Welcome back to Term 3. I’m sure you will have noticed the wonderful new pathway from Berith Street to Ettalong Street completed during the holidays. Special thanks to the Warringah Council and our P&C (especially Carole & Dani B) for initiating this excellent project.

Good luck to Kahlil J competing in the State Cross Country at Eastern Creek tomorrow. Go Kahlil!!!

This term we have a number of teachers on leave. We welcome Miss Tamsin Eadie teaching KC, Miss Aimee Escourt and Ms Deanne Earl on 2M and Ms Annette Donald continuing in the Library with Mrs Bevan. We are very fortunate that all these excellent casual teachers have regularly been at Wheeler Heights this year. We are also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Taryn Bowe this term.

Education Week- Thursday 30 July from 1.25pm
On Thursday 30 July we will have our Education Week Open Day. Parents are invited to come at 1.25pm and join their children with a picnic lunch as the Jazz Band play on the hall deck. At 2pm we will have a concert in the hall with performances from our many creative arts groups.

School Disco Thurs 30 July K-2 from 5.30-6.45pm and Yr 3-6 from 7-8.30pm
The children are very excited about the upcoming Disco with our energetic DJ Andy, who has plenty of props, prizes and partying ready!! Please keep the date free and purchase tickets on Flexischools from Monday.

NRMA Road Safety Day- Tues 28 July- Parents welcome at 9.20am
On Tuesday 28 July the NRMA Science and Road Safety team will be at Wheeler Heights all day. The team will be running four workshops in the Hall focusing on road safety and science. Each student will receive a workbook and a drink bottle. Parents are invited to attend the first session with the children at 9.20am. Students are asked to bring along their bike helmets on the day. This program is a free initiative sponsored by the NRMA.

First Aid for Children
We are very fortunate that the St John Ambulance group will be running a first aid workshop for all students in Years 3-6 in the next few weeks. Thanks to Claudia Schremmer for suggesting this excellent initiative.

Gymnastics
Classes began yesterday for 3R, 3M, 3/4C, KG, 1B, 1/2T and 2W and all classes will have a six week session during this term or next. Notes were distributed yesterday regarding dates and times. The program is being conducted by Be Skilled Be Fit.

Ballroom Dancing
Next week will be the first week of Ballroom Dancing for Years 5 and 6. A number of other schools have also begun this new program and the feedback has been extremely positive. The program is being run by Danesports Australia.

Online Safety Presentation
We are pleased to be hosting a ‘ThinkUKnow?’ presentation for parents, carers and teachers to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. The presentation will take place here at school on Thursday night, 20 August. More information is provided later in this newsletter.

University of NSW ICAS Assessment Results
Digital Technologies
The first results for 2015 have been received with three Distinctions (top 10% of Australia) to Luke D, Cian H and Jake F and four Credits (top 30%) to Alex W, Mackenzie R, Jack P and Ainslie B from only 12 participants.
Sciences
Excellent Science results with a High Distinction (top 1% of Australia) to Kye B, two Distinctions (top 10%) to Josh D and Alex W and two Credits (top 30%) to Thomas McT and Ainslie B from only 10 participants.

Congratulations to all participants, the certificates will be handed out at next Monday’s 9am assembly.

On Tuesday July 28 is the English Assessment, with all Years 4 and 6 sitting the test and students in Years 3 and 5 who elected to sit the test.
Soccer Balls
At last term’s final Monday morning assembly we had a special draw for a brand new RREPP soccer ball and we will draw another next week!! RREPP’s sporting products are manufactured according to strict Fairtrade and ethical standards - protecting not only the planet but also those who live on it! – and is operated by one of our parents, Scott Goddard (Mailie & Shanti in Year 2) Visit http://www.rrepp.com.au/ for more information.

Year 6 Survey
Year 6 students have been given a note regarding the UNSW Middle Childhood Survey (MCS). The students will be completing this simple 30 minute survey in class over the next week or so. If you would prefer your child not to participate please be sure to return the form asap.

Hall Audio Repairs
A big thank you to Mr Mark Lind of Bellindy Communications (Matt & Ryan) who donated his expertise, time and equipment to repair and improve a number of audio and visual connections in our wonderful hall. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Woolworths Dockets
Once again we will be collecting the Woolworths dockets as a fundraiser. Last year we donated the resources to Stewart House and this year the SRC will decide upon a suitable organisation.

Desk and Filing Cabinets
We have two old office/teacher desks (750 x 1150 & 900 x 1700mm) and a couple of small filing cabinets to give away if any parent or community group would like them. They are currently sitting outside the main Admin block. Please contact the office asap.

The Chicken Holiday Roster and thank you Min Barker
Thank you to the Soltau, Molinaroli, Nitch and Camier families who looked after our six chickens so well during the recent holidays. The chickens look very happy and healthy!! Also a special thank you to our chicken mum Min and her family who often look after our girls on the weekend. Min recently arranged for the donation of a compost bin and retractable hose reel for the chicken run from our local Bunnings store.

TERM Dates:
Term 3 finishes Friday 18 September
Term 4 Tuesday 6 October- Wednesday 16 December

David Scotter
Principal

From The Deputy:

Mathematician Recognition
The school has recently been contacted by 3P Learning, the publishers of Mathletics, in order to recognise and congratulate the students and teachers of our school for their considerable efforts over the first semester of this year. The data collected by Mathletics shows that on average, since the beginning of the year, WHPS students now score 82% in curriculum activities attempted in the online program which is an improvement of 20% (from a score of 69%) from the beginning of the year!
Further, the Mathletics team have individually noted and recognised our top 3 students (in terms of curriculum activity mastery). To gain mastery of a topic, students must achieve a score of 85% or greater. Our top 3 students are:

- Cooper D (3/4C) who has mastered 97.93% of activities attempted
- Sofia B (3/4C) who has mastered 95.12% of activities attempted
- Kye B (4M) who has mastered 98.31% of activities attempted

Congratulations to these students who will receive their certificates at Monday’s morning assembly.

PBEL, The Wheeler Way and Playground behaviour
All staff participated in a productive and rigorous session around playground routines, supervision and behavioural expectations on Monday’s Staff Development Day. Regular revision and discussion in this area is always useful for both students and staff to ensure consistency around the rules and expectations, allowing for a happier, safer and more positive playground for students who know and understand the boundaries (physical and metaphorical!).
As a consequence, all classes will now be reviewing the expectations and rules in the playground – using the consistent language of The Wheeler Way and PBEL (Positive Behaviour for Engaged Learning) and a clear and concise map. Starting next week, we will be focusing on ‘In-Bounds Play’ and will instigate a period of ‘zero tolerance’ for students who choose to play out-of-bounds. This is a very important aspect of our playground expectations for the obvious safety consequences of students being in unsupervised or potentially dangerous areas of the school. The consequence for out-of-bounds play will be a yellow slip. We ask parents not to be overly concerned if their child receives a yellow slip in the next few weeks.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
The school is currently finalising the entry of data on students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs. From this year, all Australian schools are required to collect this data in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.
The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


If you have any questions about the data collection, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**PPP App News**

We now have 356 devices using the PPP app which is fantastic news! The app is a very important component in our communication system and we are very happy to be receiving much positive feedback. If you haven’t yet found the time to install and setup the Primary Parent Planner App on your device, why not make Term 3 the term when you do? You will find that it is a great way to access the newsletter each week as well as providing a handy way of contacting the school via email or phone. You can access flexi schools through the app and even submit an absence note when your child is sick or away. I encourage you to explore the various features at your leisure. Ask your friends what they know about it and share your knowledge.

Of course the most useful feature is the use of push notifications which are sent directly to your phone should we wish to relay any important information or reminders. These are sent to individual groups and rely on you selecting the appropriate groups when signing up (e.g. a reminder about band events will only go to those who have selected one of the four band groups, whilst a whole school notice or reminder would be ‘pushed’ to all parents via the ‘Whole School’ group).

We are exploring the possibility of using the calendar functionality also, but as yet have not accessed this function.

If you have any concerns or difficulties, please contact me via the school email address or pop into the office to check with one of the staff or check the setup manual. So far most problems have been rectified by going back and selecting the ‘Whole School’ group for your student!

**Think You Know? Online Safety Presentation**

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Thursday 20th August at 6pm** and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au). More information will also follow as we draw closer to the event including a register of intention to attend.

**John Williams**

_Deputy Principal (relieving)_

**From The Office:**

Stewart House bags need to be returned to the office by this Friday 17 July.

Book Club order forms were distributed today. Please return to the office by Friday 27 July.

**Jodie Sly**

_School Administration Manager_

**Chess News**

Congratulations to all those who competed in the NSW Junior Championships during the holidays! And welcome back to coaching for Term 3. Years 4 -6 started again in the doubleroom on Tuesday, and the Juniors will have their first session next Monday. The website will have this term’s enrolment form from next week (in case the hardcopies don’t make it out of school bags) - prompt return thereof would be appreciated!

Please check out the website for details of Harbord Diggers' chess offerings for this term, including a tournament along the lines of last year's, in which a few of our players were very successful!

**Heike Zillhardt**

_Chess Coordinator_
**Sports News:**

**PSSA recommences tomorrow!**
Welcome back to term 3! We are straight back into our Winter PSSA competition with games tomorrow against Newport. Netball girls are at Boondah, Soccer boys and girls are at Kitchener and Rugby League boys are making the trek to Newport Oval. Just a reminder that if weather is inclement, we are notified by 11 am if PSSA is called off. Please keep an eye on the school website and Primary Parent Planner App for updated information and refrain from contacting the office before this time.

There are 4 more rounds to complete the winter season and I hope all students enjoy their matches demonstrating their personal best skills and sportmanship!

**A date for diary**
Please note that the school athletics carnival will be taking place on Tuesday 4th August at Narrabeen Sports Academy. Permission notes containing more detailed information will be sent home early next week.

Yours in Sport,

*Mr Tyson Blanshard*

*Sports Coordinator 2015*

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**Sculpture Exhibition:**

**Term 3, Week 7, August 25th – 28th, 2015**

It is on again … the environmentally sustainable sculpture exhibition!

Parents are encouraged to work with their children to design and make a 3D exhibit for a Wheeler Sculpture Walk during Term 3.

This year we are asking you to enter one of the following sections with your innovative design –

1. Ornamental – e.g. animals
2. Functionality – e.g. a cockatoo deterrent, bird proof lunch box
3. Abstract Design – e.g. decorative structure made from recycled goods

Lessons on the ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ message will be given at school. Some of the younger classes will produce more fragile or simple sculptures in class in response to their design and make lessons. These will be exhibited in the hall. Attached to each sculpture we need a statement containing the following:

*Sculpture artist name, Name of sculpture, Category, Materials used*

The gallery photos section on the school webpage has wonderful images from 2013. Please visit for inspiration…

Any further queries please email Ms Williamson (linda.williamson@det.nsw.edu.au)
The Peninsula Community of Schools held NAIDOC week celebrations at Avalon Public school in Week 10 of Term 2.

NAIDOC Week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and offers an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

The celebration included the ‘One Community Many Stories’ art exhibition featuring Indigenous Australian inspired artworks submitted by students from the thirteen schools within the Peninsula Community of Schools. Artworks completed by WHPS students were included in this exhibition and these pieces were an outstanding representation of the talents within our school. Of these artworks three were chosen through people’s choice voting on the night and will be included in the PCS Calendar for 2016 and the PCS travelling artshow. Two other pieces were awarded ‘Highly Commended’. Also Honey P’s artwork was used as the background in ‘Thank You’ certificates for sponsors of the event. Congratulations to all students involved in the art show.

Calendar
Will G – 4S

Calendar
Will G – 4S

Travelling Artshow

Highly Commended
1/2T
Highly Commended
KG and KT

Certificate background
Honey P – 5RW

Four students, selected from our school for their art work submissions, were involved in further celebrations held from the Thursday afternoon to Friday morning. Two of these students participated in the ‘sleep out’. The event was also attended by Mrs Wright, Mr Williams, Miss Tekampe, Mr Scotter, parents, Indigenous elders and representatives from the Department of Education including Dean White, Director Public Schools NSW – Warringah.

Participating students spent the day learning about Australia’s rich Indigenous heritage and participated in many activities. They began the day by being taken on an educational walk through West Head. They saw ancient Indigenous art works and rock paintings and were shown how traditional Indigenous Australians utilised the land and flora for food and health. After that they returned to Avalon Public School and that’s when the rain and hail decided to arrive!
This didn’t succeed in dampening the atmosphere and festivities though! The students listened to an Indigenous story. They then illustrated a page of a book which will be collated together and published at a later date. They took part in dance workshops and played Indigenous games. They were shown Indigenous artefacts and the uses were explained to them.

Students also heard from several speakers including Director Dean White and journalist Mike Munro. Both inspiring speakers encouraged the students to believe in themselves and to follow their dreams. Their life stories demonstrated dreams can become a reality if you work hard and never give up.

In spite of the horrendous wet weather; Honey and Imelda enjoyed camping on the school grounds overnight. Mr Williams proudly reported that they were the only two primary school students who elected to pitch their tent on the soggy oval rather than the concrete hall COLA where most students elected to sleep!

Honey, Imelda, Izzy and Millie represented our school and were wonderful ambassadors for WHPS. I thank them for their positive attitude and whole-hearted participation.

Mrs Priscilla Wright  
PCS NAIDOC committee

The Wheeler Heights P&C Fundraising Annual School Disco!  
Hosted by Year 1  
Thursday July 31st from 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
(year 1-2 from 5:30 to 6:45 and 3-6 from 7:00 – 8:30)

$10.00 entry includes a bag of chips, water, glow sticks and heaps of FUN!  
Pay at the door or on flexischools (opening Monday 20/7)
The Lakes Catholic Parish Family Based Sacramental Program

An information evening will be held in St Rose Church Collaroy Plateau at 7pm on Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} September 2015. To be eligible for enrolment in this program, your child must be baptised and at least in Year 2 at school. If you are considering enrolling your child in the Sacramental Program, it is essential that a parent attend this information evening.

For further information about the Sacramental Program, please visit our parish website: www.lakesparish.org.au or contact the parish office on 9982 1058.

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PLAY SOFTBALL THIS SUMMER!

Games are at Harbord on Saturdays, Junior A.M. Senior P.M.
Various training grounds are available.
Join a team or bring a whole team of friends!
Season starts September 12\textsuperscript{th}.
We will be at Forestway Shopping Centre for registration
Saturday 18\textsuperscript{th} & Sunday 19\textsuperscript{th} July from 9:00am to 3:00pm
For more info contact us at davidson@mwsa.com.au
or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/davidsonsoftballclub
Register online at www.davidsonsoftball.com
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Updated:16/07/15
15th June, 2015

Dear Principal,
Wheeler Heights Public School

Please help
The Dalwood Spilstead Service

to assist those most vulnerable in our community.

As you know Northern Sydney is not exempt from family stress and children in need. Children who have complex developmental issues or who have experienced trauma or neglect in the early years are at risk of attention, language, learning and behavioural problems. These children can later experience school failure, social difficulties and anti-social behaviour.

The Dalwood Spilstead Service provides 90 families with a specialist program which is renowned for its work in assisting children who have been referred with developmental disorders associated with early childhood trauma. The Dalwood Spilstead Centre is unique in its ability to provide a holistic approach with all services for both parents and children provided from one team of professionals located on the one site. This enables maximum support for the families and ensures optimal co-ordination and consistency of service delivery. This program relies on charitable support for the majority of its funding.

We would be most grateful, therefore, for your support for our

Annual Fundraising ROCKNIGHT on 25th July 2015 at Balgowlah RSL

which funds Speech Pathology and Psychology services

We invite you to come with your staff and friends!

Please find some additional information attached.

Yours sincerely,
Kerry Gwinn
Service Manager, Spilstead Services

You Can Make a Difference that will last a Lifetime!
SPILSTEAD ROCK presents

The BARRY LEEF BAND
Featuring Peter Northcote

$65
Includes dancing, fantastic prizes, raffles and gourmet dinner

6.30pm at Balgowlah RSL
25th July 2015

For booking details please see reverse or call 9951 0965 or email: simone.grace@health.nsw.gov.au

The Dalwood Spilstead Service provides a unique program which is renowned for its work in assisting children who have had disrupted development, trauma or abuse in the early years. All monies go towards therapy services for the children and their families.
Booking Details

Number of Tickets:
Table of 10 people @ $650  Total: $

or

No. of Tickets:  @$65  Total: $

Name:  Phone:
Address:
Email:

Payment Method:
Credit Card:  □ Visa  □ Mastercard
Card Number:
Name on Card:
Signature:

Cheque:  Cheques can be made payable to: The Rotary Club of Balgowlah

Payments can be sent to: The Rotary Club of Balgowlah: PO Box 125, Balgowlah NSW 2093

Dalwood Spilstead Centre: 21 Dalwood Ave, Seaforth.  ph: 9951 0365