From The Principal:

Please note that the Musica Viva performances scheduled for last Friday has been postponed to Friday 21 August due to illness.

We’re looking forward to the Peninsula Community of Schools concert on Monday evening at Pittwater High School. Our Year 6 tappers and our PCS choir will be participating with Ms McCombie the massed choir conductor.

Cross your fingers for a fine day on Tuesday when we travel to Narrabeen for the Athletics carnival. Please be prepared with drinks and warm clothing.

Education Week-

Today 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. See the flyer later in this newsletter.

School Disco Tonight !!! K-2 from 5.30-6.45pm and Yr 3-6 from 7-8.30pm

The children are very excited about tonight’s Disco with our energetic DJ Andy, who has plenty of props, prizes and partying ready!! Tickets can be bought at the door and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Please be advised that only the Veterans Pde & Rose Ave gate (nearest the cricket nets) will be open after 6pm.

NRMA Road Safety Day

On Tuesday the NRMA Science and Road Safety team visited Wheeler Heights. The team ran four workshops in the Hall focusing on road safety and science. Each student received a workbook and a drink bottle. This program is a free initiative sponsored by the NRMA and was very informative, fun and well received by our students.

School Car Park and Safety

Please be reminded again that parents are only permitted to use the car park before 7.30am and after 5.30pm, which the sign clearly states, due to obvious safety concerns and the high traffic in this area.

Please be aware that most schools do not allow parents to use the car park at any time. Also if your child has an activity at school (eg. Band or music lesson) which does not start until 4pm or later, then they should go home and return to school when their lessons commence. This is obviously to ensure that all students are safe and supervised in the afternoon. Don’t forget that Primary OSHCare are available each afternoon from 3.15-6pm.

Enrolments 2016

Please don’t forget to let the office know if you have a sibling coming to Wheeler Heights next year, and also let your friends and neighbours know.

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. See the flyer later in this newsletter for further information of content.

Chess News

Good luck to the “A-Team” - Luke, Ollie, Jet and Ethan - who are representing us at the Regional finals of the NSW Junior Chess League Schools’ competition against Neutral Bay Public School on Friday!

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.

Ballroom Dancing

A number of schools have also begun this new program and the feedback has been extremely positive. We will be having a Dance off at school later this term where parents will be able to come along and see the children in action. From this day and weekly sessions our dance teacher will be selecting 30 students to attend the Dancesports Northern Beaches Challenge on the evening of Thursday 27 August at Dee Why RSL. On this night eight couples from Year 5 and seven other couples from Year 5 or 6 will dance off against the four other local schools, Mona Vale, Bilgola, Collaroy and Avalon. More information soon and be sure to practice with your kids at home!!
**University of NSW Competitions**

This week was the ICAS English Assessment, with all Years 4 and 6 sitting the test and students in Years 3 and 5 who elected to sit the test. On Tuesday August 11 will be the ICAS Mathematics Test. Practice questions are now available online at [https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions](https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions)

**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 another worthy organisation.

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

**David Scotter**
Principal

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**From The Deputy:**

**Individual Health Care Plans**

Parents of students with identified health care needs or conditions should be receiving information and standard paperwork for the annual update and review of our OHS management processes. Parents will be asked to complete updated management plans in consultation with the school and medical professionals. In the interests of student safety, please return completed paperwork to the front office as soon as practical.

**ThinkUKnow? Online Safety Presentation 20 August**

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.

**Primary Parent Planner APP!**

If you haven’t signed up yet, please give it a go. This is a vital part of our whole school communication process and allows for specific and timely notification of important events and announcements.

**On ‘ya bike!**

Following the dedicated efforts of the SRC team last term, Mr Radom and our wonderful parent volunteers’ hard work, and the informative and entertaining presentation by the NRMA Road Safety traveling road show this week, it is heartening to see the resurgence of bike riding as a healthy and fun way for our older students to get to and from school. As has been mentioned, the bike rack area looks wonderful after its makeover and it is increasingly populated with magnificent wheeled machines.

Can I please remind all students that we encourage you to ride your bike to school, but you must remember the expectations – **respect** other path users by walking your bike out of the school and only mounting your bike when you have passed the congested area outside of the school gates and **be responsible** by obeying rode rules and always wearing a helmet which you have securely strapped onto your head.

Also, a bike has been found left in the school grounds over the last few weeks. If you believe it may be yours, please come and see me.

**John Williams**
Deputy Principal (relieving)

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**From The Office:**

When making payments, you are able use the one envelope to pay for multiple students and activities. On the face of the envelope include the name of the student's and class/es and list each activity or include an explanation inside the envelope.

When making payments via direct credit, if you are paying for multiple activities, you only need to make one payment. After making the payment, please immediately send an email to the school [wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with name of student/s, class and a brief explanation of paid activities.

**Jodie Sly**
School Administration Manager
Musica Viva

This is a reminder that the Musica Viva performances have been rescheduled for Friday 21st August due to illness.

We are looking forward to some great performances from the Musica Viva group Zeeko, a trio of three talented and highly sought after musicians. Zeeko’s use of largely original material allows them to explore the natural environment and the way various cultures form relationships with it, in a very personal way. Not only is the environment a theme of their show, but many of the instruments featured in it are created from items in our natural and man-made environments.

Please continue to bring in notes and money.

Sarah Higgs
K-2 RFF Music Teacher

Sports News:
PSSA vs Mona Vale this week
This is the last of the scheduled rounds and is against Mona Vale. Netball is at Boondah. Girls and Boys Soccer is at Kitchener and the League Boys are at Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park). It has been a great week of preparation for all teams at training and we are looking forward to some great competition!

There have been three washed out rounds this season and will be made up starting next week. One of these rounds was a bye for Wheeler so we will have two more matches against Avalon and Newport. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter and Primary Parent Planner for match locations/dates.

Upcoming Spring/Summer PSSA Season Terms 3/4
The next selections for the upcoming Spring/Summer PSSA season will be taking place towards the end of this term. Students will need to listen out for announcements in regards to trial dates/times and coaches. If you wish to work on some of the skills with your child for the upcoming sports, they are as follows:

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Yours in sport,

Mr Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015

From The Library

Well done to the many students who used the holidays to complete their Premier’s Reading Challenge. Here are the Term 3 PRC stars so far:

Year 1 – Kasey O, Luke P

PRC stars from 3/4C with their awarded books

Students from 3-6 will continue to enter their books online during their library sessions. They also have the option of booking a computer at lunch time to finish typing their entries.

All books must be entered online before August 21. Keep reading!

Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood
Library
It’s Spelling Bee time!!

The Wheeler Heights Premier’s Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, August 20. Two representatives from each Stage 2 and Stage 3 class will be selected to compete for the title of Stage Spelling Bee Champion. The top two spellers from each stage will go on to compete in the Premier’s Spelling Bee Zone final being held in the term.

If your child wishes to start practising, the official word lists for the 2015 Premier’s Spelling Bee, provided by Macquarie Dictionary, are now available at:


Password: robot

* Junior (Yrs 3-4) words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5
* Senior (Yrs 5-6) words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7

Happy Spelling!

Julia Smith
Assistant Principal (relieving)
Spelling Bee coordinator

Athletics Carnival

The Wheeler Heights 3-6 Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. It is being held on Tuesday, August 4 (next week) at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Students need to arrive at school at 8:15am as the buses will be departing school at 8:30am sharp.

Permission notes were handed out last week with all the details about the carnival. Please ensure these have been returned to your class teacher.

If your child wishes to compete in the 800m running event, that option should have been selected on the note so we can ensure they are on the first bus on the day.

The carnival will go ahead even if it is raining so please pack rain gear and warm clothing. Parents are very welcome to come and support their children on the day.

We are looking forward to a wonderful carnival.

Discus Qualifying for Zone Athletics

If you participate in Little Athletics or are coached in Discus and would like to submit your distances for possible zone inclusion, please provide written documentation from your coach or club indicating your throwing distance. Please hand these to Mrs Smith by August 7.

Julia Smith
Assistant Principal (relieving)
Athletics Carnival coordinator

Week of Tastes

Year 3 and 4 are fortunate to be participating in the Week of Tastes program this term.

The aim of the program is to take the students through a series of fun exercises to:

- Enrich their vocabulary by creating a new lexicon for taste
- Discover how all 5 senses are used to appreciate food
- Teach them how to discern sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami
- Develop a positive attitude towards tasting new foods
- Encourage curiosity, thinking and analytical skills when eating

The students will then be visited by the following ‘food professionals’: Baker- Joanne Day, Beekeeper- Allyson Apte and Chef- Nenand Djuric. This visit will help the children develop an appreciation for the origin of food, how it is prepared and its taste. It will also allow students to hear about the life of someone who works with food.

In preparation for this visit, our students will be participating in activities around how we taste using all our senses. For our sessions, students will need to bring in a blindfold (one like a sleeping mask used on a plane).

If you happen to have any airline blindfolds at home, Year 3 and 4 would be very grateful if you would lend them to them for weeks 4 and 5 to make their experience more effective.

It is going to be a fun and tasty couple of weeks!

Julia Smith
Assistant Principal (relieving)
**SRC Update ☀**

**Day for Nepal**

As previously mentioned we would like to support the community of Nepal who have experienced utter devastation as a result of the recent earthquakes. We will be holding a Day for Nepal on Thursday 6 August when the students will be asked to bring in a gold coin and/or a donation of stationery items for a village school we will have a first-hand connection with – more details next week. The exciting aspect of this venture is we have a direct link in Fiona Chadwick (Malie 1/2T & Shanti 2M) who will take all goods and funds directly to Nepal in September. As a mark or respect the students will be asked to wear the colours of the Nepalese flag: red, white & blue.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Once again Woolworths is running this promotion and we ask the Wheeler community to support it (if you shop at Woolies!!) Essentially, for every $10 spent in-store, you receive a sticker – these stickers can then be placed in a box in the school office. The total amount of stickers equates to a dollar value which will be used to purchase a variety of wonderful teaching/learning resources. The SRC will select a worthy charity to donate these items to later in the term.

Tracey Mavromatis  
**SRC Coordinator**

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**Sustainable Sculpture Exhibition**

A reminder to parents and students that our exciting sustainable sculpture exhibition is on in 4 weeks – Week 7! Many more families have completed and sent in their sculpture exhibit this week, so we have included some more photos to inspire you.

Remember that there are 3 categories:

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

Please include a statement containing the following: sculpture artist name, name of sculpture, category and materials used.

I will then type up this information, laminate and attach to the sculpture for the much anticipated sculpture walk, August 25th – 28th, 2015.

Any further queries please email Ms Williamson (linda.williamson@det.nsw.edu.au)

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**P&C Uniform Survey:**

The WHPS P&C Committee invites parents who have daughters currently enrolled at school to complete this 4 question survey to give us your opinions on the current girls’ winter uniform. Based on feedback, the P&C committee will make recommendations to the Principal who, in conjunction with the P&C executive, will communicate a decision later in the year.

This survey closes 6pm Friday 7 August 2015

Take the survey by clicking the following link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/25QXQKT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/25QXQKT)

Thank you in advance for your participation,

**P&C Executive**
The Wheeler Heights P&C Fundraising Annual School Disco!
Hosted by Year 1
TONIGHT!!! from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
(year's k-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 flexschools (opening Monday 20/7)

St John has been invited to deliver our First Aid in Schools Program at your school. This is free for school aged children with first aid skills they can use in the event of an emergency.
The First Aid in Schools Program is delivered at your school by St John (NSW) Volunteer Educators.

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Be prepared: 45 minute session/class size 20–30 students.

DISCO

For more information please contact
97458740 or email
school.program@stjohnsw.com.au
EDUCATION WEEK 26 July - 1 August
@ Wheeler Heights Public School

THURSDAY 30 JULY All the family is welcome

1.25 pm Picnic lunch on the oval with entertainment provided by the Wheeler Heights Jazz Band

2pm Concert in the hall.

In the Spotlight:

- The Concert band
- The Senior Choir
- The Senior Dancers
- The PCS choir
- The Junior Dancers
- The Wheeler Wailers
- The Senior Tappers

Plus a few solo surprises!

DON’T MISS IT!
UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

Early Bird Special

Avoid the transition rush in October and order your girls summer tunic in August!

ALL SUMMER TUNICS bought between MON 3rd & FRI 28th AUGUST come with a FREE EXTRA WHITE TIE.

We have a great selection of 2nd hand uniform items for sale from the shop.

Please consider donating your old school uniforms & accessories for re-sale: all money goes back to the school.

Your donations can be dropped off at the Uniform Shop any Friday morning or at the office any other day.

Please make sure your items are clean & undamaged.

Thank you, from the uniform shop!

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Download the App
FREE PARENT WORKSHOP:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD
MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION
TO HIGH SCHOOL

Who Should Attend: All parents of Year 5, 6 & 7 students. (Students not recommended to attend.)

What will be discussed:
• High School & Primary School: the differences
• How your child is changing into a teenager
• Communication & positive self esteem tips
• Looking after yourself during this transition
• Meet other services who provide support to families and young people

Supper provided.

About the presenters:
Vivienne Hughes is a Psychologist and Parenting Coordinator at the Child and Youth Mental Health Service in Northern Sydney.

Peter Traynor is a Learning & Support Teacher and Leader in the Child and Adolescent Parenting Program for NSW Health.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE BELOW DATES AND VENUES:

Thursday 13th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Denistone East Public School
Lovell Rd, Eastwood

Tuesday 18th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Ryde Public School
Pope St, Ryde

Thursday 27th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Ryde Public School
Pope St, Ryde

Tuesday 1st September
7pm – 9:30pm
Epping Boys High School
213 Vimiera Rd, Marsfield

LIMITED SPACES
PLEASE REGISTER BY
31st July 2015

Email:
events@rydefss.ngo.org.au

Phone:
(02) 9334 0111

This initiative is made possible with the support of the City of Ryde.
Do you have a family history connecting back to WW1? Did a family member bring home a relic or memento from the war that has been handed down through your family? If you answered yes to both of these questions we would love to hear from you. Thanks to an ANZAC Centenary Grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, local photographer Maggie Lattin, film maker Alyssa Orvis and producer Julie Kimberley in conjunction with RSL ANZAC Village are currently seeking members of the community to take part in a mini documentary and photographic exhibition exploring the personal stories behind the soldiers who fought for Australia during WW1.

Ideally we are seeking 2 participants from each family one being over 50 and the other being under 10 as the title of our project is “Relating to War” and we are hoping to photograph and film the two generations together discussing the war and the item of interest however this is not essential as we can work with one generation or the other.

The exhibition is due to open in November 2015 and will be on display at the Dugout in the Gallipoli building of RSL ANZAC Village (Collaroy War Vets) for a period of two weeks. So if you or someone you know has a story to tell and memento to share then please get in touch either via email to: revned7@bigpond.com or you can call Maggie on 0410 207 426 or Julie on 0450 926 921 if you wish discuss further.
PLAY SOFTBALL THIS SUMMER!

Games are played at Abbott Road, Harbord on Saturdays. Juniors play in the morning, Seniors play in the afternoon. Various training grounds are available. Join a team or bring a whole team of friends! Season starts September 12th.

For more info contact us at davidson@mwsa.com.au or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/davidsonsoftballclub

Register online at www.davidsonsoftball.com
Registrations now open for 2015-2016 Season

Play Ball!

Baseball for boys & girls from ages under 6 to 16 & over in divisions: T-Ball, Zooka, Little & Junior Leagues, Senior Leagues

Download our registration form @ www.warringahbaseball.com.au and follow the steps or email questions to Danielle (Registrar) registrations@warringahbaseball.com.au

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