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Raffle Tickets for Lachie
Following the tragic loss earlier this term of young Lachlan, ex-student and big brother to Jamie in Year 3, the school would like to work with Lachlan’s family and Rotary to raise money for cancer research in the Love For Lachie campaign.

Classes from Year 1 - 5 received a book of raffle tickets last week to raise money for brain cancer research.

We hope that parents may be able to sell the tickets and return the raffle butts and money by the end of the school year. Prizes will be awarded for classes who return the most books of tickets this year.

Please return all money to the school office, and also any books which you are not able to sell. If you wish to obtain additional tickets (or have students in Kindy or Year 6), please see the office for additional supplies.

Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile charity.

Let’s all show our support for Lachie’s family and help to find a cure for this devastating disease.

Christmas Carols and BBQ
A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C, led by president Claudia Schremmer who cooked over 800 sausages last night!! Thank you also to all of the students who sang their carols so enthusiastically, to the family and friends who joined us to celebrate and to the team of staff, led by the effervescent Miss McCombie, for organising the carols part of the event. It was a wonderful evening!!

Thank you to Departing School Families
This year we farewell a number of school families whose youngest child is finishing at Wheeler Heights this year. Many of these families have contributed and helped out in various ways over many years. In particular the P&C made a small presentation to the Coelho, Dixon, Herbert, Roberts (Jacobs), Trewartha and Woodcock families last night at the Carol night.

Holiday Chicken Roster- Still one or two spots free!!!
Once again we are looking for a number of school families to look after the chickens during the upcoming holidays. Duties include letting out & re-housing the chickens, ensuring food & water is available and collecting the eggs!! Please let Mr Scotter, Mr Williams or the office know when you may be available.

School Reports
School Reports will be sent home tomorrow with all students. You may notice some changes with the report format as we have now adopted a new school welfare and administration system called Sentral. The subject areas and headings are not too different but you will see the colour photo and other minor changes. Please feel free to email feedback to the school. We always endeavour to send report copies to all additional parents listed on our databases; please let the office know if another copy is required or your contact details have changed.

Presentation Days and awards
It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at today’s Year 3-6 Presentation Day. Special congratulations to School Dux Jem S, and all recipients of special prizes. Tomorrow at 9.30am will be the Year K-2 ceremony. Children should wear full school uniform.

Year 5 Leadership Positions
Congratulations to our newly elected student leaders for 2016. Captains Mia H and Archie S, Vice Captains Honey P and West La T and prefects Arabella C, Neve K, Millie L, Ben C, Oliver F and Daniel J. We know that these students will do a wonderful job. Early next year Sport, Band, Choir and Dance captains will be elected.
Year 6 Peddlars' Parade
Congratulations to the Year 6 students for organising a wonderful Pedlar’s Parade on Tuesday. This day is always one of the highlights of the year and this year’s event was an outstanding success. There was a great variety of exciting, tasty and scary stalls!! Well done to Year 6 staff Mr Blanshard, Ms Williamson, Ms Young and Ms Marshall for coordinating such a worthwhile and enjoyable day. The money raised from the stalls goes towards the Year 6 Farewell, Graduation and gift to the school.

Stationery and Book Lists for 2016
As we have done for the past few years we will post the stationery lists for each year on the school website. Parents can then begin to organise materials for next year. The required text books for each year will once again be ordered by the school and parents will be invoiced early next year with school program fees.

Super Hoot Morning Tea
Over 300 students attended the two morning teas held recently!! Congratulations to all recipients of Super Hoots this year, we have had a record number of children attending the special morning teas.

Scripture 2016
After discussion and consultation the school has decided to alter the Special Religious Education (Scripture) time period for 2016. From next year SRE will run from 2-3pm on Wednesday afternoons, with Years 3-6 from 2-2.30pm and Years K-2 from 2.30-3pm. This change has been brought about by our desire to utilise the most effective key learning time of the day, which is during the morning. This is the period where we often have literacy or numeracy groups and also employ teacher aides and often have parent volunteers. This change was discussed at the last P&C meeting.
You will see advertisements later in the newsletter asking for volunteers who may be able to assist with the SRE program at this new time.

David Scotter
Principal

From The Deputy:

Safety Again:
Further to my spiel last week we have been sent a reminder to publish in our newsletter this week (see attachments later in the document) highlighting the various traffic notices and infringements pertinent to school zones.

Once again we remind all of our staff and parents who may be driving in and around the school to be careful, considerate and proactive to ensure the safety of our community. Always observe the regulations as displayed on signage in and around the school. In particular, be aware of parking restriction around our entry and exit points and be mindful of our neighbours driveways and access. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL CAR PARK between the hours of 7:30 and 5:30, and if you do need to drive into the school be aware that our speed limit is a crawling 10km/h!!!

Accidents: The school is highly proactive when it comes to matters of safety for our students, staff and parent community. We are always appreciative of any notices concerning safety issues and will rectify these as soon as possible and practical when they are brought to our attention. Of course this is an area which requires continuous vigilance from the whole community and so we ask that you do let us know if you have any concerns or observe any hazards within or around the school grounds (drop into the office, phone or send us an email).

Bikes and Pedestrians: Students riding their bikes to school must remember to:
- WALK their bikes inside the school grounds
- always wear a helmet
- stay on the footpaths, not the driveway, and
- be considerate and careful when mounting their bike outside of the gate.

All pedestrians should remember to stay on the footpaths and cross at the designated crossings within and outside of the school.

This is a matter of utmost importance and we greatly appreciate your continued vigilance and assistance.

John Williams
Deputy Principal (relieving)

From the Office

CHANGE TO SCHOOL BUS NUMBERS
From the start of 2016 most school special bus services will be renumbered. This may include bus numbers 737, 746 and 782. Please see details later in the newsletter for more information.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager
Environmental News

On Tuesday, students worked as a class to clean up an assigned part of the school as part of our Australia Clean Up initiative. Congratulations to 1C and 6N for winning the K - 2 and 3 - 6 competitions respectively. Thank you to all the students who worked hard to keep Wheeler Heights Public School clean and environmentally friendly.

Mrs. Richards

Year 5 Surf Education Program

On Monday Year 5 students participated in the Surf Education program at Dee Why Beach. The students increased their knowledge of surf skills and learnt about rip identification, rip survival and body surfing. The highlight was learning how to paddle the paddle boards in the surf. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and displayed exemplary behaviour.

Miss Earl

Year 5 Teacher

Chess News

Just a few final chess messages for the year - best of luck and good times to those attending the Australian Junior Championships in Adelaide in January, plus anyone in need of some local competition, have a look at the "What's On" on the Manly Library website (all day tournament on 6 Jan). Wishing you all an enjoyable Festive Season and summer break, a few challenging games of holiday chess to help to while away the hours, and hope to see (most of) you back at chess next year!

Ms Zillhardt

The Kindergarten Dubbo Zoo Run

This term, as part of the K-2 Sport program, Kindergarten has been running laps of the oval every day to improve our strength and fitness. Collectively they have reached the distance to Dubbo Zoo (which is over 400km from WHPS!) and the surprise at the end was a video conference with Dubbo Zoo!

Here is Ben’s recount of the call:
This morning, December 3rd 2015, Kindergarten went to the library to video call Dubbo Zoo. We met four animals. We met a Shingleback Lizard and we learnt that it can drop off its tail. The next animal we met was a Green Tree Frog and we learnt that it can hop far. The third animal we met was a possum, we learnt they are nocturnal. Lastly, we met a Bearded Dragon and we learnt that it hisses if scared. My favourite animal was the frog because they are slimy. I wish we could do the video calls every day!
– Benjamin K (KC)
**Sports/Extra-curricular Photos**
The group photos are now available for online purchase and they look great! Jump onto the website and check them out.

Just follow these 4 Easy Steps to Online School Photos Ordering…
Step 1: Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter your school code **VV6 AZM K8X**
Step 2: Select “GROUPS” and choose the images you would like to purchase
Step 3: Enter Your Students Details (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

There are copies of all photos in the office if you would like to have a look as well as order form envelopes if you do not wish to order online.

Happy browsing,

Julia Smith
*Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2*

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**Library News:**
**Calling all library books....!**

It’s the end of the year and in preparation for the end of year stocktake all library books need to be returned as soon as possible. Some students have loans that are long overdue and many reminders have been given and so it’s time to check:-

- under the bed
- under the sofa
- in the car
- the bookshelf
- grandma’s house
- the bottom of the school bag
- in the classroom

It is easy to overlook library books and students are often ‘positive’ that they have returned them, and then the book shows up 3 months later under the bed or inside a cupboard. There is no bad time to return an overdue book. It would be much appreciated if you could take the time to search.

Books need to be returned by Monday 7th December. Unfortunately, I will need to ask for a replacement cost for non-returned books.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance,

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Westwood
*Library*

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**K-2 PICNIC DAY**

**Where:** At school  
**When:** Wednesday 16th December  
**What:** Disco, Drama Performance & Christmas Craft  
**Bring:** Morning Tea ad Lunch as usual  
**Wear:** Play clothes with suitable footwear, preferably socks and runners.  
Don’t forget hats and sunscreen.
CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL
The SRC would like to extend a huge thank you to all who donated the many gifts for the Christmas Gift Appeal. The items will go to two places close to our hearts – Bear Cottage & Stewart House. Thank you Mr Lionel Radom who acted as Santa’s helper and delivered the many boxes of gifts to Wiseberry Estate, the collection point for the donations. Many children will enjoy the lovely gifts from the Wheeler Community – your generosity is much appreciated.

Day for Nepal Update
As you know, the SRC held the “Day for Nepal” last term raising much needed funds to support the Nepalese community after the devastating earthquakes. Our parent contact – Fiona Chadwick, will be visiting Nepal at the end of December and will use the money raised to help the community. In particular, she will visit the village school we are hoping to establish a relationship with in 2016 and beyond. I am sure the children (and teachers!) will appreciate the stationery items donated too. Stay tuned next year for more updates on how our school community will help another one in such need.

Ms Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator

Sports News:
PSSA Uniforms and Equipment
Please return all PSSA uniforms and equipment to your child’s coach asap. Thanks in advance!

PSSA 2016
There will be a change in the sports that will be offered in 2016. The Spring/Summer competition will run across Terms 1 & 4 (same teams) and the Autumn/Winter will run across Terms 3 & 4. Please be advised that each sport will take an A team only, except for netball).

Junior Sports
(Yrs 3 and up only: 9-10yrs old)

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Archie S @ Nationals
Last weekend Archie represented NSW at the National Athletics competition in Canberra. It was a great few days where he managed to achieve his personal best time in the 100m. His relay team received gold and he placed equal 8th in the 100m final. A fantastic achievement and big congratulations to you, Archie!

Yours in Sport,

Mr Blanshard
Sports Coordinator
SCRIPTURE NEWS

SRE TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2016

From 2016, SRE (Scripture) classes will be moving to Wednesday afternoons:
2 – 2.30pm Years 3 - 6
2.30 – 3pm Years K - 2

Volunteer teachers and classroom assistants are needed across most classes. This may suit parents and grandparents who come to pick up their children in the afternoon. All materials and lesson programs supplied.

If you are interested to find out more please contact:
Catholic - Lakes Parish Office on 9982 1058.
Protestant - Jo Harpur on 9982 7344.
Other SRE – The school office
END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT SOARS!
What a special night! Thanks to all involved! As expected, all bands performed a wonderful concert to family and friends. The music was top class and the outcome was testament to a year of hard work by our volunteers, conductors and band children. We wish our year 6 graduates best of luck. Keep practicing guys!!

BAND COMMITTEE SHAPING UP!
While we have sadly said farewell to Lani Blackman-Dixon who will be leaving the school next year, our Band Committee is still looking good! Many thanks to Mona Johnson who was voted in as the new Band Secretary at our November Band Committee meeting. Lou Green and Trish Fairchild have also been voted in as our new Co-Events Coordinators. We appreciate you taking on these roles and look forward to 2016!

NEW BAND MEMBERS JOINING IN 2016
If your child has completed a “blow test”, you should have now received an invitation to join the band with an allocated instrument. If you are expecting a note but haven’t received it, please email us. If you have received an invitation, please make sure you submit your ‘acceptance’ with your $50 deposit by Friday, 11 December. We must receive your acceptance before the end of the school year as we make lots of purchases and arrangements for new children over the holiday break. Please let us know if you have any questions upon receiving your invitation.

ASSESSMENTS
Congratulations to those musicians returning to band next year who did their assessment with Cassie over the last few weeks. Now that wasn’t so scary was it? Cassie is very impressed with the high standard of musicians and is simply bursting to get started with her new bands next year.

JAZZ BAND GIGS
The Jazz Band nailed it. What a busy band! They performed three gigs in a week and a half - the End of Year Band Concert (Monday), the Volunteer Helpers’ Morning Tea (Wednesday) and the School’s End of Year Christmas Carols (the following Wednesday). On all accounts the band has performed (and behaved) like seasoned professionals. Over the course of this year the unique personality and spirit of this band have been a pleasure to work with. Congratulations guys – what a great year!

ARTS ALIVE AND NSSWE AUDITIONS
Huge congratulations and good luck also to those who have auditioned to participate in either the Arts Alive Combined Schools Band and/or NSSWE. Well done for making the effort above and beyond. Don’t be disappointed if you missed out, just sitting for the audition was a huge accomplishment.

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89

BAND EVENTS
www.whpsband.wordpress.com

FINAL REHEARSALS
Training Band - Final rehearsal will be Wednesday 9th December (last performance is on Friday 11 December 2015 at the K-2 Presentation Assembly).

Intermediate and Senior Bands - Final rehearsal Thursday (morning) 10th December. This will be a joint rehearsal, starting at 8.15am in the Hall, to get ready for the presentation assembly taking place in the Hall that morning.

Jazz Band – No more rehearsals! Yippee!

HIRED INSTRUMENT RETURN
For Senior and Intermediate Bands all hired instruments will be returned after the presentation assembly during school on Thursday 10th December.

For the Training Band all hired instruments are to be returned immediately after their final performance at the K-2 Presentation Assembly on the morning of Friday 11th December.

Please help your child clear out their case of personal items before they come to school that day. If you know of any problems with the instrument, please let us know in person or send us an email so we can have it attended to during the annual maintenance.

FUN@ COLLAROY PARK
It was great to see happy faces at the WHPS family social event at Collaroy Beach Playground on Friday 4 December. It is always great to have an opportunity to get together in a relaxed way!

LAST BAND NEWS FOR 2015
Thank you again to our Band Committee and wonderful parent helpers who have done so much during the year to keep our band program running so smoothly. See you next year!

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY
Christmas Carols & P&C BBQ
Jazz Band
Wed 9 December, arrive 5.30pm

3-6 Presentation Assembly
Combined Intermediate and Senior Band
Thursday 10 December, 9.30am – please arrive for rehearsal at 8.15am

K-2 Presentation Assembly
Training Band
Friday 11 December, 9.30am – meet at hall at 9am

Term 1 2016
• Hired instruments will be distributed in Week 2.
• Intermediate and Senior Bands will commence rehearsals in Week 3 and the new Training Band in Week 4.

Keep an eye on your emails in the new year for more information!

MONA JOHNSON
UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

WANTED
2ND HAND UNIFORMS

Please consider donating your unwanted / pre-love school uniforms to the Uniform Shop for re-sale. These can be dropped off at the Uniform Shop any Friday morning 8:30 – 9:30 or at the office any other day. All money goes back to the school.

Please make sure your items are clean & undamaged.

Thank you

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2015

**NO STOPPING**
Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty
$425 + 2 Demerit Points

**BUS ZONE**
Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty
$177 + 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty
$319 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $319 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $177 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2015

**SCHOOL ZONE**

**SPEEDING OFFENCES**
School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

Maximum Penalty
$3,740 + 7 Demerit Points

**MOBILE PHONE USE**
Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

Penalty
$425 + 4 Demerit Points

**CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS**
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty
$531 + 4 Demerit Points

**U-TURNS**
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

Penalty
$425 + 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

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1st Narrabeen Cub Scouts

Christmas Tree Sale

*End of Kent Street, COLLAROY*

- Saturday 12th December 2015
- Sunday 13th December 2015 *(unless sold out)*
- 8am – 3:30pm

From $55
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Announcing.....January 11-15, 2016 CURL CURL ASNC !!

Anne Sargeant Netball Clinics (ASNC) are run by former Australian Netball Captain, Anne Sargeant. The program has successfully operated for over 20 years and is proudly supported by Mission Foods.

ASNC uniquely combines Anne’s experience as an International, with her qualifications as a Bachelor of Education, Physical Education (Honours), her National Coaching Accreditation, and her experience as a National Selector.

ASNC are designed to bring junior netballers of all abilities in closer contact with their heroes, at the same time developing their skills, confidence and enjoyment of Netball.

ASNC features experienced, knowledgeable coaches, many of them current and former representative players and coaches.

Players are grouped according to age and work on footwork and ball handling drills, specialist positional sessions, court work and match play.

Every January ASNC participant will receive an ASNC Shirt and Netball. Each participant is also acknowledged with an ASNC Star Netballer Certificate. Each ASNC also climaxes with a Presentation of Awards that rewards outstanding effort, featuring the Mission Foods Award for Excellence and the Mission Foods ASNC Scholarship valued at $250.

And by way of supporting various districts and developing players, ASNC offers approximately 15-20 scholarships annually to attend our January week long ASNC.

Our hope is to impart knowledge, develop skills, offer tactics, as well as to offer social interaction with other players equally passionate about their sport.

Safety and care are paramount to ASNC ...as is learning in a FUN environment!!!

Our aim is to “inject” participants with a shot of enthusiasm and a love of netball!

$250 per child ...GST incl

* ASNC T-shirt and Gilbert ASNC Netball for each participant
* Certificate of Achievement
* Basic skills and specialist sessions
* Courtwork and timing
* Minor games and matchplay
* “Mad hair” day and “Annie’s Aussie Idol competition”
* ASNC Presentation of awards and scholarship
* Chance to meet some of Netball’s top players

When – Monday 11 January 2016 to Friday 15 January 2016 - 9am to Midday each day

Where - John Fisher Park, Abbott Rd, Curl Curl, NSW