**From The Principal:**

At the end of the school day most children arrange to meet their parents at one of the four school exits which we are fortunate to have. If your parents are running late or not there for any reason, be sure to come to the front office and tell a member of staff. We can then contact your parents and ensure that you are collected safely.

Similarly, if you are walking home with friends or by yourself, be sure to walk straight home and not delay. As always if you see any people or vehicles which may be acting strangely tell your parents or carers immediately.

**Welcome BBQ for all Kindergarten and new families – Thursday 5 March 5.30-7pm**

Last week a flyer about this welcome BBQ was given to all Kindergarten and new families. We hope to see many of our Kindergarten families and any other new families come along next Thursday afternoon. Our wonderful Year 6 Kindy buddies and their families are also invited. Please be sure to RSVP.

**SRC Representatives 2015**

Congratulations to our new SRC representatives for 2015 who received their badges at the 9:15 K-6 assembly on Monday and thank you to the large number of parents who were able to attend and assist with the badges.

**Band, Dance and Choir Captains**

Congratulations to our new band captains; Charlie N, Chloe R and Bianca H-B and our Dance Captains Holly O’H, Sienna C and Malu P. Badges for these students will be presented at next Monday’s (March 2) 9.15 assembly and parents are invited to attend and pin on the badge. Choir captains will soon be elected.

**University of NSW Competitions 2015**

Once again students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW competitions in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. A copy of the entry form was attached to last week’s newsletter, is on the website and is available at the front office. Forms must be returned by 12 March. This year all students in Years 4 and 6 will sit the English and Mathematics tests. The cost for these two tests has been included in the whole school program fees. If you would not like your child to sit these tests please let your teacher know and this amount can be deducted from the whole school program fees (Maths and English tests are $8 each).

**Road and Car Park Safety**

Please be extra careful in the morning and afternoons around the school and car park areas. We must always follow road rules and be extremely vigilant when young children are present. As parents and teachers we must set the correct example for our children and never compromise where safety is concerned.

Also, please do not block residents’ driveways in the morning or afternoon.

**Arrive a little earlier, walk a little bit further and remember that safety is the most important thing!!!**

Parents are regularly calling the office to complain about a multitude of traffic issues. We continually put notices in the newsletter and are always talking to the children and parents about safe practices. You may like to call the council directly and they may send out their rangers once again.

**School Program Fees**

A note outlining whole school program fees and expenses was distributed last week and is on the website. Such costs are necessary to ensure that all students are provided with a range of activities, resources and the expertise of specialist staff. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated, with a special prize draw of an iPad mini and dinner vouchers for payment made by the due date (March 16). As outlined on the note a range of payment methods and payment schedules are available. As always, if any family is experiencing financial difficulties they should contact Mr Scotter or the school office. All correspondence will be strictly confidential.

**School APP:**

Some parents have noted that access to the newsletter through our PPP App problematic. This issue has now been rectified. Please do notify the school if you are having any other difficulties.
Training Band:
Congratulations to the Training band who last night performed their first ever concert following a very successful ‘Blast Off’ afternoon of instrument familiarity and conducting practise. The Blast Off and mini-concert were followed by a sausage sizzle and much fun was had by all. A big “Thank you!” to Anthony, our band President, and the many conductors, tutors and parents who assisted to make the afternoon a success.

Newsletter Advertising
Parents and local businesses are often asking to advertise in the school newsletter. After discussion with the P&C and staff we have decided to offer an opportunity to advertise once per term in a special edition, most probably in Week 8. Obviously the school can benefit from additional revenue and also provide a possible service for our parent and local community businesses. Businesses who would like to advertise can email their advertisement to the school, wheelerhts-p_school@det.nsw.edu.au
Rates will be $50 for approximately 1/4 A4 size ad. The newsletter advertising section will be emailed as an attachment to parents with the normal newsletter for that week. As you can appreciate we are only able to include businesses and advertisements which would be considered appropriate for a primary school community.

Reading Resources
The resources which Ms Loneck handed out at the excellent parent reading sessions during week 3 are now on the school website under the tab Curriculum and Activities and then the tab Learning Support.

School Toilets and Hygiene
Our cleaners Matt, Don and Mina do a wonderful job keeping our toilets clean and refilling the soap and paper towel dispensers. However on some occasions the soap and supplies will run low after 535 students use the toilets two or three times a day. At the recent P&C meeting we had a very positive chat about hygiene and cleanliness and some great ideas have been suggested. We therefore ask that parents may like to donate a pump/spray container of hand sanitiser so that all students can be sure to keep their hands clean. We will have these available in all classrooms.

Have you noticed the new hand driers in the toilets? We are also installing the huge (easy to use) toilet roll dispensers in all cubicles. Thank you to the P&C for approving and funding these extra purchases.

Rubbish in the School
The amount of rubbish and recycling in the school is also an issue which causes great interest. Again, our cleaners are very proactive and work hard to minimise playground litter. The P&C and teachers are currently investigating new rubbish bins which will be more ‘bird proof’ and will allow some sorting of plastics and recyclables. Again I thank the P&C for their support as such bins are expensive but will encourage our students to protect the environment and cut down on waste. If any parent has a contact who may be able to assist please see Mr Williams, Mr Scotter or P&C president Claudia Schremmer.

Birthday Food and Treats
Children and parents often like to bring in a treat for a birthday or a very special occasion. Obviously such gestures are appreciated and usually embraced in the correct spirit. However, as you are aware, a number of students have very serious allergies, dietary conditions or individual family beliefs. We as teachers and carers of the whole school population have to be totally respectful of each parents’ wishes for their own children. Consequently if you do not wish for your child to partake in a birthday treat please let the teacher and office know in writing. There are many possible alternatives…..some children with severe allergy have their own ‘special’ treats which are available whenever an occasion is celebrated. Other parents have suggested alternatives such as jelly or ice-blocks or a non-edible treat for a special occasion.
I do ask for your understanding and support in this matter…..we are certainly not wishing to be over dramatic…but merely hoping to ensure the safety and happiness of all students at Wheeler Heights.

Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics
Scripture and Ethics classes will commence next week, Wednesday 4 March. We are currently organising class groups based on the information completed on the recent yellow general permission and information sheet. At this stage if we do not have enough trained teachers to teach Ethics then these students will have to attend non-scripture classes or join a religious education group. If any parents or community members would like to be involved as a possible Ethics teacher could they please contact Belinda Reed our school Ethics co-ordinator at wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com.

School banking parent volunteers needed!!
Many students currently save with the Commonwealth Bank school banking program, with the school receiving a commission for all deposits made. In most schools a group of parents run this program by completing the deposits each week, usually on a Monday at school. If a group of parents would be interested in helping to administer this program please see Jodie Sly (Admin Manager) or Mr Scotter. No financial or banking expertise is required!!

Term 1 Calendar
A copy of the Term 1 parent calendar was attached to the Week 3 newsletter and has been placed on the school website. As dates are added or updated the calendar will be modified on the website. Additionally, always consult the ‘Coming Events’ section of the front page of the newsletter each week to ensure that planned dates have not changed.

Please note that we had incorrectly marked Monday 27 April as an Anzac Day holiday. Please be advised that Monday 27 April is a normal school day.

David Scotter
Principal
SRC NEWS:

Congratulations to all the SRC reps for 2015. It was lovely to see so many parents at the K-6 Assembly present the badges to their children. There are two reps from each class from Year 2-6. The reps will take turns attending meetings where they will participate in planning and decision making on behalf of the student body. We will have our first meeting this Wednesday at lunchtime. I look forward to working with these enthusiastic and dedicated students throughout the year.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator

From The Office:

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2015
Please be advised that Stewart House clothing bags are now available at the school office for the annual clothing appeal. Could filled bags please be returned to the school office by Monday 2 March. Thank you for your support of Stewart House.

Year 7 High School Enrolment
Forms will soon be distributed to Year 6 students for applications for high school. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 20th March. If you have any enquires regarding the forms once you have received them, please contact the office and ask for Mrs Sly.

Sports News:

Basketball Trials
Congratulations to Finnley W (6L) who has been selected in the Sydney North basketball team. Finnley will play against teams from all over NSW in the State championships at Berkely in May. A wonderful achievement!! Finnley will be selling raffle tickets at school to assist in cost of the three day competition. She will have the tickets available each day at school at a cost of $2 each. In true Wheeler Way spirit, let’s help Finnley with this great achievement by buying a raffle ticket or two! 1st prize is a Notebook laptop, 2nd prize is an Ipad Mini, 3rd prize Coffee Machine and 4th prize is a TV!

PSSA Gala Day
The PSSA Gala Day is tomorrow at various venues. Students need to be at school by 8.30am to meet their coaches and have their names marked off. Buses are leaving at 9am sharp. They need to be in their sports uniform and bring required sporting equipment for their respective sports, food for the day, plenty of water, sun cream and they must wear a hat. Remember your best Wheeler Way manners and sportsmanship for what will be a great day of PSSA competition!

Please find the information note on the website if required.

- Cricket is at Boondah & Narrabeen North PS
- Tag & Softball is at Narrabeen Nth Reserve & Rat Park
- AFL is at Narrabeen HS
- T Ball is at Newport Oval

*** Please be advised that three games are scheduled on the gala day but we have a BYE for the middle game. ***

Pittwater Zone Swimming
On Tuesday 10th March, the Wheeler Heights Zone Swimming team will be attending the Warringah Aquatic Centre for the Pittwater Zone Competition. Permission notes were handed out recently and money is due back by Tuesday 3rd March. Wheeler Heights PS swimming caps are required to be worn and are available from the office for $5. Any enquires please see Mrs Smith who is the team manager. A copy of the permission notes can be found on the website if required.

House Captains and Vice Captains
Our house captains and vice captains have been doing a great job of managing the sports equipment in and out of the sports shed. The rest of the 3-6 students have enjoyed having access to the vast range of equipment and have been following the directions from the house leaders. A big congratulations for the mature and responsible way they have taken on this new role. Keep up the great work team!

Last Friday was the second round of the Summer PSSA competition, with very close results in most of the sports, especially in cricket!!

Mr Tyson Blanshard
Sport Coordinator
Gifted and Talented Education

G.A.T.E.WAYS are offering day long Eureka programs throughout 2015 focusing on different areas of the curriculum. In Term 1, they are running a program called ‘Curious Science’ (please see dates and locations below). Students need to be registered through a school account by a teacher. If you are interested in one of these programs for your child, or you would like more information, please see the website linked below or contact Miss Tekampe (1/2T). As these programs are offered outside the school, parents will need to make their own arrangements to and from the venues and cover the costs involved in participation.

Oxford Falls Grammar School, 1078 Oxford Falls Road, Oxford Falls
Wednesday 18 March: Years 4,5,6
Thursday 19 March: Years 1,2,3

Miss Rachael Tekampe
Assistant Principal

Wheeler Heights Dance Program

Junior dance this Friday only – if you are in the PSSA gala day, please still come to dance at 8am in your sports uniform this way you can still participate in the class until your bus leaves.

Senior & Junior Eisteddfod & performance season is coming – please have the following dates available for the 2 separate Eisteddfods (30th May and the weekend of 19-21st June).

Glen Street matinee and evening performances usually run mid or late June for a 2 week period. If you are away for any of these dates please you advise us now as stage positioning is extremely important. It is also very important as performances are approaching that children attend all classes, thank you.
Our email address is whps.dance@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Denelle G
Dance Parent Liaison
5 Minutes with the Wonderful Warren

There is more than meets the eye to our favourite lollipop man Warren Sullivan. Our roving reporter from 2C, Lucy M interviewed Warren to find out more.

**Lucy** How long have you been a lollipop man and how did you learn how to control the traffic?
**Warren** I have been lollipop man for 12 years and I was trained by the RTA to direct traffic and keep the children safe.

**Lucy** Why did you choose Wheeler Heights to do this job?
**Warren** I have 3 children aged 48, and twins aged 25 who all went to Wheeler Heights and my wife used to work in the canteen so Wheeler Heights is a big part of our family.

**Lucy** What do you like most about your job?
**Warren** I like working with the kids as it keeps me young!

**Lucy** What do you like doing in your spare time?
**Warren** I like walking and trekking and have done several treks in New Zealand. In my younger years I was an avid triathlete and Ironman but it wasn’t called Ironman then.

**Lucy** How many triathlons have you done?
**Warren** Oh too many to remember exactly but around 250.

**Lucy** What was your most memorable race?
**Warren** Probably the Great Lakes Triathlon in 1987 which is now Ironman Australia in Forster involved a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and a 42km run and it took 12 hours and a lot of pain!

**Lucy** What else should we know about you?
**Warren** When I was 50 I won the Triathlon Championships for my age group and I was one of the founders and president of Warringah Triathlon Club.

**Lucy** Wow Warren you are a super athlete but does your hand hurt from all the high fives?
**Warren** Actually sometimes it does in the afternoons as I have some arthritis in my thumb so if it gets a whack it can hurt but I still like doing it.

**Lucy** Warren thank you so much for talking to me and sparing your time today.
**Warren** You are very welcome Lucy and here are some photos and newspaper articles to look at.

So there you have it our Warren is a Triathlon legend and part of our local history.
This week, you would all have seen some of our beautiful P&C parent volunteers at the entrance gates to our school grounds, with paper print outs and clipboards in hands, asking you to sign our petition to Council to assess the road safety of surrounding streets, and put more walkways in. If you haven't signed yet, please consider doing so ASAP!

The petition forms are also available in some of the local shops, canteen, uniform shop and the office. The more signatures we get, and the more people we feel getting behind the cause, the better our prospects of change!

Walkway Petition to Warringah Council

We, the undersigned, request an investigation into more pathways being provided along:

- Ambleside St
- Kirkstone Rd
- Heather St
- Grevillea St
- Berith St

in Wheeler Heights - all busy feeder streets to Wheeler Heights Public School that are irrefutably unfit for use. We believe it is Warringah Council's responsibility to provide safe walkways for our children to use whilst travelling to and from their local school.

From the staff, friends and families of Wheeler Heights Public School.

During the first two days of collecting signatures, we have encountered some wonderful offers of support for case preparation to Warringah Council. It is very uplifting to see this terrific community of WHPS parents becoming active and engaged, to foster our children's school experience! We are grateful for even more help: If you are a professional in this area, or feel that you have a specific expertise that might help strengthen our case, please contact the P&C.

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President

Last call for all Kindy, New Families and Year 6 “buddy” families to let the P&C know if you are attending the 2015 Kindy and New Families Welcome BBQ. We'll be closing our sausage and bread roll-orders very soon. If you don't want to miss out, please print below and return to P&C letterbox today, Thursday 26 February 2015!

P&C Welcome BBQ For Kindergarten, New & Year 6 Families

Family Name & Class: ______________________________

☐ Yes we will be coming to the BBQ on 5 March 2015
Number of adults attending _______
Number of children attending _______

☐ No I will not be coming to the BBQ on 5 March 2015

Please RSVP by 26 February 2015
Forgotten? Lost? Stolen? Crows Eaten Lunches?

The canteen has received an unprecedented amount of “Canteen Food Passes” this term. This means the teachers have either checked the child’s bag for their lunch or have been told by the child they have no lunch. The canteen is happy to provide the children with a vegemite sandwich at a cost of $1.50, could all parents who receive an email stating we have given their child lunch, please ensure they pay their bill promptly. If you do not want your child to be provided with an emergency lunch please email us at; whpscanteen@gmail.com

Money for the Canteen

Nothing for sale over the counter at the canteen costs more than $2. Many of the younger children are coming to school with upwards of $5, we cannot always police how many times your child comes to purchase ice cream.

A reminder of some of the things we sell over the counter.

Quelch 50c
Moosie $1
Ice Cream cup $1
Frozen yogurt $1.50
Drinks juice/milk $2
Water $1
Popcorn $1
Seasonal Fruit $1

Volunteers

It has been a fabulous start to the year with our return volunteers making the days run ever so smoothly, thank you ladies and Andy.

Also a big thank you to the new kindy mums and to the the mums who have filled the vacant spots on the roster, volunteers are invaluable!

We are excited to welcome a couple of new Dads next term, thank you to Lily and CJ’s Dads.

Canteen Committee

The Canteen is run by a committee of dedicated parents, if you wish to be a part of the process, we meet in the canteen in the canteen once per term, in Week 5 on the Thursday at 1:40pm.

Kind regards,

Zoe & Tracey

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ROSTER WEEK 6 & 7

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Narrabeen Sports High School
Open Night Wednesday March 4th 2015

A co-educational comprehensive school offering a strong academic, cultural curriculum and selective sports program.

Students at Narrabeen enjoy quality educational programs and exceptional opportunities, delivered through state of the art facilities with a strong emphasis upon technology and 21st century learning.

Our school is dedicated to providing the very best educational opportunities, wide choices and enriching experiences.

Thinking of where to send your child for high school? Thinking of changing schools? Come along to our schools Open Night on Wednesday March 4th 2015 6pm - 8:30pm
Narrabeen Sports High School 10 Namona St Narrabeen 2101 9913 7820
See our website for more information http://www.narrabeen-h.schooलs.nsw.edu.au
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:

- attend evening sessions
- fill in questionnaires (anonymously)

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics at Macquarie University.

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:
Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University)
E-mail: julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au
Phone: 0412 414 114
Warringah Council presents

RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

With Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady

Leonie Smith is one of Australia’s leading cyber safety educators and a mother of four.
Learn how to keep your kids safe online.
• Screen time balance
• Safe social media
• Cyber bullying
• Smart phone safety
• Avoiding adult content

Tue 24 Mar
7 - 9pm
Cromer Public School, Carcoola Rd, Cromer
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au
For more information call 9942 2681.
Want to be a youth mentor?

Raise Foundation, in conjunction with the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE, is conducting a training course on mentoring young people in February. Raise improves the lives of young people facing profound challenges through our Ismo program in high schools, and Bump program for young mums. The mentor training course will be conducted at various TAFE campuses and community venues across the Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane metropolitan areas, as well as regional areas in NSW such as Gosford, Ballina, Dubbo, Bathurst/Orange, Cootamundra, Narrabri.

You might be retired, parenting at home, studying, or have flexible work hours. You don’t have to be a teacher or an expert to be a mentor. You need to be a good listener and able to act as a sounding board for ideas and aspirations. Your skills and life experiences can make a real difference to a young person in your local community. You need a couple of hours a week during school term time during from March to November, a positive outlook and a genuinely compassionate interest in young people. It takes a village to raise a child, and everyone needs someone to talk to.

email info@raise.org.au visit www.raise.org.au

or phone us on 0426 972 473