From The Principal:

I’m sure you will have seen the petitions which are around the school and at the local shops. Please support our school and P&C in this project to improve the state of our local footpaths and walkways.

**STOP PRESS:** We have just heard from the NSW Government that school zone crossings **Flashing Lights** are to be installed on Veterans Parade!!!! This is very exciting news, with work scheduled to commence very soon.

Training for the **Year 3-6 Cross Country carnival** will soon begin. The carnival is held at school next term on Tuesday 28 April with all students in Years 3-6 competing and any Year 2 students who turn 8 this year also eligible. I know many students are ready and raring to go!!

On the last day of term is our **Easter Hat Parade for all students in Years K-2** with our Year 6 students helping their Kindergarten buddies with their hats and the parade. All parents and friends are invited to attend the parade on Thursday 2 April.

Thank you to ex-parent **Nick Simonetti** from **Kelpie Concrete** for generously doing a concrete job for us recently. Such support is greatly appreciated by our school.

**Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten and new families**

What a lovely afternoon we had last Thursday. Over 300 Kindergarten students, Year 6 buddies, teachers and parents were present to enjoy a free sausage sizzle (or two!) and a drink. The children played happily on the equipment and the oval and didn’t want to go home!!

Many parents spoke to me about the special relationship which the Kindies and the Year 6 students share. I witnessed the elation when a young child spotted their buddy, or when a student gave their buddy a special card or small gift. Parents related to me the acts of kindness and generosity which the Year 6 students have been involved in which re-affirms the success and importance of our Kindergarten Buddy program.

A huge thank you again to the P&C for catering so well for this event.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Please be advised that parent teacher interviews will be conducted over the final two weeks of this term, from March 23. Each teacher has allocated time slots depending on their availability and school events. We are again using an online booking system, so parents are asked to log on to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and book online using the event code which is B6F64B. The site will be open for bookings on **Friday, March 13 at 3pm**. Parents who cannot access a computer may visit the school office for internet access.

**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 the newsletter, is on the website and is available at the front office. **Forms must be returned now!!**. 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).

**School Program Fees**

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their school program fees. Don’t forget the 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.

**Take 3 for the Sea**

At WHPS we are again embracing this worthy and simple initiative. The ‘Take 3’ message is simple: take 3 pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or… the playground! and you have made a difference.

Debris and rubbish, particularly plastic, not only looks unsightly but also has a disastrous impact in our oceans on marine life and, ultimately, us. We can greatly reduce the amount of marine debris in our oceans by preventing it from getting there in the first place! Using this simple phrase and associated environmental education lessons and discussions we encourage students to **Refuse** disposable plastic, **Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle and Respond** by picking up rubbish.
Road and Car Park Safety
Please be extra careful in the morning and afternoons around the school and car park areas. 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 can also call the council directly and ask for a ranger to again be sent.

Resources for Parents
The school and I often receive thought-provoking educational resources and parenting information. We plan to have a section on the school website where such articles may be placed for your perusal. Please be advised that such articles are not endorsed by the school or the Department of School Education and Communities. For example, you may find the below link about Reading with your child helpful and interesting: http://creatingalearningenvironment.com/?p=213

David Scotter
Principal

From The Office:
Year 7 High School Enrolment
Forms have been 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 enquiries regarding the forms once you have received them, please contact the office and ask for Mrs Sly.

Book Club
Catalogues were distributed to children recently. If paying by credit card, please refer to instructions on reverse of catalogue to pay online and record the receipt no. on the order form. Orders are to be placed down the chute in the front office by 13th March.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

Harmony Day Mufti Day:
Wheeler Heights will be celebrating Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Thursday 19th March. The purpose of this day is to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity and remind students that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Our aim is to promote inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We encourage all students to dress in National dress from a country of their origin or wear the colours of their national flag (eg. Red, white and green for Italy). All students will give a gold coin donation to take part in the day. You can visit http://www.harmony.gov.au/ and http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/ for more information about both initiatives.

Julia Smith
Acting Assistant Principal

Chess News
Mona Vale Chess Day
Good luck to the 12 senior chess players who will be representing WHPS at the all-day Mona Vale tournament next Wednesday! Many thanks to the parent volunteers (thus far) and also please URGENTLY return any outstanding permission slips for the event directly to myself ASAP so that we know that all the children have transport to and from the venue.

After School Chess Competition
Notes have also gone out to interested players, Years 2 and upwards, for the 2015 "After School" Chess Competition which commences early in Term 2. I need to be able to inform the convener of this NSW Junior Chess League-sponsored competition of our numbers by next Tuesday – he single-handedly creates the draw for the hundreds of teams across NSW!

Many thanks,
Heike Zillhardt
Chess Co-ordinator
Sports News

PSSA

Tomorrow v Narrabeen North –

***Please note some changes to venues...

Cricket is at Lake Park
Tag at Narrabeen Nth PS
AFL at Narrabeen HS
Softball & T Ball are at Boondah

Tyson Blanshard
Sport Coordinator

Pittwater District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday March 10, 36 students represented Wheeler Heights at the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival. We had a very successful day with all students trying their personal best. Mr Scotter, Mr Blanshard and I were very impressed with the behaviour of all students and the support they gave their school mates.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer on our kids and for those who assisted with time keeping.

Great job West L, Oliver F, Jed R, Mac L, Georgia N, Sophia T and Hannah G for qualifying for the finals. Well done to Hannah for finishing 3rd overall in the 100m Freestyle and Mac for finishing 3rd overall in the 50m Backstroke. A big congratulations to Sophia T who is going on to represent the Pittwater Zone at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival for the 100m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley and 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations to all swimmers for a fabulous day.

Julia Smith
Team Manager

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GATEway... ... to achievement at Davidson HIGH SCHOOL

Apply to have the opportunity to participate in our Year 7 extension/enrichment class for 2016.

The focus is critical and creative thinking with a personalised learning time called Genius Hour.

20th April 2015 GATEway entrance test
9.00-11.30am $30 registration fee required by 20th March
31st July 2015 Submit portfolio of work

Please contact the school for more information and an application form on 9451 0022 or www.davidson-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Tuesday 31st March - Easter Ice Cream Day - $2.50!

Fandangles
Toffee Woopie Cookie
Fairy Floss
Choc Shmallow

We are running this day as a fundraiser for the canteen as it is in need of some more equipment to help us make delicious fresh food. The ice creams will be by order through Flexischools there will be a limited supply. If you have any questions regarding the day please email us at;

whpscanteen@gmail.com

NSW canteens are allowed 2 red days a term.

Flexischools

Please place your child's lunch and recess orders by the Flexischools cut off which is 9am.

Wheeler Bites only accepts Flexischools orders.

Counter Sales Cut Off

The teachers have requested we stop serving all frozen items early, many children were returning to class with 1/2 eaten ice blocks, the cut off at recess will be 11:30 and at lunch 1:30.

Money for the Canteen

If you give your child money to purchase something from the canteen, please explain to them what they can get with the money you have given them.

Warmest regards,

Zoe & Tracey

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ROSTER WEEK 8 & 9

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Entertain the kids these school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slip’n’slide, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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Elizabeth Chernishov, Go4Fun parent

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Tuesdays
4.30pm-6.30pm
Starts 21st April

Hornsby PCYC
Performing Arts Centre
22 Waitara Ave,
Waitara

Chatswood
Wednesdays
4.30pm-6.30pm.
Starts 22nd April

Fix Australia
319 Penshurst St,
Chatswood

Register now freecall 1800 780 900 or go4fun.com.au