



WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who stood for prefect positions last week. The students each prepared a speech and delivered it with great confidence to staff and students.

The prefect team will be announced at Presentation Day. I look forward to the prefects and their families joining me for afternoon tea today.

Principal's Gold Achievement Award



In 2017 our student recognition system will change following consultation with the community in 2016. I have attached the policy to this newsletter. The badge colour for

2017 will be green. I'd like to thank the Well-Being Team led by Mrs Wilson for their work in the review of our recognition scheme. Mrs Reynolds and Ms Eccles have coordinated the review.

Christmas Craft day - We need 8 more volunteers, can you help? Please let the office know.

Park run - unfortunately we will have to postpone the planned parkrun given the busy time of year. We will plan for a Term 1 run.

Stage Equipment pack notes for 2017 will come home today. This will allow families more time to plan for the requirements for 2017. Under our new finance system, payments can be made this year if parents choose to do so.

Have a good week

Philippa Young
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Interrelate 2017

The Interrelate Family Evening Program will be held at Wirreanda in February 2017. Two sessions will be held;

Session 1: Where Did I Come From? (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Session 2: Preparing for Puberty: (Years 5 & 6)

Each session is for 60 minutes. The Family Evening Program is held every 2 years and was very well received by families in 2015. The presenter is outstanding and approaches all topics with sensitivity and humour.

Cup of the Week

As the school year moves into countdown it is wonderful to see that classes are proud to receive the Cup of the Week.

Congratulations 6H and 2/3E for being the recipients of the Cup in weeks 7 and 8 respectively. 6H have shown outstanding confidence in learning their 7X multiplication facts and have moved onto their 8X.

2/3E are overwhelmingly confident about their learning and have shown outstanding persistence and organisation in becoming more successful learners.

Road Safety

Parents please remind your children to use the crosswalks safely by using them to walk all the way across the road. The crossing guards have expressed their concern that students are cutting across the road when only half way across the crosswalk. Your child's safety is an important priority for all Wirreanda school staff.

Grandparents and Volunteer's Lunch

One week to go until the Grandparent and Thank You Volunteer's Lunch and the special surprise that has been arranged!

If you received an invitation (volunteers) to the lunch or if your grandparents are attending please let the office staff know as this will assist with catering.

Regards

Sue Wilson
Deputy Principal



Education
Public Schools

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are moving or changing schools next year as we currently have to project our anticipated numbers for 2017. Our student numbers determine our staffing allocations and planning. Thank you!

Save the Date in 2017

- 9th February - Swimming Carnival
- 21st February - Meet the teacher evening
- 28th February - Interrelate evening
- 23rd March - Cross Country
- 6th April - Easter Hat Parade
- 7th April - ANZAC service
- 17th May - Athletics Carnival
- 19/20th June - School Photos
- 24th August - Book Week Parade
- 28th August - Stage 3 Camp

Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of our Merit Award winners

Bronze

Lucas Stokes, Callen Guile, Alice Threadgate, Grace White, Libby Moore, Chelsea Slapp, Tailor Teasdale, Braiden Wheeler, Dominic Boatswain, Domonic Taylor-Thurgar, Jarrod Hill, Darius Plooy

Silver

Mackenzie Bohan, Maggie Laughton, Thomas McKenna, Ethan Peisto, Sienna Clough, Thomas Watson, Aaliyah Ward, Sam Mackenzie, Mitchell Rowan, Lucas Allen, Lilly Morrison-Rumbel, Nicholas Zhang, Isobelle Brkich, Chelsea Curds, Grace Higgins, Eboni Hollingworth, Ruby van de Wijgaart, Justin Blair, Mitchell Hawes, Jack Kennedy, Gabriel Lee, Brodie Warner, Kayla Bell, Mia Collins, Charlotte Hack, Bailey Bryce, Elise Gray, Brooke Lawson, Logan Farley, Mitchell Clarke, Zachary Hodgson, Nathan Hynds, Caiden McManus, Jake Olsen, Lachlan Reddon, Joshua Salerno, Isabella Kelly

Gold

Luke Mildren, Millie Mackenzie, Claire Howell, Keelie Perrett, Ebony Delafontaine, Andie Archer, Sibella Rowan, Annabeth Scott-Glasscock, David O'Donnell, Cameron Jones, Sienna Denholm, Tayla

Hall, Bailey Johnson, Corbin Riddle, Amali Binns, Bonnie Rebb, Miracaih Kalischer, Nash Rowbottom, Mia Poulter, Jaida Micallef, Ellie White, Tamzin Riddle, Rhys Phillips, Caitlin Smith-Gow, Emma Bennett, Lana Christie, Mikaela Neil, Isabella Szarkun, Hannah White, Toby Ruhl, Matthew Van der Berg, Trinity Bland, Isaac Wallman, Jack Griffith, Holly Reid, Seth Mitchell, Max Hoogland, Hunter Henwood, Emerson Hector, Aria Newman, Isabelle Delafontaine, Isabella Moxey, Telia Dolstra, Ethan Hall, Ayla Bennett, Kiara Jewell, Fletcher Laughton, Eden McAusland, Zac Ruhl, Imogen Mehonoshen, Xavier Lopez, Jayde Everill, Chace Brind, Nahla Fleming, Amelia Mills, Declan Halliday, Angelica Imanil, Ethan Morvell, Zane Proudlock, Curtis Mowbray, Rhiley Page, Kailee Wilson, Joshua Moxey, Aleisha McKew, Coral Durbin, Mikaela Haworth, Arrowyn Carter, Benjamin Killick, Joseph Willis-Monk, Cameron Jones, Lexi Magnee, Ashlee Slapp, Brody Jobson, Bianca Gardiner

Defence News

Australian Government
Department of Defence

Williamstown! Welcome to
Organisation is Defence Community

day and expo to welcome to Williamtown.

hosting a family Defence families

es are invited to a family day where there will be morning tea and children's activities including painting and more. Fun for everyone!

ADF members and their families will receive community information, free including a jumping castle, face

DCO Hunter would like to invite Defence spouses/partners to a morning tea.

When: Tuesday 6th December 2016
Time: 10:30 – 11:30am
Where: McDonalds Williamstown (party room)
RSVP: dco.hunter@defence.gov.au
by COB 29 November 2016

Canteen News

As we are winding down for the year we will be running the stock down, therefore from the beginning of Week 9 (Monday 5th December) **PLEASE PUT A 2ND CHOICE ITEM ON YOUR LUNCH ORDER.**

We will draw the winners of the Term 4 lunch special on Friday 9th, so you've still got a bit of time left to try it and go into the draw for a lunch box filled with yummy and healthy treats.

Chicken Finger Salad Box – Term 4 lunch special – 4 chicken goujons, small side salad with a juice box (apple, apple/blackcurrant, orange) and a small gift \$3.00

Canteen Roster:

Week 8

Thur 1st J Donohue, L Janssen
Fri 2nd L Matthews, R Gibson-Smith,
S Veitch

Week 9

Mon 5th K Bennett
Tue 6th J Donohue, K Bennett
Wed 7th K Hill
Thurs 8th J Donohue, L Jewell
Fri 9th L Brooks, L Ferguson, L Matthews,
R Gibson-Smith

Week 10

Mon 12th K Bennett
Tues 13th J Donohue, K Bennett
Wed 14th K Hill
Thur 15th J Donohue
Fri 16th L Matthews, R Gibson-Smith,
S Patten

We still need volunteers!

There are vacancies on Wednesday 7th & 14th and Thursday 15th. If you can help us out that would be great!

Sharon Grant
Canteen Coordinator

Uniform Shop

All Uniforms are in stock now
EFTPOS is available

NOW AVAILABLE

Senior Girls (Yrs 5 & 6):

Skirts \$40
Short Sleeve Peter Pan collar blouse \$23

NB: the Uniform Shop will only be opened in the morning on Friday 16th December

Trading Hours for Back to School 2017

Friday 27th January 2017

9:00 – 11:00am

Week 1 & 2 – Every day from 8:50 – 10:00am

Friday afternoon 2:15 – 3:30pm

Week 3 – Back to normal trading hours

Mon, Wed & Fri morning 8:50 – 10:00am

Friday afternoon 2:15 – 3:30pm

Don't forget to order your name labels through www.brightstarkids.com.au and select Wirreanda Public School Uniform Shop "Nominate a Fundraiser" in the checkout section.

Thank you for supporting the Uniform Shop in 2016.

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Building C, 1 Technology Place, Williamstown
For Bookings Ph: 02 4965 0533

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Headz Up Christmas Special

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½ head foils, cut, blow-dry \$100

Full head foils, cut, blow-dry \$150

Spray tans \$25

Classic eyelash extensions \$80

Regrowth colour, cut, blow-dry \$90

Facial waxing and tinting any 3 for \$35

Shampoo blow-dries from \$20

Bulk packages available.

PET SITTING SERVICE

Going away in the school holidays, for a few days, a week or more?

I can feed any domestic pet, cats, dogs, birds, fish etc.

If they need to be walked or just played with in their own yard, I can do that too!

Dog washing also available.

I can also bring in your mail, newspapers and put out/bring in your garbage bins whilst you're away.

- ✓ Reasonable Rates
- ✓ Reliable & Responsible
- ✓ Love for animals

Call or text Abbey on 0435 810 319 or 4982 8941 after 6:00pm

SIOBHAN MURPHY IRISH DANCE

NEW CLASS STARTING TUESDAYS FROM 3.30PM
& SATURDAYS FROM 10AM

AT UNION HALL WILLIAMTOWN NEXT TO THE
AIRPORT

1ST CLASS FREE



Contact Siobhan on 0405 372 118

Email – murphyirishdance1@gmail.com

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Come try Sailing!



at the
Grahamstown Sailing
& Aquatic Club
Grahamstown Road, Medowie

10, 11 & 12 January 2017
(Tuesday to Thursday)

***Cost: \$45/sailor**

***\$65 per family (maximum 3 persons, \$10pp extra)**

Fee includes: use of personal floatation device, course handbook, sailing with experienced sailors, practical sailing and racing activities, Certificate on completion.

Kiosk open: Light snacks, drinks, ice creams available

Time: 10am - approx. 3pm each day.

Venue: Fielding Madden Park
Grahamstown Rd. Medowie

To book, please contact:

Richard Byrne 4981 7509, sailwithrichard@gmail.com or
Frank Bardsley Ph/fax 4982 3053

Who can learn? Anyone, age 12 yrs & above.
(If you have younger children wishing to participate please contact us.)

People with a disability are welcome!

Sailability, a world-wide organisation, aims at making Sailing available at low cost for all, regardless of ability or disability.



www.facebook.com/sailabilityportstephens

*\$25 for past participants or \$45 per family

The Music Room Summer Events

Carols At The Music Room
Dec 20th, 6pm - \$7pp, \$22 fmly

All Ages Guitar Jams
Every Mon, 5:30pm - \$10

Pre K Music Jams
Every Tues, 10am - \$10

K - 4 Music Jams
Every Wed, 3pm - \$10

Songwriting Workshops
Jan 7th & 21st, 10am - \$40

Golden Oldies Sing-Alongs
Jan 12th & 26th, 5pm - \$16

For bookings - 0424557079
27 Mitchell St, Stockton - themusicroomstockton@gmail.com

Raymond Terrace Community Markets

Xmas Twilight Markets, Carols & Music



SAT 3RD DEC 2.30-7.15PM
Riverside Park

Variety of many stalls selling **locally made and produced goodies** for Xmas, i.e. honey, jams, sauces, puddings, plants, clothes, candles, soaps, pre-loved items, we Support Aussie locally made products!

Live entertainment in the Rotunda, local musicians, Visits by Santa 4pm & 6pm, jumping castle-Carol singing, live music, kids Karaoke Kids craft table & colouring in comp judged at 5.30pm. Fairy floss/glow sticks, ice-cream, hot food etc. Balloon animals, face painting & Plaster Art. Funds raised going to local charity.

Contact Liz Phone 0422 144 441 or Adam 0432 187 010 for stall bookings.
rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com



Term 4 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	28 November K-6 Assembly	29 November	30 November Prefect Elect Afternoon Tea 3.30pm St 3 Gala Day	1 December Yr 7 IHS transition	2 December 3-6 Assembly 2:50pm – Host 4F Medowie Carols
9	5 December K-6 Assembly	6 December Kinder Culminating Day	7 December	8 December Grandparents' Day & Volunteers' lunch	9 December Gold Day \$ due Presentation Day Reports go home K-2 Assembly 2:30pm – Host TBA
10	12 December K-6 Assembly Christmas Craft Day Yr 6 Farewell	13 December Gold Day Kinder Graduation	14 December Christmas Concert Class Parties	15 December Moving Day	16 December Student's Last Day
11	19 December School Closed	20 December School Closed	21 December	22 December	23 December



MEDOWIE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2016, 6.30 pm — 9.30 pm

FERODALE OVAL, MEDOWIE

Community event for all the family. Bring a rug, chairs, and your Santa hat and join the Medowie community in celebrating the Christmas season.

Sausage Sizzle - Drinks - Ice Creams - Hot Chips

Face Painting - Glowsticks - Carols

Presented by Rotary Club of Williamstown

Entry Fee: Adults :\$2
Children :Free

Performances by a variety of
individuals and schools



Proudly supported by the Medowie community in conjunction with Rotary including: - Newcastle Permanent, Century 21, Medowie Christian School, Medowie Produce and Pet Supplies, Medowie Pharmacy, Port Stephens Council and numerous local businesses. Thank you to all concerned

Committee Chairman: Geoffrey Hamilton 0418 639 937



WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Excellence and opportunity in an innovative and supportive learning environment

STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

The Student Recognition Scheme is designed to provide students with positive recognition for their effort, achievement and progress during the current school year across a wide range of skills and school activities.

The intent of the recognition scheme is to encourage each student to strive for his/her personal best.

Students are recognized for effort, achievement and performance at Wirreanda Public School.

Recognition Scheme Overview

- Individual class system
- You Can Do It Merit Cards
- Principal's Gold Award
- Principal's Banner Award
- WOW cards
- Presentation Day annual awards
- Education Week awards
- Sporting Achievement awards

Individual class system

Teachers develop and use reinforcement systems which are suited to the needs of the individual students and designed to maximize the unique qualities of each class. Recognition may take the form of:

- Stickers
- Individual/class charts
- Dojo points
- Class awards such as raffles
- Sharing achievement with other teachers/students/executive
- Positive phone calls or letters to parents

You Can Do It (YCDI) Merit Award Cards

Students earn YCDI merit cards in the classroom for demonstrating skills in the 5 foundations of success: Organisation; Confidence; Getting Along; Resilience; Persistence. These are taught through the YCDI program in every class. The merit award cards accumulate towards the Blue, Bronze, Silver and Principal's Gold Achievement Award.

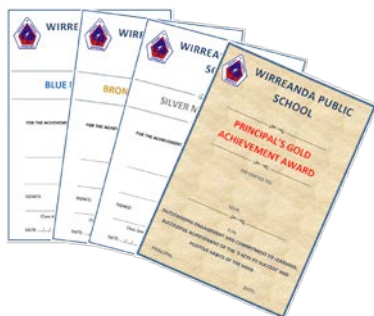




STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

Principal's Gold Achievement Award

Students strive to reach their Gold Achievement Award each year. They receive an achievement certificate, principal's award badge and an invitation to the Gold reward day at the end of the year.



YCDI Merit Award cards	Earns	Presented at
15	Blue Merit Award	K-2/3-6 Assembly
30	Bronze Merit Award	K-2/3-6 Assembly
50	Silver Merit Award	K-2/3-6 Assembly
70	Principal's Gold Achievement Award and Badge	Monday K-6 Assembly

For a student to be awarded a Gold certificate the following applies:

- No time in the Thinking Room for the previous five weeks
- No suspensions for the previous ten weeks
- The student's application and effort in class has been excellent
- The student's behaviour has been excellent

Students who arrive midway through the year may be eligible for the Gold Reward Day upon application to the Stage Leader.

Principal's Year 6 Banner Award

Students who earn a Principal's Gold Achievement Award in every year they have attended Wirreanda P.S. are eligible to earn a Principal's Banner Award at the end of Year 6. Students need to have attended Wirreanda P.S. for a minimum of 2 years.



WOW cards (playground awards)

WOW cards are presented by teachers in the playground to recognise positive playground behaviour that supports our school rules.

Students place their card in the WOW card box and a weekly draw of ten WOW cards is held at whole school assemblies. The ten selected students from the weekly draw each receive a \$1 canteen voucher.

Presentation Day Annual Awards

Each classroom teacher selects four students to receive an academic awards and one student to receive a Citizenship award.

Other awards include: School Dux; Rising stars in Literacy and Numeracy; School Citizenship Award; Community Award; CAPA Awards; Prefect and Captain Certificates; Band Award.

Awards are reviewed annually in keeping with school priorities.



STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

Education Week Awards

One student per class is awarded an Education Week award based upon application and effort in the classroom.

Sports Achievement Awards

Students participate in sporting events throughout the year including cross county, swimming, athletics and a variety of PSSA sports.

The annual awards ceremony recognises:

Overall Sports Champions:

- Junior Boy/Girl
- Senior Boy/Girl

Athletics Champions:

- Junior Boy/Girl
- 11yr Boy/Girl
- Senior Boy/Girl

PSSA Teams

Zone Representatives
State Representatives

Swimming Champions

- Junior Boy/Girl
- 11yr Boy/Girl
- Senior Boy/Girl

Cross County

- 8yr Boy/Girl
- 9yr Boy/Girl
- 10yr Boy/Girl
- 11yr Boy/Girl
- 12yr Boy/Girl

Implementation Guidelines

Staff consistency is essential in implementing the policy. Staff members are to ensure that they:

- Are fully aware of, and consistently implement the criteria in the policy
- Award a maximum of 2 YCDI merit cards each week in line with the YCDI teaching scope and sequence
- Maintain a record of individual awards presented
- Store awarded YCDI merit award cards in a pocket chart in the classroom
- Award a maximum of 2 YCDI merit award cards per week
- Notify parents prior to Blue, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards being presented
- Bonus cards may be given by the following staff:
 - Principal, Deputy Principal and Executive Staff
 - CAPA team: 2 students from each class each week may be awarded a YCDI merit card
 - Learning Support Teachers
- Only present WOW cards in the playground