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Wirreanda Whisper Term 3 Week 4 2020

Principal's Report

The Wirreanda Whisper is back!

Over the past few months I have used our SZApp and Facebook to get information out to families in a more timely manner than our newsletter can provide. While each form of communication suits different people, we still believe there is a place for the newsletter to continue.

Last week was Education Week, with the theme of 'Learning Together'. As a community, we certainly have embraced Learning Together, no matter where we may be physically situated.

Congratulations to our Network Award Winners. They are:

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Bronte Bohan; Cooper McKenna

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING: Thomas Green; Angela Head

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A NON-TEACHING STAFF MEMBER: Terri Walker (Library Program); Kate Jurotte (SLSO)

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBER:

Selina Goodreid - Outstanding dedication to the school community through the management of the school book club program, volunteering in the classroom and in the school canteen.

Nicole Kalischer - Outstanding contribution to the safety and wellbeing of the Wirreanda School Community through her professionalism and dedication in her crossing guard position.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - School Executive Team - Outstanding leadership, dedication and great professionalism in leading the Wirreanda Public School community through extremely challenging times, maintain a focus on student

learning, staff support and the wellbeing of the whole community.

Congratulations and well done to all!

Congratulations to Mrs Belinda Harvey!

Belinda has announced her retirement from many many years of dedication to the teaching profession. Belinda has shown incredible commitment to the academic education, creative arts and music programs, well-being and overall growth of students during her time at Wirreanda Public School and in public education.

We wish her all the best in her retirement.



School Photographs

School Photographs are scheduled for 16 September (Week 9 Term 3). The photographers have advised us they can not take class photographs due to the COVID restrictions on their

business at this stage. Individual photographs will be taken as per normal. The photographers will then produce a one page photo sheet of the whole class for each child.

Have a great week,

Philippa Young

Deputy Principal's Report

Quality Behaviour

Our staff have recently undertaken professional learning on quality behaviour. The focus is to support students take responsibility for their behaviour and allow opportunities for them to evaluate their behaviour and make changes where necessary.

Some top tips:

- All children do is behave. They don't plan it. Children are often trying to meet one of the 5 basic needs of love, power, freedom, fun or survival when they behave.
- If we want a child to stop a particular behaviour, we have to give them a replacement behaviour that will satisfy their need e.g. another way to feel they have some power.
- It is important to establish boundaries with our children. Over time the boundaries broaden and children slowly get more choices to make.
- Say yes as often as you can e.g. Yes you can go to the park, when you have someone safe to go with.

Connected Kids

Last week we had our Connected Kids afternoon where we participated in a fun afternoon of games. It was great to see the leaders running the games and helping the younger kids. The painted shirts looked amazing, each child with their very own design. It was a nice way to celebrate education week with some learning together.

Uniform

We take great pride in our uniform at Wirreanda. If you need to purchase new uniforms, please email wirreandapcuniformshop@gmail.com and Elizabeth O'Rouke can assist you with this. A reminder that students should be wearing plain socks.

Regards,

Erin O'Brien

External Providers

External Providers Update

External providers remain on hold for the duration of Term 3 and possibly Term 4 given the current restrictions with COVID-19. A further update will be given at the start of Term 4.

Athletics Fun Day

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Last week we had to postpone our athletics fun day. The new date is 11 September. Whilst there are no zone or regional events to qualify for, we still want to hold a fun sports day for our students to participate in some of the usual track and field events getting into the house spirit and having a go at all events in a sports rotation across the school grounds.

Star Struck, Dance & Camp refunds

We recently sent home refund application forms for parents to be refunded for payments made for the above activities.

So far we have had only 50% of those forms returned to the front office.

If you made payments to the above activities but did not receive an application form, could you please phone the office and ask for a form to be sent home.

Please note refunds are made as follows:

If you paid cash, you will be refunded into your bank account so bank details will be required on the refund form.

If you paid by EFTPOS, you will be refunded by contacting the office and bringing your EFTPOS card together with refund application form to the front office for an instant refund.

If you paid through our online payment system, you will have your funds returned back into the same account you paid from.

Alternatively, you can also choose to have your funds reimbursed into "fees in advance" to be used for a future camp or activity.

Please note: any refunds will require the refund application form to be completed and returned to the school office.

Emergency/Bushfire contact details

We are sending home a pink emergency/bushfire contact form to be completed by all families please.

This form needs to be completed each year to ensure that all details for families are current in case the school needs to evacuate students due to bushfire or a natural disaster.

Canteen News

Lunch orders

The canteen will accept over the counter lunch orders although our preferred method is for online ordering through the Flexischools app.

We also have snacks available for recess and lunchtime sales.

Sharon Grant, Canteen Coordinator

School Calendar

Please click on this link to view the School Calendar

Defence News



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Defence Bank

We are proudly partnering with Defence Bank and Mindset Psychology to present our annual Health & Wellbeing Seminar:

Guest Speaker:
Melissa Harries  Mindset Psychology (B.Psych(Hons), M.Psych(Organisational))

Wellbeing During COVID-19

- Understanding your COVID-19 stress response
- Practice strategies to improve wellbeing
- Communication during times of stress
- Recognising red flags and where to get support

WHEN: Thursday 27th August 2020

TIME: 1130—1300

WHERE: Base Auditorium RAAF Williamtown

COST: Free to all serving members and their spouse/partner

RSVP: to reserve your seat email Kirsty@hdsn.org.au Colette@hdsn.org.au



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