FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope to see many parents at the Trivia night on Saturday. The fundraising committee have done a wonderful job and I know we're all looking forward to another fabulous night of fun, games and trivia!

World Teachers’ day
Last Friday was World Teachers’ Day. We celebrate and thank the teachers for their dedication and hard work at Wheeler Heights. I am very proud of the entire teaching staff, and know that your children are being taught by a talented, creative and caring group of people. Thank you to the staff for all the hard work which they do at school, at home and during the holidays in order to provide a high quality education for our students.

SRC Bike Helmet Competition
Congratulations to the SRC for organising the Bike Helmet competition with over 50 entries. Well done to Elise T (4S) and Mali K (KT) who were the winners of brand new helmets!!

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.

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 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 recently 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.

David Scotter
Principal
From The Deputy:
White Ribbon
As I continue to promote the White Ribbon ‘Breaking The Silence’ campaign, I am still waiting to hear any feedback! I’d love some feedback so please share your thoughts …

This week’s video is a short ‘commercial’ produced by the Australian Government. You have probably seen it before and the message is clear – ‘To violence against women, Australia says no!’. This advertisement is important in reminding us that this is not a local campaign of views held by a few, but a national (and indeed international) campaign confirming the beliefs and expectations of our whole society.

Whilst not particularly graphic or explicit, this video could be confronting for some and I would suggest parents watch it before deciding whether they wish to share it with their children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=iCCT-Bo07oc
The video also points out the positive role we hope that this campaign will instill in all – the idea of ‘not violent, not silent’ … a real man can speak up if a mate is behaving inappropriately or disrespectfully. In conjunction with this message, I include the following link to a factsheet for you to read and consider which looks at how to respond to difficult or challenging statements from others.

Don’t forget that during week 8 (date TBC) 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!

Advertising Reminder
Whilst we regularly support local community services and initiatives, we only run commercial advertisements once each term. Commercial enterprises are invited to submit ads to be run in an advertising feature attached to the regular newsletter of Week 8 each term. If you or any contacts would like to take advantage of this service and support the school via a $50 donation, please contact the school email and include the ad you would like to run (1/4 A4 page) and your contact details in the next few weeks.

APP reminder
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)

For the best information and full setup/install instructions, please visit the Primary Parent Planner App website: http://primaryparentplanner.com/news/

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
Whooping Cough: We have had a reported case of whooping case within the school. Please read last week’s newsletter, for further information.

School Bus Passes: From 2016 eligible students will be issued with Opal Cards. Please see the attached information later in the newsletter. If your child currently has a bus pass and is in Year 2 they must apply for an opal card for 2016, they will not automatically receive one. All new bus passes must be applied for online. Brochures explaining the changes are also at the front office.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager
SRC UPDATE 😊

Bike Helmet Design Winners
Thank you to everyone who entered the helmet design competition. We had over 50 entries from students K-6. (All of the entries were sent to the NRMA last month.) The SRC voted on the designs using the criteria set by the NRMA...the helmet design had to be: original, colourful & appeal to all ages. There were some fantastic designs – well done everybody!

Congratulations to the 3-6 winner: Elise T & the K-2 winner: Mali K! Mr Scotter and some of the SRC reps presented the winners with new bike helmets at the K-6 Assembly. Happy & safe riding!

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator

Sports News:
PSSA this week: Wheeler vs Narrabeen North
It was a tough week last week for Wheeler. A special mention with the Cricketers, AFLs and Senior Girls Softball B's for their results!! Best of luck this week against our friends across the bridge, hopefully the rainy weather will clear. Cricket is at Plateau Park, Softball Boys and Girls are at Rat Park, Eagle Tag is at Narrabeen Reserve and AFL is at Narrabeen Sports High.

Results from last week’s round against Avalon:
Cricket: A's: Win
Cricket B's: Draw
Eagle Tag A's: Loss
Eagle Tag B's: Loss
Softball Boys A's: Loss
Softball Boys B's: Loss
Softball Girls A's: Loss
Softball Girls B's: Draw
AFL A's: Win
AFL 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.

Wheeler Heights Soccer Representative Uniforms
If any of your children have represented Wheeler Heights in PSSA or at a Gala day for Soccer and they still have a jersey, we would appreciate them being returned as we are 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.

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.

Yours in Sport,

Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015
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:

Last week 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 tomorrow in order to register the maximum number of teams.

Heike Zillhard  
Chess Coordinator

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.
Attention Year 4 parents… Milson Island is just around the corner!

I’m sure you are aware as the children (and teachers) can hardly contain their excitement… Our Milson Island Camp is just under 3 weeks away! Thank you to those families who have paid the final instalment. A friendly reminder for those who haven’t yet completed the payments, could you please fix this up with the lovely ladies in the office ASAP.

We are still waiting on 14 Medical and Consent forms. For those who have not yet done this, could you please complete the form online at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform. You will need to use our booking number as a reference when submitting your child’s information. Our booking number is: 0452290 and the starting date for our camp is November 25. The camp needs this information this week to ensure our children are well looked after.

The parent information sheet (blue sheet that accompanied the permission note which can be found on the school website if you can’t find yours) provides details for parents and children about what to pack, what sort of facilities the children will have, medical information and more. We ask that you allow the children to do most of the packing and just assist where necessary to promote higher independence.

A few students are a bit anxious about attending camp (with nights away from home, medical issues or special sleeping conditions being the major concerns). This is totally normal. Please be assured that we are very understanding of any issues and will do everything we can to make sure every child has a wonderful camp experience. As we have said before, it is not only a very enjoyable excursion for all children who attend, but also an important social experience which can greatly aid independence and maturity.

We are looking forward to 3 fun and exciting days of camp!

**Julia Smith**
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2

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**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.

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**Wheeler Heights Dance Programme**

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.

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

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

Thank you,

**Deneille and Jasmine**
Dance parent liaison
Welcome to the New P&C 2015/16

Thank you to all who attended this year’s P&C AGM, and thank you to everyone who volunteered to donate their time and effort with the parent body of our beautiful Wheeler Heights Public School!

Here is our core team 2015/16:

President – Claudia S
Vice Presidents – Simone S and Yvette D
Secretary – vacant
Treasurer – Matt S
Communications Officer – vacant
General Executive Members – Leanne T, Penny S, Marina B, David M
Canteen – Di R, Tracey, Penny S
Uniform – Karen N, Simone S
Band – Anthony McD, Susie W, Suse D, Noeline J, Mona J, Michelle H
Fundraising – Sherene L
Grounds – Karen N
Web site – Lorenzo C

We are still looking for a Secretary and a Communications Officer. The former is an ideal job for someone who likes to be in the know of things without having to deal with publicity too much, whilst the latter is ideal for someone who is good with written words and emails but cannot commit to regular meeting attendance. In other words, both jobs are beautiful for the full-time working-parent with an office job and regular email access :­)

We hope to see you all at the BIG upcoming Trivia Night on 7 November as well as at the traditional Christmas Celebration BBQ on 9 December.

I am very much looking forward to this coming year with all of you!

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President
A Celebration of Gonski

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales (P&C Federation) represents Parents and Communities of over 783,000 public school students in New South Wales and is committed to ensuring the best education for all of our children. A properly resourced public school system for our students is the only way that all students are able to obtain a world class education.

At a gathering to celebrate achievements from early Gonski funding at Merrylands High School on Thursday. Jason Vials, President of P&C Federation said “Despite new Federal Education Minister Birmingham’s comments, there is ample evidence of the good and great results coming from the initial Gonski funding in NSW. All he needs to do is ask parents, ask teachers, ask Principals. The NSW Department of Education is happy to provide that information, as is NSW Minister of Education Adrian Piccoli. I wonder who he is talking to, we are not shy of telling these good news stories!”.

‘Every child deserves the chance to shine! The next Bill Gates or Fiona Wood is sitting in a classroom in Bankstown or Bourke. Regardless of location, parental background or economic situation, every child should be getting the support and funding they need to achieve their potential.’ Mr Vials continued.

‘Our new Prime Minister acknowledges the value of the Gonski model, but is concerned about affordability in these tough budgetary times. We need to choose a 21st century education system over a 20th century road, or perks for rich superannuants.’ Mr Vials continued.

President Vials concluded, “Our children and our country need the full implementation of Gonski if we are to achieve the agile and innovative country Mr Turnbull says he wants. As a country we must proceed with the full implementation of the independent Gonski recommendations.”

Sydney, NSW, 29 October 2015
For Further Media Information Contact :

Media Contact:
President  Jason Vials   0418 163 665   president@pandc.org.au

FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES
Locked Bag 40, GRANVILLE NSW 2142
Telephone: 1300 885 982   Fax: 1800 655 866
Website:  www.pandc.org.au   ABN: 37 439 975 796
MYSTERY ITEMS

During Term 4 the canteen will have some mystery items, mainly ice creams and all under $1.

The new menu will commence next week.

See you in the canteen!

Kind regards,

Zoe & Tracey

ROSTER WEEK 6 – 8

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

ROCK N ROLL TRIVIA NIGHT!

BOUGHT TICKETS NOW AT www.flexischools.com
TABLES OF 10 FOR $300.00 or INDIVIDUAL TICKETS $30.00
Dear all Families,

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

Each Term the Centre holds a Meeting for the Community. This meeting is advertised on the Parent/ Community Noticeboard and families are notified via email. The date for this term’s meeting is Thursday, 5th November. If you would like to attend the meeting you will need to sign on the displayed sign on sheet. If no names are on the sign on sheet the day before the scheduled meeting, it is cancelled.

In accordance with feedback from a variety of sources such as the Customer Satisfaction Survey, please view the revised WHOSHC Clubs & Health and Wellbeing Sport Schedule for Term 4, 2015. Note that we have included a +9’s Club in the hopes of better engaging the older children and cater to their needs.

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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.
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
• Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
• Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
• Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
• The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
• The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
• The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
• The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.

NSW Government Transport for NSW
Please bring all donations to the school office and they will be delivered to Wiseberry in early December.

Support Stewart House and Bear Cottage by donating a gift and making someone’s Christmas extra special.

★ Stewart House and Bear Cottage cater for children ranging from 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.
★ Presents to be dropped off to Wiseberry Real Estate (Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5.30pm) or to your school office before 07th December 2015.
★ For larger donations, please contact Wiseberry for pick up details.
★ Unwrapped in a gift bag is best as all gifts need to be checked for suitability.
★ Please avoid toys that need too many batteries. ★ New items only. ★ No food.

Wiseberry Real Estate
17 Barrenjoey Road, (opposite Tex Mex), Mona Vale 9997 1977
Book Fair Details:

Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 20th to 22nd November 2015

Venue: Balgowlah Boys Campus
       Cnr Sydney Rd & Maretimo St
       Balgowlah

Dates/Times:  Friday  20th November 4 pm – 9 pm
              Saturday 21st November 9 am – 5 pm
              Sunday  22nd November 9 am – 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to the above we will also have a wide selection of puzzles, games, CD, vinyls etc so there’s something for everyone!

With Christmas just around the corner, here is the perfect opportunity to stock up gifts for loved ones and the Christmas stockings

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14), provides a lot of services to our community, including 24 hour counselling (with suicide prevention a major focus), bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

See you there!
Kids ‘Learn-to-Run’ WORKSHOP

Make running fun!

★ Designed for kids 6-10yrs
★ Drills to practice good movement patterns
★ Exercises to improve strength, stability, speed
★ Video analysis – before/after
★ Games and activities to build self-esteem

When: Sat 14 Nov 2015
Where: Billarong Reserve, North Narrabeen
Cost: $40 per child

www.beautyofexercise.com.au

Warringah Council presents:

WARRINGAH LOVES RECYCLING COMPETITION

Watch the short film, do the quick quiz and you could win more than $3000 worth of prizes including an electric bike.

Enter at warringah.nsw.gov.au before Sunday 15 November.

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