



WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

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Principal's Message

Last week I was delighted to be able to present the first 'Welcome to the Wirreanda World of Reading' book to the Howell family as we welcome new baby Chloe to our school community.

The value we place upon reading with and to children is of such a high priority we want to encourage that love of reading from a very early age.

I'm sure this will be first of many books I am able to present to any new brothers/sisters of our Wirreanda Students.

We are part way through our 3-Way conferences this week with some very positive feedback from teachers, students and families. The interviews are part of our reporting and assessment framework which consists of two written reports and one interview each year. Families who wish for an additional interview during the year can request one with the classroom teacher.

I am very pleased to announce our canteen will operate 5 days a week from the commencement of Term 2. The quality of food and service to our school community is outstanding. The support of the community in regards to accessing the canteen, volunteering and providing positive feedback has been wonderful.

Have a lovely week, regards
Philippa Young
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Wow Cards and Leaders Commendations

Congratulations to all the students who have WOW cards and Leaders Commendations in the box, ready for the weekly draw. There are 10 WOW card vouchers and 2 Leader vouchers drawn each week. Congratulations to this week's winners.

Cup of the Week

2T and 4F have been awarded the Cup of the Week in the last fortnight. Some students from 4F gave an excellent example of Getting Along by inviting a new student to the school to join their game – well done to those students.

Lego Club

Just a reminder that Lego Club is operating now and for the remainder of the term.

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2nd half of lunch

WHERE: Hall

WHO: All students from K-6

WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT!

Our first school concert will be held this year in Term 2. Dance2bfit will be coordinating the concert through the Dance2bfit program.

Dance2bfit

The Dance2bfit program will be held next term. If you would like your child/children to attend please complete the permission note sent home today and return it to school before the 7th April.

Students who do not attend Dance2bfit will participate in an alternative sporting activity.

Susan Wilson
Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Teacher Mentor Update

Focus on Reading

Over the next few newsletters I will include tips on how you can use the Super Six reading strategies when reading with your child at home. This week's information relates to the discussion you have around a text before reading that will help your child approach the text with deeper understanding. This is an important process that good readers go through.



USING READING STRATEGIES AT HOME

Before reading:



1. **Predicting!** Look at the front cover
“What do you think this story is about?”

“How do you know?”

“What words might we find in this book?”

2. **Making Connections!** Making personal links with the text.

“What do you already know about this topic/theme/idea?”

“Do you have any similar experiences to the text?”

In Classrooms

Classes across the school have been focusing on writing Backfill by developing characters and setting in their writing. Backfill is the section of writing that follows the Sizzling Start and informs the reader who, what and where.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Your child is invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Computer Skills, Science, Spelling and/or Writing Competitions. These competitions are open to students in Years 3-6 who feel they have the ability and interest to participate in one or all of these competitions. If you would like your child to sit these tests application forms are available at the office. The closing date for notes and money is Thursday, 24th March.

Kathie Colley

Deputy Principal –Teacher Mentor

School News

SCHOOL ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Activity	Due	Cost
ICAS Competitions	24 th March	Various
Stage 1 Taronga Zoo	8 th April	\$44.00
Dance2bfit	7 th April	\$36.00

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Yr 6 EOI for Yr 7 2017
- St 1 Harmony Day
- Easter Hat Parade
- Kindergarten Helpers
- Year 4 – Kinder Buddies
- Dance2bfit
- ES1 Harmony Day

Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of our Merit Award winners

Bronze

Issac Curran

Silver

Ella Blayden, Jade Deacon, Molly Jeffery, Violet Wimmer, Zachary Christie, Joshua Hogan, Chace Brind, Casey Clarke, Kiani Conville, Tayah Janssen, Nahla Fleming

New School Systems Upgrade - LMBR

Learning Management and Business Reform.

Court Orders and Health Care Plans

As we change over to the new L.M.B.R. system this year we are required to update any Health Care Plans / Court Orders / Legal Decisions applying to our students.

If your child is named in Family Law Court Orders / Parenting Agreements (“sealed” by the court) / A.V.Os or any other legal document which affects them, here at school, please notify the Office so that we can update our documents.

Finance

We will transition to the new NSW public schools’ finance system and a new bank account on **14 June 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

Cash, cheque and online payments:

Between **8th June 2016** and **15th June 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash,

cheque or online as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one.

Please ensure that you have made any outstanding payments before **8th June 2016**.

From **14th June 2016**, online payments will be accepted as before and from **15th June 2016** cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any further questions, please contact Glenda Armer in the office.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10th-12th May 2016.

TUESDAY 10th MAY Language Conventions
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Writing

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY Reading

THURSDAY 12th MAY Numeracy

Friday 13th May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please make an appointment through the office if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Harmony Day

On Monday, 21st March Wirreanda will be celebrating Harmony Day.

This is a day where we celebrate the notion that Everyone Belongs.

Early Stage 1 will rotate around craft/music/storytelling activities in the afternoon from 2:10 – 3:10 pm.

Students will be in the kindergarten rooms and parents are most welcome to come and join in. Early Stage 1 students are asked to wear something orange to signify harmony.

Stage 1 students will also be involved in a variety of activities. They are asked to wear clothing to represent another country. This may include national dress or clothes in the colours of a nominated country’s flag. If this is not possible students can wear orange. Stage 1 activities will run from 11:45 - 1:15 pm.

Stage 2 will be having a long lunch in the NOLA from 12:15 on WEDNESDAY 23rd March. Parents are asked to help prepare the feast from 10:30. Specific information about what students need to bring will be sent home via a class note.

Stage 3 will be participating in a sports session. Each class has nominated a country and students are asked to come dressed in colours from that country’s flag. At 11:45 students will parade their outfits and then participate in a round robin of games, on the back field.

Moving Into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017

The information guide and expression of interest form for parents and carers was sent home with Yr 6 students last week.

All Yr 6 students are required to return their EOI indicating which school they will be attending in 2017 even if they will not be attending a Government school.

These forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 18th March to allow us to forward the information on to the relevant High Schools.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The NDIS is coming in June.

The NDIS is a new way of providing individualised support for people who have a disability. It is also focused on getting help as early in a child's life as possible (early intervention).

Funded supports are negotiated with individuals and their families but can include therapies (Speech, Occupational, Mental Health, Behaviour), respite, social activities, family counselling and many more.

Families in our area will be able to apply from June. So if you're eligible, it would be a good idea to beat the rush and fill in the forms now. Otherwise have your forms and specialist reports ready to go in June.

There is information available on the website www.ndis.gov.au

There is also an access checklist for families to check if you are able to access NDIS

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist>

Sporting News

Cricket

On Thursday, 3rd March, the WPS cricket team travelled north to Tea Gardens for the 2nd round of the PSSA competition. Although the guys played really well, unfortunately it wasn't enough to beat a strong Tea Gardens side.

Selman Hassan won the toss and elected to bat. Kade Warner top scored with an impressive 21 and Daniel Lightfoot scored a powerful 17. Wirreanda compiled a total of 66 runs.

Tea Gardens made a strong start with the bat and began scoring quickly. Miles Kuszelyk took a screamer of a catch off the bowling of Will Phillips, however it wasn't enough to slow Tea Gardens down. They chased the runs down with about 7 overs remaining.

A big thankyou to the parents who assisted on the day; it wouldn't be able to happen without your support.

Daniel Lindsell

Paul Harrigan Cup

On Thursday, 10th March, the WPS Rugby League team travelled to Windale to compete at the Paul Harrigan Cup.

We played four 15 minute games in hot conditions. We unluckily went down in the first two games but the boys showed great persistence to compete to the final whistle. We drew the third game against Warners Bay with Jai Holland scoring an unbelievable try from a Jasper Fraser kick, after the siren had sounded. Our final game against an undefeated Belmont Christian College was a nail-biter, one try to nil, Belmont's way.

Thanks to all of the supportive parents who assisted on the day, your help is much appreciated.

Daniel Lindsell

Rugby League Co-ordinator



All parents of Catholic children

This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in June 2016 will commence with an **information evening for parents** in St Brigid's School Hall, William Street, Raymond Terrace on **Wednesday 30th March at 7.00pm**. All parents, who would like their child/children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 **who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation** to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please contact St Brigid's parish office on **4987 1888** if needing further information.



Student Leaders' News

2016 School Leader Profiles School Prefect- Holly Kennedy

Hobbies: I love playing netball with friends and family. On Tuesday every week I participate in rep Netball as

well. I also love to read a variety of novels and do art.

Favourite sport: I love to play netball a lot. But I do not mind giving other sports a go like soccer, swimming, running, surfing and more.

Favourite food: I love Nachos

What I love about Wirreanda: I love Wirreanda and am very proud to be a student here. I love how teachers are so supportive of the students and caring. I think it is great that students have so many different things to participate in like: Sport teams, Enrichment days, etc.

Why I will make a great prefect: I will be a great role model for my fellow students. I will show pride in myself and my school. And I really look forward to working with the other leaders.



School Prefect- Bailey Johnson

Hobbies: I love playing with friends

Favourite sport: Golf

Favourite food: Tacos

What I love about Wirreanda: Seeing my friends every day and getting to meet new people.

Why I will make a great prefect: I

am enthusiastic about school and can't wait to see what the year will bring.

Easter Hat Parade

Just a reminder that students are to make their Easter hats at home and bring them in for our parade on Thursday 24th March at 10:30am in the NOLA.

P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of the families that have already donated eggs for our raffle. We still require more prizes and would appreciate anyone who could send in an Easter egg, stuffed bunny, Easter craft or if you have any baskets laying around you no longer need that would be great too.

Tickets can be purchased for the P&C Easter Egg raffle next week in the afternoons at school. We will be set up outside the school office from 3pm to 3.20pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Student leaders will also be selling raffle tickets in the NOLA & COLA on Wednesday at recess and lunch.

Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. There are plenty of raffle prizes to win so make sure you get your tickets.

Canteen News

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

- 3 x Goujon or 3 Chicken Nuggets and sauce
- Salad box (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot)
- Flavoured milk
- Mini banana muffin

Available every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Lunch Orders

From the start of Week 10 (29th March), the canteen will start to run down stock coming up to the holidays. To save students from missing out on their lunch order, parents are asked to put an alternate choice on their order forms please.

Canteen volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in the canteen so far, your help is greatly appreciated.

As we will be opening 5 days a week from the start of Term 2 we have vacancies on the roster for Tuesdays & Thursdays, so if you have a bit of time to spare please come and see me.

Sharon Grant

Canteen Coordinator

PAID ADVERTISING

Wirreanda's newsletter contains paid advertisements, which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any product or service by the NSW Department of Education or Wirreanda Public School.

Medowie Netball Club is running NetSetGo in Term 2 on Wednesdays at the courts from 4.30 - 5.30pm.

Cost: \$65 which includes; T-shirt, ball and medal.

Please email: registrar@medowienetball.com if interested in joining by Friday 8th April.

BE YOUR OWN BOSS

30 DAY NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Be the fun mom **AND** the hot mom!

Contact Tania
0422 614 135

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Port Stephens Library April School Holiday Activities and Programs



Activity/Program	Date	Time	Venue	Cost	Age
Movie Screening – Thumbelina	12 April	10.30-12.00pm	Raymond Terrace	Free	All
Fairytale Storytime	12 April	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree	\$1.30	2+
Storytime & Craft	14 April	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace	\$1.30	2+
Dream Catchers Workshop	15 April	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree	\$5	7-10
Recycling Craft Fun	18 April	10.30-11.30am	Raymond Terrace	\$5	5+
Superhero Storytime	19 April	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree	\$1.30	2+
Super Hero Drawing Workshop	20 April	10.30-11.30am	Raymond Terrace	\$10	10+
Super Hero Drawing Workshop	20 April	2.00-3.00pm	Tomaree	\$10	10+
Storytime & Craft	21 April	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace	\$1.30	2+
Movie Screening – Thumbelina	22 April	2.30-4.00pm	Tomaree	Free	All

Places are limited for all activities and programs so booking is essential.
Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or Tomaree Library on 4982 0670.

Dance 'n Dazzle Studio
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 | Elsteddfods
Scholarships | Public Performances |
Mummy and Me Class – New for 2016 – National Character Class

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Email: info@dancendazzle.com.au



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FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Are you worried about your child's weight?

Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Term 1 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	14 March K-6 Assembly 3 Way conference & goals setting 4R 6H KR 5JG 1D 3:00pm 3C Open classroom	15 March 3 Way conference & goals setting 4F 4B KG 5L 5R	16 March Newsletter Zone Touch Trials Year 6 Enrichment Day 3 Way conference & goals setting 2D 2T 1J 1/2A 2/3E	17 March 3 Way conference & goals setting 3S 6A 1F KH KW 2/3S Zone Soccer trials	18 March Interrelate Year 6 Stage 1 teachers attending "Got It" training National Day against Bullying and Violence 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm Cross Country & Swimming awards
9	21 March K-6 Assembly HARMONY DAY Zone Netball Trials	22 March	23 March Harmony Day activities for St2	24 March Easter Hat Parade ICAS \$ Due (Spelling; Writing; Science; Digital Technologies)	25 March Good Friday
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March Newsletter Zone Touch Footy trials	31 March	1 April Athletics Carnival No 3-6 Assembly Hunter Netball Trials
11	4 April K-6 Assembly	5 April	6 April	7 April Dance2bfit payment due	8 April St1 Taronga Zoo payment due K-2 Assembly 2.30pm - Awards only ANZAC ASSEMBLY Last Day for Term 1
Term 2 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	25 April ANZAC DAY	26 April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	27 April	28 April	29 April
2	2 May	3 May	4 May St 1 Taronga Zoo Excursion	5 May Bridge Building Workshop WPS	6 May Mother's Day Stall
3	9 May	10 May NAPLAN P&C Meeting 3:30pm	11 May NAPLAN	12 May NAPLAN	13 May
4	16 May	17 May ICAS Digital Technology	18 May	19 May	20 May Walk Safely to School Day