



# Wirreanda Whisper

**Excellence and opportunity in an innovative and supportive learning environment**

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Term 1 Week 2

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015

Term 1 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	1 Feb <b>K-6 Assembly</b> <b>Best Start Testing</b>	2 Feb <b>Best Start Testing</b>	3 Feb <b>KINDERGARTEN START</b> Notes home re S2/3 camp Deposit	4 Feb	5 Feb <b>Swimming Carnival \$ due</b>
3	8 Feb <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	9 Feb Zone Cricket trials Police Liaison visit <b>Meet the teacher night 5:15pm Kinder 6pm Yrs1-6</b>	10 Feb	11 Feb <b>Welcome Morning Tea - MPC</b>	12 Feb <b>Yr 5 &amp; 6 Interrelate \$ due</b> <b>Swimming Carnival – Tomaree</b> K-2 Awards only Assembly
4	15 Feb <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	16 Feb Debating - Adamstown <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3:30pm</b>	17 Feb Newsletter	18 Feb Interrelate Year 5	19 Feb Interrelate Year 5 <b>3-6 Assembly – Host Prefects</b>
5	22 Feb <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb Zone AFL trials <b>Scripture starts</b>	26 Feb Interrelate Year 6 K-2 Assembly
6	29 Feb <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	1 March	2 March Newsletter World Read Aloud Day Zone Rugby trials	3 March	4 March Interrelate Year 6 <b>3-6 Assembly</b> <b>S2/S3 Camp Deposit Due \$50</b>
7	7 March <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	8 March <b>P&amp;C AGM Meeting</b>	9 March	10 March	11 March Interrelate Year 6 K-2 Assembly
8	14 March <b>K-6 Assembly</b> <b>Parent teacher Interviews</b>	15 March	16 March Newsletter Zone Touch trials	17 March <b>Cross Country Carnival</b>	18 March Interrelate Year 6 <b>3-6 Assembly</b>
9	21 March <b>K-6 Assembly</b> <b>HARMONY DAY</b>	22 March	23 March	24 March <b>Easter Hat Parade</b>	25 March <b>Good Friday</b>
10	28 March <b>Easter Monday</b>	29 March	30 March Newsletter	31 March	1 April <b>Athletics Carnival</b> <b>ICAS \$ Due (Spelling; Writing; Science; Digital)</b>
11	4 April <b>K-6 Assembly</b>	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April K-2 Awards only Assembly <b>ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY</b>

## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2016 School Year! Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to new families joining our community. We look forward to a successful year with lots of learning experiences and fun.

**I have formed 23 classes based upon our current enrolment numbers in order settle children into classes and commence new programs prior to our information night. I must stress that should we have a child or children leave the school before next Wednesday, I will have to restructure classes to 22 classes. Unfortunately that is the nature of the departmental system and indicates how borderline our enrolment numbers are.**

### Who's who at the school?

Principal - Philippa Young

Deputy Principal – Sue Wilson

Deputy Principal Teacher Mentor - Kathie Colley

KH	<b>Mrs Katie Hamshaw (A.P)</b>	KW	Mrs Kerrie Whitty		
KG	Mrs Sharon Gallagher	KR	Mrs Gillian Reynolds & Mrs Chelsea Rees		
1D	Miss Britt Dedman	1/2A	Mrs Jacqui Allan		
1J	Ms Emma Jones	2D	Mr Nathan Davies		
1F	Miss Erin Ford	2T	Miss Erin Theoret		
2/3E	Miss Kat Eccles	2/3S	Miss Lorelle Shearer	4B	Mrs Helen Bortfeld
3D	Mrs Darcy	3S	Mr Stonell	4R	Mrs Jeanette Reilly
3/4C	<b>Mrs Kris Carey (A.P)</b>				
4/5F	Miss Amy Fort	5JG	<b>Mrs Liz Johnson (A.P) &amp; Mrs Kath Gray</b>		
5R	Mrs Karen Rowen	5L	Mr Daniel Lindsell		
6H	<b>Ms Jayde Hubbard (A.P)</b>	6A	Mrs Christine Armour		
CAPA	Mrs Belinda Harvey	Mrs Lisa Ehmann	Ms Mellissa Branda	<b>Mrs Kristen Stone(A.P)</b>	
Lib	Mrs Rachel Crossing/Mrs Xanthe Lee				
Learning Support Ms. Kristin Dyball					
Reading Recovery Mrs Jann Tolhurst & Mrs Sue Dellar					
School Admin Manager - Mrs Glenda Armer			School Admin Officers - Mrs Barbara Inglis & Mrs Karen Moule		
General Assistant- Mr Allan Davis			Defence Transition Aide - Mrs Karen Schieb		
Canteen Manager - Mrs Sharon Grant			Library Assistant - Mrs Terri Walker		

Parents first point of contact should be their child's teacher and I urge parents to develop a positive partnership with their child's teacher to maximise the learning opportunities for the children.

If you have a concern or issue and it cannot be resolved in discussion with the class teacher, parents should make an appointment to meet with the Stage leader.

### Parent Information Evening

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6pm**

The evening will operate as follows:

- 5:15pm - Kindergarten Session
- 6:00pm - Session 1 in Years 1-6 classrooms
- 6:35pm - *change over bell*
- 6:40pm - Session 2 in Years 1-6 classrooms
- 7:15pm - End of the evening bell

Sessions will be held in your child's classroom with your teacher allowing you to gather information about the class, expectations, routines, homework and key learning areas.

Each session will be approximately 35 minutes. It is imperative sessions run on time. This is not a time for one on one interviews.

Each teacher will run their session twice, repeating the information from session 1 to allow parents to get to two different classes.

I encourage all parents to attend as there is always something new to explain or update parents on, and each teacher operates in a different manner in their room. ***Children should not attend this evening if possible.***

**Philippa Young**

**Principal**

Welcome to our new staff at Wirreanda.



Mrs Christine Armour who joins us as a permanent member of staff from Harrington P.S.



Mrs Sharon Grant as our new canteen manager



Miss Britt Dedman



Mrs Jodi Fitness



Mrs Jeanette Reilly

#### Notes Sent Home This Fortnight

- Equipment lists for Stage 1, 2 & 3
- Minding Me Year 5
- Moving Into Teen Years Year 6
- Stage 2 camp deposit
- Stage 3 camp deposit
- Class notes

#### Deputy Principal's Message

##### **Welcome Back!**

I would like to extend a welcome to all our families at Wirreanda for 2016. It has been wonderful to hear about holidays, Christmas and special events from so many students.

I would like to congratulate our new students for their resilience, confidence and the way in which they have settled in to their new school.

##### **You Can Do It**

The YCDI whole school focus for Term 1 will be Getting Along. It is already evident that so many of our students value the importance of 'getting along' with others, accepting differences and being tolerant of these differences.

##### **Cup of the Week**

The Cup of the Week aims to:

- promote the school's You Can Do It values
- engender class pride and spirit

When the classes are formed I will be looking for the class that is demonstrating pride in themselves and their classroom, to be the first class to be awarded the Cup of the Week for 2016.

##### **Interrelate**

The Interrelate program is commencing for Year 5 students in week 4 and Year 6 students in Weeks 5 – 8. The Year 5 program is titled "Minding Me" and explores the value of good communication within families and relationships, as a

way of better understanding each other and reducing conflict. It provides students with a basic knowledge of male and female development at puberty, with an emphasis on developing a positive attitude to change

The Year 6 program, *"Moving into the Teen Years"* offers a course for students in Year 6 to prepare them for High School. The lessons explore a range of adolescent issues and offer a comprehensive relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life.

The permission notes for both programs will be sent home with students at the same time as the newsletter.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

**Susan Wilson**

**Deputy Principal**

### Newsletter Update

Commencing from Week 4 (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February) we will only send a paper copy of the Wirreanda Whisper home to families who opt to have a paper copy.

Each fortnight we email the newsletter to families, and upload it to our website, Facebook, twitter and the school app.

Please notify the office if you're unable to receive our newsletter via electronic means and require a printed copy by completing the form below and returning to school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Please complete the information below if:

- Your email address has changed or you are currently not receiving the newsletter via email **OR**
- You wish to receive a paper copy

### EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR NEWSLETTER

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

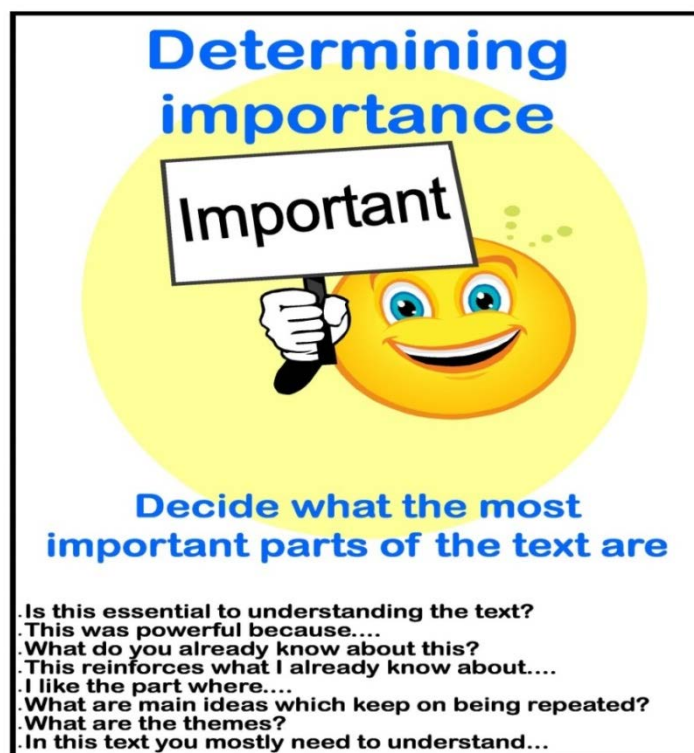
Children's Names and classes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I don't have an email address and would like a paper copy of the newsletter ☐

Parent/Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### Digital Citizenship

Students at Wirreanda have been learning how to be responsible users of technology. It's so important that we teach students about the safe use of the internet and how we can connect with others in an appropriate manner. Years 1-4 have been using a great website called *Hector's World*. Years 5-6 have been using *Budd:e*, which is a website that allows students to learn their content through whole class discussions and online, game based activities.

All content has been centred around topics such as:

- Protecting personal information
- Online privacy
- Cyberbullying
- eSecurity.

Stage 2 & 3 are looking forward to our visit from the local Police on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, which is the national *Safer Internet Day* for 2016. This visit will tie in nicely with all of the work our staff and students have been putting into learning about how to stay safe in our increasingly digitalised world.

### Canteen News

We are looking forward to a great year in the Canteen. The Canteen will only operate on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

There will be some new menu items which I hope you will enjoy trying, daily specials will be written on the chalkboard at the front of the canteen.

Each term will have a Meal Deal plus we'll have some special days which will be publicised in the Whisper.

If your child has any special dietary requirements I am willing to try to accommodate their needs, so please come and see me and we can discuss menu options.

We need lots of volunteers to help run the canteen so if you have a spare day or even just a couple of hours I would love your help. The children really enjoy having a family member or friend serving them. Drop in and see me in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday or phone the school as I'm putting a roster together.

### Term 1 Meal Deal is 'Mini Yon Munchie' \$5.00

3 x Goujon or 3 Chicken Nuggets with a salad box (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) and sauce plus a flavoured milk and a mini banana muffin available every day that the canteen is opened.

Sharon Grant - Canteen Coordinator



## Update for Parent Online Payment

We are pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices.


Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school's website. In the past using the '\$ Make a payment' page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.




## Defence News




Karen Schieb is our Defence School Transition Aide and she can be contacted through the School office.



Australian Government  
Department of Defence






### 2016 Welcome to Williamtown Meet and Greet!

Defence Community Organisation Hunter  
is hosting a family day to welcome  
Defence families to Williamtown.

**When:** Sunday 07 February 2016, 1100h – 1300h  
**Where:** Fighter World, Medowie Road, Williamtown  
**What:** Community information, children's  
activities including jumping castle, face painting  
plus lots more fun filled events  
**RSVP:** Close of business Friday 29 January 2016  
via email [dco.hunter@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.hunter@defence.gov.au) or phone  
02 4034 6973

**MORE INFO** [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco)  
Become a friend of Defence Community Organisation Hunter on  
Facebook to receive updates and event info in your newsfeed.

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[www.defence.gov.au](http://www.defence.gov.au) 

DPG: 15-11-03



## ***Getting On Track In Time! - Got It!***

*for children in the current*

**Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Classes**

Wirreanda Public School has the opportunity to participate in an exciting and innovative initiative for children in the current Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 classes to enhance their social and emotional skills in 2016. ***Getting On Track In Time! - Got It!*** is an early intervention program run by local health professionals from the Local Hunter New England Health District in collaboration with Department of Education and Communities.

***Got It!*** aims to teach children emotional resilience and further the development of their social skills to help them better manage their behaviours at school and at home, assisting them to learn to their full potential and maximise their life opportunities. The program will be fun and supportive for students and will also be practical for parents and teachers.

This week parents of children in the 2016 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be asked to complete a short questionnaire to assist in identifying which part of the program will best benefit their child.

There will be an opportunity for Mum, Dads and Carers to meet the ***Got It!*** Health Team at the school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The ***Got It!*** Health Team will be outside the front office at 3pm. The team welcomes any questions that parents/caregivers may have.



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

### **Paid Advertising**

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**Medowie Tennis Club Inc.** would like to invite girls and boys aged 4 years and upwards to come and try tennis on Friday 5th February at 4pm onwards till 6pm. If you have never played tennis or you have in the past played you are all welcome.

It is free and if you do not have a tennis racquet we have some at the club for you to use.

Please wear tennis shoes or sneakers on the courts.

We also would like to invite any adults that would like to try as well you are most welcome.

Information on coaching for children and adults will be available.

If you would like more information please phone our tennis coach Sam 0421460748 or Di 0419601294.

## **STOCKTON SHARKS FOOTBALL**

### Want to play soccer in 2016?

Stockton Sharks have the cheapest rego prices in Newcastle!

2016 registration prices are:

**Under 6 & Under 7 - \$75**

**Under 8 - Under 11 - \$95**

All 6's and 7's receive a free soccer ball and pair of shinpads!

Visit [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

or come along to our registration days on the 7th and 21st of

February from 9.30-11.30am at Corroba Oval

[WWW.STOCKTONSHARKSFOOTBALL.COM](http://WWW.STOCKTONSHARKSFOOTBALL.COM)  
Find us on **facebook** [STOCKTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB](#)

## PORT STEPHENS POWER JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Ferodale Oval, Corner Ferodale Road & Kirrang Drive, Medowie

### 2016 Registration Day at Ferodale Oval

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am - 12.00pm**

**NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years**

\$75 (includes 2016 Auskick Pack & Club T-shirt)

**Juniors - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s**

\$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> child (new players receive Club Bag, drink bottle & socks)

\$90 for siblings (new players receive Club Bag, drink bottle & socks)

**Youth Girls (13-16yrs)**

\$50 (includes shorts & socks)

\*\*\*\*\* NO WEEKLY FEES \*\*\*\*\*

For further registration opportunities please contact Mel on 0412067251  
or visit website [www.portstephenspower.com.au](http://www.portstephenspower.com.au)



Medowie and Districts Rugby Club,

### *The Medowie Marauders*

The club where

**YOU get to play with your MATES**

Our club invites all players and supporters to join us for the

### **2016 Rugby Season**

**Club Registration Day:**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**8am to 5pm**

Boyd Oval, Grey Gum Street, Medowie

**FREE PLAYER REGISTRATION FOR NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS**

Note a club "player kit" levy of \$70 will apply for new players

Playing socks and shorts (new players only)

Club Polo shirt, Club training singlet

Club tracksuit (top and pants), Club Bag

Ball with Club Logo, Kicking tee

Our club registrar will need to site birth certificates for all new players

#### **For information about registration:**

Send an email to Jimmy - [Secretary@medowierugby.com](mailto:Secretary@medowierugby.com) or

Mick - [juniors@medowierugby.com](mailto:juniors@medowierugby.com)

Go to our Website: [www.medowierugby.com](http://www.medowierugby.com) or



Find us on Facebook at [Medowie and Districts Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Medowie-and-Districts-Rugby-Club)

Or you can phone: Rob 0467188766 or Dwayne 0417756881



Principal: Corynne Darcy B.Ed. LGTDA. ATOD.

### **Professional Tuition In:**

- ★ Jazz (ATOD)
- ★ Tap (LGTDA)
- ★ Classical Ballet (ATOD)
- ★ National Character (ATOD)
- ★ Hip Hop
- ★ Modern/Contemporary
- ★ Acrobatics
- ★ Cheerleading (AASCF)

**FREE Strength and Conditioning class**  
for all enrolled students aged 6/0

### *Celebrating 21 Years in Medowie*



★ **FREE GIFT** ★  
For all New  
Enrolments

### **We also Offer:**

Adult Jazz and Tap Classes | Tiny Dazzler Classes (2yrs+)  
Annual Concert | Examinations | Eisteddfods  
Scholarships | Public Performances |  
Mummy and Me Class - New for 2016 - National Character Class

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