From The Principal:

District Cross Country
The carnival was unfortunately postponed today due to the state of the ovals. A new date for this carnival is being arranged and will be communicated as soon as it is finalised.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Tomorrow will be the annual Mothers’ Day stall. Please be sure to use Flexischools to order your gift (closes 8pm tonight) or send money tomorrow morning with your child.

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Next week will be the NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5, held throughout Australia. Tuesday will be Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday will be Reading and Thursday will be Numeracy. Students who miss a test may be able to complete a catch up test on Friday. Good luck to all our students.

School Working Bee Saturday 16 May from 8am -12 noon
Please mark this date in your diary…..lots of jobs, large and small to keep our school and grounds looking fabulous.

Library Monitors
Congratulations to our new Library monitors (see names later in this newsletter) who will receive their badges at Monday’s 9.15am assembly.

SRC News
Congratulations to our wonderful SRC reps from Years 2-6, who have been very busy of late. These boys and girls meet regularly, discuss important issues and then report back to their classes. Please see the SRC news section later in the newsletter. Thank you to Ms Mavromatis who does such a tremendous job co ordinating the SRC.

Nepal Earthquake
One of our school parents has written a letter for the newsletter about the terrible tragedy in Nepal and how we as a school may be able to assist. Ms Mavromatis and the SRC have discussed the issue and are looking at a possible fundraiser and association with a school in Nepal.

Enrolments 2016
Please be sure to complete an enrolment form if your child is ready for school in 2016. We have our first school tour on Friday 22 May and our Information evening on Wednesday 3 June. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbours. We will soon be visiting local pre schools and dropping in some flyers.

Canteen News
Please see the Canteen News below with details of new Winter menu items and a great photo of last Friday’s volunteers!! Thank you to the amazing Zoe, Tracey and their band of helpers and volunteers who provide such a wonderful daily service to the children of our school.

Pathways Petition
A huge thank you to Carole Bradicich and Claudia Shremmer who have worked tirelessly on the footpaths/pathways campaign. This week the petition, with almost 2,000 signatures, was delivered to the Warringah Mayor and council. Yesterday the Manly Daily visited and took photos at the Berith Street exit with some of our students. Look out for the article soon in the Daily.

Chess Results from 1/5/15
Last Friday was the first round of the NSW Junior Chess League competition, played against St John’s Narrareena A, B & C and St Lukes D. The A team lost 1-3 with Oliver O successful on Board 1, The B and D team both drew 2-2 and the C team (our girls squad) won 3-1. This week all teams are at home against Oxford Falls A, C & D and St Lukes A.

Year 5 2016 Opportunity Class Applications
If you would like your child to sit the Opportunity Class test for 2016, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return to your class teacher or the office. The form was emailed to Year 4 parents and is available on the school website (click here). Opportunity classes operate at Mona Vale and Balgowlah Heights Public schools.
**Kindergarten Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)**

All Kindergarten families have been emailed a note regarding the AEDC (also available on our website [here](#)). If you would not like your child to participate could you please let the office or your teacher know.

**Life Education**

Healthy Harold and the van will be visiting our school in early June. There is always a time set aside for parents to visit the van and see what goes on inside Harold’s home! I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

**School Program Fees**

Letters are currently being sent home to families whose school program fees are outstanding. If for any reason you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to discuss any issue please see Mr Scotter.

**Year 6 Seating**

You may have noticed the recent addition of two sets of aluminium picnic table-style seating on the lovely new tiered section of the oval. Students have taken the opportunity to ‘trial’ this facility with the notably improved, glorious Autumn weather this week.

David Scotter  
Principal

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**From The Office:**

**Parents who make direct deposits, please read**

When making a direct deposit to the school bank account please email or send a note to the school containing your child’s name and detailing where you would like the money distributed. This note needs to be received at the school **the morning after making your deposit**, as we bank each day.

**Unidentified direct deposits**

We have two unidentified deposits in the school bank account. Dates of deposits are 30/3/15 and 20/4/15. If you deposited into our account on one of these dates, and have not received a receipt for your payment, please contact me to establish where the funds should be directed.

**Stewart House Envelopes**

Are due at school by Thursday 14th May.

**Free Piano**

The school has been offered a free piano. As the school has a piano, the person donating is offering it to a member of our community. If you are interested please contact the school for details.

Jodie Sly  
School Administration Manager

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**Science News:**

The applications for the PCS Science Fair were all of a fabulous, thoughtful quality and we ended up with more than twice as many applicants as needed, so the assistance of Mr Scotter and Mr Williams was enlisted to narrow the field. The "Lucky 8" will be announced shortly at our first meeting. Everyone who applied will be more than welcome to attend the extra science sessions on Thursday lunchtimes and (if numbers allow, which SHOULD be the case judging from last year), will be invited to attend the Science Fair, even if they won't actually be presenting.

**Science resources update**

Yippeee! - all sought items - bar ball-bearings and tubing - have now been very kindly donated - thank you everyone!

Heike Zillhardt  
Science Co-ordinator

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**We Need Tap Shoes!**

A number of Year 6 students are currently learning a tap dance routine for which we require tap shoes. If you have a spare/old pair (or several pairs!) of tap shoes that would be suitable in size for a Year 6 child we would really appreciate it if they could be loaned to us until the end of the year. The shoes will be kept at school in a safe place. If you are able to help please let me know or send the shoes to school with your child clearly labelled with your name so they can be returned.

Thank you,  
Nicole Marshall  
6N Teacher
Peer Reading Tutors

I’m sure you’ve all heard of the classic tale of ‘The Elves & the Shoemaker’ by Brothers Grimm. You’ll know how the elves in a spirit of generosity and helpfulness took on the responsibility of creating beautiful shoes for the struggling shoemaker and his wife to sell. By the end of the story the elves give them the gift to make the shoes independently. It is a story about magic.

Such magic also happens at Wheeler Heights in the library 4 days a week before school.

No, we don’t have elves!

What we do have are Year 6 students who volunteer their time, patience and skill to assist Year 1 students who need extra support with their reading. Like the elves they assist these students on the road to independence.

Continuing on in Term 2 are:
- 6B - Erin G., Marie M., Charlotte N., Owen V. G., Gabbie C.,
- 6L - Daniel S.
- 6N - Gabrielle S., Bailey S.

These students wear a Peer Mentor badge to acknowledge their leadership role. Although some have not assumed a leadership role before, all have proven themselves to be willing, cheerful responsible and capable tutors.

Welcome back for Term 2 and huge thank you to you all (and your parents for their consent) for working your magic!

Ms Loneck
Learning and Support Teacher

Library News:

Monitors
Congratulations to the seven library monitors from Year 5 who will be receiving their badges of office at the assembly on Monday 11 May: Scarlett B, Millie L and Neve K from 5RW and Lillie L, Mackenzie R, Jasmine M and Brooke Mc from 5G. Congratulations once again to these capable and reliable students.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
How are you going with the Premier’s Reading Challenge? A big congratulations and keep it up to 3/4C, which has all students well on their way through the challenge. Remember, you have until August 21, so keep reading!
For parents of students K-2, the easiest way to keep a record of the books your child has experienced is to log on to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website and type the books directly in. Click on the link below to take you directly there:
http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Once the 30 books have been entered, then the challenge is complete! The user name and password are those used by students to log on to the computers at school. Please see your class teacher if unsure. We look forward to awarding all those who successfully complete the challenge before 21 August a free book of their choice.

Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood
Library

SRC Update
The SRC has been busy planning some activities for Term 2.

Cake Stall
As we have many bike riders at Wheeler, the students identified the need for more bike racks. The SRC has decided to hold a cake stall to raise money for the purchase of a new bike rack for the school. (Thank you in advance to all the SRC parents who will put their culinary skills into action too!) Cakes will range in price from 20c - $1.00.
The cake stall will be held on Thursday 14 May at recess.

Bike Riders
As mentioned last year, it is DEC policy that children must be 10 years age & over to ride a bike unaccompanied to school. All eligible riders will receive their “bike rider’s agreement” shortly from an SRC rep.

Loud Shirt Day
The SRC reps have decided to support “Hear & Say” which is an organisation who provide early intervention for deaf & hearing impaired children across Australia. We will be holding a “LOUD” shirt Day. All students are invited to wear bright/loud coloured clothes and bring a gold coin donation to support the cause.
LOUD Shirt Day will be held on Tuesday 2 June.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator
Sports News

Winter PSSA
Competition commences tomorrow. Students will need to bring the required equipment for their respective sports. Notes need to be returned asap to their coaches and money is due by round 2 (15th May) to the office. It is vital that students make their designated training sessions. Failure to make training sessions and payments may result in students being replaced with students on the reserve list. Parents will be able to access the full draw on the Wheeler Heights website. The weekly draw will be sent out through Primary Parent Planner (App is available from the Apple and Android app stores - More information on the PPP App is available on the Wheeler Heights PS web site). Weekly draw and results will be published in the newsletter each week.
Looking forward to a great winter season of skill development, team building and sportsmanship! And of course healthy competition!

Tomorrow we play against Collaroy Plateau;

Boys Rugby League  Lake Park     Mr Blanshard
Girls Netball   Boondah        Mrs Young and Mrs Smith
Girls Soccer    Boondah        Miss Tekampe
Boys Soccer     Boondah        Mr Cox

Upcoming Pittwater Zone/Sydney North Trials
Trials are held throughout the year for students who excel in a particular sport to represent the zone/region/state. Teachers from around the Pittwater Zone and beyond will be in charge of running selection trials for the various sports. These teachers will notify the schools sports coordinators of trial dates and locations (Mr Blanshard). At Wheeler Heights, announcements are made at assemblies calling for students to nominate themselves to trial, if they meet the desired criteria (PSSA coaches are asked to nominate students as part of this process). Each school is allowed to send only 3-4 students to each trial, demonstrating the high level of skill required (generally Yrs 5-6). If you would like more information regarding these trials, do not hesitate to contact Mr Blanshard through the school office.

The District trials being held in Term 2:
Girls Netball - Closed
Girls and Boys Softball - Open
Girls and Boys Touch Football- Open
Girls and Boys Golf – Upcoming

Yours in sport,
Mr Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015

Wheeler Heights Dance Program

Senior & Junior Eisteddfod & performance season is here!

Attendance: It is very important as competitions are approaching that children attend all classes and be on time for 8am start, thank you.
Full dress rehearsal: All dancers are to bring their full costume including shimmer tights and black jazz shoes to class next week Seniors Wednesday 13/5/15 & Juniors Friday 15/5/15.

Eisteddfod 1 information: Saturday May 30th senior and junior dance groups will be performing in the "I'd rather be dancing" Eisteddfod located at Pittwater House School. Juniors arrive at 8am for 9am start. Seniors arrive at 8:30am for 9:30am start.

Eisteddfod 2 information: Sunday June 21st both Senior and Junior will be performing. 7:15am arrival for 8:15am start at UTS Kuring-gai Eton Road, Lindfield in the Greenhalgh Theatre. Parking (small fee might apply). Parking is limited so please allow additional travelling time for this.

Glen Street information: Glen Street matinee and evening performances usually run mid or late June for a 2 week period. We will be advised of actual dates if our auditions are successful.

Our email address is whps.dance@gmail.com
Kind regards, Deneille G (Dance Parent Liaison)
A message from Fiona Chadwick (Malie and Shanti Goddard’s mum - Year 2)

Dear Parents and Students,

As you all know, on 25 April 2015 Nepal was struck by a devastating earthquake that has very sadly claimed many lives and caused serious damage to buildings, homes and roads throughout Kathmandu and more remote village areas. Hundreds of thousands of people are still without adequate food, water and shelter and it will be a long road ahead to rebuild their lives. My business, Pashom, has been working with cottage craft producers in Nepal for over 13 years and we have many wonderful friends and colleagues in Kathmandu, fortunately none of whom were hurt during the earthquake. Having such a close affinity with the country, I am very committed to helping the people of Nepal and I am in the process of obtaining a licence that will allow Pashom to fundraise for Nepal. Due to my close connections with the Children of Nepal Welfare Society, I am able to get 100% of the money raised here in Australia directly to Nepal and the rebuilding projects that require financial support.

I have met with Mr Scotter and the school has expressed a heartfelt desire to participate in some form of fundraising. We discussed the possibly of finding a school in Nepal that has suffered damage from the quake and in helping them to rebuild, we could develop a long standing connection with this school and the students could communicate with each other and learn more about each others’ culture.

We will let you know more about what type of fundraising day we will have at the school very soon, and if any parents or students have any thoughts or suggestions they would be gladly received.

Thank you and warm regards,
Fiona Chadwick
Last Friday we were lucky enough to have 2 volunteer Dads in the canteen, Andy Ward and Baz Stollitt. They were fantastic and came prepared with sports headbands (obviously knowing Fridays are our busiest day).

**Counter Sales**

Counter Sales are from 1:10pm – 1:30pm this is when the children are allowed to come and buy something from the canteen, ice blocks or drinks, baked goods.

$1 is enough for your child to get something from the canteen popcorn is $1 so is an ice cream cup.

**Winter Menu**

As you may have noticed on Flexischools we have added some lovely warming winter meals;

- Butter Chicken ($3.50) Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Fried Rice ($3.00) Wednesday and Thursday, both made from scratch in the canteen.
- Nachos ($3.50) are back on Mondays replacing Sushi.
- Once the colder days come we will be serving hot chocolates yummy, they will be at recess only.

**Canteen Committee**

The overall management and policy direction of the school canteen is undertaken by the Canteen Committee, a sub-committee of the Wheeler Heights Public School P&C. The canteen committee meets once a term in the canteen at 1:40pm on the Thursday of Week 5, please feel free to pop in should you have any ideas for the canteen or would like to hear how things work.

Warmest regards,
Zoe & Tracey

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COOL KIDS ANXIETY GROUP

NOW ENROLLING FOR TERM 3, 2015!

Cool Kids is a structured, skills-based group program that teaches children aged 7-12 how to better manage their anxiety. It involves participation of both the child and their parent/s, and focuses on teaching clear and practical skills.

Topics covered include:

- Learning about emotions and anxiety
- Learning to think more helpfully using ‘Detective Thinking’
- Parenting an anxious child
- Fighting fear by gradually facing fear (‘Stepladders’)
- Problem-solving
- Assertiveness and dealing with bullying

- Cool Kids programs run 6pm - 8pm once a week for 10 weeks during school term.
- The group programs are located in Gordon, with easy parking and public transport options.
- Cost of the 10-week (20 hour) program, facilitated by a Clinical Psychologist, is $950 (+ $35 per set of manuals).
- Medicare rebates of up to $316.50 apply with a Mental Health Care Plan from your GP.

Please speak to your GP or phone (0478) 763163 for more information.