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Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend enjoying some well-deserved break time with family and friends.



Congratulations Erin Theoret!

Ms Theoret was successful in gaining a permanent position at Wirreanda PS. Erin fills the position that was vacant following Mrs Rowen's transfer.

Mrs Carey will stay on as principal at Swansea PS for the remainder of the year. Ms Brown will continue on 2C for the year.

Starstruck

Best wishes to all our Starstruck students this week and our Starstruck staff.

This is a huge commitment given the high level of dedication, time and effort involved. If you have not yet purchased a ticket for one of the shows try to get one! It is simply an amazing show to see. This is Public Education at its finest, none of which would be possible without the good will of our teachers.



Our staff are finalising the Semester 1 reports ready for distribution on the 23rd June. As I wrote in the week 4 newsletter, our Semester 1 reports look a little different this year with comments appearing for English, mathematics and a general comment. The other KLA's such as science or HSIE will be represented in the general comment box.

I have included the scale teachers use when determining the effort published on the reports in the newsletter this week.

I have also included information regarding the privacy laws that govern the information we can share with parents.

Kindergarten 2018

Please register your little one's name with the office or let friends or family know who may have little ones ready to start school in 2018. We will only be accepting in-zone enrolments. Out of zone applicants are strongly advised to seek enrolment in their zoned school.

Recognition Scheme - Awards Assembly

Over the past week consultation has been undertaken with parents in the P&C meeting forum, staff and students in the SRC, regarding the current presentation of Awards in our new recognition scheme.

Please be advised the Awards Assemblies will no longer be held. Students will continue to earn and be presented with awards. Gold Award recipients will be published in the newsletter. The revised policy will be published early next term.

Class assemblies will continue as published on the calendar.

Kind regards, Philippa Young
Principal

THE IMPACT OF PRIVACY LAW ON THE INFORMATION PARENTS CAN BE PROVIDED ABOUT OTHER PARENT'S CHILDREN

Our school holds information about our students. Some of this information is highly sensitive.

The way this information is collected, used, disclosed and secured by our school is subject to NSW legislation including the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#), [Health Records and Information Protection Act 2002](#) and the [Children and Young Persons \(Care and Protection\) Act 1998](#).

These laws limit the circumstances in which your child's information can be disclosed to other parents. They also limit the circumstances in which you can be provided with information about action the school has taken in relation to other people's children.

This means, for example, you may not be provided with complete details of the action the school has taken in relation to a student who has engaged in unacceptable behaviour that has impacted on your child.

You should not assume that no action has been taken because you cannot be provided with information about what the school has done to deal with an issue relating to your child's interaction with another student.

Our school takes inappropriate behaviour from students very seriously and responds to that behaviour consistent with the school's student discipline and welfare procedures.

Satisfactory	Satisfactory effort means that a student is doing what they are expected to do, but could push themselves more to make the most of the learning opportunities available.	A student at this level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly participates in lessons and is generally focused and engaged Responds to feedback and makes some attempt to improve the quality of their work Shows some resilience but does not always persevere when things are difficult
Low	Low effort means that a student has not shown commitment towards learning opportunities or being a responsible learner.	A student at this level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes little effort to be involved in the lesson and may disrupt the learning of others Limited attempt to act on feedback provided Shows little effort in challenges and gives up without trying

Deputy Principal's Message

Cup of the Week

The Cup of the Week was not awarded at the Week 7 Monday morning assembly. Stage 1 was not at the Monday morning assembly as they were on their excursion to Newcastle and as it was one of these classes that was to be awarded the Cup it will be held over until Week 9.

Leader's Lunch

The Semester One Leader's Lunch will be held on Thursday 22nd June in the hall. Prefects and students who have received 3 or more Leader's commendations will be invited to attend the lunch.

SRC

The SRC has been meeting every fortnight on Wednesday afternoons. The school prefects conduct the meetings and facilitate discussion around topical issues. Most classes have been presenting information from their class meetings with many suggestions on how we can improve our school and also on what is working well at Wirreanda.

Two representatives from the SRC will be meeting with Ms Young this week to present ideas for fundraising activities and applications for new school equipment.

Bikes and Scooters

Thank you to all the students who do the right thing and walk their bikes and scooters along the path to the bike racks. It is a requirement that students do not hop on their bicycles/scooters until they have crossed the road – this makes it safer for all students leaving and arriving at school.

WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL		
SEMESTER REPORT EFFORT SCALE		
Effort Descriptor	Definition	Criteria
Outstanding	Outstanding effort means a student is committed to getting the most out of all learning opportunities available.	A student at this level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participates in the lesson at all times and is fully engaged Actively seeks feedback on how to improve the quality of their work Always shows persistence and resilience towards all challenges
High	High effort means a student is a responsible and hardworking student and tries their best in all learning opportunities.	A student at this level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows interest in their learning and is attentive and focused Responds well to feedback and attempts to improve the quality of their work Shows resilience and is willing to persevere when things are difficult



Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

NAIDOC Day

Wirreanda will be holding NAIDOC Day celebrations on Friday 30th June, the last day of term. The day will begin with a Yarn-Up Breakfast for our indigenous families, followed by an opening assembly and a performance by local indigenous dancers. All students will then participate in four group activities aimed at developing a deeper understanding of the rich indigenous culture. More information will be included in the next newsletter.

Kind regards,

Sue Wilson

Deputy Principal

Save the Date in 2017

- 19/20th June - School Photos
- 2nd August – Yr 4 Camp
- 7th August – Yr 3 Camp
- 16th August – The Aunty Peach Show
- 24th August - Book Week Parade
- 28th August - Stage 3 Camp

SCHOOL ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Activity	Due	Cost
New Date - Year 4 Sydney Camp balance of fees	21.7.17	\$290.00
Year 3 Morisset Camp balance of fees	28.7.17	\$200.00
Stage 3 Forster Camp balance of fees	18.8.17	\$200.00

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Yr 3 Morisset Camp equipment list

Sports News

U/10 Knights Knockout

On Tuesday 6th June the following students travelled to Waratah to participate in the Under 10s Knights Knockout. It was a freezing cold day but that didn't stop the students from giving it their all and try their very hardest. They played four very tough games and managed to have a draw in two matches and we were narrowly defeated in the other two. All of the students represented Wirreanda with great pride and sportsmanship. Alyssa Hogan, Kayden Turner, Owen Johnston, Lachlan

Webster, Hayden Reddon, Lachlan De Lacy Peek, Jake Stanyer, Corey Claydon, Cooper McKenna, Keandre Ryan, Talon Warne, Ashton Morrissey, Riley Irvine.



You Can Do It

Persistence



Persistent Behaviour

- Continuing to try, even when schoolwork is hard
- Not being distracted by others
- Checking schoolwork when finished to make sure it is correct
- Trying and completing work found to be "boring"
- Finishing work instead of playing
- Not giving up too quickly
- Doing what you say you are going to do
- Returning phone calls
- Putting things away

School Photos

School photo days are next Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June. Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit cards accepted)
- Photo envelopes with payment enclosed may be handed into the school office prior to photo day. Please be aware that the office will not make phone calls on photo day if envelopes are forgotten.

Defence News

Williamtown Defence Family Group (WDFG)



Williamtown Defence Family Group are preparing to post care packages to deployed Australian Defence members and they need your empty A4 size shoe boxes!

Please drop any unwanted shoe boxes at one of the following collection points:

- Defcredit, RAAF Williamtown
- Williamtown Preschool, Raymond Terrace
- Williamtown Family Room, Wednesdays 10am-12pm

If you have any questions, or would like to assist with the care packages, please email Williamtown Defence Family Group at wim.dfgroup@gmail.com

Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation
PROGRAM FOR SERVING AND EX-SERVING ADF FAMILIES

Supporting children who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of military service

Supporting kids to PE
Camps
Activity Days
Mental Health Education

For more info on available programs or to refer a child contact Kookaburra Kids
Head Office (02) 0525 7474 | ACT Office 0499 444 273
www.kookaburrakids.org.au

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Department of Veterans' Affairs

The Kookaburra Kids Program for Serving and Ex-Serving ADF families has been funded by the Australian Government.

Deployment Support Action Form

This form is for:-

Defence recognised partners of deployed Defence members. If the partner would like to receive deployment support, this form must be completed by the partner (not the Defence member) then forwarded to Defence Helpline.

This will enable DCO to contact the partner and provide deployment support as requested.

The partner can request as little or as much support as they need.

As the helpline is manned 24-7 they can request phone contact at a time that suits them.

If you would like to access this form please contact Karen Schieb.

Canteen News

Just a reminder: Children are to put their lunch orders into the Canteen before 9:20am please.

For the last 2 weeks of school we will have a lunch special. "Pulled Pork and coleslaw" served in a soft taco \$4.00 ea

Our Term lunch special will continue

"Chookoodle Box" \$3.00

3 Chicken Goujons with mie goreng (rice noodles & vegetables) with a choice of sauce (sweet chilli, BBQ or tomato)

Everyone who orders the Meal Deal will go into the draw to win a prize at the end of Term.

Canteen Roster:

Week 8

Thur 15th J Donohue, K Ashton
Fri 16th K Ashton, H McKew, M Taylor

Week 9

Mon 19th K Bennett
Tues 20th K Bennett, L Cutajar
Wed 21st A Bradshaw
Thur 22nd J Donohue, K Ashton
Fri 23rd K Ashton, P Rushworth, M Roach

Week 10

Mon 26th K Bennett, E Grice
Tues 27th K Bennett, L Cutajar
Wed 28th VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Thur 29th J Donohue, K Ashton
Fri 30th K Ashton, H McKew, M Taylor

As always new volunteers are welcome, please come and see me if you can spare a few hours or a day, the children love seeing a family member or friend behind the canteen.

Sharon Grant
Canteen Coordinator

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will not open on Friday afternoon 30th June due to a stock take being done.

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Medowie & Raymond Terrace Vacation Care 3 rd July until 14 th July 2017				
Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
Aloha Lobster Laughs Felt Fish Turtle Topper Sand Clay Handprints Moana Canoe Sandy Crab	Winter Wonderland Magic Pulling Snow Polar Bear Prints SNOW FLAKES Pop Stick Mug Tacky the Penguin Snowman Puppet	Excursion: Richmond Vale Railway Diesel Train Ride Miniature Train Rides Museum Site Tour Picnic in the Park	Smurf Village Kindly Feeling Mushroom People Forbidden Forest Slime Colourful Creations Smurf Villagers Sketch Art Workshop: Smurf Statues	Feeling Crafty Silly Hair Puppets Name Graffiti Dream Catchers Cooking: Artist Palette Cookies Patty Flowers Rainbow Soap Foams Spiral Straw Bracelets
Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
Pyjama Rama Ojo De Dios Tickets Please Popcorn Box Movie and Popcorn Puffy Painting Monster Bookmark Clay Pinch Pots Dress ups: Pyjamas	Taco Tuesday Hero Masks Lego Puppets SUPERHERO PALS Lunch: Taco, pepper and chips. Lego Gift Boxes Hero Stress Ball Geometric Lego Blueprint	Disney Day Flying Fish Troll Magnets Paddle Pop Cars Minion Mallets MAGIC MIRROR Chewbacca Bag Workshop: Fun-o-rama Games	Around the World Chinese New Year Model A Sustainable Earth Flexangles Cherry Blossom Fans Cultural Creations Castanets Dress up: Around the World	Excursion: SuperStrike Bowling Tenpin Bowling and play in the park



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Port Stephens Library July 2017 School Holiday Program

Date	Time	Program	Venue	Age	Cost
4 July	10.30-11.15am	NAIDOC Week Storytime	Tomaree Library	2+	\$1.40
5 July	2.30-3.30pm	Family Movie Afternoon - Black Screen *	Raymond Terrace Library	Rated G	Free
6 July	10.30-11.15am	NAIDOC Week Storytime	Raymond Terrace Library	2+	\$1.40
6 July	5.00-6.30pm	Family Movie Night - Bran Nue Dae	Tomaree Library	Rated PG	Free
7 July	10.30-11.30am	Dreamcatchers Workshop	Tomaree Library	7-12	\$7.50
11 July	10.30-11.15am	Dreaming Storytime	Tomaree Library	2+	\$1.40
12 July	2.30-3.30pm	Pom Pom Workshop	Raymond Terrace Library	6+	\$5.00
13 July	10.30-11.15am	Storytime & Craft	Raymond Terrace Library	2-5	\$1.40
14 July	11.00am-12.00pm	Andy Jones - What's the Joke?	Raymond Terrace Library	4-13	\$10
14 July	2.30-3.30pm	Andy Jones - What's the Joke?	Tomaree Library	4-13	\$10

* Port Stephens Library acknowledges the assistance of Black Screen, an initiative of the National Film & Sound Archive.

Places are limited for all programs, so bookings are essential.

Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or Tomaree Library & Community Centre on 4982 0670.





DESPICABLE ME 3 MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday 18th June

Doors open at 4pm , movie starts at 5pm

\$15 Includes Movie Ticket, Lollies, Lucky Door Ticket

Scotty's Cinema, Raymond Terrace



We will have guessing competitions, 100 clubs, lucky ducks and raffles.

All money that is raised goes towards the Medowie Guides and Leaders that are attending the 2018 International Jamboree in

Sydney.

Please contact Elizabeth Keeley on 0400157911

to book tickets or for further details



Kids want to play golf?

School holiday fun at Beresfield Golf Course these school holidays!
3 day Junior golf clinics including lessons, footgolf, and mini golf on our new mini golf course! \$90pp. Discounts for families.

Contact Beresfield Golf for more details.

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Term 2 Wirreanda Public School 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	12 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	13 June ICAS Spelling	14 June Starstruck Rehearsal	15 June Starstruck Rehearsal 2:05 1A/1S Assembly 2:45 4F/4B Assembly	16 June Starstruck Performance
9	19 June School Photos	20 June School Photos	21 June 1:00pm Touch -Boyd Oval IHS Enrichment Day	22 June Leader's Lunch Extra transition visit - IHS	23 June Semester 1 reports Boy's Cricket - Yulong Girl's League
10	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June Yarn Up Breakfast NAIDOC Day

Term 3 Wirreanda Public School 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	18 July SDD	19 July Students Return	20 July	20 July	21 July New date - Final \$ due Yr 4 Sydney camp
2	24 July Hunter Dance Festival	25 July	26 July	27 July 2:05 1G/KH Assembly 2:45 40/3L Assembly	28 July Final \$ due Yr 3 Morisset camp
3	31 July Education Week Education Week Assembly	1 August ICAS English Showcase	2 August Year 4 Sydney Camp	3 August Showcase - Marketown	4 August
4	7 August Public Speaking Zone Finals Year 3 Camp	8 August Zone Athletics Field LMG Education Week Award Evening	9 August	10 August	11 August
5	14 August	15 August	16 August Aunty Peach Show	17 August School Disco	18 August Zone Athletics Track Final \$ due Stage 3 Forster camp
6	21 August Book Week 'Escape to Everywhere'	22 August	23 August	24 August Book Week Parade	25 August
7	28 th August 2018 Kinder Interviews Yr5/6 Forster Camp	29 August	30 August ES1 – Reptile Park	31 August Father's Day Stall	1 September Father's Day BBQ Breakfast Hunter PSSA Athletics