FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well done to Year 1 and the many parents who went along to assist on Tuesday at the Taronga Zoo excursion. It sounds like a wonderful day was had by all!

Congratulations to Jet T, Ethan B and Ollie O, who represented Wheeler Heights PS last Sunday at the NSWJCL Primary Schools One-Day Chess Tournament final at North Sydney Boys HS. The boys finished 23rd out of 57 schools, an excellent performance considering that all schools had won their division from all over the Sydney metropolitan and country area.

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 will receive a book of raffle tickets today to raise money for brain cancer research. Even though there is only a few weeks of school to go, 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- Wednesday December 9 from 5.45pm
Don’t forget the Carols and BBQ next Wednesday night. BBQ starts from 5.45 and carols begin at 6.30pm. Free sausage sizzle and Love For Lachie raffle tickets for sale. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter, and be reminded that as school children are present the event is an alcohol free night.

National Excellence in Teaching Awards
Recently four of our teachers were nominated by parents for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Congratulations to Tyson Blanshard, Tracey Mavromatis, John Williams and Linda Williamson. While our teachers did not win the overall award we are very proud of the wonderful work which our teachers do every day for the children of our school. I am very proud of the entire teaching and ancillary staff at Wheeler Heights PS.

Year 6 Reading Buddy Program
Please be advised that the morning reading program has now finished. Congratulations to all Year 1 students for their regular attendance and hard work and the amazing Year 6 tutors who have been such wonderful teachers.

Year 4 at Milson Island
Congratulations to all our Year 4 campers for their excellent attitude and enthusiasm at Milson Island Camp last week. The Year 4 camp is always one of the highlights of the year and this was no exception. Special thanks to the teachers, Mrs Smith, Mrs Miller and Mr Cox who left their families and partners and cared for our Wheeler Heights children so well. I’m sure everyone slept well on the weekend!!

Holiday Chicken Roster
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.

Super Hoot Morning Tea
Invitations are now being handed out for the Super Hoot Morning Teas. The Yr 3-6 morning tea will be held on Friday 4 December and the K-2 morning tea will be held on Monday 7 December.
Early Arrivers at School
Please be advised that school staff are on duty from 8.45am each morning. If children need to be dropped at school earlier than 8.45 parents should enrol in our wonderful Before and After School Care program which operates from 7am each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches and voting
Nominated Year 5 students are ready to present their short speeches this afternoon before voting takes place. Once again two captains, two vice captains and six prefects will be elected for 2016. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Year 6 Pedlars’ Parade
Year 6 and the whole school are excited about the upcoming Year 6 fundraising activity on Tuesday December 8. Year 6 students run a great variety of interactive stalls and the rest of the school visit these stalls to raise funds for the Year 6 farewell gift to the school.

Presentation Days and awards
Letters are currently being sent home to families of students who will be receiving a special award at one of the upcoming presentation assemblies. This year we will also try to send a follow up email. We hope to see many parents at these special end-of-year assemblies.

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.

 Helpers Morning Tea
We had a lovely morning tea yesterday with many of our special school helpers. The amazing Jazz band played superbly at recess and it was lovely for the staff and parents to chat. Special thanks to Anthony MacDermott & Suse Davey for organising the band.

Christmas Tree in the Admin Foyer
You may have seen the Christmas tree in the school foyer. Please feel free to bring in Christmas gifts which can be left under the tree and these will be delivered to local charity groups – donations will be accepted until the close of this week.

From the Deputy:
Safety:
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).

Vehicles: 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!!!

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
**Christmas is a time for giving…… CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL ☺**

As you know the SRC is encouraging everyone to support this worthy appeal. It would be great for the Wheeler Community to brighten the Christmas of as many children as possible….all donations go to two places close to our hearts – Bear Cottage & Stewart House.

Both cater for children 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.

Gifts need to be:

- New
- Unwrapped (gift bags are fine)
- Suitable for children 6-15 years
- No food
- Placed under the Christmas tree in the Office by Friday 4 December.

Thanking you for your support

**Tracey Mavromatis**

**SRC Coordinator**

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**Pedlars' Parade is on again …**

**When:** Tuesday 8th December, 11am onwards

**Where:** On the B, C, & D Decks

**What to Bring:** $4 - $5 (please give your child some coins rather than a note)

**Why:** Traditionally the Year 6 students demonstrate their independence and management skills by planning and running a special stall of their interest in a carnival type atmosphere. Their focus is to raise money in order to leave the school with a thank you momento of their time at WHPS. Some of the food stalls will be selling such goods as milk shakes, cupcakes, brownies, bbq sausages, hot savouries and popcorn. There will also be a haunted house experience as well as a range of fun games. Year 6s are currently thinking of a suitable gift idea, so stay tuned.

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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**
Sports News:
PSSA results Wheeler vs Narrabeen North (Week 5 wet weather make-up round)
A great finish to our PSSA season with wins for both the Cricketers and the Softballers!
There were some very close scores but in the end Wheeler Heights managed to keep the mighty Narrabeen North at bay in all matches!
Great work!

**Cricket:**
- A's: Win
- B's: Win

**Softball:**
- Girls A's: Win
- Girls B's: Win

The round that cancelled due to extreme weather will not be replayed. Big congratulations to all of the PSSA players this season for their sportsmanship, training commitment and team work! And of course, a big thanks to all of their coaches.

All uniforms and equipment need to be returned asap to your child’s coach. 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.

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Sports Presentation Assembly
Reminder, the sports presentation assembly is on tomorrow (Friday 4th December) in the hall starting at 2pm sharp.

Eagle Tag Gala Day Uniforms
Just a reminder that we need the Eagle Tag singlets washed and returned to your child's coach ASAP.

Yours in sport,

Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015

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Talent Quest Final Showcase
On Wednesday 9th December at 11.40am, we will be holding a showcase of selected acts chosen from our lunch time talent shows during 2015. Only a handful of acts from each Stage have been chosen to perform for the school presentation. Of course there will be no winner, with every child performing for the enjoyment of showing off their specific talents in front of their peers as an audience.

Students who have been chosen, have received a personalised note from their teacher.

Linda Williamson
Talent Quest convenor
Dear Dance Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful term of dancing. This will be our last week of dance lessons for the year. We will advise you as soon as possible regarding a start back date for next year.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Deneille and Jasmine
Dance Parent Liaison

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 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

SCRE 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

White Ribbon Photos: A few photos of our wonderful White Ribbon Community Barbecue Breakfast last week.
The WHPS P&C Committee warmly invites you to the 2015 End-of-Year Carols Evening and Christmas BBQ

Wednesday 9th December 2015
6:30 pm sharp for singing
Preceded by free sausage sizzle 5:45 – 6:15pm

As the P&C will order sausages for potentially 540 families, we ask you to RSVP by Friday 4 December 2015 to your class parents:

My family __________________ of class/es ______ will be attending the BBQ with ___ adults and ___ children

Obviously, all those sausages don’t cook themselves → Calling to arms all those lovely volunteers who keep the school life and community going for us all to enjoy.

If we _______________________ am/are willing to donate some of my/our time on Wednesday 9 Dec to make the BBQ a success. Contact email/s: ________________________________
1st Dec
Yr 1 to the Zoo!

2nd Dec
PARENT HELPER
MORNING TEA
11:15 in the hall

3rd Dec
- High School Open Day
- School Captain speeches
2pm in the hall

4th Dec
SPORTS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
2pm in the hall

7th Dec
- Yr 5 Surf Skills @ DY
- Wailers Choir to Plateau View Aged Care 2pm

8th Dec
- PEDLAR’S PARADE
- School Clean up
- Choirs to War Vets Christmas Concert

9th Dec
- TALENT QUEST
- CAROLS EVENING PICNIC
  Sausage sizzle starts at 5:45
  Singing starts at 6:30pm

10th Dec
3-6 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
9.30 in the hall

11th Dec
K-2 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
9.30 in the hall

14th Dec
Yr 6 Dinner Dance

15th Dec
Yr 6 GRADUATION & CLAP OUT
1:50pm in the hall

16th Dec
Final day of the Year!
PICNIC DAY
LAST DAY!
Friday 11th December.

STOCK
Over the next two weeks we will be running the stock down. This is so we are not left with out of date stock and we can order everything fresh for next year.

ICE BLOCKS
Until the end of term we will be selling Mini Sunny boys in Watermelon, Lemonade and Sour Red, they are 60c.

MENU
There will be a new menu in Term 1, 2016.

ROSTER
I hope to have the roster for Term 1 2016 out to you next week.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays,

Zoe & Tracey

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ROSTER WEEK 10

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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
Dear all Families,

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

Please make sure you have returned your child/ren's Re-Enrollment Form for 2016. Note that we cannot re-enrol your child/ren without this form being completed fully and returned to the Centre as soon as possible. We have already begun offering any vacant positions to incoming Kindergarten children in 2016.

As December/January 2016 Vacation Care is nearly here, our closure dates have now been determined based on feedback from our surveys. We will be closed on Christmas Eve (24/11/15) and will re-open Monday 04/01/16. We have some exciting days planned so please make sure you either pick up a hard copy of the Vacation Care Program which can be collected from the Centre, or you can alternatively download off the App/Website at www.primar yoshcare.com.au.

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.
School bus number changes

From the start of the school year 2016

Most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers.

Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website sydneybuses.info

Visit transportnsw.info
Call 131 500  TTY 1800 637 500  Transport Buses
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
The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with $5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes. Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details!
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
CASH ONLY

Contact Neville
0427 229 692

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
“The Family Club”
Mona Vale Raiders Rugby League
-2016 Registrations now open -

EARLY BIRD SAVING of $50.00!!!!!!
Fees include insurances & Uniforms
• Fees paid BEFORE 31st December 2015 – Juniors (U6-U15) $130, Seniors (U16-U19) $160
• Fees paid AFTER 1st January 2016 – Juniors (U6-U15) $180, Seniors (U16-U19) $210

Follow the below link to register online at sporting pulse:
hits://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?
aID=73&pKey=de6ec0fb4e4bdef0bd055aeb138e2da6&cID=12835
&formID=53641

• Beginner to Representative players
• Certified Coaches & First aid officers
• Training at Newport Oval Bishop St
• Player development pathways
• Skill & Fitness development all levels

Alternatively come to the Registration day 31st January 2016
Newport Oval 2pm-4pm (where pending scheduling you'll get to
Meet & mingle with some Manly Sea Eagles Heros past &
present)
"We are the Raiders we tackle & we run we are the
Raiders we have fun, fun, fun !"

www.monavalerugbyleague.com.au
Free guided walks with Fishcare Volunteers

- Subject to weather conditions
- Bookings and enquiries by email: longreefwalks@gmail.com

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Long Reef Fishcare Educational Walks

An ideal family outing!

Long Reef Aquatic Reserve, on Sydney’s northern beaches is a unique environment due to its geology and exposure to all four points of the compass. Protecting a huge variety of marine animals, birds and plants, it’s a great place to enjoy learning about our natural environment.

Department of Primary Industries NSW Fishcare Volunteers offer free, guided, educational walks onto the rock platform where in just two hours you’ll observe some of the vast variety of marine life.

You’ll also gain an understanding of the geographical features of the area, look at trace fossils and learn why some migratory birds travel tens of thousands of kilometres from Siberia and Japan to spend time at Long Reef.

More information: www.reefcarelongreef.org.au

This program is proudly supported by the Recreational Fishing Trust.
KIDS ON THE COAST SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SUMMER 2016

FACILITIES
- Online event bookings
- Aquariums
- Telephone Credit Card available
- Cinema projector
- Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Interactive space

PARKING
Available in the car park (C) at the end of Lake Park Rd, North Narrabeen (opposite the café). The CEC (A) is a short 100m walk along Pelican Path (towards the ocean - on your left).

DON’T FORGET
- Bring:
  - lunch and snacks
  - a refillable water bottle
  - a hat (apply sunscreen before you come)
  - raincoat
  - warm jacket
  - spare pair of wet/waterproof shoes for wet activities.
- Please dress in appropriate clothing (No singlets)
- Wear sturdy enclosed shoes (No Crocs or thongs)
- Meet at the CEC by 9:45am.
- Pick up children at 3pm. We are unable to provide supervision for participants outside these times.

Address: Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen
Postal Address: PO Box 882 Mona Vale NSW 1660
Phone: 02 9970 1675 or 1300 000 CEC (232)
Email: cec@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE CEC

KIDS ON THE COAST IS A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, TEACHING KIDS THE VALUE OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

FUN ACTIVITY MENU

BUILD IT, FLY IT, FLOAT IT
Come and have a great adventure at the CEC and enjoy a great hands-on day learning how things work. Build it, float it and make it fly!

BACKYARD SAFARI
Get back to nature and come into our garden. It's a day of adventure and fun activities. Munch on some bush tucker and make homes for native bees. It's a great day out for all those with green thumbs!

LITTLE GREEN CHEFS
Your Little Green Chefs learn how to transform leftovers into tasty lunch box treats. Junior Masterchefs will be able to design, create and eat healthy, homemade meals. Come and have a great day in our kitchen and garden!

SUMMER SCIENCE
It's hot and everyone is trying to keep out of the sun. Let's get our lab coats on and get ready for an awesome day! We will be conducting some sizzling hot experiments for summer. Is it hot enough to cook an egg? What makes a volcano? Come and join us for an exciting day in the CEC lab.

SEA KID'S ADVENTURE DAY
Calling all Octonauts! Come and have a great adventure exploring the coastline and all the amazing creatures that call our rock pools and rock platform home. Investigate the wonderful world of sea creatures that live in the ocean and in our lagoon here at the CEC.

COASTAL SURVIVOR
Are you a budding Bear Grylls who wants to learn how to survive with only what you can find? Come and join us on a day of adventure learning how to find bush tucker, make shelter and survive in the great outdoors!

MARINE BIOLOGY DAY
Prepare for a day of discovery and fun looking at the wonders of our sea creatures. Get your magnifying glass in hand as we look under microscopes and take an adventure to see where our sea creatures live and why. Learn more about the creatures of the deep! It's a great day for all our budding marine Biologists!

ROCK PLATFORM RAMBLES
Are you ready for a day of old fashioned fun? Come and join us for a great day by the sea. Come and peer into the rock pools, build sand castles and fly your kites! This is a great day of simple fun for all ages.

DPI FISHING WORKSHOP
Are you interested in fishing and want to learn more about how to fish? The CEC will be hosting the ever-popular Department of Primary Industries Fishing Workshop.

AGE: minimum 8 to 14 years of age (and must be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres unassisted).

COST: $40 (includes rod; reel; hat; T-shirt)

BOOKINGS: Directly through the Department of Primary Industries:
Email - carl.bevilacqua@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Phone - 9741 4846 or 0448 837 677