From The Principal:

A special thanks to Karen & Roland Nitch who cut down a number of dangerous and dead trees at school over the weekend. A school working bee will be held later in the semester…date and details to come!!

General Permission and Medical Note
All students received a very important medical and permission information note recently (back to back note on yellow paper). Could you please read the note carefully to ensure that all sections are completed, signed and return to your teacher as soon as possible. Whilst much of the information may not have changed from last year, we ask all parents to complete a new form each year. Please see the office if you did not receive this note.

Welcome BBQ for all Kindergarten and new families – Thursday 5 March 5.30-7pm
Please see the attached flyer about this welcome BBQ. We hope to see many of our Kindergarten families and any other new families from the school. Our wonderful Year 6 Kindy buddies and their families are also invited to attend.

SRC Representatives 2015
Congratulations to the following SRC representatives for 2015 from Years 2-6. Badges will be presented at the 9.15 K-6 assembly next Monday 23 February and parents have been invited to attend to pin on the badge.

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Band, Dance and Choir Captains
These leadership positions are currently being finalised and will be announced shortly.

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 is attached to this newsletter, on the website and 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.

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 when 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!!!

School Program Fees
A note outlining whole school program fees and expenses has been distributed today and is attached to this newsletter. 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. 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.
Newsletter by email and school website
If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please let the school office know. Again this year most notes will only be available on the school website for easy access at anytime. www.wheelerhts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Newsletters are also available anywhere, anytime on the Primary Parent Planner app (see details below).

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.

Year 7 High School Enrolment
Forms will soon be distributed to Year 6 students for applications for high school.

Wonderful Reader
Congratulations to Jonas K (1/2T) who read the most book of all kids in the Mona Vale Summer Reading Club. Jonas read 77 books (out of 284 total) since Christmas. He received a $50 JB Hi-Fi voucher. A wonderful achievement, well done Jonas!!

Reading Resources
The resources which Ms Loneck handed out at the excellent parent reading sessions last week 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 supplies will run low after 535 students use the toilets two or three times a day. At Monday’s 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. We have also ordered more of the huge toilet roll dispensers which have proved so popular and effective after a trial period. Thank you to the P&C for approving these extra purchases. We are now looking into to installing electric hand dryers in the girls and boys toilets.

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.

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.

Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics
Scripture and Ethics classes will commence in Week 6, 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 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 last week’s newsletter and has been placed on the school website. As dates are added or updated the calendar will be modified on the website.

Primary Parent Planner App – Parent Communication
It’s very pleasing to see the large number of parents who have updated their Primary Parent Planner App. Please see the information later in the newsletter about procedures for using the very useful parent app.

David Scotter
Principal
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 Stewart House.

Sports News:

Basketball Trials
Congratulations to Frankie W & Finley W who trialled recently for the district basketball squad. It was a very competitive trial and both girls were wonderful ambassodors for the school. Finley was selected to attend the Sydney North trial this week on the Central Coast. Good luck Finley!

PSSA
Last Friday was the first round of the Summer PSSA competition, with very pleasing results and excellent behaviour and sportsmanship from all our representatives.

PSSA Gala Day Next Friday (27 Feb):
A reminder note containing all relevant details will be sent home with your child in the coming days.

Mr Tyson Blanshard
Sport Coordinator 2015

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.

Pittwater House, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy
Wednesday 25 February: Years 4,5,6
Thursday 26 February: Years 1,2,3

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 have a wonderful “Flinstones Theme” and the song they are dancing to is a mix of Flinstones tracks. Senior Dance will be performing to the song “Proud Mary” and the dance so far looks great. Both dances are going to look fantastic on stage.

Eisteddfod & performance season is coming – please have the following dates available for the two 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 two 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@gamil.com

Kind regards, Deneille G (Dance Parent Liaison)
As mentioned, our school will continue to use the Primary Parent Planner app that was successfully trialed last year. We encourage ALL parents to access this service if possible.

This app is a convenient way for you to organise and plan for class and other school community events. It is a smartphone application which allows you to download all activities for your children’s specific classes, extra-curricular groups as well as whole school events. These can be synchronised to your calendar and timely alerts are then provided leading into each event. Additionally Primary Parent Planner allows the school to send notifications to your smartphone regarding any important information, and these push notifications are again specific to your child’s class or extra-curricular groups.

The app also provides convenient (and mobile) access to the school newsletter, school contact details and can even be used to send absent notes when your children are sick.

It is simple, easy to use and will help parents become more organised and engaged with their school. Downloading and full access to the app is free as the school has paid upfront it is free for parents to use.

To Download, If you have an iPhone, iPad or iTouch simply go to Apple App Store or if you have an Android device visit the Google Play Store and follow the prompts.

Setup is quite simple, however the guides provided by the PPP website are useful (these are also available for perusal at the school’s front office). See the set up guide on the website at the link below:


Alternatively, you may prefer to watch the following Youtube clip;

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTs9Ka59Bu4

Getting The Right Information:

You will see that, once you have installed and setup the app, it is up to you to ensure that you remember to add or remove ‘classes’ as your child enters or leaves various groups throughout the year. This means that while you may initially setup your ‘classes’ to include Chess, Junior Girls T-Ball and SRC, later in the year you may need to remove ‘Junior Girls T-Ball’ and subscribe to ‘Wheeler Wailer’s Choir’ instead. Obviously, the year and class group should remain static!

As a school, we will endeavour to remind parents about updating the app when permission notes to join extra-curricular activities are sent home.

If you used PPP last year, your first task will be to delete the 2014 groups (all of them) and re-subscribe to the new list for this year. This is easily done and again instructions are available on line for each of the different platform.
**Library News**

The year has started off well and everyone is into the swing of the school routine. The library welcomes a familiar face - Mrs Westwood who will be taking a number of classes for their library lessons each week.

Each class has a library lesson once a week and it is very pleasing to see many children remembering to bring their library bags in order to borrow. All books are due back one week from checkout. There are no fines for overdue books, although replacement fees are charged for lost or damaged books.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is about to get underway. The Premier’s Reading Challenge allows students to experience a range of exciting stories, and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks.

With thousands of books to choose from, students have the opportunity to embrace subjects that will widen their horizons and expand their vocabularies.

Both Mrs Westwood and I encourage all participants to be courageous with their reading choices, and to approach the Challenge with great energy and enthusiasm.

Mrs Fiona Bevan  
*Teacher Librarian*

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**These books available now**

![Bleak Boy and Hunter](image1)

Premier’s Reading Challenge - Yrs 5-6  
**Location** – F ~HER

Some things are too big for a boy to solve. Jesse is an eleven-year-old boy tackling many problems in life, especially fitting in to a new school. Luckily he meets Kate. She has curly black hair, braces and an infectious smile. She wants to ‘Save the Whales’ and needs Jesse’s help. But they haven’t counted on Hunter, the school bully, who appears to enjoy hurling insults at random. With Hunter’s catchphrase ‘Ha!’ echoing through the school, something or someone has to give.

But will it be Jesse? Kate? Or is there more to Hunter than everyone thinks?

*From award-winning author Steven Herrick, comes an inspiring and funny story about the small gestures that can help to make the world a better place.*

![Emu](image2)

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Yrs 3-4  
**Location** - 598.5~SAX

In the open forest, emu gathers granite-green eggs under soft feathers. Emu will care for the eggs and protect the stripy chicks once they hatch. There are many hazards in the forest for this unusual family.
Dear Parents,

- Once again in 2015 we have outlined the costs for the whole school year. Attached is a breakdown of whole school program fees for each grade and an explanation of the expenses.

- Also, with the agreement of this school’s community we seek from the Parents and Caregivers a **General School Contribution**. Funds raised through this voluntary contribution will be used to supplement educational resources and programs in our school.

- **Payment Options:** Payments may be made in a lump sum at the beginning of the year or in instalments at any time. If paying by instalments please indicate which programs you are paying for.
  
  o The school accepts cash, cheques, Visa and Mastercard at the office and direct deposits. Cheques should be made payable to **Wheeler Heights Public School**.

For **Direct Deposits** please fill in the tear off below and return to school in the attached envelope.

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- If any parent is experiencing financial difficulty please see Mr Scotter. Any discussion will be strictly confidential.

- Parents who have paid their Whole School Program Fees by 16 March will be entered in a special prize draw for an iPad mini. Early payment of school fees is very much appreciated.

*In addition, Tax deductible donations of $25.00 or any amount may be made at any time to the Wheeler Heights P.S. Library Fund – to purchase books, kits, software, teaching/learning resources.*

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Yours sincerely,

David Scotter
Principal

19 February 2015

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**School Program Fees Direct Deposit Details:** **Westpac BSB: 032 001 Account No: 160336**

Please return slip if paying by Direct Deposit.

Student Name/s: ___________________________ Amount Deposited: $______________ Date Deposited: / /

Please indicate on the attached envelope which programs you are paying for.

*Please don’t forget to put the student name/s in the description*
TEXT BOOKS AND STUDENT FOLDERS – Cost per grade for class text books, scrapbooks and student folders for class, library and/or RFF classes. Also standardised assessment tests for Years 2-6.

DANCE AND GYMNASTICS – specialist teachers to assist class teachers implement the dance and gymnastics strands of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus have been employed this year. Each class will have one term of Dance2beFit (Years K-4) for $35.00 and Ballroom Dancing (Years 5&6) for $75.00
Each class will also have one rotation of gymnastics at a total cost of $35.00.
Please note that these activities are part of the Department of Communities syllabus and are not optional extras. The inclusion of specialist teachers in these areas makes a great difference in helping each child develop appropriate skills and attitudes. These programs also provide opportunities for all children to have equal access to dance and gymnastics classes at a very minimal cost.

COMPUTER LEVY - $60.00 per student to contribute towards the continual upgrading of our school computer network and in class computers, hardware and software, maintenance and curriculum support. This also includes purchase of site licences for Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Zip Tales, Spelling City, Skwirk and the Primary Parent Planner App.
This year we also plan to purchase banks of IPADs for class use and the necessary apps.

PAPER LEVY - $10.00 per student to cover the costs of photocopying such as class worksheets, school flyers and notes.

CREATIVE & PRACTICAL ARTS LEVY - $30.00 per student to contribute towards the cost of specialist art and craft supplies and musical equipment.

PCS PENINSULA COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS LEVY- $10.00 per student to cover our participation in a number of special initiatives with the 12 local primary and high schools in the PCS.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION $14.00. Students in Years 3 – 6 receive a magazine subscription (10 issues) and other specialised reading resources which complement the English curriculum.

LIFE EDUCATION - $10.00 per student. The Life Education Van visits our school and each child participates in lessons on healthy lifestyle choices and drug education.

K-6 VISITING PERFORMANCES - $25.00 per student. This year we have booked a variety of visiting performances for the school – Musica Viva, Cyber Bullying and an Aboriginal performance group.

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME (Yr 2) $125.00–date to be confirmed. Ten days of intensive swimming at Manly Pool.

PRE-PLANNED EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES – the cost for any pre-planned excursions has been indicated below:

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- Please note throughout the year, each class may organise additional activities such as excursions and activities.
- These programs will be invoiced separately and are not included in “Whole School Program”.

David Scotter
Principal
19 February 2015
# Wheeler Heights Public School
## Whole School Program Fees - 2015

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**Roll Class/Es:**  
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⇒ Payment by cheque, cash or credit card facility is available at the office. **Direct Debit:** Bank Westpac BSB: 032 001 Account No: 160336 (refer to covering letter). Cheques made payable to Wheeler Heights Public School.

⇒ **Please indicate which programs you are paying for and include surname and initial of each child.**

⇒ Payments may be paid in instalments at any time. If any parent is experiencing financial difficulties please see Mr Scotter. Any discussions will be strictly confidential.

⇒ Payment by 16 March would be most appreciated. A special prize draw will be held for all parents who have paid fees by this time.

David Scotter  
Principal  
19 February 2015

♦ Please note throughout the year each class may organise additional activities such as excursions and activities. These programs will be invoiced separately and are not included in "Whole School Program".
Dear Parents,

The University of New South Wales is again offering students from our school the opportunity to enter one of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) examinations. The ICAS competitions have been run for 30 years, and are the largest independent competition and assessment program for schools in Australia and are delivered to over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Pacific and the USA. Each year these competitions give our students the opportunity to measure their skills and knowledge against other students, as well as providing detailed feedback to you regarding your child’s standing in comparison to the other students who sit the exams.

Please be advised that in 2015 all Year 4 and 6 students will sit the English and Mathematics competitions. The fee for these tests has been included in the whole school fee notice so there is no need to order these tests below.

These examination style competitions are entirely voluntary. They are open to students from Years 3 - 6, and will be administered by staff members from Wheeler Heights Public School. In 2015 tests will be conducted during school time. Reminders will be given to children just before each exam that they are enrolled for.

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All Year 4 & 6 entered – you do not need to enter again.

Please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website for further information (www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) including sample and practice papers.

If you are interested in having your child sit any of these competitions, please completed the application form below and submit with payment to the school office by 12 March 2015.

Thanking You,

John Williams        David Scotter
Deputy Principal       Principal

I would like my child __________________________ of class _______ Year _______ to sit the following competitions:

Digital Techno.  ($8.00)  [ ]  Science  ($8.00)  [ ]
Writing  ($17.00)  [ ]  Spelling  ($11.00)  [ ]  (please tick)

English (Yr 3 & 5 only)  ($8.00)  [ ]  Mathematics (Yr 3 & 5 only)  ($8.00)  [ ]

I have included $ _________ as payment for these competitions.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________
The Wheeler Heights P&C would like to invite you to attend our annual

**Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten, New & Year 6 “buddy” Families**

**Thursday 5 March 2015 from 5:30 – 7:00pm**
Outside the Canteen

This is a social event to welcome Kindergarten families and families new to our beautiful WHPS school along with our Year 6 “buddy” families.

- The P&C will be providing the sausage sizzle from approx 6:00 pm
- Please BYO soft drinks / water
  (As children are present alcohol is not permitted on school grounds)
- Please bring along chairs or rugs

For catering purposes, could you please return the slip below to the P&C box in the office by Thursday 26 February 2015.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this event.

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President

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**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**
Do you like walking to our beautiful local school? Are you also missing walkways on some of the main feeder streets west of the school premises?

The P&C is putting together a petition to Warringah Council to put in more walkways. We'll be collecting signatures next week, starting Monday 23 February. If you see one or several of our beautiful parent volunteers with a clipboard and pencil in hand, please come over to jot your signature under our petition!

There will also be a copy of the petition at school office. Please drop in any time next week to sign.

This is what we'll be asking Council:

We, the undersigned, request an investigation into more pathways being provided along Ambleside, Kirkstone and Heather Streets 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.

Fingers crossed that grassroots movements still work, and Council will take appropriate action to provide safer walkways to our school.

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President
PHEW! WE MADE IT!
We’re pleased to report that all bands have now started rehearsing for 2015. We welcome all the new band children and their parents. We hope you are adjusting to the new routine. The conductors are excited at seeing (and hearing) our band children who seem to be on their best behavior, arriving on time, wide eyed and ready to learn. Well done everyone!

We have some new initiatives to help our bands settle more quickly and we hope to see plenty of students and parents get involved in our Blast Off programs.

BAND CAPTAINS
The process of appointing band captains for 2015 is now underway. This year (just like last year) three Band Captains are to be appointed.

As part of the process of appointing Band Captains for 2015, it has been decided to run a simple, confidential ballot within the Senior Band only. This ballot will be held during Senior Band’s rehearsal on Thursday 20 February 2015. The ballot will be one of a number of determining factors in the making of the appointment(s), with the ultimate decision vesting in the conductor, band committee and the School. Those musicians in Year 6 who do not otherwise have a leadership role are free to nominate for band captain.

RESPECT @ REHEARSALS
Please ensure:

- Shoes are worn to rehearsals. It is not appropriate to come to rehearsals barefoot or in thongs. This is a safety issue but is also about showing respect for the rehearsal.
- If another band is rehearsing in the hall, wait outside, quietly prepare your instrument and music and wait to be called in. When you are called in you can bring your instrument, bag and case and leave your bag and case at the back of the hall.
- If another band is rehearsing in the hall, please respect them by keeping nose to a minimum.
- No food is to be consumed in the hall. If you are eating morning or afternoon tea, do so outside the hall and dispose of your rubbish in the appropriate bins.

BAND FEES and CONTRACTS
If you have not yet paid your Semester 1 Band Fees or you have not yet returned your Band Membership Contract, please do so promptly. You can pre-pay by direct deposit or Flexischools or cheque. Please do not put cash in the Band Box in the office. Please check your invoices for banking and payment details. Contracts can be returned to the Band Box (not conductors).

BAND NEWS
www.whpsband.wordpress.com

BAND EVENTS

TRAINING BAND “BLAST OFF”
25 FEBRUARY 2015

On Wednesday 25 February, during (and going a little after their normal rehearsal) we’re planning to hold a little “Training Band musical boot-camp” to give the Training Band a special "Blast-Off" on their new instruments.

We plan to start at 3.15pm (the usual rehearsal time) and work with the Training Band children in smaller instrument sections to give them a quick “heads-up” on how to handle and play their instruments and get their first few notes and pieces started. We will finish up a slightly extended rehearsal by bringing the band back together to see their progress. This will then be followed by a “Welcome to Band BBQ” for the new band parents and children. This will all be concluded by 5.45pm.

Parents are encouraged to come along to the Blast Off session to learn more alongside your children. If you can’t make it from the beginning, we would love to see you whenever you can get there. This is a great opportunity to meet other band parents and ask questions about the program.

Despite the fact that we will be providing some special tutors to help the sections (as well as some sausages!), there will be no additional cost to band members associated with this event.

SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE BANDS
“BLAST OFF”

On Saturday afternoon, 21 March 2015 (between 1.45pm and 5.30pm) we’re also planning a quick intensive Intermediate and Senior Band Boot Camp. This will comprise a few hours of sectional work (with some special expert musical tutors invited to help) interspersed with some band rehearsals (just like a mini band jam) broken up with afternoon tea. The idea of this event is to allow the children to get a quick saturation from band (and music) early in the year and brush away the post-Christmas cobwebs. There will be no additional cost to musicians attending this event. Further details are to come.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Training Band Blast Off & Welcome BBQ
Training Band Weds 25 February 3.15-5.45pm

Intermediate & Senior Band Blast Off
Saturday 21st March 1.45-5.30pm

Election Day @WHPS
Buskers!!! Saturday 28th March

MONA JOHNSON
whpsband@gmail.com

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89
Narrabean Sports High School
Open Night Wednesday March 4th 2015

Our 2015 Open Night will be held on Wednesday 4th March from 6:00pm until 8:30pm. At Narrabean, we look at your child’s future like you do and know the importance of a well rounded education. We invite you to experience the vibrancy and essence of our school community.

Open Night Highlights:
• View our Faculty teaching and learning displays
• Experience guided tours of the schools facilities
• Hear from Year 7 2015 - ‘A Reflection on the Early Days’
• Meet our School Leaders and Prefects
• Watch Music and Drama performances
• Participate in Academy Sports Program
• Receive enrolment information
• Enjoy light refreshments provided by our senior hospitality students

Narrabean Sports High School 10 Namona St Narrabean 9913 7820
For further information about our Open Day or enrolments, please contact the school office on 9913 7820 or visit our website www.narrabeen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Children will learn about personal strengths, resilient thinking skills and connecting with others.

All of this will be put into action with a creative project as well.

Relationships Australia, in conjunction with The Resilience Centre and sponsored by Pittwater RSL and Warriewood Surf Club, will be running this program for Northern Beaches children who will be in Years 5 or 6 in 2015 and who have AD/HD and/or anxiety.

5 week group program for 8-12 year olds

Date & Time: Monday afternoons, 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Starting 23 Feb, then 2, 9, 16 & 23 March

Location: Warriewood Surf Club, Warriewood Beach
Narrabeen Park Parade, Warriewood

Cost: $70

Facilitator: Jacqui Marquis-Condor, Registered Psychologist

Enquiries: Call Sue Johansson on 99385240, or email suej@ransw.org.au

To Register: Contact Sue at Relationships Australia, Brookvale Community Centre, 2 Alfred Rd, Brookvale
Collaroy Plateau Cricket Club
60th Anniversary Season

CRICKET FESTIVAL

Sunday 22 February, 2015

11am till 5pm
Vic Huxley Oval (Plateau Park)

Free Kids Activities

Bowling speed guns * Sydney 6’ers activities * T20 blast games

Prizes * Raffles * BBQ * Cakes/lollies/drinks for sale

3:00pm - T20 match between Invitational XI & CPCC ‘Young Guns’

Come and celebrate CPCC’s 60th season and contribute to our Pink Stumps fundraiser
The main area of focus will be within a 400 metre walkable zone from the centre of Mona Vale. The area within a 1km radius from the centre will be considered as part of the investigation and will influence the outcomes delivered within the town centre.

Pittwater Council is committed to creating places where the community want to live, connect and work. Our centres and public places play an important role in growing the local economy and building communities. To address future challenges and improve our town centre, Council is developing a Place Plan for Mona Vale Town Centre. This plan will help Council understand the needs of residents and businesses and guide the management of our centre over time.

WHAT IS A PLACE PLAN?
A Place Plan is a tactical and action-oriented strategy focused on the community’s connection to place. It establishes a vision and path forward for an area, allowing incremental change that is aligned with the current and future needs of the community.

PLACE PLANNING FOR MONA VALE
The Mona Vale Place Plan process will shape the development of planning controls for the Mona Vale Town Centre, which will provide clarity and certainty for all who share an interest in the future of the area. The intention will be to allow Mona Vale to evolve over time with a strong emphasis on creating places for people.

Over the next 18 months, Council will focus on the planning and design of Mona Vale, ensuring it continues to function as a vibrant town centre now and into the future.

Through place planning Council will aim to:
• Create places designed for people
• Attract the right uses to the right places
• Provide a focal point for employment and new forms of residential development
• Improve connectivity in and around the centre, especially for pedestrians
• Recognise the importance of streets as community spaces and destinations.

For more information and to register your interest visit places.pittwater.nsw.gov.au or call 02 9970 1111
“What makes a vibrant place?”

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