



WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

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Principal's Message

Students received their Semester 1 reports last Friday. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher should there be any questions or areas you wish to discuss. Interviews can be made by contacting the class teacher, or by phoning the office during school hours on 4982 8893.

Each report details student performance and achievement in each of the six key learning areas. A reminder that a 'C' is sound and a child achieving at grade expectations will generally be awarded this grading.

Absences are also included in this report. Some children have had numerous days away from school or numerous partial absences this semester. This can impact upon student's progress and achievement.

Wirreanda Public School has seen growth in student numbers this term. This has entitled us to another teacher appointment in line with our increasing enrolments. I am very mindful of the significant disruption a class restructure across the school would cause at this stage of the year, therefore with staff consultation I have decided against forming a new class. The teacher appointed will be engaged in delivering literacy and numeracy intervention programs in the Stage 2/3 area where our largest student numbers are. The intervention programs will be coordinated through our Learning and Support team. Information will be sent to parents of targeted children next term.

We say farewell to a number of staff this week.

- As I mentioned in the last Whisper, Mrs Kathie Colley will commence her new role as DP at Belair Public School next term. The students will

wish Mrs Colley farewell at a short assembly on Friday at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend.

- Mrs Christine Armour will retire at the end of this term after two terms at Wirreanda.
- Mr Nathan Davies' contract finishes at the end of this term. We wish him every success in his future and thank him for his contribution to Wirreanda Public School. He remains a valuable member of our teaching profession. Next term we will welcome Mr Andrew Erickson as a permanent staff member. Mr Erickson will take 2D.
- We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Belinda Robinson our school counsellor as she moves to her new counselling role at Tanilba Bay PS.
- Farewell to Mr David Bills, our school cleaner. David moves to Hunter River High School after 9 years on the job at Wirreanda PS.

Our Dance2bfit school concert is on tomorrow. Rehearsals have been going well with some amazing performances. It will be a great event and our first concert in the MPC.

Congratulations to our sports and dance representatives over the past fortnight. Our students always shine when they participate in any event, and even more so when they leave our school as representatives. Special thanks to the mums and dads, who transport, coach, help, guide and support the children and teachers in these school events. Thank you also to the staff that take on these extra responsibilities to ensure our students have as many opportunities as they do.

This week is NAIDOC week. Wirreanda will be celebrating NAIDOC and the rich cultural history of



the Aboriginal people in Week 3 Term 3. I hope you will be able to come along and share in our celebrations.

Winter has arrived just in time for the school holidays. I hope all families have a safe and enjoyable break from school.

Kind Regards, Philippa and staff

Deputy Principal's Message

Cup of the Week

Congratulations to the Starstruck dance troupe for their outstanding commitment to dance and their outstanding performances at the Entertainment Centre last week. The Starstruck girls received the Cup of the Week for their 'Class Act' and because they have shown the very best of the You Can Do It foundations for success: Getting Along, Persistence, Organisation, Resilience and Confidence.

Well done girls and Mrs Darcy.

Mrs Darcy presented the Cup of the Week to KW at Week 10's assembly. KW students have shown significant improvement in their organisation and confidence this term. KW will keep the cup until Term 3.

Books for Babies

We have had the pleasure of presenting two books to new babies over the last fortnight at Monday morning's assembly. Taylah Daniels of KH received a book on behalf of her baby sister Ali, and Coral and Litiana Durbin received a book on behalf of their new brother, Dylan. We hope that a love of reading is fostered in these siblings at an early age.

NAIDOC Day

Plans are currently underway for a "Koweree" or brown snake path to be established in the garden area between the Stage 1 and Stage 2 classrooms. This path will be on display for NAIDOC Day in Week 3, Term 3.

If any families have any of the following equipment at home that is no longer required and that you would be willing to donate to this project, it would be appreciated if you could contact the school office: **smooth river stones (generally used for fish ponds), tiles (earthy colours), small red gravel stones (fish ponds).**

National Consistent Collection of Data 2016

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability will take place in July.

The aim of the national collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia.

The information collected by schools will be provided to governments to inform policy and future programme improvement for students with disability.

Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of adjustment they are provided based on:

- Consultation with parents and carers
- The school team's observations and professional judgements
- Any medical or other professional diagnosis
- Other relevant information

All schools are required to collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Please contact the school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data and how it may involve your child.

You can also visit

www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

I hope that all families enjoy a safe and restful holiday, ready for a busy Term 3.

Regards

Sue Wilson

Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Teacher Mentor Update

Focus on Reading

This week I have attached prompt cards for the Super Six Comprehension Strategies that you can use when reading with your child at home. Each prompt card deals with a different Super Six comprehension strategy that you could change about each time you read together ensuring you are practicing all strategies over a number of weeks.

Monitoring

Problems:

I don't understand the part about ..., so I:
This doesn't make sense, so I ... :
I can't figure out ..., so I:

Mmmm,
that's
clearer.

Solutions:

Reread, reread, reread.
Read on for clues.
Check the parts of the word I know.
Blend the sounds of the word.
Reread the sentence to see if it makes sense.
Try another word.



Making Connections

Make a personal connection with the text through:

- Something in your own life
- Something in another text
- Something occurring in the world

Wow!
That same thing
happened to me.

Ask:

- How does this connect to me?
- How does this connect to other texts?
- How does this connect to the world?

Think:

- This reminds me of ...
- This happened to me when ...



Summarising

When summarising fiction:

- Retell the story in your own words. Include the setting, characters, problem, key events, and resolution.
- Give only key points that add up (+) to a short summary.
- Use logical order.
- Reread to remember main ideas/important points.
- Refer to illustrations to summarise.

When summarising nonfiction:

- Leave out unnecessary details.
- Refer to illustrations, headings, and other text features.

First,...
Next,...
Then,...
Finally,...



Visualising

Create a picture in your head with your imagination

Think about:

- The descriptive words in the text
- The picture that you have in your head when you read or hear a text
- How these pictures help you understand the text
- Draw a sketch as you read a passage in a text. Share your sketch and discuss your interpretation



Predicting

I think...

- I think ... because ...
- I'll bet ... because ...
- I wonder ... because ...
- I imagine ... because ...



Questioning

When questioning with fiction and nonfiction:

- Ask questions based on the text.
- Ask questions that are based on the main idea.
- Ask some detail-oriented questions.
- Ask some inferential questions.

When questioning with nonfiction only:

- Ask questions based on text features such as maps, captions, and diagrams.

Who?
What?
When?
Where?
Why?
How?
What if?



As this is my last newsletter contribution at Wirreanda I would like to take the opportunity to wish the school community continued success and happiness in learning together. I will cherish my time at Wirreanda and will always reflect upon this time as a proud stage of my career; to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of colleagues, parents and students in such a wonderful environment. Wirreanda is a school that strives for excellence and I will greatly miss my involvement as a member of your school community.

All the best and thank you, Kathie Colley.
Deputy Principal –Teacher Mentor

School News

SCHOOL ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Activity	Due	Cost
Hunter Dance Festival – Selected Students	22 nd July	\$18
St 3 Canberra final payment	1 st July	Various

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Hunter Dance Festival
- Canberra Excursion reminder & equipment list

Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of our Merit Award winners

Bronze

Jessica Richards, Ayla Barrett, Shayley McGrorey-Clarke, Mia Poulter, Lincoln Gill

Silver

Ella MacLucas, Aaron Price, Mia Anderson, Isabella Davis

Gold

Kiani Conville, Tayah Janssen, Joshua Bell, Dakota Auld, Nathan Morrissey, Violet Wimmer, Molly Jeffery, Madison Foster, Lachlan Manen

Sports News

Girls Soccer Team

Over the past few weeks, the girls soccer team have competed against local schools in the PSSA soccer knockout competition. We successfully made it through to Round 3 after defeating Medowie Public School and Tea Gardens Public School. Tuesday the 21st June, the girls travelled a short distance to Yulong Oval to compete against Tanilba Bay Public School. The suspense of being in round 3 and the strong winds caused some nerves but the girls persisted and put on a strong game. First half saw us down 1-0. Second half; another 2 goals were scored by Tanilba Bay bringing the final score to 3-0. The girls all played so well, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and commitment to the team. It has been an honour to coach the girls. They should all be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to the parents who have helped to organise and support the girls along the way.

Erin Ford



Netball

On a windy and cold Monday of week 10, the netball team travelled to Nelson Bay to play Soldiers Point Public School in round 3 of the PSSA knockout. The girls showed persistence in tough conditions but however were unsuccessful on making it any further in the competition.

Thank you Mrs Bohan for umpiring the last two games and all the parents who assisted with transport.

Amy Fort

Defence News

RAAF WILLIAMTOWN FAMILY ROOM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Solid Rock Ministries Meeting this term: 10am-11am May 2, 16, 30 June 13, 27	Playgroup 9:30- 12pm Bring a piece of fruit to share and come have some fun	Craft Group What's on this term 10am-12pm 15/06-Painting 22/06-Sowing 29/06-Adult Colouring-in All materials supplied	Williamtown Defence Family Group ----- Defence Special Needs Support Group	Playgroup 9:30- 12pm Bring a piece of fruit to share and come have some fun
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FAMILY MOVIE EVENT

When: Wednesday 13 July 2016 @ 10 am

Where: The Cinema Complex at RAAF Base Williamtown

The event is free and open to all Defence Families. It is being held on base and therefore you will require base access to attend

Refreshments will be on sale at the door.
\$5 Snack Pack incl. Drink, popcorn and lollie bag

Canteen News

Canteen Roster:

Week 10

Thurs 30th

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Fri 1st

S Patten, L Mildren, L Matthews

Week 1

Mon 18th

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tue 19 th	J Donohue, K Bennett, C Jones
Wed 20 th	K Hill
Thurs 21 st	J Donohue
Fri 22 nd	L Matthews
Week 2	
Mon 25 th	S O'Keefe, L Webster, S Bennett
Tues 26 th	J Donohue, C Jones
Wed 27 th	K Hill, S Patten, N Jarvis
Thur 28 th	L Janssen, J Donohue, L Jewell
Fri 29 th	L Brooks, N Jarvis, S Patten, L Matthews

As you can see from the Roster above we are still in need of volunteers for Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. If you can assist at all please contact Sharon in the canteen.

P&C News

ELECTION DAY BBQ

The P&C will be hosting a BBQ and cake stall on Election Day at the MPC. We need volunteers to help on our bbq - please let us know if you can offer an hour of your time on:

Saturday 2nd July
from 8am at
Wirreanda PS MPC

Contact Belinda
0419 905 487



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School Holiday Adventures

JULY 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Level 1 For 7 to 10 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July **Cost: \$20 per child**
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter. Enjoy a bush walk and learn basic survival skills. Meet our resident reptiles.

Bush Skills Level 2 For 10 to 13 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July **Cost: \$20 per child**
Make (and eat) a jam twisty. Learn to throw a rescue rope and tie knots to build bush furniture and a ballista. Enjoy a reptile encounter.

Turtle Time For 4 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 6th & 13th July **Cost: \$20 per child**
Meet the wetlands resident turtles. Enjoy turtle craft and snack and go turtle spotting around the wetlands. Includes a reptile encounter.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466

Sand Art Fun Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Monday 4th & Tuesday 12 July **Cost: \$5 per child**
Use coloured sand to make an animal picture.

Wetlands Explorer For 4 to 12 years
Available any time during the school holidays. **Cost: Free**
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open 9am to 4pm

Entry
\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Wetlands Explorer (for 4 to 12 years) available any time during school holidays.
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.

Centre/Events School Holiday/2016 School Holiday Program July 2016

Term 2 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 0	27 June NAIDOC Week	28 June	29 June P&C Thompson's Pie Drive delivered	30 June School Concert – Matinee and Evening	1 July NAIDOC Day 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – 5L S3 Camp \$ Due
Term 3 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	18 July Staff Development Day	19 July K-6 Assembly	20 July S2 Camp – Morisset Outdoor	21 July	22 July K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – SRC Reps
2	25 July K-6 Assembly Debate vs Tanilba Bay	26 July	27 July Hunter Dance Festival	28 July	29 July 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – 4C
3	1 August Education Week Education Week Open Day & Assembly	2 August ICAS English P&C Meeting Showcase	3 August	4 August	5 August No K-2 Assembly 2.30pm
4	8 August K-6 Assembly St1 Public Speaking Finals – Medowie	9 August S3 Canberra Excursion St 3 Public Speaking Finals - Shortland	10 August ES1 Public Speaking Finals - Mayfield	11 August St 2 Public Speaking Finals – Anna Bay	12 August NO 3-6 Assembly
5	15 August K-6 Assembly NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK	16 August ICAS Mathematics	17 August School Photos	18 August School Photos	19 August K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – 1J
6	22 August K-6 Assembly BOOK WEEK	23 August Book Week Parade	24 August	25 August ES1 – Reptile Park Excursion	26 August IHS Science Lab Visit 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – 4B
7	29 August K-6 Assembly	30 August	31 August	1 September	2 September Footy Colours Day Fathers' Day Breakfast Fathers' Day Stall K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – KR
8	5 September K-6 Assembly	6 September ATSI Parent Breakfast	7 September	8 September	9 September 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – TBA
9	12 September K-6 Assembly	13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – KH