FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Remembrance Day
Well done to our senior choir under the direction of Mrs Butler who sang beautifully at the War Vets service on Wednesday morning. Our captains James, Alice, Ella and Zach read a poem at the service and Mr Williams and Corey accompanied the students. At school a lovely service was held with all students wearing hand made poppies and observing a minute's silence. School trumpeter Charlie N played the Last Post superbly and Year 5 students conducted a very moving ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Earl who organised the service.

Lest we Forget.

Trivia Night
Congratulations to the wonderful fundraising team who organised a tremendous Trivia Night. The costumes were amazing and the talent of the parent singers and performers both on stage and off was impressive. It was lovely to see ex parents, current parents and new parents come along to support our school. Well done to the entire team, led so well by Sherene Lagasse. The team have worked tirelessly; before the event, on the night and on Sunday for the clean up. The entire night was a huge success!!
Bushlink Program
On Tuesday the Bushlink team of Diane, Cathy, Kieran, Robbie, Adrian and Natalie visited our school and worked in the environmental area behind the staff room area. Classes 4M, 4S and 3/4C assisted and were able to eradicate many weeds and discover many new species of flora and fauna! The Bushlink program provides supported employment and volunteering opportunities for adults with disabilities. The team work on sustainability projects within schools, also giving our students the confidence to embrace inclusion and diversity in their lives. We hope to have the Bushlink team visit once per term and we thank the P&C who have kindly offered to assist with the funding of this project.

Year 2 Swimming Scheme- starts on Monday 9th November
The Year 2 students and teachers are looking forward to the Special Swimming Scheme commencing next Monday for two weeks. You would be surprised at the number of children living on the northern beaches who are not able to swim proficiently or have a strong understanding of water safety and survival. The students learn crucial water safety messages and have small group instruction for an intensive 10 day period. This is a very important school program (with some funding support provided by the Department) and we hope that all students will attend for the entire 10 day period. Even if your child is not able to swim for a day or two due to an injury, they will still attend the sessions and hear the safety messages and assist. Fortunately we have a very favourable afternoon session in summer time; perfect conditions!

Presentation Days
Please see the dates and times for our end of year presentation days in the calendar on the front page.

Helpers Morning Tea- Wednesday 2 December at 11.15am
Invitations will soon be sent out for the Helpers Morning Tea to be held on Wednesday 2 December in the hall/canteen COLA area. If you have helped out in any way this year ( reading groups, excursions, P&C committees, sport, transport, chess, band, dance, scripture, ethics etc. etc.) we would like to see you on the day. We will endeavour to send home personal invitations with your children, but sometimes we may miss some helpers or the invitations may go missing….so please come along anyway!!!!!!!

Opportunity Class (OC)
Congratulations to the four students, Sofia B, Kye B, Luke D and Cian H, who were successful in being accepted for the OC (Opportunity Classes) at Mona Vale or Balgowlah Heights PS for Year 5 entry in 2016. We will certainly miss them at Wheeler Heights but wish them every success at their new school.

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.

Kidsflix – Free movie event
Kidsflix, a project of Arthritis Foundation is hosting a free event on Saturday 12 December at Westfield Cinema, Warringah Mall. Any families who are living with a chronic illness, disability or disadvantaged situation can attend. Please see Mr Scotter or Mr Williams to access this great opportunity, all discussions will be strictly confidential.

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.
**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.

**Parent Lost Property**
If at any time you misplace an item please be sure to check at the front office. Currently we have a number of umbrellas to be claimed.

David Scotter
Principal

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**From The Deputy:**

**PCS High School Extension Classes**
The Peninsula Community of Schools has arranged a General Achievement Test to select students for placement in Year 7 2017 Academic Extension Classes at Barrenjoey HS, Narrabeen Sports HS and Pittwater HS.

Students are eligible for placement in the academic Extension Class at their local designated high school. In addition, applications can be made to a preferred PCS High School which will be considered based on individual circumstances.

A note with full details and the application form will be emailed to Year 5 families today.

**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 …

You may recognize this week’s video from TV. It is a very graphic representation of the concept that our children are like sponges soaking up the world around them – they see, they evaluate and they copy. A very powerful video reminding us to ‘be the change we wish to see in the world’ (Mahatma Gandhi). Despite the confronting images, the video ends with a very positive and affirming image!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5zHxZ8d6vdl](https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5zHxZ8d6vdl)

Once again, this video is a little graphic and could be confronting for some. I would suggest parents watch it before deciding whether they wish to share it with their children.

Don’t forget that during week 8 on Thursday morning (26th November) we will be holding a community breakfast to show our community support. A note will be emailed to all families shortly which will provide full details and provide RSVP instructions.

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

Once set up you can explore the various features at your leisure. 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 Flexischools 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**

**Scholastic Book Club**
Orders are due to the office by Friday 20 November. This is the last book club order for 2015.

**Direct Deposit to School Bank Account**
If paying your account by direct deposit, please ensure you use the correct account number. You will not receive a receipt from the library fund if you pay into this account. The funds will be transferred to the main school account before you receive a receipt.

**Jodie Sly**
School Administration Manager

**SRC UPDATE ☺**
Please see the flyer later in the newsletter about our annual Christmas collection appeal. This year we are supporting Stewart House and Bear Cottage through the Wiseberry Real Estate Wishing Tree toys appeal.

**Tracey Mavromatis**
SRC Coordinator

**Sports News:**

**PSSA this week: Wheeler vs Bilgola Plateau**
The washout from last week will be replayed at the end of the regular season. 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.

**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.

**Eagle Tag Gala Day**
We have four teams entered into the Eagle Tag Gala Day. They are excited to compete and are looking forward to some strong competition from the other schools. We wish them the best of luck and showcase our Wheeler Way spirit!

**Sydney North Water Polo**
Next Monday we have Declan R and Sophia T heading off to Cronulla as part of the Sydney North Water Polo teams. We wish them all the best in their matches.

Yours in Sport,

**Tyson Blanshard**
Sports Coordinator 2015

**Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety Program**
Year 2 will be attending the school swimming and water safety program over the next two weeks. A reminder note outlining the requirements went home on Tuesday. If Year 2 parents/caregivers have not received the note please let your child's classroom teacher know.

**Please label all items (especially uniform) so we can ensure lost items are returned to rightful owners**

**Mrs Priscilla Wright**
Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety Program organiser

**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.

**LAST WEEK OF BORROWING**
Next week (Week 7) will be the last week of borrowing from the library for this year. We ask that ALL books be returned in Week 8 so that we can conduct our stocktake of the library.

**Mrs Bevan and Mrs Westwood**
Library
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.

It's getting a little bit exciting!
Only 13 days until we go to Milson Island! We can’t wait!
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 now only waiting on 5 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 by tomorrow to ensure our children are well looked after.

There has been a change to the ferry times.
We will now be meeting at Newport Wharf (at the end of Queens Road) at 8.00am for an 8:15am departure on Wednesday November 25 and return to Newport Wharf on Friday November 27 at approximately 3.30pm. If you can’t drop your child at the wharf, could you please organise with another family to carpool. If you are having difficulty, please see your class teacher.

Time to start getting organised. Remember a list of items to pack is provided on the parent information sheet (attached to the original permission note or can be found on the school website). We ask that you allow the children to do most of the packing themselves and just assist where necessary to promote higher independence.

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

Julia Smith
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2

Wheeler Heights Dance Programme
The dance programme is off to a great start, the kids are having fun learning a new dance for next year’s Eisteddfods and Glen Street performances.

Could everyone that has been accepted into junior and senior dance groups please forward your name, your child’s name, email address and best contact phone numbers to the dance gmail account. Even if you have danced before at school, your details might have changed.

Your details are to help Jasmine and I send you out important information regarding dance.

Our email address is whps.dance@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Deneille and Jasmine
Dance Parent Liaison

If you have any questions please contact Jasmine or myself at whps.dance@gmail.com
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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
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TRAINING BAND STRUTS THEIR STUFF
On Monday morning last week, Kelvin and the Training Band hosted a “Proms” Recruitment Concert in the school hall specifically tailored for the Year 2 children. The Training Band was in top form and played an entertaining and informative concert both as a full band as well as in their various instrumental sections. This was a fantastic opportunity to educate prospective band children on the joys of band and give them a lesson on the various instruments in band and how they work. It was also a great opportunity for the young band to showcase their developing skills to a captivated audience. The concert was a wonderful success, well done to Kelvin and the Training Band!

NEW BAND MEMBERS JOINING IN 2016
We are excited to see so many new students wanting to join band in 2016! New band members are being assessed to match to the “right” instrument on Monday 16 November and offers to join the band will be made soon after.

Haven’t got your form in yet to join? Get in quick! The forms are available on the band’s website www.whpsband.wordpress.com or you can request them by contacting us by email at whpsband@gmail.com.

RETURNING IN 2016
All existing band members should by now have received a “Returning to Band Information Sheet”. All existing band children (except those in Year 6) will sit a short, individual performance assessment with our Intermediate and Senior Band conductor Cassie White, which will help determine which band and sectional position is best suited to them next year. This assessment is NOT designed to cause stress for the child and a little bit of preparation goes a long way! The requirements for each level of band have been separately provided. Have a look at what is being requested and let us know if you have any concerns.

If you are not returning to Band in 2016, please send us an email before Monday 23 November. If you have concerns or questions, please speak with your existing Band Conductor or send us an email. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are continuing with the Band Program and your child will be ready for their assessment.

NEW JAZZ BAND MEMBERS FOR 2016
Jazz Band is a fun and informal embellishment to our band program. All instruments are welcome to join, even those not traditionally considered “jazzy”. Learning music in the jazz tradition can be helpful in developing player dexterity and confidence. Students who are in Intermediate or Senior Band in 2016 are invited to apply for Jazz Band for 2016. Please send an email to whpsband@gmail.com expressing your interest.

BAND EVENTS
BIG BAND BOOM—JAZZ@SOUL CENTRAL
This is a real jazz band gig, to be held in the evening on Thursday, 19 November. Bringing together 6 different local Primary School, High School and Regional stage bands, this will be a special night dedicated to throwing our young local jazz and stage band musicians to the fore.

Featuring the likes of the Arts North Big Band and the Brass Baton Big Band (James Hill’s crème de la crème big band) as well as the WHPS Jazz Band, the night promises all the energy, swagger and discipline of contemporary big bands, all for the enjoyment and development of our local young big band musicians and their supporters.

Our jazz musicians will be performing in a quality live music venue, one of the few remaining of its kind on the Northern Beaches. Jazz Band members have been sent booking information, so please book your tables.

BAND SOCIAL EVENT: CHANGE OF VENUE
Despite its huge popularity, our annual social get together for Band families at the Manly Waterworks cannot proceed this year as the Waterworks is closed. So this year we propose to hold our annual social event at the Collaroy Beach Playground on Friday 4 December - we’re climbing, crawling, swinging and sharing afternoon tea from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. This is a great fun afternoon for the kids, with the parents able to have a snack and a gossip while the kids slide.

Please note that the event is for Band Members and siblings only. It is also required that a parent MUST remain at the park to supervise their own children for the entire time.

END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT
Monday, 30 November 2015: 6.00pm: All Bands
This is the WHPS Bands’ “night of nights”, at which all bands will perform in a concert to family members, friends, relatives and anyone else who is interested in coming along. Entry is free. This production is the celebration and acknowledgement of a hard year’s work of the volunteers, conductors and band children. Fun is guaranteed!

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY
Big Band Boom
Jazz Band
Thursday 19 November, arrive 5.30pm
End of Year Band Concert
All Bands
Monday 30 November, 6.00pm
End of Year Social Event: Collaroy Beach Park
All Bands
Friday 4 December, 4.30-6.00pm
Christmas Carols & P&C BBQ
Jazz Band
Wed 9 December, after school time TBA

MONA JOHNSON
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
INTRODUCTION TO NARRABEEN PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Narrabeen invites all parents of children in years 4, 5 and 6 to attend an information session on ‘what high school is all about’. This evening will especially benefit parents who have not had children start high school before and those who have children in Year 6 at present coming to Narrabeen.

The key areas addressed on the evening will include the nature and expectations of high school, anti-bullying policies, changes students will face in high school compared to primary school and basic background on the ‘teenager brain’.

When: Tuesday November 17
Where: School library
Time: 6.30 – 7.30 pm
RSVP: narrabeen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

**COST is $40 PER CHILD,** and includes • rod and reel combination • shirt • hat • tackle box • show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.** Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Dates

**Narrabeen (Coastal Environment Centre)**

Tuesday 12th January 2016

**Balmain (Mort Bay Park)**

Thursday 14th January 2016

To book: e-mail carl.bevilacqua@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Carl Bevilacqua, 02 9741 4846 or 0448 837 677


*NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts*
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!
Join us on our weekly mini safaris, open to everyone no matter what stage of your cancer treatment you are at. Grab a morning coffee, chai or perhaps an energising green smoothie from the Northern Beaches farmers’ market before setting off through wetlands and bushland on an easy, level walk to a hidden waterfall. Here, we will enjoy a 30-minute meditation to nature’s music of falling water and birdsong. On our return, we will walk part of the way in silence to appreciate the beauty of our natural surrounds before finishing back at the market, the perfect spot for lunch. Sample some of the delicious street food from a variety of stalls and chat with newfound friends or make the most of this great opportunity to purchase fresh produce straight from the farm.

Our time together will allow you to experience the many wonderful benefits of sitting in stillness, enjoyable exercise, good nutrition and meeting others who share your journey. Above all, it’s about taking time out for you in a fun, relaxed and friendly environment.

Who: Women who have had a cancer diagnosis.
What: An easy 90-minute return walk (with rest stops if needed) with a half-hour meditation. Walks may vary.
When: Fridays 10am-12pm.
Meet: At the ‘Pony Club’ building at the Walsh Street entrance to the Beaches Market, Pittwater Rugby Club (Rat Park), North Narrabeen.
Bring: A towel, hat, water bottle and cash for the market. A small backpack is ideal.
Cost: Free.
Contact: Merryn McLachlan 0404 796 706 merryn@soulsafaris.com.au

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Where: Billarong Reserve, North Narrabeen
Cost: $40 per child

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