FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
I hope our Year 5 and 6 students have quiet weekend ready for their school camps next week. Year 5 are off to chilly Bathurst on Monday-Wednesday with Mr Webster, Mrs Radom and Miss Higgs, while Year 5 are off to equally chilly Canberra on Tuesday – Thursday with Mr Blanshard, Ms Williamson, Ms Marshall & Ms Young.

Surf to School Day
What a colourful day we had on Tuesday. Congratulations to Kali G and her family who so passionately initiated this very worthwhile fund raiser. On Monday at assembly Kali clearly and concisely presented this initiative to the school and showed us how the water filters work, cleaning black dirty water into clean drinkable water which the students tasted. It was such a quick and effective process and the whole school community saw how such a simple filter could make such a difference to thousands of people in the Mentawi Islands region. So far over $750 has been raised from the mufti day and raffle ticket sales are still going. We will draw the raffle at the Monday morning 9.15am assembly.

Holiday Chicken Roster
Once again we are looking for four or five families to look after the chickens during the upcoming holidays. Duties include letting out & re-housing the chickens, ensuring food & water is available and collecting the eggs!! Please let Mr Scotter, Mr Williams or the office know when you may be available.

P&C AGM
Please see the detailed information later in the newsletter regarding the upcoming P&C AGM, held next term on Monday 19 October. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful P&C made up of interested and dedicated parents, please consider joining up and finding out more about our school.

Summer Uniform
Obviously spring is in the air and the weather is warming up. We would like all students to be in full summer uniform for the start of Term 4 and as is the usual practice the final two weeks of this term will be the transition period when students may begin to wear summer uniform if desired.

Stranger Danger
You may have recently seen more media reports in the Manly Daily about stranger danger. As always please remind your children never to accept a lift from anyone who they do not know, and if they see any suspicious behaviour to please tell their parents as soon as possible.

Super Hoot Morning Teas…coming soon!!
Invitations are currently being handed out for the Super Hoot Morning Teas. The K-2 morning tea will be held on Wednesday 16 September and the Yr 3-5 morning tea will be held on Thursday 17 September. The Yr 6 event is TBC.

TERM Dates: Please take note of some important end of year notes in the Coming Events Calendar on the front page.
Term 3 finishes Friday 18 September
Term 4 Tuesday 6 October- Wednesday 16 December

David Scotter
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY:

Think!

I was recently shown a useful acronym which I would like to share. Hopefully many of you will have seen it before, but if not, please do point it out to your kids and encourage them to use it. It encourages us to THINK before we speak and in doing so really would help to ensure we are being responsible, treating each other with respect and always aiming for our personal best.

At next week’s Monday morning assembly I will see how many students can remember what each letter stands for. So … before you speak – don’t forget to THINK!

More Good Men Needed ….

We are still looking for as many parents as possible to complete the White Ribbon Survey before it closes next week. In particular we have a shortage of male responders … dads, can you give us two minutes? – or maybe, mum’s can you give us two of his minutes (and maybe help him find the link as well …)

As a school, we will be working with White Ribbon Australia on a specific school program which will involve the wider school community. Before we launch this program, we would like to gather some data about current community knowledge of White Ribbon and the field they work in.

The following survey should only take a couple of minutes and is very valuable to us. We intend for the survey to be completed by adults from our community, not by our students. The results will remain anonymous and data will be used to gauge the effectiveness of the campaign in general terms.

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you have not as ye, please follow the link below to complete this very brief survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iu_o7-Tr0UVVwFLj4vDOi1WVxqrTFg0w7-gjZOnkYPA/viewform?usp=send_form

MindQuest – GATS

If your Year 1 – 6 child shows gifted and talented tendencies and you are interested in catering to their interests in a broad range of areas including history, science, mathematics, literacy, drama, art etc., you may wish to tap into the weekend of enrichment activities provided through MindQuest. The event takes place on the weekend of the 7th and 8th of November this year. If you are interested, please see the attached information sheet for further details and see the front office for a full brochure outlining the extensive array of activities.

John Williams
Deputy Principal (relieving)

The Big Day of Books - Book Survey!!

A fortnight ago on our Big Day of Books, parents and students were asked to nominate their most favourite childhood book. Well, all the tallying has now been done and I thought you might like to know the results. The grand number of books nominated ended up at a whopping 169 titles and here is the Top 10 for both the kids and the grownups.

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We did the book survey not only because it’s interesting to see what we like to read, but also because it’s going to help influence an upcoming art installation for the school. More on that later!

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy our Big Day of Books last Wednesday, helped with costume construction, bought a book and contributed to the survey.

Trish McCombie
Book Parade Coordinator 2015
SRC UPDATE 🎉

Surf to School Date
Thank you for the fantastic support of our Surf to School Day. Kali Grey presented a very interesting and hands-on demonstration of the water filters at the K-6 Assembly – well done Kali! The presentation and the video with Winter Vincent, (9 year old student who initiated the project), stimulated discussion and enthusiasm for the event. We raised $750 from the mufti clothes worn and approximately $200 from the raffle. We will continue selling the raffle tickets before school & at recess tomorrow. It will be drawn on Monday morning.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
This promotion has now closed. Please send in any stickers by next Monday. Thank you for your support.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics Carnival Results
Congratulations to all of Wheeler Heights representatives who travelled to Homebush to compete in a range of events for the Sydney North team. A special mention to the Senior Girls relay for making the final and to Archie S who made it to State for the 100m and the High Jump. A job well done team!

PSSA vs Elenora Heights
We are looking forward to our first round of the Spring PSSA competition. It is very important that notes are returned to your child’s coach asap! Softball boys and girls are playing at Rat Park; Tag girls are at Narrabeen Reserve; Cricket will walk to Plateau Park for their match. Best of luck to all of the Wheeler teams and their coaches. Reminder to show your best Wheeler Way sportsmanship and effort!

Yours in Sport,
Tyson Blanshard
Sports Coordinator 2015

Sculptures
How exciting our front entrance now looks! Many parents, grandparents and community have continued to enjoy the arrangement of the more durable sculptures. I think you will agree that the bushland is the perfect setting for exhibiting sustainable sculptures, so our 2017 week needs to be rain free!
All sculptures have been published in a folder on the school web site, titled 2015 Sculptures. Please let me know if I have missed your child either by sending a photo for me to add or alerting me to take a photo at school if sculpture is still here.
Thank you for your support this year, and we look forward to enjoying your family talents again in 2017.

Linda Williamson
Wheeler Sculpture Walk Co-ordinator

Stage 3 Camps
Just a reminder that both Year 5 and 6 are on camp in week 10 - Only a week and a half away! Can parents please make sure they have completed their payments and have checked over the requirements for the Bathurst and Canberra camps. The children are very excited as are they teachers for these great opportunities. If you require any additional information or wish to discuss an issues regarding camp, please see your child’s class teacher or the organising teachers - Mrs Rosemary Radom for Bathurst and Mr Tyson Blanshard for Canberra.

Regards,

Tyson Blanshard
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3
**K-2 HOME READER EMERGENCY!**

We need your assistance urgently!

We are asking all K-2 students and parents/caregivers to search at home for school Home Readers. We are running low in many levels with some levels only having four books remaining. It is vital these resources are returned to ensure all children can learn effectively. Please search under your bed, between the cushions on the lounge, in your little sister’s dolls house, under the sink, in the laundry and anywhere else you can think of.

**The books can be returned to your teacher or straight into the book boxes, either way there will not be any judgement, we just really need them returned**

Thank you so very much.

*K-2 Classroom Teachers*

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**K - 2 Public Speaking Competition Final**

The K-2 Public Speaking Competition final will be held on Thursday morning with Mr Scotter and Ms Williamson adjudicating.

The finalists are;

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Teachers have been impressed by the high standard of public speaking skills exhibited by all students this year. The finalists will be judged on their clarity and volume, pace and timing, expression and tone, audience interaction and content of speech. A winner from each grade will be announced at completion of the final and names will be included in the newsletter next week. Congratulations to all finalists for making it this far in the competition.

*Mrs Priscilla Wright*

*K-2 Public Speaking Competition organiser*

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**Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Final**

Have you heard the buzz?… 4 Super Spellers are representing Wheeler Heights at Curl Curl North Public School this Friday, September 11 in the Regional Spelling Bee Final. They will be competing against the top spellers on the Northern Beaches.

We wish Max and Adam (stage 2 reps) and Sachi and Gabby (stage 3 reps) the best of luck in the biggest game of buzz off they have ever played. We know they will try their best and do Wheeler heights proud. Who knows… we may even see them on next year’s season of The Great Australian Spelling Bee.

*Julia Smith*

*Spelling Bee Coordinator*

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**Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals**

Students in Stage 2 have been busy writing fabulous speeches about inspiring inventions and inventors. Two finalists from each class have been chosen to represent their class at the Stage 2 Public Speaking final this Tuesday, September 15. It is being held in the school hall from 2pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch our talented speakers.

Congratulations to:

- Tiana S and Elliot P from 3M
- Ivy A and Kendi C from 3R
- Sophia B, Dorothy M and Lulu R from 3/4C
- Ainslie B and Elsa M from 4M
- Luke R and Piper S from 4S

Good luck to all speakers! We are looking forward to an interesting and informative afternoon.

*Julia Smith*

*Public Speaking Coordinator*
Attention Year 4 parents!
I’m sure you are aware as the children can hardly contain their excitement...Our Milson Island Camp is just around the corner! The
notes have gone home and payments are coming in steadily. Thank you to those families who have paid the first instalment. The
second instalment of $100 is due next Friday, September 18.
Just a reminder that the medical and consent form needs to be completed online
at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/. You will need to use our booking number as a reference when submitting
your child’s information. Our booking number is: 0452290 and the starting date for our camp is November 25.
Students will have a number of information sessions with staff prior to the camp to ensure the clarity of expectations, requirements
and activities as well as to alleviate any concerns. The parent information sheet (blue sheet that accompanied the permission note)
provides details for parents about what to pack, what sort of facilities the children will have, medical information and more.
Each year we have a few students who become anxious about attending camp (with nights away from home, medical issues or
special sleeping conditions being the major concerns). Should you have any questions regarding the camp, or if you need another
copy of the note, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher as this is not only a very enjoyable excursion for all
children who attend, but also an important social experience which can greatly aid independence and maturity.
We are looking forward to 3 fun and exciting days of camp!

Julia Smith
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2

Wheeler Heights Dance Programme

Hello Dancers,

Our school offers a great dance performance group for juniors and seniors, they are small
performance groups that represent our school over the coming year.
We are lucky to perform in two weekend dance Eisteddfods, Glen Street and dance at school
to show off all their hard work and talent.
The Dance Group starts in term 4 which is run by Miss Tahlia a qualified dance teacher. The
children practice once a week in the mornings starting term 4 of this year then is followed over to term 1, 2 and 3 of year 2016.
Our junior group will start this year in year 2 and year 3 but when they are ready for performances they are in year 3 and 4.
The senior group will start in year 4 and 5 and then will progress to the year 5 and 6 for next year.
Our school has done very well over the years competing in weekend Eisteddfods, receiving a place in both groups.
The school will run auditions in week 2 term 4, lunch time Wednesday and Thursday with Tahlia and school teachers.

Jasmine and I are here to be parent helpers and answer any questions that you might have and liaison with the school dance
teachers.

Feel free to email any questions you may have to whps.dance@gmail.com

Thank you for your time,

Deneille and Jasmine
Year 4 parents and dance parent liaison
Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of members of the Parents & Citizens Association of Wheeler Heights Public School will be held at **7.00pm on Monday, 19th October 2015** in the school office staffroom.

**Agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. To receive and accept the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2015
5. To receive and accept the annual reports from the Uniform Shop, Canteen and Band Committees.
6. To elect the Executive Committee of:
   a. President
   b. Vice President(s)
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Executive Members
7. To endorse the elections to the following Sub-Committees:
   a. Canteen
   b. Uniform
   c. Fundraising
   d. Band
   e. Grounds

Please join us at our next meeting on the 19th October. The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting. At the AGM all positions on the Executive Committee will be declared vacant and nominations for positions will be taken and voted on.

**Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM** - we would love to have any many new (as well as familiar) faces there as possible.

We all appreciate any time you can spare to help us to can contribute to our fabulous school. I can’t emphasis enough that no particular skill or expertise is required, just your time and passion for the school!

More information will follow on the various roles in the P&C but please feel free to contact me via whps.parents@gmail.com to have a chat about how it works, what is involved and how you can help :)

Kind regards

*Kirrilee Wallace*

*Acting P&C President*
Race in for summer fun with Long Reef Nippers

Spring is here and so is Saturday Afternoon Nippers
Nippers Induction starts 17th October 2015

Join us at Long Reef Surf Club for our Registration Day Welcome Barbeque

What a great idea
Our Nippers is unique, being held at 3pm Saturday afternoons. Have fun while learning surf skills. Cool off at the clubhouse, where kids can enjoy an early-dinner barbeque, and adults relax and socialise over refreshments.

Look at our special Family Membership
Family of four, or more? Save up $220:

| 2 Adults & 2 Children | 4+ Children under 18 | $330 |

How can you get involved?
For Family Memberships, SLS course fees are waived! Gain valuable life skills, experience personal satisfaction with exciting challenges, and help out with Nippers training.

For more information contact Stu Thomson: dir.youth@longreef.com

If you can't make it to a Rego Day then join online at sls.com.au/join

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WHEELER HEIGHTS P & C PROUDLY PRESENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th 2015 • SCHOOL HALL ARENA
Come dressed as your favourite music legend or band
Doors open at 6.30pm Showtime 7.00pm GAMES & PRIZES GALORE!

BUY TICKETS NOW AT www.flexischools.com
TABLES OF 10 FOR $300.00 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS $30.00
This 77th MindQuest program is to be held at Glenwood HS. MindQuest offers 36 exciting courses for gifted and talented students Years 1-6. This fast paced challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities.

**Venue**
Glenwood HS is a few minutes from the M7, which means it’s a quick trip from most places in west, south west, northern suburbs and the inner west of Sydney. The school is only a few years old and has some excellent facilities. Parking is available in the surrounding area.

**Course Leaders**
All course leaders are experts within their fields. Their backgrounds vary widely. They represent primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutions. Each one is committed to fostering students’ potential. Many have been involved in developing and teaching programs for gifted and talented students.

**Students Who May Wish To Apply**
In the past these courses have proved very successful for a range of students.
- Gifted and/or talented students
- Gifted underachievers
- Students of well above average abilities with a special interest.

The majority of students applying have been nominated by their schools. However, if you believe that your child is in one of the above categories and has not received a form, or is a sibling of a past participant, please contact the MindQuest program for an application form. If your child has a physical or learning disability or medical condition please make sure that you inform us in the medical section on the application form.

**Kindergarten Students**
Each year we have a number of enquiries from parents of kindergarten children who wish to attend. In general, we encourage parents to wait until the next year except in the case of exceptional students. These children not only have high intellectual ability and language skills, but demonstrate excellent reading, writing and hand eye coordination equal to that of an advanced year 1 student.

**Course Selection**
Please put down only those courses that your child would like to attend. We do place children on course in the order that we receive applications, however we take into consideration the balance of the courses in terms of age and gender. A child’s specific interest should govern his/her choice. However, girls should be encouraged to choose more courses in science and technology and boys in drama, writing and other creative fields. Advanced placement on our courses are available for outstanding students. You will need to ring Shelagh Poray to determine suitability prior to filling in the application form.

**Cost, Part Scholarships & Refunds**
The fee for the MindQuest Enrichment Weekend is $180. A limited number of part scholarships are available for students whose families find themselves in difficult economic circumstances. Please contact us for details. A full refund is issued for any course cancelled. Full refunds will be available prior to the closing date on Monday 12 October 2015. After the closing date no refunds or letters of credit can be issued unless a medical certificate is received.

**Confirmation**
You should receive a letter giving details of your course before Friday 30 October 2015. If we are unable to place you on course we will contact you by phone/ letter prior to this date

Post your applications early to:
PO Box 439 Kiama NSW 2533

**Closing Date Monday 12 October 2015**