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TERM 4 WEEK 4 2017

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Principal's Message

Thank you to the many families who asked about my recent trip to Iceland and Canada. It is lovely to be back home and back in the swing of things at school. It certainly is a busy time as we move towards the end of year. Please remember any class placement requests for 2018 must be made on the request form (available at the office) and are due by this Friday.

Bushfire Emergency Contact Details

Recently I sent home information regarding our bushfire procedures and a note requesting updated contact details. Importantly, on this note I asked you to indicate who could pick up your child in the event we evacuate due to a bushfire emergency. It is very concerning that some families have not yet returned the note. Please do not wait for an emergency to realise the importance of this information. Please return them as soon as possible.

Keeping Kids Safe.

Last Friday was Day For Daniel where we promoted child safety awareness and education. It was very timely for us to discuss child safety as last Wednesday we experienced one of those frightening moments that happen from time to time, where a young child went home with a friend after school rather than with their parent. Whilst the young child was safe and sound and returned to their parent, it is a distressing time for all involved when a child is missing. It is important we learn from this and have the conversation regularly, if not daily, with children about who are picking them up, the meeting point and what to do if they can't find who is supposed to pick them up (go to the front office). Thank you to the staff and parents involved in searching for the young child last week. When a

child is at risk, we trust our community comes together to support each other.

P&C

At the last P&C meeting it was moved that the next P&C Meeting be held in Week 3 Term 1 2018. As we have found in the past, the Week 8 meeting is not required in Term 4.

At a previous P&C meeting the idea was raised that we hold a "Reward day" for students who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to learning and our school rules in the classroom and playground. This reward day will be held in addition to the Gold Reward Day for students who achieve their gold award. The reward day will be the very popular playground sounds, whilst gold day is still being finalised.

ARE YOU MOVING?

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 2018. Our student numbers determine our staffing allocations and planning. Thank you!

Selective High Schools: Year 7 2019

Parents of students currently in Year 5 wishing to apply for a selective high school placement in 2019 are advised that applications can be completed online as of 10th October 2017. The website applications close on 13th November 2017

The applications can be found on: <http://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Information booklets are available at the front office.

*Regards,
Philippa Young, Principal*

Deputy Principal's Message

Cup of the Week

SRC members of 4FO selected 3L as the Class of the Week for Week 3. The SRC members chose 3L because of their neat bags and the way in which they were lined up ready for learning.

This week 3H received a Highly Commended for the outside presentation of their classroom – no rubbish and their bags displayed in a neat and tidy manner, however the Cup of the Week was presented to KE for overall neatness and lining up.

Grandparents Day

On Friday 3rd November Grandparents are invited to Wirreanda Public School Grandparent's Day. There will be morning tea available in the Hall Foyer, followed by an opportunity for grandparents to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms. At 12:15pm there will be a performance in the COLA, with our dancers, choir, drummers and band all participating.

Grandparent's Day

We would like invite the Grandparents of our students' to visit Wirreanda Public School for Grandparent's Day activities.

We will serve you morning tea, followed by a visit to your grandchild's classroom and then a short performance from some of our talented students.

When: Friday 3rd November 2017

Where: School COLA

Time: 11.15am – 12.30pm



We look forward to seeing you here on the day.

NRMA Road Safety Visit

On Tuesday 14th November the NRMA will be conducting a road safety workshop for all students at Wirreanda. With the Christmas holidays not too far away road safety is an important topic for all students and their families.

Parents are also welcome to attend the sessions. Sessions are timetabled as follows:

- 9:25am – Stage 2
- 10:25am – Kindergarten
- 11:45am – Stage 3
- 2:05 – Stage 1

Week 4 Assemblies

The CAPA team will be running the Week 4 assemblies with performances from a number of students.

External Provider Information 2018

Wirreanda Public School has updated our procedures, in line with the DoE guidelines and recommendations, for parents and carers wishing to access external providers such as speech and/or occupational therapists during school hours.

The new procedures will be implemented in 2018. Parents/carers wishing to access external providers for their child/children will be required to:

- Complete a 'Request for Therapy Service Provision' form
- Meet with school staff to discuss the details

The Principal will consider the request, taking into account the needs of your child, other students and the operations of the school. If agreed, the service provider will be required to enter into an agreement with the school and meet important legal requirements.

A comprehensive information pack for parents and carers is available from the front office.

An information pack will be sent home to parents of students currently receiving therapy services during school hours

Kind regards,

Susan Wilson

Deputy Principal

You Can Do It

The Power of Self-Talk

When you find yourself using negative self-talk counter it with positive self-talk
"I can't do this." ...	→ ... "I can do this."
"This is too hard." ...	→ ... "This is hard, but I can put in more effort and get through it."
"I am just one big mistake." ...	→ ... "Okay, I made a mistake, but mistakes happen and I can fix them. It doesn't make me totally hopeless."
"I always have lousy days." ...	→ ... "This morning has started badly, but I can work on making the afternoon better."
"Everyone thinks I'm a loser." ...	→ ... "I don't care that much what others think of me. I know I have my strengths and weaknesses. I'm doing the best I can."
"I'm never going to be any good." ...	→ ... "I have talent. If I keep a positive attitude, I'll be successful."

Principal's Gold Award Winners

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Principal's Gold Award.

Novalee Watson, Miya Boyes, Isabella Moxey, Lexi Magnee, Mikaela Haworth, Madison Jewell, Christian Berrick, Joshua Bohan, Maddison Cunningham, Sebastian Webster, Emma Bennett, Chloe Wimmer, Isabella Moore, Lily Foster, Patrick Harrison, Mackenzie Aurisch, Hayley Gentle, Holly Read, Joshua Meister, Reegan Clarke, Coral Durbin, Olivia Webster, Dane McKimm, Annika McFarlane, Ruben Phillips, Nash Rowbottom, Rhys Phillips, Isabella Hall, Eden McAusland, Isabelle Delafontaine, Lori Micallef, Jordan Wise, Kimrena Joe, Hunter Henwood, Tyler Goodreid, Caleb Humphrey, Annie Dolstra, Ethan Peisto, Thomas McKenna, Isabella Davis, Chace Brind, Wilson Hall, Elaina Cannings, Declan Hicks, Clayton Gallagher, Makayla Kelly, Jessica Hooper, Ethan Cuthbertson, Lachlan De Lacy Peek, Zodie Warne, Joel Smith, Ella Burggraaff, Declan Halliday, Lara Clayden, Darcie Read, Caleb Howard, Thomas Bassett, Lachlan Harding, Litiana Durbin, Kai Farrell, Caitlin Randall, Charlie Aurisch, Scarlett Darcy, Alannah Hall, Sienna Watson, Tate Sutton, Ruby Archer, Jemma Osborne, Lucy Magnee, Lucas Stokes, Levi Ross, Madelyn Bakes, Jacob Randall, Ryley Jewell, Mia Anderson, Elise Gray, Liam Turner, Taleea Redriff, Ashlie Stapleton, Jasper Fraser, Kayla Behan-Smith, Phoebe Laroche, Lucah McAusland, Emily Boatswain, Jordan Cousin, Bailey Bryce, Samuel Rainbow, Stephanie Richards, Sienna Zongas, Bailey Rollason, Ashlea Robinson, Travis Lamborn, Andie Archer, Hollie Maher, Brooke Lawson

Canteen News

PLEASE TAKE LUNCH ORDERS TO THE CANTEEN BEFORE 9.20am

We have had a lot of late lunch orders recently, and while we never let anyone go hungry it does make it difficult to prepare something right on lunch time. Please remind your children if they have a lunch order, to hand it in before school starts.

It is getting very busy and demand for lunches has increased, therefore we really need more volunteers as you can see from the roster. Ideally we need 4 on Fridays. If you could spare an hour or two, or a day, we would really appreciate it and the children love seeing a familiar face behind the counter. Please contact me if you can help.

Canteen Roster:

Week 4

Thur 2nd K Ashton, L Cutajar
Fri 3rd K Ashton, J Donohue

Week 5

Mon 6th K Bennett
Tues 7th K Bennett
Wed 8th A Bradshaw, S Garry
Thur 9th K Ashton, J Donohue, L Cutajar
Fri 10th K Ashton, M Roach

Week 6

Mon 13th K Bennett, E Grice
Tues 14th K Bennett, C Boyes
Wed 15th A Bradshaw, S Garry
Thur 16th K Ashton, J Donohue, L Cutajar
Fri 17th K Ashton, H McKew

The Term 4 "Despicable" Meal Deal

Includes 4 x goujons, salad and a bottle of water for \$4.00

Everyone who orders this will go into the draw for a prize at the end of term.

Thank you

Sharon Grant

Canteen Coordinator

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BUSINESS HOURS MON-FRI 8:30AM-6:00PM

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Port Stephens Clinical Psychology Services Laura Francke—Clinical Psychologist

We have a Speech Pathologist joining our team on Fridays!

Introducing

Yolande Burdekin

- ♦ Offering Assessment and tailored therapy programs for children 18 months to teens.
- ♦ Auslan— Australian Sign Language training to children and their families.

Yolande has extensive experience working with language/speech delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Childhood Apraxia of Speech, Stuttering and Literacy difficulties.

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Variety Kids Xmas Party 2017 Newcastle

Join us for the first Newcastle Variety Kids Christmas Party, a special event full of fun and entertainment for kids who have a disability, chronic illness or who are experiencing financial hardship.

There will be on stage entertainment, games, rides and even some special guests all the way from the North Pole! See the details below:

Wednesday 15th November

4pm – 9pm

McDonald Jones Stadium; Turton Road Broadmeadow

Cost: **FREE!**

Parents, guardians and siblings also welcome



Register your interest now via:
<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/events/>

For any questions, please contact us on 02 4965 4911
We hope to see you there!



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SATURDAY NIGHT

18th NOVEMBER

6.30PM

\$10 PER PERSON

Includes a light supper, Tea & Coffee

BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Hosted by Lions Club Of Medowie



Term 4 Wirreanda Public School 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	30 October Swim School	31 October	1 November	2 November	3 November
				K-2 Assembly 2.05pm – MPC – CAPA 3-6 Assembly 2.45 pm - MPS – CAPA	Grandparent's Day Oz Tag Gala Day
5	6 November Student Leader Interviews	7 November	8 November Kinder Orientation 2	9 November Kinder Orientation 2	10 November Remembrance Day Quest Leadership Training
6	13 November	14 November Road Safety Day	15 November	16 November EOI for 2017 Captains	17 November
7	20 November Captains speeches/voting	21 November	22 November Kinder Orientation Teddy Bears Picnic	23 November	24 November Sports Presentation Assembly
8	27 November	28 November	29 November Prefect Elect Afternoon Tea	30 November Scripture Assembly	1 December
9	4 December	5 December High School Orientation	6 December	7 December	8 December Presentation Day Semester 2 Reports Home
10	11 December Year 6 Farewell Kinder Graduation Ceremony & Picnic	12 December Class Parties	13 December Gold Day	14 December	15 December Last day school 2017
11	18 December Staff Development Day	19 December Staff Development Day	20 December School Holidays	21 December	22 December