Welcome to new students Benjamin M in KW and Callum F in 3C who started recently at Wheeler Heights. We now have 511 students in 20 classes.

**Year 6 Buddies and Peer Readers**
A special thanks to our Year 6 buddies who have been so helpful and caring for our new Kindergarten students. On Tuesday it was lovely to see Kindy and their buddies enjoying themselves at the Teddy Bear’s Picnic!!

Shortly our Peer Reading program will begin. Year 6 tutors are specially trained to assist young students with their reading, working before school from Monday to Thursday.

**Student Leaders 2016**
Congratulations to all our elected school leaders, including our recently badged Band captains Jenna M and Hamish S and Dance captains Mikayla P and Jasmine M.

Congratulations to the new SRC who will receive their badges on Monday 29 February at 9.15am.

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**University of NSW Competitions**
This year, Year 2 will be able to participate in the English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling tests. Please note that all students in Years 4 and 6 will be sitting the English and Mathematics tests this year, entry fees for those two tests are included in the whole school program fees for Years 4 and 6. Please see the note in last week’s newsletter and the updated note on the school website.

**Technology and Laptops for Year 5 & 6**
Senior students are very excited that their new laptops are almost ready for use. This year all students in Years 5 and 6 will have access to their own laptop for use at school. We now also have a small group of laptops in each Year 3 and 4 classroom, with banks of iPads being available to all K-2 classes.

**School Program Fees**
A note outlining whole school program fees and expenses was distributed last week. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated, with a special prize draw for payment made by the due date, March 18. **This year we have an IPAD mini and restaurant vouchers at local businesses to give away.**

**PSSA Teams**
Tomorrow sees the first round of PSSA Summer competition with 12 teams competing in six sports. The Pittwater PSSA has made some changes to the comp this year and the summer competition now runs for four weeks this term (until the cricket pitches are covered) and then continues in Term 4. Best of luck to all players tomorrow, and thank you to the coaches for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Well done to all the boys and girls who tried out for a variety of PSSA sports. As always the standard is high and many students will be disappointed not to make the team. Many parents often ask why we cannot have more teams competing. Our Pittwater PSSA includes 10 local primary schools and it is almost impossible to find enough ovals, pitches and fields in our local area.

Students who do not play PSSA participate in the Home Sport program on Friday afternoons, playing and practising a number of skills and games.
Welcome Afternoon BBQ for all Kindergarten and new families- Thursday 3 March from 5 - 6.30pm
Please see the note in this newsletter about the welcome BBQ afternoon for all Kindergarten families and new families to our school. We hope to see many of you there next Thursday afternoon.

Appropriate Video games
Of late a number of teachers have spoken to me about some of the videos and games which young children are apparently watching and playing. Sometimes the children may be watching an older sibling or parent who may be on a device or watching a video. I do ask that you carefully monitor what your children are viewing at home or at a friend's place. The school regularly receives literature and details about workshops and courses for parents and carers. Please see the notice in last week’s newsletter about screen time for children.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE
Whooping Cough
There has been a reported case of whooping cough at the school. Please read the following from the NSW Health Department

Time from exposure to illness
Usually 9 to 10 days (can range from 6 to 20 days).

Symptoms
Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

How can I help prevent spread?
Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age. A particular antibiotic can be given for the patient and those that have been in close contact. The infected child should be excluded from childcare and school until 5 days after treatment begins. Unimmunised childcare attendees may be excluded from childcare unless they take the antibiotics.

Stewart House Clothing Bags - are available from the admin office. Bags need to be returned to the school by Friday 26 February...

ART NEWS
At Wheeler Heights we are very lucky to have Kay Harwood (also known as Mamma) grandmother of Byron T in 2O. She volunteers her time to share her skills and love of creative arts with students at WHPS each year. Former Art Master; Lecturer Visual Arts, Education Faculty at Sydney Grammar School and Sydney University, Kay is a wealth of knowledge and we are lucky to have her in our school community. Here is her latest masterpiece 'Marley's Bugs' she created with 2O this term to link to their science unit School Yard Safari. Thank you Mamma!

Miss Julianne Calvi

SPORT NEWS
PSSA Sport
PSSA commences this week. You can find all the information you need on the school website - Permission note, behaviour contract and draw for the season. Please ensure that both the permission note and behaviour contract is returned by Friday 26 February in the morning at the latest. Money is due to the office by round 2 (next Friday 4 March). Please make sure your child is aware of their coaches training session time. We are aware that there are some clashes with dance and band in the mornings, it is best for your child to negotiate training with their coaches and dance or band teacher.

This week we take on Mona Vale at the following grounds: Boys Cricket is at Kitchener; Girls Cricket is at Narrabeen Reserve; Boys & Girls Tag is at Narrabeen Sports High; Softball and T-Ball is at Rat Park. Best of luck to all the teams with their 1st round matches! Go Wheeler!

Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival
Permission notes have been sent home for the Pittwater Zone Swimming carnival - If your child has misplaced theirs, a copy is on the school website. Please have these notes returned ASAP with money being taken to the office. The carnival will be held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre on Monday 7 March. Your child will represent Wheeler Heights at Zone if they placed: 1st or 2nd in Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly / 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Freestyle Finals / The IM or the Open 100m Freestyle meet the qualifying times (see Mr Blanshard).

Upcoming Manly/Warringah and Pittwater Zone Trials
There will be trials coming up for both the Manly/Warringah Zone Boys & Girls Soccer and the Pittwater Zone Boys & Girls Cricket. If your child is very experienced and plays these sports at a high level, have them see Mr Blanshard by tomorrow to see if they fulfil the coach’s trial requirements for nomination. Be aware that we can only nominate a very small number of students to these trials. The trials are not based on age divisions therefore these trials are open to U12's first.
There are many trials throughout the year for various sports, please keep an eye on the newsletter and have your children listen out for announcements about upcoming trials.

Congratulations to both Finnley W (Basketball) and Elise T (Tennis) who made it through to the next round of trials. Elise is off to Gosford in March and Finley is off to Tamworth in May. Best of luck girls on a great achievement!

Yours in Sport,

Mr Tyson Blanshard
Assistant Principal Stage 3
Sports Coordinator 2016

CHESS NEWS

Lev has offered to run a “total beginners” chess group in order to achieve greater continuity of chess at WHPS. We are trying to gauge demand for such a group, so if you have hesitated in the past because we ask the children to know all the chess moves before attending lunchtime coaching, please contact Ms Zillhardt, Mr Williams, Ms Tekampe or Mr Scotter, with the name and class of the potential attendee a.s.a.p.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by Advanced Life Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Julia Smith
Relieving Assistant Principal

Scripture 2016

A new year of Scripture lessons started across the school yesterday. Scripture is now running in two sessions after lunch. This decision was made in consultation with the P&C, staff and the scripture teachers last year, to free up key learning time in the very important morning session. Scripture groups being offered this year are Catholic, Anglican, Bahai, Ethics and non-scripture.

Ethics: For those families who have indicated they want their child to participate in Ethics lesson, we have had to stagger the introduction of lessons to some students as we currently don’t have enough teachers to cover demand. Therefore, Kindergarten will hopefully begin lessons in Term 3, until then they will be following a non-scripture program. Yr 1 and 2 classes will be staggered across the 4 terms with 3 terms of Ethics and 1 term of non-scripture. 1/2F Ethics students will be the first class to follow a non-scripture program just for Term 1 and join back into the Ethics program for the rest of the year. The other Yr1 and 2 classes will also follow this procedure in the remaining terms unless extra teachers can be found. The Yr 3-6 classes will go ahead without interruption.

If you are interested in becoming a much sort after Ethics teacher please contact our Ethics Coordinator Belinda Reed at wheelerheightsethics@gmail.com.

Trish McCombie
Relieving Assistant Principal
SRE Coordinator
WHEELER HEIGHTS DANCE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that we have two dates for this year’s Eisteddfods. Please put in your diaries for Saturday 28th May 2016 IRBD at Pittwater House & The Extreme Eisteddfod will be held on Sunday 5th or 19th of June at the UTS. If you are still not receiving our emails could you please email us again with your email addresses and contact phone numbers so we can keep you up to date regarding upcoming dance advents.

Thank you everyone for great attendance again this week, juniors & seniors have now been measured & we are in the process of ordering our costumes

Regards Deneille and Jasmine
whps.dance@gmail.com

Wheeler Heights Public School
Parents & Citizens Association
Supporting our Students & School

Class Parent role

Thank you to those Mums / Dads who have put their hand up to volunteer for our school community – your role as Class Parent is greatly appreciated.

For those who are not familiar with what is involved, the following tips may help:

1. Please collect a list of all class families willing to be on the list, complete with their names and contact details. All information provided on these lists is for class-use only.

2. Please forward an edited list of names and email addresses only to the P&C via whps.parents@gmail.com. The P&C will use these email addresses to send notices to the school community.

3. As the first point of contact between school, teacher, and the class community, you may receive some requests from teachers to forward a message to all class families - eg. “Don’t forget sports day has changed for this week only.”

4. You may also like to organise such initiatives as class playdates, parent and/or family get-togethers, as well as coordinate contributions for the end-of-year teacher gifts.

Thank you again for your great efforts!!

If you have any queries, please feel free to touch base with us at whps.parents@gmail.com

Deidre McAlinden
P&C Communications
The Wheeler Heights P&C would like to invite you to attend our annual Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten, New & Year 6 “Buddy” Families

Thursday 3 March 2015 from 5:00 – 6:30pm
Outside the Canteen

This is a social event to welcome Kindergarten families and families new to our beautiful school along with our Year 6 “Buddy” families.

- The P&C will be providing the sausage sizzle from approx 5:15 pm
- Please BYO soft drinks / water (Alcohol is not permitted on school grounds)
- Please bring along chairs or rugs to picnic on the oval

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this event.

Claudia Schremmer
P&C President
Canteen News

Week 5 already!

Some of you may have noticed we have some new items on the menu;

**Recess**
- Hummus and veggies $1.50
- Salsa and corn chips $1.50
- Pizza Sub $2 homemade pasta sauce and cheese $2, the kids are raving about it!

**Lunch starting Week 6**

Honey Soy drumettes served with Rice $4 available Monday and Wednesday.

The canteen is overseen by a canteen committee, a group of volunteer mums in the school, we welcome new faces.

If you are keen to get on board we have our meetings once a term in the canteen, Thursdays of Week 5 at 1:40pm. You can email us at whpscanteen@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you in the canteen

Kind regards,

Zoe & Tracey

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**Roster Week 6 – 8**

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Are you beginning to wonder about high school decisions for your Year 4 and 5 child and are not sure of the processes and how the system works?

In response to community demand, Northern Beaches Secondary College, which includes Cromer, Mackellar Girls, Balgowlah Boys, Manly (Selective) and Freshwater Senior Campuses, will be hosting an information evening.

The aim is to assist parents by providing accurate details about the process of secondary school enrolment, what to consider and to also answer any specific questions you may have about local public high school options.

Details are as follows:

- **Date and time:** 6.30pm – 8pm Monday 29th February, 2016
- **Venue:** NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre
  Harbord Road, Freshwater
- **Hosted by:** Neil Worsley - Northern Beaches Secondary College Principal
- **Guest presenter:** Jason Baldwin – Director, Public Schools NSW – Warringah Network
- **Panel members:** A number of Campus Principals from Northern Beaches Secondary College

**RSVP:** To assist with organisation, participant numbers are limited to 250, so please book a seat online through the [trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=185043) via the following URL:
OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016
6:00 – 8:30PM

At Narrabeen, we look at your child’s future like you do and know the importance of a well rounded education. We invite you to experience the vibrancy and essence of our school community.

Open Night highlights:

- Experience guided tours of the schools facilities
- Watch Music and Drama performances
- Participate in Academy Sports Program
- Meet our School Leaders and Prefects
- View our Faculty teaching and learning displays
- Receive enrolment information
- Enjoy light refreshments provided by our senior hospitality students

Please RSVP at: narrabeen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPEN DAY OR ENROLMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE.
www.narrabeen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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