From The Principal:

Congratulations to Finnley W who represented Sydney North at the state basketball carnival last week in Berkeley. Finnley’s team won five of their six pools games to reach the semi-finals where they were defeated by CIS. Well played Finnley! See the photos and letter later in the newsletter.

A warm welcome to Ms Krystle Maguire who is teaching 6L each Friday. Welcome also to Ms Annette Donald who has been our Librarian with Mrs Westwood while Mrs Bevan is on leave.

Working Bee Saturday 16 May from 8am -12 noon

Wheelbarrows needed…

This Saturday from 8am till 12 noon. It would be great to see a large number of helpers come along. We will have a variety of large and small jobs, please meet at the school canteen area.

We will need a number of wheelbarrows and also rakes and shovels on Saturday so if you were able to bring one that would be most helpful.

School Office Foyer Displays

I hope you have seen the latest foyer displays from KG and 5RW. They are very creative and I encourage classes to regularly visit the school foyer to see our talented students’ art work. Each class has a rostered display time once or twice a year.

District Cross Country- new date Thurs 21 May

The carnival was unfortunately postponed last week due to the state of the ovals. Thursday 21 May is the new date. Could parents please be sure to sign the new permission note distributed this week and available on our website here.

Mothers’ Day Stall

Thank you to the Year 2 parents and fundraising co-ordinator Sherene Lagasse for organising another very successful and efficient Mothers’ Day stall last Friday.

Manly Daily article

You may have seen the picture and article in last Saturday’s Manly Daily concerning our footpath petition. Well done to parents Carole and Claudia who have driven this project with the support of the whole school community.

Bins, Birds & Bags

You will have noticed our new bins with the yellow bird resistant lids. The birds are having difficulty accessing the bins and they are now even more determinedly trying to get lunches out of school bags. Please be sure to remind your children to always zip up all bags and have your lunch in a strong lunch box or container. Also many children decide to help the environment by not bringing plastic or foil whenever possible. Hopefully if we are all very careful and vigilant the birds may decide to look elsewhere for their food!!

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

Well done to all Year 3 and 5 students who this week completed the NAPLAN assessments held throughout Australia. Results will be available to our school in August.

School Plan 2015-17 and Annual School Report 2014

Please be advised that the Annual School Report (2014) and the School Strategic Plan (2015-17) are now on the school website (ASR here and School Plan here). Please take the time to look at these important documents, outlining school achievements from last year and future directions of the school. At next week’s P&C meeting there will be an opportunity to discuss any aspects of these documents.

University of NSW Digital Technologies Test

Next Tuesday, May 19 is the University of NSW Digital Technologies Test for Years 3-6. This is the first of the University tests for 2015. Students who registered to sit the test have been given a reminder note and a practice test from Mr Scotter. Good luck!!

Library Monitors

Congratulations to our new Library monitors, Scarlett, Millie, Neve, Lillie, Mackenzie, Jasmine and Brooke who received their badges at this Monday’s 9.15am assembly.

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. You can download a form from the website here or come up to the school office to collect one. 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 have been visiting local pre-schools and dropping in some flyers advertising the upcoming dates.

Chess Results from 8/5/15
Last Friday all four teams played at home against Oxford Falls and St Lukes. The A’s won (4 v 0), B’s lost (1.5 v 2.5), C’s won (3.5 v 0.5) and D’s won (4 v 0). Thank you to the parents for the delicious afternoon tea.
This week all teams are away against Newport A & B and St Lukes B & C.

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 were recently sent 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.

David Scotter
Principal

From The Office:

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.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

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

Library News:

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
**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

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**SRC Update 🎉**

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

**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

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**Sports News**

**PSSA**

It was a brilliant day last Friday for the first round of the Winter PSSA competition. The kids were excited to be getting out on their respective pitches to represent Wheeler Heights with pride and to demonstrate their great sportsmanship. There were some great matches against our neighbours, Collaroy Plateau.

**Results from Round 1:**

- Rugby League: Juniors - Loss / Seniors - Loss
- Boys Soccer: Juniors - Loss / Seniors - Win
- Girls Soccer: Juniors - Loss / Seniors - Loss
- Senior Girls Netball: A’s - Win / B’s - Win
- Junior Girls Netball: A’s - Win / B’s – Loss

This week we are playing Narrabeen North. The Netball girls are at Boondah as usual. The Soccer teams are playing at Narrabeen North PS and the League lads are playing at Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park). The kids have had a great week at training and looking forward to their matches. Go Wheeler!

**Pittwater Zone Trials**

We had three girls trial for the Pittwater Zone Netball team. Alice, Sophia and Erin all trialled very well and should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Sophia and Erin who were selected. We wish them all the best for their trial for the Sydney North team, next Tuesday. Best of luck girls!

Yours in sport

*Mr Tyson Blanshard*
Sports Coordinator 2015
Thank you from Finnley

Last week I played in the Sydney North team at the NSWPSA Girls Basketball State Championships. I had an amazing week and I feel very lucky to have been able to experience it. After winning 5 of our 6 games we made it to the semi-finals. We lost a very close game to South Coast (who ended up winning the competition) by only 6 points. We then went to play off for 3rd and 4th position against CIS. Again, this game was very close and in the end we lost by only 5 points. I was very proud of how our team played and I have learned a lot about my game by being involved.

I would like to thank Mr Scotter and Mr Blanshard for their support and encouragement. I would also like to thank all the teachers, parents and students of our school for buying raffle tickets, wishing me good luck and asking me how I went when I got back.

I felt very supported by my school and thank you very much for it.

From Finnley 😊

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: Juniors Friday 15/5/15 at 8am sharp. Full costume, shimmer tights and black jazz shoes are to be worn. Please bring dance bag to carry the full costume home in.

Eisteddfod 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.

Assembly performances: Juniors 11/6/15 will perform in full costume at the Thursday assembly. Seniors 18/6/15 will perform in full costume at the Thursday assembly.

Eisteddfod 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
A massive Thank You to volunteer parents from year 2 that helped out with last Friday's Mothers Day Stall!

The fundraising committee and the P&C appreciate everyone who took time out of their day to assist with this fun feel good fundraising effort.


Thank you

Sherene LaGasse
Fundraising Coordinator
Update on Walkway Petition to Warringah Council

Since the start of our petition campaign for more safe pathways to school, we collected a total of 1769 signatures. The P & C feels very privileged to operate in an area where school families and the wider community throw their full support behind such a campaign. Thank you to everyone who signed!

On 5 May, we submitted our petition to Council and the Mayor. Things started to move fast immediately with a photo shoot with the Manly Daily at the Berith Street entrance on 6 May. A huge thank you to our wonderful year 1, year 2 and year 4 students as well as our fantastic school captains who volunteered to model for the photographer!

You would have seen our article in the Manly Daily on Saturday 9 May 2015.

This prompted Council to confirm that the 80m footpath from Berith Street entrance to Ettalong Street will definitely go ahead either during the July or September school holidays.

As for the feeder streets Ambleside St, Kirkstone St, Heather St, Grevillea St and Berith St (toward Rose Ave), we are in touch with Council and are currently awaiting their reply promised for later this month.

The newspaper article states that “the work has been prioritised” by Council. Let us hope that media attention and community power will lead to a favourable result.

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President

The P & C would also like to wholeheartedly thank the two families Jackson and Cummings for their generous donations!
TRAINING BAND TAKES OFF!
Congratulations to Kelvin and the hugely popular Training Band for their amazing performance at the K-2 Assembly last week. What a brilliant show! And what a wonderful turnout of spectators we had. The audience was huge with lots of parents, grandparents and friends attending to witness the Training Band’s first ever live performance as a band. The band played three pieces and absolutely blew the roof off! Thanks to all who contributed. Great work!

INTERMEDIATE BAND @NSSWE
Last week the Intermediate Band performed at NSSWE’s Autumn Community Concert series at The Forest High School. This was a great opportunity to showcase this fabulous young band. It also provided the band members the opportunity to watch and listen to other local bands of varying ability. The feedback from this concert was very positive. And the band? Of course it stole the show! Well done to all our young performers, you’re sounding great. Extra special congratulations to the Intermediate Band parents and carers who braved the early evening traffic chaos to get to this gig. It was a great concert and a very worthwhile experience for all concerned.

GET READY FOR BAND JAM THIS WEEKEND
Start spreading the Jam! Band Jam is back for another year...bigger and better.

As usual the event will start on a Saturday afternoon (16 May) finishing in the evening (after pizza, popcorn and a top secret movie). We then will restart on Sunday morning (17 May) culminating with a performance in the School Hall of all bands, finishing before lunchtime on Sunday. Please come along at 12pm for our mini-concert finale!

This will be a fun and intensive workshop, held over two half-days. This is an important annual band event. The aim is to saturate our band children in music and playing their instruments. Experience has shown that, after every Band Jam, the musicians’ musical and social confidence grows exponentially. On many developmental levels this gig is a critical part of our school’s band program.

JOIN THE FUN
Another timely reminder that our school band program is run by volunteer parents - mums and dads with day jobs. Please feel free to contribute where and when you can. This may include setting up, packing up or Shhooshing! If you’re not sure how you can contribute come along to Band Jam and ask around. No job too small!

ANTHONY MACDERMOTT
whpsband@gmail.com / 0417 277 89

ARTS ALIVE!
On Thursday 4th June, we will be hosting a visit from the Arts Alive Combined Schools Primary and Junior Bands. This concert event will involve our Training, Intermediate and Senior Bands, with a concert starting at 6.30pm.

Due to this fantastic concert opportunity, the usual rehearsal for Intermediate and Senior Bands will be cancelled for Thursday 4th June.

SENIOR BAND @ NSSWE
Don't forget the Senior Band will be performing at NSSWE’s second concert series at the Forest High School. The Senior Band is scheduled to perform on Tuesday 16 June in what promises to be another successful concert series. Please make a note in your diaries!

NORTHERN BEACHES INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL@ PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL
All of our Bands will be performing at the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival which will take place at Pittwater High School on Sunday, 21 June (in the morning) – precise times will be published shortly. This is a popular local event at which each of our Bands will be playing (in separate hour-long sessions) with other school bands of varying experience. Our bands will each be assessed and commented upon with feedback given by a professional adjudicator. The bands will also have the opportunity, within their respective session, to watch and enjoy other local bands of varying standard.

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY
Band Jam: All Bands
Sat 16th May (3.15-8pm) & Sun 17th May (8.15am-12.30pm)

Arts Alive! Concert: All Bands
Thursday 4th June, evening

NSSWE Concert: Senior Band
Forest High
Tuesday 16th June; 6.30pm arrive for 7pm concert

Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival
Pittwater High School
Sunday 21st June, AM (Times TBC)

MONA JOHNSON

THE NEW REVOLUTION IN SPIT MANAGEMENT
Are you tired of having to ask permission to leave the hall during a band rehearsal to empty the spit from your instrument? There is an easy answer – a spit rag. Grab an old hand towel or rag from home and bring it with you, place it on the floor at your feet and, voila, you can empty your spit valve onto the rag. Prizes will be awarded to the first brass players who appear at rehearsal with their new spit rag fashion accessory. [And by the way IT’S NOT ACTUALLY SPIT. It’s condensation as your warm breathe fills your cold instrument. So it’s not all that disgusting!]

www.whpsband.wordpress.com
You are cordially invited to meet the Principal,
Ms Jann Pattinson

**Friday 29 May at 9.15am**
in the Jan Jones Room

After a short presentation by the Principal and a Q&A session, school tours will be run, concluding with morning tea.

**Davidson HIGH SCHOOL**

Mimosa Street
Frenchs Forest
Phone: 9451 0022
www.davidson-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

To secure your place at this event, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code C4LND.

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