



# WIRREANDA WHISPER

GROWING IN HARMONY

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### Principal's Message

**NAPLAN 2018** - Naplan 2018 will come home today with year 3 and 5. This year Wirreanda PS was involved in the first round of schools undertaking the tests in an online environment.

### Kindergarten Enrolment 2019

I am now finalising our enrolments for Kinder 2019. If you, or your friends, have children who will be starting school in 2019, please contact the school as a matter of urgency. Our enrolment numbers determine our staffing allocations and classroom spaces.

### Thank you P&C!!

Our P&C raise funds to support the school in so many ways. We thank all parents for contributing to the fundraising efforts, whether it be through uniform shop purchases, supporting the colour run, father's day stall or buying mangoes. On Monday the P&C presented the school with a cheque for \$40000!!! This pays for the bubblers and is a part contribution towards the works being done in the holidays. Thank you!



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Thank you to all parents, volunteers and families for your ongoing support of our school this term. Have a safe and happy holiday.

**School Resumes on MONDAY 15 October.**

*Kind regards,  
Philippa Young*

### Deputy Principal's Message

#### RAAF Excursion

On Thursday 13 September 5L were invited to attend the RAAF base for an educational tour and to learn about some of the equipment used on the Hornet aircraft.

All the students enjoyed this hands-on experience, particularly getting the chance to use the flight simulator. They were also treated to a healthy morning tea of fresh fruit and water.

Mrs Schieb and Mrs Wilson accompanied the students and were very impressed with the level of interest they all showed.

We thank the RAAF for this opportunity, particularly Corporal Connor O'Neill who organised the day.

I would like to wish all students and their families a restful, safe holiday, in preparation for the busy Term 4 schedule.

*Kind regards,  
Susan Wilson*

## Principal's Gold Award Winners

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Principal's Gold Award:-

Taylor Guile, Ashton Morrissey, Liam Nolan, Noah McKimm, Michael Moffat, Tyler Lavender, Ruby Johnston, Sharn Peisto, Gracy Radovu, William Taylor, Kodi Campbell, Kayla Bell, Olivia Franks, Katie Dingle, Sarah O'Rourke, Cooper McKenna, Bronte Bohan, Caitlin Goodreid, Lachlan Webster, Mackenzie Aurisch, Ella Grice, Jarryd Stein, Matthew Goad, Noah Smith, Mimi Kent, Alexis Funnell, Mason Strang, Thomas McKenna, Jarrad Crowfoot, Talan Fleming, Lily Cuthbertson, Riley Hartigan, Stacey Genge, Rhys Harris, Stephanie Richards, Matilda Griffith, Matilda Jenkins, Acacia Spencer, Charlotte Green, Lachlan Crick, Mitchell Hawes, Violet Wimmer, Zara Chapman, Kailee Wilson, Zahli Olding, Bianca Gardiner

## Community Connections

As part of the current Stage 3 unit of work, 5J have been learning about China and the contributions that Chinese people have made to our Australian society. Students were recently invited to a luncheon at the Medowie Chinese Restaurant by owners Peter and Michelle Zhang, who welcomed us with huge smiles on their faces. 5J were treated to Honey Chicken, Fried Rice and Stir Fried Noodles. Some students practised using chopsticks, while others used a fork. It was a wonderful experience and a great way to connect our school to the wider community.



## Sports News

### Touch Football

On Monday 24 September, Wirreanda played Taree West Public School in the 5th round of the state touch football knockout in Taree. The boys were confident after winning 4 straight games and coming off a big win over Pacific Palms. In rain affected conditions, the boys made a strong start but were down 2-1 after 10 minutes. With a late flurry of tries to Taree West just before half time, we were down 5-1.

The boys dug deep and can be extremely proud of their second half efforts scoring another try and only conceding 2 tries. The final score was 7-2. Strong efforts were put in by all players and they can hold their heads high, finishing in the final 8 of the Hunter Region. A big thankyou to parents who helped with transport.

## P&C News

### Mango fundraising drive

Don't forget to get your mango order form and money to the office by Wednesday 24 October. No late orders will be accepted.

### Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is selling out current stock of the Rugby Knit Shorts \$10 each. Limited stock available sizes 6 - 16. While stock lasts.

Uniform shop will be closed on Friday afternoon 28th September.

## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at [https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7). The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

## Canteen News

Please put a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice on all lunch orders for the remainder of this week as we are running stock down for the holidays.

Our Term 3 meal deal winner will be drawn on Friday. Good luck.

We have vacancies on our roster for Term 4 on Mondays, Tuesdays and some Fridays; we need help even if just for a few hours or the whole day if possible.

Your help is greatly appreciated by our school community.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday, see you in Term 4.

**Thank you**

**Sharon Grant - Canteen Coordinator**

## Fruit & Veg Month 2018 Parent Survey

Our school has been involved in Fruit & Veg Month 2018.

The program managers, Healthy Kids Association, are seeking feedback from parents/carers about the program to help with future planning.

Please take some time to fill out this short survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fruitandvegmonth2018parentsurvey>

The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. As an incentive, a \$20 gift voucher is available for the first 70 eligible responses from across the state.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Healthy Kids Association on 02 9876 1300 or 1300 724 850.

## Canteen Roster:

### Week 10

Thur 27 A Bradshaw, P Smith  
Fri 28 P Murphy, M Roach, M Waters

### Week 1

Mon 15 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Tues 16 J Donohue **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Wed 17 S Gorry, J Noake  
Thur 18 A Bradshaw, S Gorry, P Smith  
Fri 19 P Murphy, M Waters **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### Week 2

Mon 22 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Tues 23 J Donohue **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Wed 24 S Gorry, J Noake  
Thur 25 A Bradshaw, P Smith, S Gorry  
Fri 26 P Murphy, M Waters **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**



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**CRICKET BLAST**

# FUN AND FAST

**ACTIVE KIDS**

Cricket Blasts kicks off across the Port Stephens

Day & Time: **Wednesday 5.30pm-7pm**  
Starts: **24th October** (runs for 8-weeks)  
Venue: **Ferodale Oval, Medowie**  
Registration cost: **\$125** (includes participant pack)

Nelson Bay JCC Matt Breakley, **0437 035 821**,  
nelsonbayjcc@gmail.com  
Medowie CC Gary Stuart, **0411 504 589**,  
gary.st@bigpond.net.au  
Stockton CC Paul Robertson, **0421 052 183**,  
stccsecretary@gmail.com

Contact your local club or visit [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM

### Pet Sitting Service

Going away in the school holidays?

Going for a few days, a week or more?

I can feed and look after any domestic pets, cats, dogs, horses, birds etc

If they need to be walked or just played with in their own yard, I can do that too!

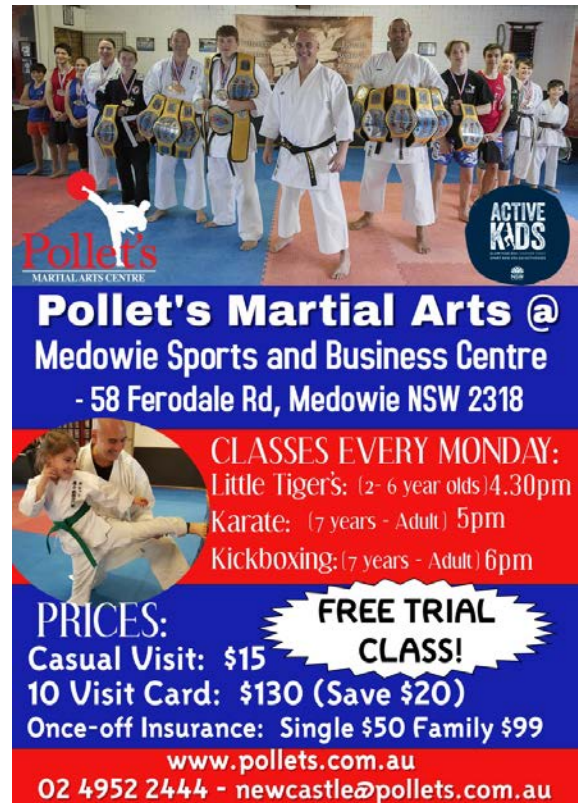
**\*Dog washing and grooming Service \***  
(we come to you)

I can also bring in your mail, newspaper and put your garbage bins in/out whilst your away.

- Reasonable rates
- Experienced
- Reliable and Responsible (references available)
- Love for animals

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Call or text Abbey on 0435 810 319



**Pollet's**  
MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE

## Pollet's Martial Arts @ Medowie Sports and Business Centre

- 58 Ferodale Rd, Medowie NSW 2318

**CLASSES EVERY MONDAY:**  
Little Tiger's: (2- 6 year olds) 4.30pm  
Karate: (7 years - Adult) 5pm  
Kickboxing: (7 years - Adult) 6pm

**PRICES:**

- Casual Visit: \$15
- 10 Visit Card: \$130 (Save \$20)
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&  
Ping Pong?!**

# YOU'RE INVITED!

**SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING AND PING PONG**

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 19  
@ 6PM**

**RSVP FB EVENT  
TICKETS VIA  
EVENTBRITE**



58 Ferodale Road, Medowie  
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MEDOWIE **Sports** & BUSINESS CENTRE



**FRIDAY**  
**Kids Club**  
**DISCO & GAMES**

Kids Kinder - Year 6  
All Welcome!

5:45PM - 7:45PM

**FRIDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**28**

 Like our FB page and head to the events tab to purchase your tickets

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## Grandparent's Day

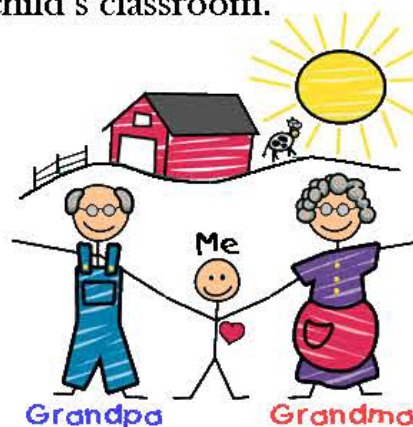
We would like to invite the grandparents of our students' to visit Wirreanda Public School for Grandparent's Day activities.

A light morning tea will be provided, followed by a short performance and a visit to your grandchild's classroom.

**When:** Friday 26 October 2018

**Where:** School MPC

**Time:** 11:00am–1:10pm



## Term 3 Wirreanda Public School 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	24 September	25 September	26 September Rugby Union	27 September	28 September 3-6 Assembly – hosts 4F & 4O

## Term 4 Wirreanda Public School 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	15 October	16 October	17 October Kindy enhanced transition 2:15- 3:00	18 October	19 October Forensic Science workshop
2	22 October	23 October	24 October Kindy enhanced transition 2:30- 3:00	25 October	26 October Grandparents day
3	29 October Swim School	30 October  Kindy Orientation 1 P&C Meeting 3:30	31 October  Kindy Orientation 1	1 November	2 November
4	5 November Student Leader Interviews Swim School	6 November	7 November Kinder enhanced transition 2:30- 3:00	8 November EOI for 2019 captains	9 November Remembrance Day
5	12 November Captains speeches/voting	13 November Kindy Orientation 2	14 November Kindy Orientation 2	15 November	16 November Volunteer Thank you
6	19 November Sports Captains voting	20 November	21 November Kindy enhanced transition 2:15- 3:00	22 November 2019 7E orientation	23 November Sports Presentation
7	26 November	27 November Gold Day	28 November Prefect Elect Afternoon Tea Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic	29 November Scripture Assembly	30 November
8	3 December	4 December K-2 dog visit P&C meeting 3:30	5 December	6 December 2019 Yr7 orientation	7 December Presentation Day Reports Home
9	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December Reward Day	14 December Christmas Concert Class Parties