at least 24 hours of treatment has begun and the child is feeling better.

**How can I prevent spread?** Careful hand washing. Sick contacts should see their doctor.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

SRC UPDATE
NRMA Helmet Design Competition – Closes Tomorrow!
Entries will be accepted until tomorrow - Friday 16 October. The SRC will select a Wheeler winner from K-2 & 3-6 & then all of the entries will be sent in to the NRMA.

Thank you to the Wheeler community for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for all of the SRC projects.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator
**Sport and Group Photos:**
Time again to start perfecting those beautiful smiles because the sport and group photos are being taken next Friday, October 23. The Year 6 photo will be the first photo of the day. They will need to wear their Year 6 shirt for the photo but bring their sports uniform to get changed into after the photo. We ask that all Year 6 students be at school by 8:50 am, ready for the photo at 9:00 am. Cricket and Softball PSSA training is on in the morning but this will finish up early to allow the photo to be taken. All students will be wearing only their sport uniform for all photos so there is no need to bring dance uniforms or instruments.

Keep smiling,

**Julia Smith**
Relieving Assistant Principal

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**Sports News:**

**PSSA vs Collaroy Plateau**
Off the back of some great results last round, we have the ‘Pride of the Plateau’ clash this week with our neighbours Collaroy Plateau. AFL is at Narrabeen Sports High, Cricket is at Plateau Park, Eagle Tag is at Narrabeen Reserve and Boys and Girls Softball is at Rat Park. Good luck to all teams this week and show our great Wheeler Heights skill and sportsmanship at all times!

Please make sure your children have a water bottle to take with them to their games as it begins to heat up, they will need to stay hydrated!

Results from last week’s round against Narrabeen Lakes:
- Cricket: A's: Win
- Cricket B's: Win
- Eagle Tag A's: Win
- Eagle Tag B’s: Draw
- Softball Boys A’s: Win
- Softball Boys B’s: Win
- Softball Girls A’s: Loss
- Softball Girls B’s: Win

Please ensure that your children are punctual for training sessions. For up to date information, download the Primary Parent Planner App and select your child’s PSSA team to receive push notifications and reminders.

**Home Sport**
The home sport program saw some great competition last week! The students are looking forward to another great round of skill and teamwork development tomorrow! Students are allowed to bring in a T-Shirt in the team colour to wear for sport. However, they must wear their sports uniform to school.

**Wheeler Heights Representative Uniforms**
If any of your children have represented Wheeler Heights in PSSA or at a Gala day and they still have a jersey, we would appreciate them being returned! We appear to be missing a number of them. So parents, could you please look through your children’s wardrobe and see if one has been “filed” up the back and either return it to the office or Mr Blanshard.

**Water Polo Sydney North Selections**
A big congratulations to Declan R and Sophia T who were both selected in the boys and girls Sydney North Water Polo teams after the trial in Woy Woy last week. They will play down at Sutherland in a few weeks and we wish them the best of luck!

**State Athletics**
Archie S is currently competing in the 100m and High Jump at the State Athletics carnival in Homebush. Archie finished around middle of the pack in High Jump and ran very well, coming first in his heat to make it through and compete in the semi-final today. Run like the wind, Archie!

Please download Primary Parent Planner App and select your child’s PSSA team to receive push notifications of games and training reminders.

Yours in Sport,

**Tyson Blanshard**
Sports Coordinator 2015

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**Wheeler Heights Dance Programme**
Hello Dancers,

Auditions were held yesterday and today for both dance groups. Congratulations to all who attended!! Final lists will be posted shortly.

Rehearsals will commence in week 4 for Seniors (Wed) and Juniors (Fri).

Jasmine and I are here to be parent helpers and answer any questions that you might have and liaise with the school dance teachers. Feel free to email any questions you may have to whps.dance@gmail.com

Thank you for your time,

**Denelle and Jasmine**
Year 4 parents and dance parent liaison
# WHEELER HEIGHTS PARENT TERM PLANNER – Term 4, 2015

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<td>9:15 K-6 Assembly Band Musicale (Training 5-6pm) P&amp;C AGM Meeting 7pm</td>
<td>YES – Youth Eco Summit (PCS) New (final) Gym Rotation 5RW, 6N, KC, 6L, 5G, 6B, KM</td>
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Updated: 16/09/15
Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of members of the Parents & Citizens Association of Wheeler Heights Public School will be held at 7.00pm on Monday, 19th October 2015 in the school office staffroom.

Agenda:
1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. To receive and accept the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2015
5. To receive and accept the annual reports from the Uniform Shop, Canteen and Band Committees.
6. To elect the Executive Committee of:
   a. President
   b. Vice President(s)
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Executive Members
7. To endorse the elections to the following Sub-Committees:
   a. Canteen
   b. Uniform
   c. Fundraising
   d. Band
   e. Grounds

Please join us at our next meeting on the 19th October. The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting. At the AGM all positions on the Executive Committee will be declared vacant and nominations for positions will be taken and voted on.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM - we would love to have any many new (as well as familiar) faces there as possible.

We all appreciate any time you can spare to help us to can contribute to our fabulous school. I can’t emphasis enough that no particular skill or expertise is required, just your time and passion for the school!

More information will follow on the various roles in the P&C but please feel free to contact me via whps.parents@gmail.com to have a chat about how it works, what is involved and how you can help :)

Kind regards

Kirrilee Wallace

Acting P&C President
Transition to High School

A workshop for parents presented by
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING, Northern Sydney Local Health District, on how to help your children make the transition and settle into high school smoothly.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:
• The differences between High School and Primary School
• How your child is changing into a teenager
• Communication tips
• Building positive self esteem
• Looking after yourself during this transition

VENUE: Wheeler Heights Public School
DATE: Thursday 22nd October 2015
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
GOLD COIN DONATION, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

We highly recommend this seminar to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 in particular, although all parents are welcome to attend

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL whps.parents@gmail.com
WHEELER HEIGHTS P & C PROUDLY PRESENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th 2015 • SCHOOL HALL ARENA
Come dressed as your favourite music legend or band
Doors open at 6.30pm Showtime 7.00pm GAMES & PRIZES GALORE!

Cosplay Night!

Lots of awesome raffle prizes!! You won't want to miss out on your chance to win!!
Tickets going fast book today!

Sydney Swans jersey and footy signed by the entire team!

Wallabies jersey signed by the entire team!

BLOCH ultimate dance pack!

Beauty treatments worth over $350.00!

ROCK N ROLL TRIVIA NIGHT!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th 2015 • SCHOOL HALL ARENA
Come dressed as your favourite music legend or band
Doors open at 6.30pm Showtime 7.00pm GAMES & PRIZES GALORE!

BUY TICKETS NOW AT www.flexischools.com
TABLES OF 10 FOR $300.00 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS $30.00
Teachers and parents once again we need your help for our upcoming fundraiser. This is an easy and inexpensive way for you to help make this year’s Trivia Night a super successful and profitable event for your school. We are looking for a host of wonderful and interesting prizes to arrange in gift baskets to raffle off on the night.

Each class has been assigned a theme and the committee kindly asks that each child donate something towards their basket. Each classroom will have a box placed in the front for donations. Below are the suggested themes for each classroom to get you started, have fun. **The deadline for all donations is the 30th of October.**

**KM & KC**  
**“THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO”**
Toys, books, textas, pencils, crayons, paints, craft supplies, paper, stamps, stickers, cards, games, stationary, office supplies, jewellery making items, paints, colouring books, sewing stuff, etc.

**1A & 4S**  
**“THE GREAT OUTDOORS”**
Camping gear, fishing supplies, hats, torches, tents, sleeping bags, water bottles, radios, socks, bbq items, etc.

**1C**  
**“A DAY AT THE BEACH”**
Chairs, towels, sunscreen, zinc, hats, umbrellas, sand toys, beach cricket, balls, bags, aprons, bbq items, etc.

**3/4C & 1/2T**  
**“WE LOVE SPORTS”**
Balls of all kinds, sports gear, rebel vouchers, tennis, cricket, footy jerseys, game tickets, water bottles, volleyball, handballs, team hats, Mike Pawley vouchers, etc.

**2M & 3M**  
**“SMELLY STUFF”**
Soaps, lotions, candles, bath salts, bubble bath, cologne, perfume, essential oils, diffusers, body & face scrubs, etc.

**2C & 3R**  
**“WE LOVE TO READ”**
Kids’ books, magazines, subscriptions, comics, Dymocks gift cards, adult literature, books on tape, bookmarks, etc.

**5G & 4M**  
**“FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD”**
Gourmet food, chocolates, lollies, kitchen gadgets, crackers, jams, preserves, oils, dressings, nuts, etc.

**5RW & 6B**  
**“TECHIE”**
Itunes cards, DVD’s, laptop cases, iPad cases, software, headphone’s, google play cards, EB games, etc.

**2W & 1B**  
**“DIY & GARDENING”**
Gloves, magazines, seeds, pots Bunnings vouchers, spades, plants, books, flowers tools, worm farms, compost, etc.

**KT**  
**“HOMEWARES”**
Glasses, mugs, cups, napkins, vases, cutlery, candle holders, candles, towels, tea towels, frames, etc.

**KG**  
**“TEA & COFFEE”**
Cups, mugs, tea, coffee, tea pots, beans, teabags, keep cups, coffee press, coffee vouchers, biscuits, etc.

**6L & 6N**  
**“MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES”**
We would love each family from these classes to donate at least 4 scratch off lottery tickets. The more we get the more “money trees” we can make in the auction. Or we can use them as prizes. Just a reminder adults need to buy these not the children as they are not allowed.

Thank you for your support, - The Fundraising Committee

*The deadline for all donations is the 30th of October.*
We currently have these selected items on sale:

- Sports Jackets size 12 only …… $35
- Raincoats yellow & blue………… $10
- Library Bags plain blue ………… $5
- Ankle socks white 1pair ……….. $5
- Ankle socks white 3pairs ……….. $10

Thank you

Only while current stocks last!

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You may have seen this fun and thought provoking list on social media ... as teachers we like the sentiment!

J. Williams & T. McCombie

51 things:
TO DO BEFORE you're 12

1. Climb a tree
2. Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
3. Fall off a bike
4. Learn to swim
5. Build a cubby or a tree house
6. Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
7. Go beach combing after a storm
8. Cook damper in a campfire
9. Go on a school camp in the bush
10. Catch a wave (start with a small one)
11. Play chasy in the rain
12. Catch a prawn in a river (or at least have fun trying)
13. Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
14. Find a cave
15. Make something with things you find
16. Play in a creek
17. Do something you're scared of
18. Watch kangaroos in the wild
19. Slide down a sand (or grass) hill on cardboard
20. Yell "cooeee!" in a gorge or a valley
21. Camp on a beach
22. Build a sandcastle city
23. Skim a stone
24. Plant something and watch it grow
25. Play spotlight
26. Ride your bike on a bush trail
27. Visit an island
28. Go for a two-day hike
29. Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
30. Ride a flying fox
31. Play under a sprinkler
32. Climb a big rock
33. Play in the bush for a whole day
34. Visit a waterhole
35. Meet kids in a park and invent a game
36. Paddle a kayak
37. Dig for worms in your backyard
38. Catch a crab
39. Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
40. Visit a national park
41. Catch a fish
42. Play on a rope swing
43. Eat bush tucker
44. Make a kite and fly it
45. Jump off a jetty (check the water is deep enough first)
46. Identify the birds in your backyard
47. Go abselling
48. Catch a tadpole (and release it)
49. Make a mud pie
50. Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
51. Play beach cricket

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Music classes on the keyboard at school

Enrol now for 2016

Convenient venue K-6 welcome Awesome songs Musical theory

Music material provided

Small group - 45 min weekly lesson

Competitive rate - $27 per session

(GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)

Instrument not required initially

Please complete this form and return to school office before Fri 30 Oct

Existing students – no need to reenrol

I am interested in my child/children learning music on the keyboard at school:

Child’s name

Class (2015)

________________________  ________________

Mobile: ______________________  ______________________

Email: ______________________

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Parent's Signature:

Date: ______________________