



WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018 School Year! Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to new families joining our community. We look forward to a successful year with lots of learning experiences and fun.

I have formed 24 classes based upon our current enrolment numbers. As enrolment numbers settle, there may be some minor adjustments to classes.

Parent requests received at the end of the year were considered during the placement process. I respectfully request that all parents allow children time to settle into classes, building new friendships and resilience that are key lifelong skills.

School drop off and pick up routines

Drop off:

- Students should not be at school prior to 8:50am.
- Please do not congregate in the COLA. This is a very crowded space and this time allows your child time to settle and find friends prior to classes starting.

Pick Up:

- There are two pick up points from 3:15pm:
 - The grassed area at the front of the school
 - The NOLA
- **Parents are not to wait in the COLA or areas outside classrooms. Parents will be asked to leave if they are in the wrong area.**
- The COLA will only be used as a pick up zone in wet weather.

All our gates are closed during the day.

Welcome to our new teaching staff!



Mr Tom Green joins us from Wallsend South Public School



Mrs Angela Head joins us from Ashtonfield Public School.

Who's who at the school?

Principal: Philippa Young

Deputy Principal: Sue Wilson

Mrs Sandra Holland - Assistant Principal	KH
Miss Kat Eccles	KE
Mrs Angela Head	KA
Mrs Erin Graham (MTW) Mrs Kate Outtrim (ThF)	KGO
Mrs Belinda Baxter Assistant Principal (rel)	2B
Mrs Jacqueline Allan	1A
Miss Nicky Schrader	1/2S
Mrs Kerry Whitty	1W
Mr Tom Green	1T
Miss Maddie Guider	1G
Mr Andrew Erickson	2E
Miss Hannah Brown	2H
Mrs Katie Hamshaw Assistant Principal	3H
Miss Lorelle Shearer	3L
Mrs Latarnya Stephenson	3S
Mrs Erin Rowe	4R
Miss Amy Fort	4F
Miss Erin O'Brien Assistant Principal (rel)	4O

Mrs Liz Johnson Assistant Principal (rel)	5J
Mr Pat Hay	5H
Mrs Erin Leleu	5T
Mrs Jayde Murray	6M
Mr Daniel Lindsell	6L
Miss Kate Holland	6H

LaST	Mrs Jann Tolhurst; Ms Emma Jones; Mrs Corynne Darcy
RFF	Mrs Belinda Harvey; Mr Clay Geddes Mrs Lisa Ehmann; Mrs Kath Gray Mr John Stonell; Mrs Mellissa Branda
Library	Mrs Xanthe Lee; Mrs Jenna Wiringi
Library Admin	Mrs Terrie Walker
DSTA	Mrs Karen Schieb
Counsellor	Ms Leticia Nolen
GA	Mr Allan Davis

SLSO	Mrs Sue Marriott; Mrs Katie West; Mrs Jodi Fitness; Mrs Traci Collins; Mrs Amanda Kellner
Business Manager	Mrs Nicole Boswell
SAM	Mrs Glenda Armer
SASS	Mrs Karen Moule; Mrs Barbara Inglis
Canteen	Mrs Sharon Grant

Parents first point of contact should be their child's teacher and I urge parents to develop a positive partnership with their child's teacher to maximise the learning opportunities for the children.

If you have a concern or issue and it cannot be resolved in discussion with the class teacher, parents should make an appointment to meet with the Assistant Principal.

Our P&C meeting is on Tuesday 13th February at 3:30pm in the Library. All are welcome, especially new mums and dads.

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 20th February

The evening will operate as follows:

- **5:15pm** - Welcome BBQ
- **6:00pm** - Session 1 in Years K-6 classrooms
- *6:35pm - change over bell*
- **6:40pm** - Session 2 in Years K-6 classrooms
- **7:15pm** - End of the evening bell

Sessions will be held in your child's classroom with your teacher allowing you to gather information about the class, expectations, routines, homework and key learning areas.

Each session will be approximately 35 minutes. It is imperative sessions run on time. This is not a time for one on one interviews.

Each teacher will run their session twice, repeating the information from session 1 to allow parents to get to two different classes. We encourage all parents to attend as there is always something new to explain or update parents on, and each teacher operates in a different manner in their room.

A supervised movie will run for Wirreanda Students who come along with parents.

Kind regards, Philippa Young

Deputy Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to the Wirreanda families, old and new, for 2018. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces arriving at school each day.

Books for Babies

As it is the beginning of the year it is the ideal time to remind families of the Wirreanda 'Books for Babies' initiative.

If any students have a new sibling born during the year Miss Young presents them with a book at the Monday morning assembly. This promotes the importance of literacy and hopefully initiates a love of books and reading.

Please remind your child/children to let me know when the baby is born and I will contact families to arrange a suitable date to present the book.

Brainstorm Productions

There will be a Brainstorm Production incursion available to all students on 27th February.

The production is titled 'Buddies' and focuses on issues of bullying, e-safety and friendship.

The performance will have 3 sessions throughout the day for K-2, 3-4 and years 5-6.

No permission note will be required.

This incursion forms part of the Stage Pack costing. It would be appreciated if all Stage Packs were paid before this date.

Bicycle and Scooter Permission

All students who ride to and from school will need to complete the Permission to Ride Bike/Scooter form, available from the front office.

This form outlines student and parent responsibilities such as the wearing of helmets and the safety requirements of bicycles and scooters. Please ensure that your child/children understand that they must comply with these requirements.

Interrelate 2018

Interrelate will once again be available to all students in Stage 3. The program will begin in Week 5 with the Year 5 program held on Thursdays and the Year 6 program on Fridays.

The cost of the Interrelate program is \$21 for Year 5 and \$37 for Year 6. A note will be sent home next Wednesday.

Kind regards,
Susan Wilson

Request for Paper Copy of Newsletter

Today everyone will have received a paper copy of the Whisper.

From next fortnight the Whisper will be emailed to families and uploaded to our website and the school app.

Please notify the office if you're unable to receive our newsletter via electronic means and require a printed copy by completing the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to school by Friday, 16th February 2018. Please update your information if:

- Your email address has changed or you are currently not receiving the newsletter via email OR
- You wish to receive a paper copy

Cybersafety Lessons

Students at Wirreanda PS have engaged in a Cybersafety lessons that teach students about digital citizenship and the safe use of technology. They have learnt how to keep their personal information private when online and how to communicate respectfully with others. Using differentiated lessons from the Australian Government's "E-Safety" website, teachers have laid the foundation for students and their parents to hold important conversations about cybersafety. If parents would like to know more information about this topic, you can visit the following website to learn more: www.esafety.gov.au

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Confidence

Confidence requires that young people not be overly concerned with what others think if they make a mistake. Confidence is revealed when young people are not afraid to fail and are happy to meet someone new. Confidence involves young people having trust in themselves and believing that they will probably be successful in the end. Confident young people stand up straight, look people in the eye, and speak clearly and with a firm tone of voice.

Persistence

Persistence is revealed when young people try hard when doing school work they find frustrating and do not feel like doing, and finish their work on time. Young people who keep trying to complete an assignment rather than becoming distracted, and those who elect to play after they've done their work, demonstrate motivation and can be described as being persistent.



Organisation

Organisation is revealed when young people keep track of their assignments, schedule their time effectively, and set goals for how well they want to do in specific areas of their school work and in other endeavours. Organisation also means having all your supplies ready to do school work and having all your supplies ready a system for storing previously learned material.



Getting Along

Getting Along is revealed when young people work cooperatively with each other, resolve conflicts by discussion rather than fights, manage their anger, show tolerance, and follow class rules, including making responsible choices so that everyone's rights are protected. Getting Along also involves young people making positive contributions to helping others and to making the school, home, and community safer, healthier, and good places to live and learn.



Emotional Resilience

Emotional Resilience is shown when young people are able to stop themselves from getting extremely angry, down, or worried when something "bad" happens. Emotional Resilience also means being able to stay calm when overly upset, and bounce back from adversity.



Defence News



Welcome to Williamtown!

Defence Community Organisation Hunter is hosting a family expo

ADF members and families are invited to join us for a family fun day where there will be community information available plus a variety of FREE activities, including face painting, a balloon artist, photo booth, roving magician and more. A fun day for everyone!

WHERE Medowie Christian School, 6A Waropara Road, Medowie
WHEN Sunday 25 February 2018, 10.00 am–12.00 pm
RSVP by Friday 9 February 2018 via email to dco.hunterRims@defence.gov.au, please include
 * members name and PMKeys number
 * number of adults and number of children
 * contact number and email address

MORE INFO www.defence.gov.au/dco

Follow Defence Community Organisation to receive updates.

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Canteen News

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holidays. We are looking forward to another fun filled year. Please remember to bring your lunch orders to the Canteen before school.

We will be introducing some new menu items and deleting a couple of items.

Term 1 will be a transition term where all old and new items will be available. Copies of the new menu will be sent out in the near future.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered, but we still have a couple of vacancies on the roster, please let me know if you can help out.

Term 1 Meal Deal

Schnitzel & coleslaw roll, with a bottle of water for \$4.50. Everyone who orders will go into the draw to win a prize at the end of Term.

Thank you

Sharon Grant

Canteen Coordinator

Canteen Roster:

Week 2

Thur 8th K Ashton
 Fri 9th K Ashton, H Collard, L Brooks, H Sharp

Week 3

Mon 12th K Bennett, C Collins
 Tues 13th **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
 Wed 14th J Noake, S Garry, E Sales
 Thur 15th K Ashton, A Bradshaw
 Fri 16th K Ashton, M Roach, H McKew, H Sharp

Week 4

Mon 19th K Bennett, E Grice
 Tues 20th K Bennett
 Wed 21st J Noake, E Sales, S Garry, A Bradshaw
 Thur 22nd K Ashton, A Bradshaw
 Fri 23rd K Ashton, H Collard, L Brooks, H Sharp

P&C News

The first P&C meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 13th February (Week 3) at 3:30pm in the library. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet the current P&C and find out what is involved. Everyone is welcome, and kids can come too.

The AGM will be held in Week 8 on Tuesday 20th March

where we will hold our AGM – all executive positions will be open.

"Hair with Heart"

Olivia Berger is a Yr1 student at Wirreanda and she is cutting off her long hair to give to the charity "Hair with Heart". Donations of hair are made into specialised wigs for those who have lost their hair to a medical condition such as alopecia or cancer. To help her with her goal of raising \$750 you can make a donation at

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/olivia-s-hair-donation>

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Medowie Netball Club

Registration Information

Registration Days

Wednesday 7th February 2018 - 5.30-6.30pm
Saturday 10th February 2018 - 10.00am-1pm

At the Medowie Netball Courts

- Uniforms available to be tried on for sizing
- 2nd hand uniforms for sale
- MNC Hoody orders taken

Medowie Netball Club (MNC) Online Registrations Open on 01/02/2018

ACTIVE KIDS \$100 VOUCHERS – from the 31st January, 18 the NSW Government will release the Active Kids Vouchers. Children enrolled from kindergarten to year 12 are eligible. You must log onto service.nsw.gov.au and complete an Active Kids application, you will then receive a voucher with a unique ID number (one number per child) that **MUST be used at time of registering online**.

Follow the Registrations link from medowienetball.com to online register – do not log directly into your mynetball account and register

Any new player aged under 18 years **MUST** supply a copy of their Birth Certificate to complete the registration process - registrar@medowienetball.com

Should you have a MNC uniform you wish to sell – please place them in a snap lock bag clearly marked with name, contact number and price– they should be taken to the first registration day (alternate arrangements can be made by making contact)

Enquiries: Cheryl Smith 0412 501 918
registrar@medowienetball.com



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3 Aquatic Close, Salamander Bay
Salamander Bay/Nelson Bay, NSW, 2317
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tornareeac.com.au



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FROM 2 FEB 2018
2018 Season Rego ON-LINE ONLY*


Under 8s - Under 17s
\$170 per player with additional family members \$130
(inc. playing kit, shorts, socks, training shirt and insurance/collateral fees.)

SIZE UP
MONDAY 5 & 12 FEB
5:30pm - 7pm at Tomaree No.1 Oval

A family friendly club with the best Junior Rugby facilities in the region! Come and meet the coaches and managers, measure up for playing kits and confirm contact details.

REGO ONLINE | FACEBOOK | NELSONBAYJUNIORS.ORG.AU

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 **MEDOWIE FOOTBALL CLUB** 

2018 REGISTRATION

(5-7yrs - \$130) (8-11yrs - \$160) (12-18yrs - \$200)
(Seniors - \$325) (Zone Men's - \$365)

We have teams from Under 5's through to Over 35's

Juniors (Boys & Girls) - All Age Women - All Age Men - Over 35's - Zone Football

Players must be turning (5) in the 2018 Calendar year to be eligible to register.

Online Registrations open 3rd January 2018

All players must complete the online registration at www.myfootballclub.com.au

New players will need to create an FFA account first if you don't already have one.

Registration Information Days will be held at
YULONG OVAL, KIRRANG DRIVE MEDOWIE

Saturday 3rd of February 2018 - 9am to 11am
Wednesday 7th of February 2018 - 5pm to 7pm
Saturday 10th of February 2018 - 9am to 11am

For further information about Registration for Medowie FC please check our website or contact us.

Phone: 0421 671 446 Email: secretary@medowiefc.com.au
Web: www.medowiefc.com.au

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Family Name: _____

Children's Names and classes: _____

Email Address: _____

I don't have an email address and would like a paper copy of the newsletter ☐

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Term 1 Wirreanda Public School 2018					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	5 Feb Kindy Start	6 Feb PBL Launch Day Stages 1-3	7 Feb	8 Feb Kindy Photos	9 Feb Swimming Carnival \$ due Kinder Pack \$ due
3	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb Kindergarten Vision screening World Read Aloud Day Swimming Carnival
4	19 Feb	20 Feb Welcome BBQ and meet the teacher evening	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb Zone Swimming St 1, 2 & 3 packs \$ due
5	26 Feb	27 Feb Brainstorms Visiting Performance	28 Feb	1 March Interrelate Year 5	2 March Interrelate Year 6 Clean Up Australia
6	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March Interrelate Year 5	9 March Interrelate Year 6
7	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March Scripture/Ethics begins	16 March Interrelate Year 6
8	19 March	20 March	21 March Harmony Day	22 March	23 March Interrelate Year 6
9	26 March	27 March	28 March 3 way interviews	29 March Easter Hat Parade	30 March Good Friday
10	2 April Easter Monday	3 April	4 April 3 way interviews	5 April	6 April Cross Country
11	9 April	10 April	11 April 3 way interviews	12 April	13 April ANZAC DAY Service
	16 April	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April