Term 2 Week 5

From The Principal:

Well done to the SRC for the delicious cakes last week at the Cake stall. Thank you to the parents for your baking and Ms Movmatis for organising the event.

Congratulations to our incredible Band Committee for the very successful Band Jam on Saturday and Sunday at school. We have very talented musicians who performed superbly for the large crowd at the concert on Sunday. Well done to all band directors, parents, helpers and students involved!!

School Safety on Veterans Parade

Last week I was lucky enough to fill in as Lollipop Man when Warren was away. I was most impressed by the great majority of parents and children. Unfortunately there were still a number of unsafe practices. One of the most dangerous of these was cars parking across the driveways of local residents. The neighbours were then forced to wait for the cars to move, meaning that traffic was lined up in both directions. Frustratingly I saw car spots available at the shops and in the car park right opposite our school. Please take the time to go a little further, park safely and set the right example. I have again spoken to the council about rangers visiting our school at peak times.

Next week we have the NRMA roadshow visiting for all students K-6 and a parent session. More details available next term. As always, it was re-assuring to see the wonderful Warren back the next day!!

Working Bee

We had a small, but talented group of volunteers on Saturday morning. We spread ten square metres of softfall mulch under the play equipment, weeded the new bike rack area, swept, weeded and chain sawed some fallen trees and branches, tidied the sandpit and generally helped to beautify our school. Special thanks to Karen & Roland Nitch for their expertise and all parents and children who attended.

Walk to School Day- tomorrow Friday 22 May

Tomorrow the SRC students will be handing out stickers to students who walk to school. As there may be more students on the pathways and crossings tomorrow we urge everyone to be extra vigilant in the morning.

District Cross Country

Good luck to all our competitors today. Runners who finish in the top six in each age group will be eligible to attend the Sydney North carnival on Thursday 11 June.

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!!

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 this week’s P&C meeting there was an opportunity to discuss aspects of these documents.

University of NSW Tests

On Tuesday the University of NSW Digital Technologies Test for Years 3-6 was held. This was the first of the University tests for 2015. Students who registered to sit the test will been given a reminder note and this week’s P&C meeting there was an opportunity to discuss aspects of these documents.

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 Movmatis and the SRC have discussed the issue and are looking at a possible fundraiser and association with a school in Nepal.

Enrolments 2016- School Tour tomorrow at 9.45am.

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 (apologies if the link did not work last week!) or come up to the school office to collect one. We have our first school tour tomorrow, 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.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 21 May
District Cross Country

Fri 22 May
Walk Safely to School Day
School Tour 9.45am
PSSA Rd 3- BYE

Fri 29 May
PSSA Rd 4

Sat 30 May
Loud Shirt Day

Weeks 6 and 7
Life Education van visits

Tues 2 June
2016 Info evening 7pm
UNSW Science test

Fri 5 June
World Enviro.
Day & Green Sea Turtles event
PSSA Rd 5

Mon 8 June
Queen’s Birthday holiday

Wed 10 June
Winter Festival-War Vets

Thurs 11 June
Syd. Nth Cross country

Fri 12 June
PSSA Gala Day

Mon 15 June
NAIDOC performance
P&C Meeting 7pm

Tues 16 June
UNSW Spelling test

Wed 17 June
UNSW Writing test

Fri 19 June
PSSA

Sun 21 June
Dance eisteddfod @ UTS

Thurs 25 June
School Tour 9.45am
Reports sent home

Fri 26 June
NO PSSA
Last day of Term 2

Mon July 13
Staff Development Day

Tues 14 July
All students return
Chess Results from 15/5/15

Last Friday all four teams played away against Newport A&B and St Luke’s B&C. The A’s drew (2-2), B’s drew (2-2), C’s won (3.5 v 0.5) and D’s lost (0-4).

This week the D team play at Seaforth and the other three teams have a bye.

Life Education

Healthy Harold and the van will be visiting our school very soon. 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.

TERM Dates

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David Scotter
Principal

From The Office:

Unidentified direct deposits

There are now three unidentified deposits in the school bank account. Dates of deposits are 30/3/15, 5/5/15 and 8/5/15. 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.

Scholastic Book Club

The due date for orders to be returned to school is 29th May.

Jodie Sly
School Administration Manager

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.

Please see the full information page later in the newsletter for more details.

Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood

Library

SRC Update @

Pom Pom Sale

There were pom poms galore on the playground recently after a most successful sale by some hardworking & creative 5G students. Congratulations to Arabella, Brooke, Mya, Jasmine, Mackenzie, Lucy, Tayla & Mikayla for implementing a fantastic way of raising money to help fund our support of Gedete, our sponsor child in Ethiopia. They have raised $114 so far. Due to popular demand, more pom poms will go on sale next Wednesday 20 May. Limit 1 per student.

Cake Stall

Thank you to the SRC for organising and operating a yummy cake stall last week. It was a successful venture with $341.40 raised!! The money will go towards the purchase of new bike racks to accommodate the growing number of student bike riders. A HUGE thank you to the SRC parents who kindly prepared the delicious baked goods! A reminder that there are still some cake containers in the canteen to be collected. Thank you to Zoe for being so helpful and accommodating.

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
We recently have acquired some new goals on our awesome oval and it has been great to see the students organising their own games during recess and lunch. Another big congratulations to the House Captains and Vice Captains for running the sports shed during each break and keeping it organised! Also, to all the students for showing respect for the vast equipment we have and their leaders for making it available.

PSSA News
Another week of great weather and strong competition. Last week we took on Narrabeen North Public School and again we highlighted the great sporting skills and sportsmanship of Wheeler Heights - Especially showcasing our dominance on the Netball court with a clean sweep. Please see our results below;

Netball Senior - A's Win / B's Win
Netball Junior - A's Win / B's Win
Soccer Girls - Snr Loss / Jnr Win
Soccer Boys - Snr Loss / Jnr Loss
Rugby League - Snr Win / Jnr Loss

Tomorrow we have a BYE. Students will need to bring their sporting gear as training/tactical sessions will be happening at school during sport time. A reminder that PSSA bus fees are now overdue. It is vital that these fees are paid to cover the expense of the buses each week. Your help to get these outstanding fees finalised ASAP is much appreciated.

Sydney North
Kahlil J will be selling raffle tickets at a cost of $2 each to help with the expense of representing not only Wheeler Heights, but the Sydney North region in soccer. The competition is run from the 2nd-4th June at Camden. She will be selling these on 'B Deck' each morning. Let’s show Kahlil the excellent supportive spirit we have here at Wheeler Heights for this great achievement.

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.

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.

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.

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. No makeup required for these performances.

Glen Street information: Congratulations to both dance groups for being selected to perform at Glen Street. Dates and times are as follows:

Full dress rehearsal: 23/6 Tuesday Seniors 12.15 & Juniors 12.30
Matinee Friday 26/6 Friday at 9.45am. Juniors perform 8th & Seniors 16th.

Evening performances: 23/6 Tuesday at 5pm. Seniors perform 3rd & Juniors 16th.
24/6 Wednesday at 7.30pm Juniors 7th & Seniors 15th.

If your child will be away for any of the above performances please advise us ASAP.

Our email address is whps.dance@gmail.com
Kind regards, Deneille G (Dance Parent Liaison)
NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE UPDATE

Did you know..?

- If you finish your PRC books before your borrowing day, you are welcome to return them and borrow more before school or at second half of lunch Monday to Friday

- For K-2 students, all the PRC books we have read together in our library sessions can be put on your challenge. See the table below and tell mum or dad which ones you heard Mrs Westwood read and then they can be typed up on your reading record. Remember, you can’t count any books you didn’t hear!

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Congratulations to the students who have already completed the PRC. Well done! Remember, you have until 21 August to enter your books on your reading record on the PRC website. Keep reading!

**Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood**

Library
A big thank you to those children and parents who came to last Saturday’s working bee, managing to squeeze in an hour or two during a hectic Saturday of sport activities. Your help in beautifying our tidy school even more is very much appreciated! All participating families received many extra house points, and some made it into these photos 😊

A special mention to Simone, Taj and Kyah S, Deirdre, Paul and Ollie O, Bronwyn and Monique W, Kane and Jessica H, Claudia S, Carole, Nev and Dani B, Marina and Jago B, Sara C, Matt L, Anthony, Hayden and Piper I and of course to our very own tree cutting and trimming Roland N.

(apologies if anyone is left out – above are the names on the sign in sheet)

Karen Nitch
P & C Grounds Coordinator
Canteen News

Thank you to all the lovely volunteers.

SOS Helper List

We have had a couple of days with no volunteers, you may have noticed an email asking for help.

If you work from home or can spare a couple of hours a day, it would only be for our days of desperation, which is generally about 4 days a term please email us your details so we can start an SOS volunteers list.

You would only be required for an hour from 12:30-1:30pm.

New Menu Items

Hot Chocolates are back recess only - $1.50
Nachos - $3.50 Monday
Butter Chicken - $3.50 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Fried Rice - $3.00 Wednesday and Thursday

PSSA

If you are ordering lunch for your child who is doing PSSA sport please make sure you add it to your order. On the iPad/iPhone it is the first box called “ALERTS” and on the desktop it is the first box.

Warmest regards,

Zoe & Tracey

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Happy Birthday ANDY BARKER
(Dad of Jago)

Andy is a canteen volunteer, so if you see him on Friday morning making his regular delivery of iced buns to the canteen, give him a shout out wish him a very happy birthday.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, ANDY!
You are Welcome

A special invitation is extended to Staff, Parents and Community Members

The Principals, Staff and Students of The Peninsula Community of Schools cordially invite you to join us

When
Saturday 6th June 2015 - 10am to 12 Noon

Where
Coastal Environment Centre
Pelican Path, Lake Park Road,
North Narrabeen

Why
To view presentations created by our young local school leaders, designed to raise environmental awareness of marine debris and how we can protect the Green Sea Turtle.

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 6th June