**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

It was pleasing to see almost 30 parents attend the Transition to High School evening last Thursday. There were many valuable tips for parents of children of all ages and the Year 7 advisors from Cromer HS and Narrabeen Sports HS were available to chat and answer questions. Thank you to the P&C for organising and funding this important event.

**Army Band**

Certainly one of the highlights of the year was the Army band visit last week. The Army band had a workshop with our Jazz band and the other bands were able to watch. The whole school was then treated to an amazing concert of music, singing and dancing. The kids and teachers were all up and dancing in the aisles! Well done to the band committee for organising this very special visit and providing a delicious BBQ for our band and visitors.

**Band Tourists**

Congratulations to the students who toured for three days with the regional band recently to western NSW. Josh D, Dorothy M, Francis G, Will G, Bianca H, Mini M and Charlie N all had a wonderful time and gained invaluable experience.

**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.

**Foyer Displays - 3R & 4M**

Please visit the front office to see the lovely artistic foyer displays from 3R and 4M.

**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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). A note with more information was emailed to all Year 5 parents recently and information forms are also available at the front office. Applications must be made by 16 November.

**School Program Fees**

Thank you to the vast majority of families who have already paid their school program fees this year. Unfortunately there are still a number of outstanding fees. Each program we organise and run at school is carefully budgeted for the entire grade or stage. If families do not participate in a program or pay the required fees the school will then be forced to possibly increase fees in the following years. Reminder letters have been sent out and, as always, I ask that any families who are experiencing financial difficulties to contact the school office. All discussions will be strictly confidential.
Bushlink Program
Next term the school will be visited by the Bushlink team who will assist with environmental projects. You may have seen an article about Bushlink in the Manly Daily on Wednesday. The project is funded by the NSW Government and private enterprise and allows people with disabilities to engage in volunteer work in an atmosphere that provides support and inclusion. The team will be here on Wednesday and work with classes from Stage 2.

Bahai Morning Tea
Thank you to our Bahai scripture teacher who organised a lovely World Teachers’ Day morning tea last week. The gesture and lovely words of thanks delivered by some of her students was greatly appreciated by all staff.

P&C
The P&C AGM was held last week. It was pleasing to see a large number of parents present including two dads of 2016 enrolments! Almost all positions were filled on the evening, except for the positions of Secretary and Communications Officer. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who may be a suitable candidate could you please let president Claudia or me know asap.
A huge thank you to Kirrilee Wallace who has stepped down as Vice President and Communications officer. Kirrilee has done a wonderful job this year in both these roles and will be greatly missed. Kirrilee was also acting president while Claudia was away during Term 3.

Congratulations to the following elected parents:
President: Claudia Schremmer    Vice Presidents: Simone Sakovits & Yvette Dee
Treasurer: Matt Soltau    Executive Members: Leanne Tester, Penny Soegaard, Marina Barker & David Morrison

All other P&C committees (Uniform, Band & Canteen) have also conducted their AGMs and office bearers can be seen on the website and/or in future newsletters.

Trivia Night
Tickets are selling fast for the upcoming Trivia Night. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter and get your table together. Also each class is being asked to bring in donation items for the auction baskets which will be made up and sold on the evening. Last year these proved to be a big success. Donations will be collected tomorrow (Friday 30) so please bring in as many items as you can for your designated basket. The details are also later in the newsletter.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY:

PCS Science Fair
Last week 4 of our budding young scientists, Luke R, George S, Scarlett H and Georgia H, took part in the Youth Eco Summit along with students from neighbouring PCS schools. At the summit, the students visited many exhibits and stalls where they learnt about sustainability and environmental issues, conducting many experiments with experts from our community. Teachers who attended complimented our students on their fantastic enthusiasm, knowledge and exemplary behaviour. Well done.

White Ribbon
This is the fourth week of information, videos and fact sheets around the White Ribbon ‘Breaking The Silence’ campaign. So far no one has shared their thoughts about it with me … I’d love some feedback when you see me around the school or via email …
This week’s video is a short ‘commercial’ for White Ribbon. The message is clear and really sums up what we are about in a primary school setting – presenting a clear message about positive and respectful relationships between all community members for a better future for all.

This video is done in a humorous way and is aimed at adults, but is also certainly appropriate for children. I particularly love ‘Uncle Bill’s’ awkward ‘facial response’ to his nephew’s question!

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=GCwfGlryi2E

I again have an interesting factsheet for you to read and consider. This week’s article builds on last week’s ‘positive roles men can play’ with a factsheet about ‘What Men Can Do’ – how to be supportive and ensure the women in our community are safe.


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!
Kindy ‘O’
We are very excited to be welcoming all of our incoming Kindergarten students starting at Wheeler Heights in 2016 tomorrow. I’m sure that many of our current families will have friends, neighbours, extended family or siblings amongst the group of 4 and 5 year olds who will spend an hour and a half in a kindergarten classroom tomorrow morning – don’t forget to wish them well, ask them how it went and give a big WHPS welcome if you see any of our new friends here tomorrow or the next few Friday mornings.

APP NEWS
The app – Primary Parent Planner – is still available for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. It is free and easy to use and is a vital component of our communication system. So far the system has been working very well, however a number of parents are still unaware of the app or don’t know how to install and use it …

For those not yet on the app, the process is simple:
1. Install the app from the Appstore (Apple) or Google Play (android)
2. Add a student (that is your child – one for each child)
3. Search for a school and select Wheeler Heights P S
4. Select the groups that each child is part of.
NB – You MUST select ‘Whole School’ as an option at this point (it is the first group listed)

Now that it is set up – explore the various features at your leisure. Ask your friends what they know about it and share your knowledge. You will find that it is a great way to access the newsletter each week as well as providing a handy way of contacting the school via email or phone. You can access flexi schools through the app and even submit an absence note when your child is sick or away.

The most useful feature, however, is the use of push notifications which are sent directly to your phone should we wish to relay any important information or reminders. These are sent to individual groups and rely on you selecting the appropriate groups when signing up.

Not all features of the app are currently in use, however these are being explored and I will notify the community if and when new features become active.

If you have any concerns or difficulties, please contact me via the school email address or pop into the office to check with one of the staff or check the setup manual. So far most problems have been rectified by going back and selecting the ‘Whole School’ group for your student!

John Williams
Deputy Principal (relieving)

From the Office
Outstanding statement of accounts were posted home last week.

Whooping cough information for schools:
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

SRC UPDATE 😊
NRMA Helmet Design Competition:
The SRC are finalising the winner of the Helmet Design competition and the winner will be announced and presented with the prize during next week’s Monday Morning Assembly. If you haven’t seen the finalist’s designs yet, make sure you visit the office where they are on display at the front door!

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator
**Sports News**

**PSSA vs Avalon**
This week's matches are against Avalon. AFL is at Narrabeen Sports High, Cricket is at Hitchcock, Eagle Tag is at Narrabeen Reserve and Boys and Girls Softball is at Rat Park. Best of luck this week to all teams! 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!
Tune in next week for the results!

**Home Sport**
The home sport program is continuing and students are enjoying the variety of sports and skills! 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 Soccer for PSSA or at a Gala day and they still have a jersey, we would appreciate them being returned! We appear to 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.

Yours in Sport,

Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015

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**Library News:**

**HELP WANTED**
We have many new books in the library in need of covering. Parent volunteers can collect bags of books from the library before school to take home to cover. A covering demonstration can be given by Mrs Westwood on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please help us get these fabulous books on the shelves.

**Lights, camera...BOOKS!**
Throughout November, we invite students to see how some popular children's books have been adapted for the screen.

All films will be age appropriate, G rated and based on books available in our library.

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Mrs Bevan and Mrs Westwood
Library
Chess News:
Yesterday, interested players from Years 3-6 should have collected permission notes to attend the 18th November all-day tournament ("spares" can be found on the school website). We are attending Mona Vale, rather than Pittwater House, to avoid the clash with the Year 4 camp. As always, we are relying on parent helpers to get to and from the event and as space in Mona Vale’s hall is often limited, preference will be given to the first complete teams to return permissions. I absolutely need notes back by next Friday in order to register the maximum number of teams.

Heike Zillhard
Chess Coordinator

Interested in joining the Band in 2016?
Is your child in Years 3-6 next year? Are you interested in joining the school's fun and successful band program next year?

We welcome any child in Years 3-6 in 2016 to join our band program. No previous musical experience is necessary – learning to play is what this program is all about! While most of our band students join band for the first time in Year 3, we have had many successful band members start in later years. It is never too late to make a start (including adults!)

Further information on our program is being sent to parents by email, is available from the school office, the band website or by emailing the band. If you are interested in joining for 2016, return our 'Application for Assessment' to the band box in the school office by TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER. By returning the form, you have just asked to have your child matched to an appropriate instrument for him or her. After we have completed assessments, we will send out to all children who were assessed an offer to join the band program. Only at this point are we asking for full commitment to our program for 2016. [Please note that all current band members do not have to complete the forms]

We also welcome back any students who have previously been a part of our band program but for various reasons had to stop. Please send us an email. We would love to see you come back!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Band Convenor Anthony MacDermott on 0417 277 893 or email the band committee at whpsband@gmail.com.

Wheeler Heights Dance Programme
Welcome back to another exciting year of WHPS dance. It’s great to see so many of last year’s dancers back again this year and also so many new faces in this year’s dance group.

Our senior dancers started back with Miss Tahlia yesterday morning and our juniors will be starting back Friday morning.

We are all looking forward to a fun year with some great new dance routines in store for next year’s performances.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children that took place in our dance auditions this year. It is great that there is so much interest in the WHPS dance groups.

If you have any questions please contact Jasmine or myself at whps.dance@gmail.com

Thank you,
Deneille and Jasmine
Year 4 parents and dance parent liaison

Improving Dyslexic Children’s Reading Abilities?
The role of Video Games
The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games. The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays. Participation in the study is free and parking is provided. To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au or on 0421 948 022.
WHEELER HEIGHTS P & C PROUDLY PRESENTS

SATURDAY, 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!

SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE FOR ONLY $30.00!
OVER 50 'ENTER TO WIN' PRIZES!

SIGNED WALLABIES JERSEY BY THE ENTIRE TEAM UP FOR GRABS!
YOUR KIDS COULD BE PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY!

ROCK N ROLL TRIVIA NIGHT!

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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 or INDIVIDUAL TICKETS $30.00
WHAT A BLAST! THANKS ARMY BAND!

Yet another Band Committee success! Last Thursday the Band Committee hosted the Australian Army Band at the school and, in so doing, focussed the spotlight directly upon band music at Wheeler Heights. It was a cheerful and productive day for all concerned. Actually, it was “the best school day ever!”, or so we heard.

Prior to the concert there was an open jazz band workshop with the Army Band “showing us the ropes”, after which the Army Band played a high intensity concert to the entire school. They performed a very dexterous array of “Pep” band, big band and rock band music. The entire school was engaged as a thriving mass singing and bopping to some popular tunes.

Thank you to all those band parents who delivered a plate of food on the day. We can assure you it was worth the effort. Some of the Army Band members commented that our band kids were the best behaved and enthusiastic children they have come across!

Extra special thanks to those relentless band parents who helped with logistics on the day to make it all work including Geoff Fairchild who has now resumed the reign (from his wife, who did this thankless task last year) as the “WHPS sausage king”. Thanks again Geoff!

MUSICALE AMAZES

On Monday 19 October, the Training Band held its annual “Musicale” event. This wonderful night featured an exciting array of solo performers as well as some fantastic full band pieces. Well done to Kelvin, the Training Band and all its budding solo performers for a great night!

In the week prior (on Thursday, 15 October) Musicale performances were also held for both the Senior and Intermediate Bands. Once again the quality of the performances of both the bands and the soloists were simply stunning. Congratulations to Cassie and the bands for a great evening of music.

To all who played at Musicale last week please give yourselves a big pat on the back. Confidence grows with experience.

Special thanks also go out to all those enthusiastic supporters who attended these events. The “high voltage” encouragement of all who lent their applause will go a long way to providing our budding performers with another important shot of self-belief.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done Jet T! In his first ever trumpet exam (Grade 3 mind you!) he passed comfortably. Great work Mr T, keep practicing hard!

If we have missed you, please let us know your result so we can sing your praises in the next edition of the News!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89

BAND COMMITTEE 2105/16

Thank you to the volunteers who were elected on to the Band Committee for 2015/16.

Committee Convenor: Anthony MacDermott
Secretary: Lani Blackman-Dixon
Treasurer: Susie Wu
Equipment Administrator: Suse Davey
Web Manager: Ant Rowe
Music Librarian: Noelene Jenkins
Assistant Music Librarian: VACANT
Events Coordinator: Mona Johnson
Assistant Events Coordinator: Michelle Hosking
General Committee: Joob Kofoed, Trish Fairchild, Lou Green, Chris Henderson-Brooks, Angela Nicholson.

A big thank you to our retiring Treasurer Marg Roberts, who has given many years to the WHPS Band Program.

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to help keep our program running. There are a number of other parents who provide regular support at our rehearsals. Want to get more involved? Come along to a rehearsal or our next Band Committee meeting (Mon 9th Nov, 7pm)!

BAND IN 2016

New Band Members

Over the next few weeks applications will be circulated to children who may be interested in joining the band program in 2016. If you are in years 2 to 5 this year and are wanting to join our bands (or know anyone else who may be interested) be sure to grab a form and return it to us as soon as practical.

Don’t be scared of asking for more information. Please bear in mind that you don’t have to be a year 2 student to join our band program. Some of our most successful graduates have started band in years 3, 4 and 5 with great results. Should you have any questions in relation to the form or the forthcoming year, please do not hesitate to contact us at whpsband@gmail.com.

Existing Band Members

All existing band members should shortly receive an important information sheet on Returning to Band in 2016. This will include important including the rehearsal schedules for next year. If you are in Years 3-5 we will assume you are returning to the band program. If you are NOT returning to band next year, please let us know. Also, if you are currently hiring an instrument and will NOT be hiring next year, we need to know as soon as possible.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Proms Concert for Year 2
Training Band
Monday 2 November, 9.15am

End of Year Band Concert
All Bands
Monday 30 November, 6.00pm

MONA JOHNSON
Dear all Families,

Here is the latest news, photos and information about what’s going on at Wheeler Heights Before and After School Care.

September/ October Vacation Care was a great success. In terms of numbers, our most popular days were Laser Tag Day and Reversal Day. We have received lots of feedback from the children letting us know that they enjoyed the variety of the program. Some children who love to cook found the Our Big Kitchen Excursion to be their favourite Day, whereas others who love learning about animals appreciated our Fun in Nature Day visitor Kirsty from Warringah Council as well as the day where the Kindifarm came to OSHC as they got to pat and feed animals such as piglets and goats.

A big thank you to the parents/ caregivers who have provided the Centre with feedback regarding our last Vacation Care Program. This helps us greatly in preparing for the upcoming December 2015/ January 2016 Vacation Care Program.

Finally, a note to parents that all children booked into an afternoon session are expected to arrive at OSHC within 10 mins of the school bell. If they do not arrive they are deemed as missing and a series of actions are required to be followed by staff. If your child is booked in to OSHC and for some reason will not be attending the booked session, please ensure that the centre staff are notified before the start of the session.

Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 0430 351 734 or emailing whoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au. Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.
Starting next week – register now!

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The MILO in2CRICKET program aims to develop skills and an enthusiasm for the game for 5-8 yr olds. It has been running for over 20 years and is a brilliant program for young boys and girls that introduces fundamental cricket skills. CPCC in2CRICKET will commence on Friday November 6th 2015 at 6pm and will run through until Friday 11th December 2015 with the possibility of extended sessions after the Christmas Holiday break.

Contact Vicki Carden 02 9982 6454

MILO T20 Blast gives 7-12yr olds the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting, just like their BBL heroes! It’s loads of fun and everyone gets a go at developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills whilst playing in teams.