Congratulations & very best wishes to [Kate Alexander and Ben] who will be married on Saturday. Miss Alexander will return next Thursday as Mrs Falcone on 1/2F.

Welcome Afternoon BBQ for all Kindergarten and new families - TODAY Thursday 3 March from 5 - 6.30pm
Please see the note in the newsletter about the welcome BBQ afternoon for all Kindergarten families and new families to our school. We hope to see many of you there this afternoon!!

Interrelate Family Evening- Thursday 10 March
All students in Years 3-6 received a note today about next week’s Interrelate evening. We usually hold this event every two years. Such events are extremely helpful and educational and we hope that many families will be able to attend. The first session on Where Did I Come From? is from 6-7pm for Years 3-6 and the second session Preparing for Puberty is from 7.15pm for Yrs 5 & 6 (with Yrs 3 & 4 at parent’s discretion). Cost is $25 for one session or $30 for two sessions. This fee is for the whole family and primary children attend with their parent/s. Please see the flyer for more details and RSVP to the office.

Environmental News- Bushlink and Clean Up Wheeler Hts Day
Last week the Bushlink team visited our school and worked with Years 4 and 5 around the school, weeding and generally tidying up our beautiful school environment. Tomorrow all classes will spend a little bit of time cleaning up their designated area in support of Clean Up Australia Day.

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
Thank you to the many families who have already paid their whole school program fees and expenses. 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.

Student Safety & Evacuation/Lockdown Drills
Each term and semester we do have a number of safety drills, including evacuation procedures and lockdowns/lockouts. You will no doubt have heard about a number of incidents at schools throughout NSW. Please have a talk with your children about how to stay alert, not alarmed and always behave calmly and follow instructions given by the staff. As many schools already do, today we will start locking the school gates on Berith St and Rose Avenue from 9.45am to 2.45pm each day. Consequently if you are visiting the school or collecting children at any time please enter through the Veterans Pde gate.

School Photos- Date change......now on Tues 5 April
Due to a number of clashes we have had to change the school photo date to Tuesday 5 April. Please be sure to mark this date in your diary.

Cyber Safety & Police talk for Years 5 and 6
It is always timely to talk to your children about Cyber Safety and inappropriate language on social media platforms. We are very pleased that the local Youth Liaison officers will be visiting our school shortly to talk with all Year 5 and 6 students.

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.

School Parent Teacher Interviews
Dates will soon be available for Parent Teacher interviews, to be conducted during the last three weeks of this term. Parents will be advised when bookings are open on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au site.

David Scotter
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE
Book Club brochures are due back at school on 10 February.

SRC 2016
Congratulations to the SRC of 2016! Two reps from each class (Yr2-6) were elected by their classes and were presented with their badges at this week’s K-6 Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many parents there to pin on the badges. Having talked to the students, I am very impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment they are displaying towards their new roles. I look forward to working with the students as they make a positive contribution to the Wheeler community.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator
KINDER’S TEDDY TUESDAY!
Kindergarten had fun celebrating all things Teddy Bear on “Teddy Tuesday” last week. They completed maths and literacy activities with a Teddy Bear theme whilst also exploring Teddy Bear stories and songs. The highlight of the day was going on a Teddy Bear Picnic with their Year 6 Buddies! All buddies had a great time and spent the afternoon making their own “Moving Teddies.”
A HUGE thank you to the Year 6 buddies (& teachers!) for their enthusiasm and participation on the day.
Tracey Mavromatis
Kindergarten Teacher

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS!
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL NOW BE TAKEN ON: TUESDAY, 5th APRIL

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. An envelope was distributed today if you would like to order using cash or cheque. Please return this envelope with your child on the day of the photos.

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 all photos including packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day (5th of April). You do not need to fill out the envelope if you have placed an order online.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Please let your children know if you have placed a sibling photo order so they know to have the photo taken on the day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order is 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

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Monday, our school leaders Mia, Archie, Honey and West, along with other leaders from the Peninsula Community of Schools, attended the National Young Leaders Day organised by the Halogen Foundation.

This is an annual event aimed at developing strong leadership values amongst young Australians. Some of the notable speakers and panelists for the day included Commissioner Andrew Scipione (NSW Police), Ben Austin (Paralympian) and Scott Tweedie (Television and Radio Presenter).

The theme for the day was ‘Master the Little,’ where speakers used this idea to show the students you don’t need to do something grand to make an impact. It’s the small steps that build something of great worth and allow leaders to make a difference.

I’m sure our leaders look forward to putting what they learnt into action and being great ambassadors for our school!

Miss Rachael Tekampe
( Assistant Principal)
SPORT NEWS

**Pittwater and Warringah Zone Trials**

We had Daniel J and Oliver H attend the Soccer trials yesterday. They both did a great job with Daniel making it into the top 24. Congratulations boys on what I am sure was a great experience for you both.

If you are a talented hockey player and would like to nominate yourself to trial, please see Mr Blanshard.

**Pittwater Zone Swimming Monday 7 March**

This Monday we have a number of students competing at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. We wish the Wheeler Swimming Team the best of luck!

**PSSA WHPS vs MVPS**

Last week was the 1st round of the PSSA competition. There were some very close games around the grounds. Congrats to the boys & girls T-Ball and the junior girls cricket teams taking out wins in their matches! There was great enthusiasm and sportsmanship being shown from WHPS!

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This week we take on Narrabeen North. Cricket Boys are at Plateau Park; Cricket Girls are at Narrabeen Reserve; Eagle Tag Boys & Girls are at Narrabeen North Public School; Softball and T-Ball are at Boondah. Best of luck in this week’s matches!

Reminder to select your child's sporting team on the Primary Parent Planner App to receive updates.

Yours in Sport,

Mr T Blanshard
Assistant Principal Stage 3
Sports Coordinator

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LIBRARY NEWS

The library is need of volunteers to help with the covering of the many new books which have been purchased. It would involve collecting a pack of 6 - 10 books to take home and cover and return within a week.

Please let me know if you are available to assist. The books will be available from the library from today - 3rd March. Best time to collect the books is straight after school. I can give anyone a quick lesson if required.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Fiona Bevan
Teacher Librarian

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HARMONY DAY 2016

Wheeler Heights Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on March 21st with a mufti-day. It is a day to celebrate and embrace Australia’s cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness and respect for all Australians.

To celebrate Harmony Day each class will design a poster that focuses on a symbol of belonging or peace. A gold coin donation will benefit a charity nominated by the SRC.

For this special mufti day each grade has been allocated a specific colour to wear:

- Kindergarten - green,
- Year 1 – pink,
- Year 2 - blue,
- Year 3 - orange,
- Year 4 - yellow,
- Year 5 - red,
- Year 6 – black.

Students must wear enclosed shoes.

Thank you

Year 2 Teachers
WHEELE Heights DANCE PROGRAM

Important date change

Sorry for the inconvenience but The Extreme Eisteddods dates have changed, they are on the weekend of the 3rd, 4th or 5th of June. They will confirm with us which day it will be asap. The dates have been changed to suit the new program, this is great news for us as now the juniors and seniors won’t be dancing against each other this year.

IRBD dates are still on the 28th of May.

If anyone still hasn’t received any emails from us could you please re email your details to the email address below. The Eisteddfod information will be emailed out soon.

Our email address is whps.dance@gmail.com

Kind regards, Denelle and Jasmine
Dance Parent Liaison

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

It is TODAY (Thu 3 March):

Welcome BBQ for
Kindergarten, New & Year 6 “buddy” Families

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
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!
With over 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 49,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session – Years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session – Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25.00 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
(*GST exclusive – GST is payable/claimable by the school or organising body)

Where: WHEELER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Thursday, 10th March 2016
Time: Where did I come from? – 6.00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7.15pm
Speciality books are available for purchase on the night

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class:

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: ____________________________________________________________

No. attending: □ Session 1: Where did I come from? □ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $ ____________________________

I have made an online payment. My receipt no. ____________________________

OR □ Eftpos □ Cash □ Cheque (payable to the school) □ Credit card
Credit card number: ____________________________ Expiry date: ____________________________
Name on card: ____________________________________________________________

Amount: ____________________________

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 | Fax: (02) 8882 7890

schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au
Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

**Date:** Thursday, 10th March 2016

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers coming home with your child before the program outlining session content.
K-6 Grandfriends, parents and younger siblings are invited to our annual Wheeler Heights K-2 Easter Hat Parade

**Thursday 24th March at 9:30am**

K-6 open classrooms from 10:30am

Morning tea for Grandfriends and parents from 11:00am

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‘Pre-school’ little brothers and sisters are invited to make their own creative hats and join in their own special parade.

*We hope to see you all there!*
Dear Parents,

Following the success of the whole school mobile communication app since its introduction to WHPS in 2014, we will continue to use the Primary Parent Planner App as an integral part of our communication system this year.

Over the holiday break there has been a major upgrade of the app by the developers. Due to this upgrade, all parents who have the app installed will need to update it (through the app store for Apple or Google Play for Android). Parents who have not used the app previously are encouraged to install it on their mobile device (again through the App Store or Google Play). Installation, upgrading and use of the app is free (the school is billed for the use of the app so users pay nothing through App Store/Google Play or the app itself).

The app is most useful as a notification tool for effective communication between the school and parents. It is also useful for viewing newsletters, reporting student absences, easily contacting the school, as a link to flexischools for canteen ordering, for keeping track of sports teams, training and games and much more. Additional resources are also available and being investigated by the school.

The notification feature of the app uses push notifications and relies on you, the user, selecting the groups that you want to receive notices about which allows us to target specific audiences, rather than notifying the whole school about a change of training time which may affect only 12 children in one sports team for example.

**To use the app in 2016 ...**

Once you have updated/installed the app you will need to:

1. Remove any previous student profiles (in ‘Students’ on the home screen select each student and then select ‘Remove Student’ from the bottom right) if you are a ‘returning user’

2. Add a student (you will do this for each of your children) by adding your child’s name and then selecting our school from the list that appears when you select ‘Search For A School’ (local schools appear first so WHPS will not be far down the list).

3. Select the groups to which your child belongs or for which you wish to receive news, reminders or alerts. All of the groups are hosted under ‘Main’ to make it easier for you to select multiple groups.
NB: You MUST select ‘Whole School’ and then should select both the year group (for example ‘Kindergarten’ or ‘Year 3’) AS WELL AS the class group (for example ‘KW’ or ‘3/4S’)

All of our performing arts groups and extra-curricular groups are listed and you can select each by ticking the circle beside the pertinent groups.

4. Once you have selected all the relevant groups select ‘Done’ from the top right.

Your student is now setup and you can repeat for each of the children in your family.

For Sports Teams …

1. If your child is part of a PSSA sporting team, you will also need to select the sporting teams you are part of through the ‘Sports’ section of the home page. When you enter this section you will see the name of each of your students (Children).

2. Select one of your children and then enter the sport they are involved in and select their team. Please note that you should also enter ‘General Notices’ (the first ‘sport’ listed) and select ‘All PSSA Teams’. This group may be used to inform parents about information pertinent to all PSSA sporting teams – such as wet weather cancellations.

Remember that each time your child enters or leaves one of the school’s many extra-curricular groups you will need to enter this section (‘Students’ or ‘Sports’) and turn on or off the appropriate group as required – we will always attempt to remind parents when notifying you of team/group selections at the start of each season.

Regards,

Mr J Williams  
Assistant Principal

Mr D Scotter  
Principal

3/3/2016
We Offer

- Two ICT resourced C21st Learning Spaces
- Large, well-resourced computerised Library
- Photo darkroom with 16 enlargers
- Performing Arts Centre and dance studio
- Modern sports, i.e. weight training/surf survival/rock climbing/zumba
- Six Computer labs, three design workshops and two specialist workshops
- Science laboratories, video microscope and modern data logging equipment
- A Semi-commercial kitchen and a Food Technology kitchen
- Hall with full stage and production electrics
- Gymnasium plus large sporting field, two outdoor basketball courts
- Two Language rooms
- English as a Second Language (E.S.L)
- 3+3 Senior Curriculum Program
- Middle School Enrichment Program
- Field studies/study camps/excursions

Extra Curricula

- Active Student Representative Council
- School Council and P&C
- High Resolves
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Peer Support Program for Year 7/10 students
- State English, Mathematics, Science and Computing Competitions/Maths Challenge
- Regular charity engagements
- Fisher Road Special School integration program
- Student Welfare program
- Business links/TAFE/VET programs
- School Magazine
- Public Speaking/Debating
- Junior and Senior Bands
- Vocal Ensemble
- Drama and Musical productions
- Dance Ensemble
- First Aid Course/CPR training
- Knockout Sport
- Sister School relationships

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TAFE and VET COURSES

Eg. Hospitality, Entertainment, Business Services, Metals and Engineering, Work Education, Construction
NBSC Showcase of the performing arts

Wednesday
16th March
at 7 PM

Adults $12
Children under 13/ pensioner $8
Family (2 Adults 2 Children) $30

BOOKINGS: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/KIAW

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