FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying their ‘Week of Tastes’. We’ve had a baker, beekeeper and chef visit the school and talk to the children about the origins of food, how it is prepared and about the life of people who work with food. The children have had a chance to taste a variety of foods too!

Choir at the Town Hall
Congratulations to the Senior Choir who sang so beautifully as part of the Arts Alive combined choir at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday evening. It was a great honour for our students to sing at such a notable venue. Special thanks to Mrs Butler for co-ordinating this group.

Wheeler Woodstock
On Sunday was the second Wheeler Woodstock featuring the jazz bands from Mona Vale, Harbord, Curl Curl Nth and Wheeler Hts. The children had workshops from Aussie music legends John Morrison, Judy Bailey, James Greening and their school band directors. The sound from the bands during the combined concert was amazing!! Thanks to our hard working band committee for organising such a wonderful event.

Book Fair, Open Classrooms and Sculpture Walk - Wednesday 26 August from 9.30am
Please note this date in your calendar and see the flyer later in the newsletter!!!

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 tomorrow or next week.

School Office Foyer Displays
Do visit the front office foyer to see the magnificent displays from 1C and 3/4C. They are very colourful and show the breadth of visual arts activities and student talent across our school. Each class has a rostered display time once or twice a year.

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 is free and will take place here at school on Thursday night, 20 August. More information and an expression of interest flyer is provided later in this newsletter.

Ballroom Dancing- Monday 24 Aug at 2pm
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 on Monday 24 August at 2pm where parents will be able to come along and see their 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!!

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

David Scotter
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY:

Footpaths, Car Parks and Safety
Have you noticed the recent upgrades to the footpaths and road crossing ramps on Grevillea Street? Work was completed recently which makes the popular crossing area leading from 'Warren’s Crossing' to the shop side of Grevillea Street and also up the street toward Plateau Park much more accessible for our community.

Please remember that safety should always remain paramount, especially when arriving and departing with our children. Use the crossings, stick to the pedestrian pathway and never walk through the car park or driveway.

Finally, as per the clear sign on the driveway gate, our car park and driveway is only for staff access between the hours of 7:30am and 5:30 pm. This is partly due to space restrictions, but primarily for the safety of our students.

SAFETY BEFORE CONVENIENCE!

Individual Health Care Plans
Parents of students with identified health care needs or conditions should have received information and standard paperwork for the annual update and review of our WH&S management processes. Please 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.

If you believe you should have received paperwork and have not (i.e. your child has a serious medical condition), please let me know.

ThinkUKnow? Online Safety Presentation 20 August
As you are aware, a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers is scheduled to be delivered at school on Thursday 20th August. Please find full details and a return slip later in the newsletter to be returned if you are interested in attending. The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present.

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.

Bike Found
A reminder that 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)

FROM THE LIBRARY

Only 8 days to go!
All PRC entries must be typed online before next Friday 21 August. Don’t miss out – make your reading count!

Congratulations to the following PRC stars this week:
- Kindergarten – Mali K, Ben K, Shelly M, Thomas M
- Year 1 – Lulu B, Stefanie H
- Year 2 – Saskia B, Xavier C-H, Ruby S, Ava S
- Year 4 – Tiana A, Sofia B, Mia C, Lara F, Maddison L, Dorothy Mac, Georgia N, Lily R, Sophie W
- Year 6 – Jess C, Charlie N, Lani O, Owen V

Well done to the 194 students who have already completed their challenge! So far, Year 2 leads the number of PRC stars on 37, with Year 4 a close second on 33. Which year will end up with the most PRC stars overall?

Students from 3-6 will have their last chance to enter their books online during their library sessions next week. They also have the option of booking a computer at lunch time to finish typing their entries. Copies of completed reading logs are available from the library for students who wish to type them up at home.

As the race to the end begins, we look forward to awarding the last-minute finishers their congratulatory books. Keep reading and typing!

Fiona Bevan and Kathy Westwood
Library
**SCIENCE NEWS:**

With only 3 weeks to go, our dedicated team of PCS Science Fair presenters – Aimee, Abbey, Jenna, Daniel, Luke, Oli, Ainslie, Sofia, Sophie and Kye – have been working hard to perfect experiments and fine-tune the entertainment value of our item. Both the presenters and audience-invitees should already have received their permission notes to attend the Science Fair (on Wednesday, September 2) and it is most important that these be returned (to me) by **next Wednesday** (in time for my next meeting with the other PCS members).

The children who applied (in Term 2) to attend the Science Fair as presenters but missed out, are being given the first option to attend as audience members. The event should be a wonderful, fun-filled ½ day of science, at zero cost. If for some reason your child cannot attend, please let me know a.s.a.p. so that we can give another budding young scientist the opportunity to attend. Also, as a culmination to our National Science Week activities based around Paper Planes, place-getters at class fly-offs have the chance to attend the state finals at Sydney University. Please see the Permission Notes page of the school website for further details.

Ms Heike Zillhardt  
*RFF Science*

**SPORTS NEWS:**

**Wheeler Heights Athletics Carnival**

At this week’s 3-6 assembly, Thursday at 2.30pm the athletics age champions will be announced. The relay ribbons and the perpetual house trophy will also be presented.

**Pittwater Zone Athletics Carnival**

A reminder for students who made it to the Pittwater Zone Carnival - That is all students who received 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons in the 100m and students who received 1st or 2nd place ribbons in all other events if they made qualifying. Permission notes have been distributed. If your child requires a note, please see the team manager, Mr Blanshard. Completed permission notes need to be returned to Mr Blanshard and money goes to the office.

**Sydney North Trial**

Congratulations to Bailey S who trialled for a place in the Sydney North Boys Softball team. He represented Wheeler Heights and Pittwater Zone with pride. On the day, he made it through 3 rounds of selections only narrowly missing out on a place in the team. A fantastic effort, Bailey!

**PSSA vs Avalon**

This week is the second of the make-up games from during the regular season. Wheeler will be taking on the mighty Avalon. Coming off a bye, the children have been rested and looking forward to their respective matches! Netball is at Boondah; Boys and Girls Soccer is at Narrabeen North PS and the League Boys are at Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park).

Parents if you would like to keep up-to-date with the latest PSSA information, download the Team App from your Android or Apple store and subscribe to the Pittwater PSSA App. This has draws, results and ladders as well as other important information such as ground closures and codes of conduct.

Next week we take on Newport. Don’t forget to begin training for our Spring/Summer PSSA competition The sports include:

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Yours in sport,

**Mr Tyson Blanshard**  
*Sports Coordinator 2015*

**SRC UPDATE 😊**

**Day for Nepal - over $640 raised!!!**

**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*
Just two more weekends to complete your **SUSTAINABLE SCULPTURE** ...

Tuesday the 25th August is fast approaching. On this day we will open our 2015 Sustainable Sculpture Walk at 11am, in the bushland near the Berith St exit, as well as in the school hall. It will then remain open until Thursday 27th so the whole community can come and view our incredibly diverse and creative sculptures. Pass the invitation on to your neighbours and extended family, as it is shaping up to be a most talented and entertaining exhibition.

From next week, please take all newly arriving sculptures to the library, making sure you have a piece of paper with the artist’s name and sculpture name attached; I will then type this information and laminate it. Mr Scotter and the teachers look forward to seeing next week’s exciting new exhibits! And then we can’t wait to release them into the wilds of WHPS!

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**SPELLING BEE**

Have you heard the latest BuZZzz? The Wheeler Heights Spelling Bee is on next **Thursday August 20**. The finalists have battled it out in class Buzz offs and will be studying up this week in preparation for the final showdown. Parents are invited to swarm on in and support the participants on the day.

*Stage 2 Final – 10:20am – Recess*

- 3M – Jett D and Antoinette G
- 3R – Ashleigh T and Isla H
- 3/4C – Ryan D and Kane S
- 4M – Zienna B and Adam P
- 4S – Max A and Charlotte A

*Stage 3 Final – 11:40am – Lunch*

- 5RW – Ethan B and Aimee W
- 5G – TBC
- 6B – Charlie N and Sachi L
- 6N – Emily F and Gabby S

Congratulations to all our little worker bees and good luck!

**Mrs Julia Smith**

*Relieving Assistant Principal*

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**SRE – Catholic Mass for primary students**

Years 3 – 6 will celebrate Mass in St Rose Church (across the road from school) during normal scripture time on Wednesday 19 August at 10.45am. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.
WEEK OF TASTES:
The past few weeks, the students in Years 3 and 4 have participated in the Week of Tastes. Through hands on sensory exercises, they discovered that there is much more to taste than just putting something in your mouth and deciding if it is ‘Yummy’ and ‘Yucky’. The ‘Tasting Day’ was a lot of fun as it provided students with the opportunity to experiment with taste using some interesting foods and drinks. Using blindfolds we all discovered there is more to food than meets the eye. Calling on our descriptive language skills, we built our repertoire of definitive adjectives that described the texture, smell, taste and look of food and drink. Thank you, Mrs Miles for doing all the shopping and chopping and to the parents who helped on the day.

Each class also had a food professional visit to provide insight into the world of working with food.

- Allyson the beekeeper presented to 3M and 3R. They learnt all about the various bees and their jobs, how honey is produced and the services beekeepers provide our community. Something that both classes thought was extremely important to share with the Wheeler community was the fact that bees are endangered. We implore you all to be more thoughtful when using insect sprays unnecessarily. What a delicious delight it was to devour honey only hours from the hive. A sweet experience was had by all.
- Jo the baker visited 4M and 4S. She taught us all about her family business, what is involved with the production of baked goods and the services her shops provide the local community. Our minds were blown when we heard about the amount of flour that they use every week. 700kg!!! That is as big as a baby hippo! We all loved the hands on activities when feeling the different dough and experimenting with yeast. The tastiest part was testing 5 varieties of bread, trying to decipher what they were and describing the different flavours of each. Not a crumb left in sight.
- Nenand the chef visited 3/4C sharing his expertise in interesting foods. He told us about his background in the restaurant world as a chef and pastry chef and how he has now ventured out on his own to start a business that provides exotic, international and interesting supplies to the food industry. We loved tasting the explosive combinations of chilli and chocolate. We discovered that the chilli enhanced the bitter chocolate making it taste sweeter and therefore more enjoyable. Not to mention the big bang we experienced from the popping candy. Wow!

Year 3 and 4 would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful presenters, parent helpers and to Mrs Soegaard who provided us with some tantalising taste sensations to consolidate all our learning experiences.

Year 3 and 4 Teachers

The Lakes Parish is looking for musicians.
Do you like music? Can you play an instrument? Do you like to sing? The Lakes Catholic Parish is seeking musicians to form a band to play at some of our weekend Masses. Open to all ages. Please call the parish office 9982 1058.
Wheeler Heights Public School

Book Week
WEDNESDAY, 26th August

What’s On?

**K-2 BOOK PARADE!**
9:30 on C Deck
Come along as your favourite book character.
Make sure you can tell us who you are and which book you come from.

**OPEN CLASSROOMS!**
10:15 - Yrs 3-6 Open classrooms
10:45 - K-2 Open classrooms

**SCULPTURE WALK!**
You are welcome to take a walk with your child through our sculpture bushland during open classroom time or recess.

**PARENT MORNING TEA**
10:15-11:00 in the COLA

**Book Cover Competition**
ALL ENTRIES DUE TO THE LIBRARY BY FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST.
K-2 on A4 paper
Yr 3-6 on A3 paper
WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY 24TH AUGUST
All entries will be on display in the Library for Wednesday.

**The Children’s Bookshop**
8:45 - 11:40 in the Library
You are welcome to come along with your child to buy a book for home.

All purchases benefit the school.
LIBRARY COMPETITION

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK AUG 22-28 2015:
"BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD"

Is there a book that has lit up your world? One you just couldn’t put down, where the characters are your friends, or you keep reading it again and again?

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the WHPS library is running a competition for students to design a new front cover for their favourite book. The new cover must include:

1. The title of the book
2. The author’s name
3. An original picture based on the content of the book
4. A picture of the student
5. A picture of a light bulb (linking to this year’s Book Week theme)
6. A blurb on the back cover explaining how this book has lit up your world (3-6 students only)

Other important conditions of entry:

• Students K-2 are to present their artwork on A4 paper.
• Students 3-6 are to use A3 paper, folded in half to represent front and back covers.
• Students should write their full name and class on the reverse side.
• Entries close Friday August 21 (Week 6)

Paper for entries can be obtained from the library.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entries from each stage (Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3).

All entries will be displayed in the library. Winners will be announced during Children’s Book Week (Week 7).
The award winning book store “The Children’s Bookshop” comes to WHPS library!

Celebrate Children’s Book Week at our take-home book fair.

Choose from a huge range of quality literature for you to buy and take home - fiction, non-fiction, chapter and picture books. Select the latest releases, including ‘The 65-storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Commission from each purchase benefits your school.

Wednesday August 26 from 8:45-11:40

If you would like to pre-order a specific title, we might be able to help!

Email Mrs Westwood by 21 August: kathryn.m.westwood@det.nsw.edu.au
Free ThinkUKnow? Online Safety Presentation 20 August

A ThinkUKnow? Online safety presentation is being run in our area in a few weeks' time.

Date: 20 Aug 2015
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Wheeler Heights Public School
36 Veterans Parade,
Wheeler Heights NSW, 2097

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.

The presentation is for parents, carers and teachers, is free to attend and is open to parents and teachers of neighbouring schools as well as those of Wheeler Heights Public School.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Online grooming;
- Inappropriate content – both self-created and accessed;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Scams, fraud and identity theft;
- Social networking;
- Gaming;
- Instant Messaging & Chat;
- Peer to Peer;
- Mobile Technologies;
- Reputation management;
- Privacy;
- Protecting your computer;
- Where to go if things go wrong

ThinkUKnow is centred on three key areas: how youth have fun online, how to help them stay in control on the net, and how to report when things go wrong. The presentation will discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report problems.

The session includes short videos and real life case studies. Fact sheets on the issues outlined above will also be provided and can be downloaded from the ThinkUKnow website: www.thinkuknow.org.au.

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.

The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present.

Please complete the following expression of intention to attend to give us an indication of audience numbers and assist us in supplying the appropriate space and resources.

We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation.

- I intend to attend the ThinkUKnow? Online Safety Presentation at Wheeler Heights Public School on Thursday 20th August at 6pm.
- I understand that this presentation is for adults only.

Name: ____________________ School: ____________________ No. attendees ______
Signed: ____________________ Date: _______

WHPS parents return to School office by Monday 17th August or
Non-WHPS parents please email above details to wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Father’s Day Stall September 4th
All gifts only $10.00
Pay cash on the day or order online at www.flexischools.com.au
Volunteer Ethics Teacher at Wheeler Heights Public School – Could this be You?

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies (weekly or fortnightly commitment) for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

All ethics class teachers are volunteers (parents, grandparents or other community members) who can spare half an hour a week (or fortnight) to run the class. It’s a fun, rewarding and interesting curriculum for both students and teachers, and enrolments are increasing. Consequently, we currently need more teachers at WHPS to ensure we can offer the classes to all students who have enrolled.

Could this be you? Here is the brief...

• ½ hr class on Wednesday morning;
• About ½-1 hr preparation time each week to read through the curriculum notes provided by Primary Ethics;
• A short training program prior to face-to-face teaching (no prior teaching experience required); and
• A supportive network of other volunteer teachers and the WHPS Ethics Coordinator, as well as classroom, online and phone support from Primary Ethics.

If you are interested in facilitating a class, or would like to know more, please contact the WHPS Ethics Coordinator, Belinda Reed (wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com), and visit the Primary Ethics website primaryethics.com.au. Our current teachers would also be more than happy to talk with you and/or have you along to observe one of our classes.

Belinda Reed
Ethics Coordinator for Wheeler Heights Public School
Do you have stuff in your garage that you don’t use anymore? Do you need to downsize? Cleaned out the kids cupboards?
Come and enjoy a great family day out at NARRABEEN CAR BOOT SALE and help to raise funds for Narrabeen Sports High School.

If you don’t have anything to sell, come along and you will be sure to pick up an absolute bargain! You will be amazed at what you find. There is something for everyone.

WHERE: At the back soccer field Narrabeen Sports High School, end of Namona St North Narrabeen 2101

WHEN: Sunday 30th August
5.30am till 2.00pm

Prebooked confirmed site
$40 Car Spot
$50 Car & Trailer

Casual sites on the day
(only if available)
$45 Car Spot
$55 Car & Trailer

BOOKINGS ONLY CONFIRMED BY PAYMENT FOR SITE
MAKE SURE YOU GET A SPOT!
FOR ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE CALL
Sue ON 0421 810 019
Or
Visit the website
www.narrabeencarboot.org

Paid parking available for a limited number of cars on school grounds for $2

Vehicles under 2.2m high only