



# WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

43 Brocklesby Road Medowie NSW 2318  
Phone: 4982 8893  
Email: [wirreanda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wirreanda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

TERM 3 WEEK 2 2016

[www.facebook.com/WirreandaPS](https://www.facebook.com/WirreandaPS)  
[www.wirreanda-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wirreanda-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3 everyone. We welcome our new students and we wish them all the best as they settle into Wirreanda.

I hope everyone enjoys the term and participates in school life wherever possible. There are many opportunities to be involved this term.

This week I am attending the Hunter Schools' Dance Festival where our dance group will put on an outstanding performance. Congratulations to the girls and boys and Mrs Darcy for their efforts in being accepted and on a high quality performance. Next week we have performances at Showcase and Marketplace Raymond Terrace. I hope you can get along to see our students perform.

Congratulations Stage 2 on a highly successful outdoor education camp last week. A special thank you to the teachers who attended giving up their time to ensure the children had a fabulous camp experience.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Wirreanda this term.

Mr Andrew Erickson, Year 2



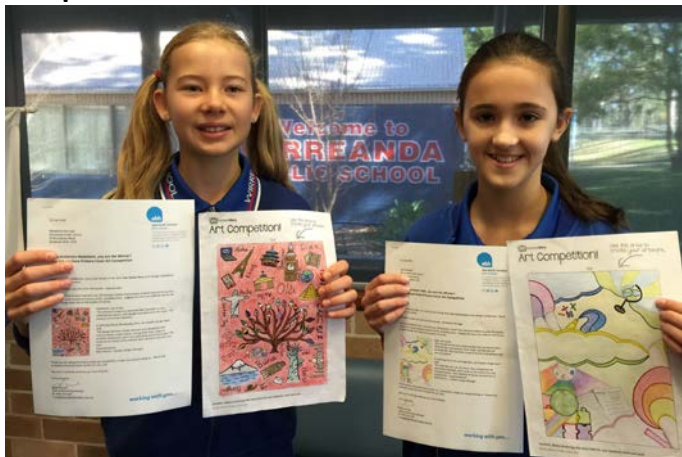
Mr Pat Hay, Year 6



Mrs Belinda Baxter, Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1



**Congratulations Madelaine and Jade, joint winners of the 2016 Your School Diary cover design competition.**



Over 150 entries were received from primary students across the country from which Madelaine and Jade's entries were chosen. We are so thrilled with their achievement. Thank you to Mrs Harvey for coordinating the competition. We look forward to seeing the girls' covers on diaries later in the year.



#### **Playground Sounds Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

This is a free reward program for students who did not attend time out in Term 2 or the first two weeks of Term 3.

Playground Sounds is an exercise, health & wellbeing program, dancing around Australia one step at a time.

Playground Sounds is a silent disco where students use wireless headsets with a selection of one of 3 channels of music to dance their way around the playground.

The program will be held during lunch time.

***Kind Regards, Philippa and staff***

#### **Deputy Principal's Message**

Welcome back to all students and their families for Term 3.

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

Congratulations KR on becoming the first class to receive the Cup for Term 3. KR have shown considerable progress in their ability to be organised while lining up and at the whole school assembly and also in their persistence in learning.

#### **Bicycles and Scooters**

Students who ride their bicycles or scooters to or from school must complete the 'Riding a Bike/Scooter to School' agreement. This agreement outlines the guidelines and rules for riding bikes and scooters to school for both parents and students.

Please call into the school office to get the Bike/Scooter form if you have not already done so.

#### **HELP WANTED!**

The Well-Being Team is working on a project for NAIDOC Day. The team would like to use smooth, white river stones for part of the project.

If any families have any of these stones that they would like to donate to the school it would be very much appreciated.

#### **Leaders' Lunch**

There will be a Leaders Lunch in Week 5 for those students who have received 3 or more commendations while completing their leadership duties.

The lunch will be attended by Miss Young, Mrs Wilson, Miss Hubbard, Mr Hay and of course the students who have been selected.

The lunch will recognise and celebrate the wonderful effort that our student leaders put into their duties.

#### **Books for Babies**

Ella and Jacob MacLucas were presented with a book for their baby sister at this week's assembly. Wirreanda is proud to be a school that promotes a love of reading so don't forget to call into the school office to let us know of any new babies born to our families.

**Regards**

**Sue Wilson**

**Deputy Principal**

## School News

### SCHOOL ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Activity	Due	Cost
Kinder Reptile Park Excursion	4.8.16	\$26.50

### NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Term 3 Stage newsletters
- Kindergarten Reptile Park Excursion

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of our Merit Award winners

### Bronze

Mackenzie Bohan, Indi Conville, Maggie Laughton, Xavier Jeffery, Thomas McKenna, Ethan Peisto, Cooper Smith, Grace Upton, Katie Yowanowski, Lyam Harris, William Swan, Josephine Beninga, Addyson Healy, Azrah-Mai Reid, Cameron Borg, Charlotte Dawe, Sienna Denholm, Annie Dolstra, Coral Durbin, Libby Gentle, Mikaela Haworth, Kealey Lennon, Maryia Millar, Stephanie Richards, Amelia Woodard, Lucas Barlow, Arrowyn Carter, Cameron Jones, Djuandet Kalischer, Benjamin Killick, Daniel Lightfoot, David O'Donnell, Logan Peel, Samuel Rainbow, Madelaine Beninga, Hollie Maher, Isabella Moxey, Memphis Auld, Kimrena Joe, Imogen Mehonoshen, Zac Ruhl, Riley Tyson, Amali Binns, Shannon Bohan, Hayley Carmody, Danelle Evans, Tayla Hall, Temika Jarvis, Lauren MacKenzie, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Mikayla Smith-Gow, Nicholas Breed, Samuel Freer, Jack Jarvis, Bailey Johnson, Taj Latimer, Corbin Riddle

### Silver

Trinity Bland, Ella Burggraaff, Kaylee Green, Holly Read, Aiden Delafontaine, Jack Griffith, Isabelle Howell, Charles Matthews, Curtis Mowbray, Michael Moffat, Chloe Hendry

### Gold

Miles Kuszelyk, Riley Burr, Ella Curtis

## Sports News

### Stage 3 Sport

During Term 3 Stage 3 sport will be held on Fridays from 12:15 – 1:15pm.

## Sporting Schools

This year, Sporting Schools will be running a soccer skills program at Wirreanda Public School. 40 students from Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the program. The

program runs from Week 3-9 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. The first 40 students to return their note to the office will be granted a position. To find out more information about this event, please request a form from the school's office.

Miss Ford

## Kindergarten Reptile Park Excursion

Kindergarten children are excited about the upcoming excursion to the Reptile Park. As one student said: "I'm pumped!". Let's hope for fine, sunny weather.

## Showcase

Permission notes for the Showcase performance to be held at Irrawang High School on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August are due back to school no later than this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July for any student in the Junior Dance Group, Senior Dance Group, Primary Choir or Drumming Group.

The last day to buy tickets for the performance will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 3.00pm from the School Office.

## Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August we will be recognising and supporting the Jeans for Genes day charity. All students are asked to wear their jeans and normal school shirts and to donate a gold coin on the day for this worthy cause.

## Education Week

Education Week will be celebrated at Wirreanda Public School on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Our week will begin with an assembly at 9:45am in the MPC. Students will be awarded certificates for their 'commitment to Excellence in Education.' Our assembly will also showcase some of the talented groups we have at Wirreanda. Visitors and guests will then have the opportunity to visit classes in action. After recess students will be engaged in NAIDOC Day celebrations with 'doing things together day' activities. Tuesday night will see Wirreanda students shine in performances at Irrawang High School for the annual Showcase and Raymond Terrace marketplace will come alive on Thursday with our polished pieces. We hope you are able to take the opportunity to see what education has to offer in 2016 at Wirreanda.



## School camps on 2016 Census night

The 2016 Census of Population and Housing will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2016. It is a moment to pause and help shape Australia's future. The Census takes a 'snapshot' of Australia on Census night, collecting vital information to plan and allocate services, facilities and funding, including in the area of education.

To make sure that everyone is counted once and only once in the Census, please ensure that you include your child on the Census form **as if they were home on Census night**, even though they are on a school camp or an overnight excursion. Your child **will not** be counted at the camp.

Any adults accompanying students on the camp or excursion, including teachers or parents, will complete a Census form for themselves at the camp or excursion location. A Census Field Officer will arrange for delivery and collection of the Census forms for the adults to complete.

If one adult of the household is away at the camp or excursion, and another adult is at home; **do not count** the adult that is away as they will complete their own Census form at camp. **Do** count your child as if they were home.

Thank you in advance for helping us to make the 2016 Census a success.

## Canteen News

### Canteen Roster:

#### Week 2

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> L Janssen, L Jewell  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> L Brooks, N Jarvis, L Matthews

#### Week 3

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> S Bennett, S Patten, R Smith  
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> K Bennett, C Jones  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> K Hill, N Jarvis  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> L Matthews, N Jarvis, L Ferguson

#### Week 4

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> S Bennett, K Bennett  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> K Bennett  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> K Hill, N Jarvis  
Thur 11<sup>th</sup> L Jewell  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> N Jarvis, L Matthews

Term 3 already Wow! I hope you've all had a chance to come and have a look at our lovely 'new' Canteen, it's a great improvement! Thank you to all for being so understanding while we had our temporary canteen running at the end of last term while the renovations were underway.

## Education Day

We will be having a morning tea for visitors, which will be served from the counter in the hall foyer (sorry no students) from 11:20am.

- ❖ Scones with Jam & Cream, tea or coffee \$3.00
- ❖ Finger Bun or Muffin, tea or coffee \$2.50
- ❖ Tea or Coffee \$1.00

Visitors may also order their lunch for that day, orders must be placed by 9.20 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. An order form is going home with this Whisper. Orders can be collected from the counter in the hall foyer (no students) from 1:15pm. Please do not include your orders with your child's, student orders only will go to the classrooms.

Pre-ordered hot food only available.

I will be taking leave from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July for 3 weeks, during this time some fantastic volunteers will be running our canteen. During this time we won't be able to provide Milo or toast before school, otherwise everything will be as usual.

See you in a few weeks.

Thank you

Sharon Grant

## 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.

Be your Best

Family Fun & Fitness

**Medowie**  
Little Athletics Centre

**REGISTRATION DAYS:**  
14th August & 28th August from 9am to 11am  
& the 17th August from 5pm to 7pm  
at the Kinderbark Oval Clubhouse

**FIRST COMPETITION DAY**  
**FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**  
**FROM 5pm**  
**AT KINDEBARK OVAL**

 Begin your registration online!


 [www.medowlittleathletics.org.au](http://www.medowlittleathletics.org.au)  
 [medowlac@gmail.com](mailto:medowlac@gmail.com)  
 [medowlittleathletics](https://www.facebook.com/medowlittleathletics)  
 PO Box 106, MEDOWIE NSW 2318



Education

# SHARED STORIES BETTER LEARNING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

## WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August:

9:45am Education Week assembly in the MPC

10:45am Open classrooms

11:20am Recess – Parents and guests are welcome to stay.

11:45am NAIDOC Day Opening Ceremony in the COLA, followed by a rotation of activities around the school.

Lunch will follow the activities, parents and visitors are welcome to stay for lunch.

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August:

IHS Showcase – 6pm at High School

(Senior and Junior Dance groups, Drum group and Choir)

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August:

Marketplace Raymond Terrace

11am and 1pm performances

(Senior and Junior Dance groups, Drum group and Choir)

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August:

Playground Sounds (Free lunch Time Reward - Silent Disco)

Jeans for Genes Day – wear a pair of jeans and donate a gold coin.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b>	25 July K-6 Assembly Debate vs Tanilba Bay	26 July 4C/3G Interviews P&C Meeting	27 July Hunter Dance Festival	28 July	29 July S1 Public Speaking 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – 4C
<b>3</b>	1 August Education Week Education Week Open Day & Assembly	2 August  ICAS English Showcase	3 August	4 August  Market Place Performance ES1 Reptile Park \$due	5 August  No K-2 Assembly
<b>4</b>	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  ES1 – Reptile Park Excursion St 2 Public Speaking Finals – Anna Bay	12 August  No 3-6 Assembly
<b>5</b>	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
<b>6</b>	22 August K-6 Assembly BOOK WEEK	23 August Book Week Parade	24 August	25 August	26 August IHS Science Lab Visit 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – 4B
<b>7</b>	29 August K-6 Assembly Kinder 2017 Interviews	30 August P&C Meeting Kinder 2017 Interviews	31 August	1 September Aboriginal Cultural Workshops	2 September Footy Colours Day Fathers' Day Breakfast Fathers' Day Stall K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – KR
<b>8</b>	5 September K-6 Assembly	6 September ATSI Parent Breakfast	7 September	8 September Kinder 2017 Interviews	9 September 3-6 Assembly 2.50pm – TBA
<b>9</b>	12 September K-6 Assembly	13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September K-2 Assembly 2.30pm – KH
<b>10</b>	19 September K-6 Assembly	20 September	21 September	22 September	23 September Sports Presentation Assembly