



WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Bulletin

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Term 4 Week 6

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

The role of School Administration Manager has been recently advertised through the merit selection process. Kim Jones is the successful applicant in the process and will now substantially take up that position. Congratulations Kim...no introductions needed!

Enrolments in the school are increasing and we now have 207 students after many new faces joining us this term. This is good for the school as if we were to have numbers around this mark next year it would mean that we would qualify for extra days in the office and an extra day a fortnight for our General Assistant.

The Early Action for Success program that sees our K-2 teachers being offered mentorship and our students offered speech therapy has had end of Term 3 data presented. There were significant improvements in reading skills across the K-2 area of the school and explicit teaching is more evident in our classrooms. K-2 network meetings (Wiripaang, Windale, and Mount Hutton) aim to share the success and allow teachers professional development in specific strategies that will enhance explicit teaching. It is evident that our teachers are inspired and our students are learning! The other significant factor is the real value of the speech therapy program....it's really helping our students.

Our Mini-Soaring High Day changed direction yesterday when our best laid plans were marred by the rain. It was wonderful to see so many children achieve that goal and the relationship the P&C has with the students in supplying them a 'yummy' reward lunch....thanks so much P&C! Students who do not qualify for 'Mini Soaring High Day' were guided in filling in 'Goal Setting' sheet, working on strategies to improve their behaviour in readiness for the next five weeks. We are always working to help our children improve their behaviour at school.

Our positive affirmation this week is '**I follow instructions so that I can learn**'. This affirmation is about *you as a learner*. Everyone in life is a learner. We never stop learning, but as a young student, you need to understand that you are being given opportunities to learn things every day at school that will help set you up for a successful life. Things like learning how to comprehend what you are reading, your times tables, how to do subtraction, how to take turns, how to use fractions.....there is so much to learn and when you listen and follow instructions, you will learn.

Work on 'Lakeside Playground' is coming to completion and there is new fencing in place. The new car park will be for parents and community as of day one 2014. From this day there will be no parent/community access to our top staff car park... we will be opening it up to HSHS staff who are in desperate need. Our special needs buses will use the new drop off zone. The new drop off zone will be supervised from 8.40am–9am each morning and 3.00pm–3.15pm each afternoon. All children will play in the new 'Lakeside Playground' in the morning session next year (8.40am–9am). During the holidays the gates will be numbered to avoid confusion. It's exciting to know we will be expanding in 2014!

It is lovely to see almost all students in the school with a hat on their head...well done! It's a good idea to remind your child/ren as they leave the house/car of a morning..."have you got your hat?" as we are encouraging students to take responsibility for bringing and wearing a hat.

'It is necessary to be concerned about the importance of educating a really beautiful human spirit'
Shinichi Suzuki

Mrs Lee Saurins

Principal

Office News

School Office Hours 8.30am till 3.15pm

Please try to have the correct money when paying for excursions or activities as we often don't have change available.

Please be aware that even though you may receive an invoice for items such as school fees with a total amount on it, you are welcome to pay the total off in several smaller amounts if that suits the family finances.

Please note school fees are now due. As decided at the P & C meeting 1st child is \$20, 2nd and 3rd children are \$10 each and no fee for the fourth and subsequent children.

P & C News

The P & C would appreciate Christmas raffle donations for our Christmas hamper. Any non-perishable items and anything else that is appropriate can be left in the canteen for pickup by P & C.

Thank you for your support.



School News

Ace Kids Learning Club

We had another great week in Ace Kids LC this week. Among the information presented at the end of our session we learned how to survive a snake bite, interesting facts about sharks and why pirates shouldn't babysit! We don't have many more weeks left of ACE kids this year and parents and carers should have received information about our end of year celebration party.



Star of the Week: We had two Stars of the Week this week - Reilly and Kianah Griggs. Reilly and Kianah both handled a late change of routine superbly and did a great job reading, learning on Mathletics and playing a game. Well done Reilly and Kianah!

Damian McNeil

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received **Classroom Awards** at assembly today:

RESPONSIBILITY	LEARNING	RESPECT
Angel Gascoyne Maverick Murnane Marshall Hopgood Gabrielle Reid Breeanna McGuinness Michael Campbell Danika Hugo Beau Nelson Jake Potter Savannah Bailey	Dion Taape Gabrielle McGuinness Hayley O'Brien Ethan Melksham Makayla Elliott Harley Duck Shellby Dunne Harry Hodges Chloe Naismith Brendan Bennett	Janae Hopgood Peyton Hamilton-Vosilla Tyler Green Arnika Hopgood Teah Kerry Jakob Fitzclarence Nelita Prevost Nickolas Georgievski Hayley McKenzie Brydon Dawber

and **Sticker Book Awards**:

RESPONSIBILITY	LEARNING	RESPECT
Angel Gascoyne Ethyn Hamilton Byron Lawrence-Carr Zach Woods Josie Macorig Chloe Gardiner Aaliyah Lemalama Erin Stow Shellby Dunne Nelita Prevost Ebony Evans Danika Hugo Travhon Lemalama Nathan Davies-Finnigan Levi Oliver	Lachlan Brazel Gavin Barwise Banjo Hooton Harley Mulley Kyle Hunt Mia Slade Bailey Waring Zachery Harrow Ayden Harrow Lilly Sutherland Madasyn Hamilton Abby Apthorpe Bailey Laver Shellby Dunne Kaitlyn Murchie Ebony Evans Danika Hugo Travhon Lemalama Chandler Slade	Noahjames Denning Thomas Hunt Kianah Griggs Calista Bowdler Tristan Little Letia Dargan Levi Dunne Kiara Evans Ebony Maddison Jada Shephard Joel Frizell Lateisha Whitmore Bianca Fernando Jakob Fitzclarence Ashleejade Denning Shellby Dunne Liliana Haines Kaitlyn Murchie Ebony Evans Joseph Arthur Tia Schafer-Meatchem Jacob Whittaker Brennan Rietdijk



Year 5/6 Leadership Day.

On Thursday 7/11/13, Mrs White from Floraville Public School came to Wiripaang to run a Leadership Day for our Year 5 and Year 6 students. The students were all actively engaged in learning about what makes a "good" leader. They understand that a "good leader" does not have to be someone who is voted into a leadership role, they can all be "good leaders".



Aboriginal Education Officer News

Hi Everyone,

What a busy term so far, we are already half way through and I am sure the last few weeks will go quickly.

We are currently running a SistaSpeak program at our school that includes twelve girls from Year 5 and Year 6. Ms Matheson is running this program which meets every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 1:40pm and we are focusing on self-esteem, culture, leadership and talking about careers in the future. We also have two of our Year 6 girls joining in the SistaSpeak program at Hunter Sports High for one hour one day a week.

There are often lots of things happening in the Windale and Gateshead community and to keep up to date we often display flyers on our community board in the office. Keep an eye on this board as you may be interested in attending these events.

Don't forget our Creative Circle every Wednesday from 12.00 noon, we love seeing new faces even if it's only for a cuppa.



Nerrida Darcy

Sport News

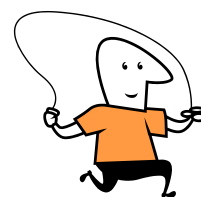
The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenges (PSC)

The Premier's Sport Challenge involves all students from Wiripaang Primary School participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. The Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Challenge encourages all students to increase their physical activity levels in sport and physical activity. The Challenge enables us to promote and celebrate student achievement through participation in well planned sport and physical activity programs. Wiripaang School provides an ideal setting for students to engage in physical activities that are safe, challenging, age appropriate and in a fair and positive learning environment.

The Challenge is class based. All class members contribute the time they spend in physical activity each week. Classes are challenged to set goals to accrue time each week in moderate to vigorous activity.

Activities have included: playground games, morning fitness dance, organised school sport, dance – songroom/Dance2bfit, physical education lessons, Swimming Scheme, Soaring High mini-days, Jump Rope for Heart, multi-sports day, gymnastics and in class physical activities, and community sport and recreation activities. Students have also included incidental home activities such as washing the car to add to their points.



Students work together to achieve award goals for the class and record their time in log books. Teachers record time on class activity summary card and record the number of Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze awards achieved at the end of 5 weeks and then again at the end of ten weeks.

To achieve a Premier's Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond award classes and individuals must accrue the following time in sport or physical activity.

Bronze = 30 minutes a day or 210 minutes per week

Silver = 45 minutes a day or 315 minutes per week.

Gold = 60 minutes a day or 420 minutes per week.

Diamond = 80 minutes a day or 560 minutes per week.



All students who complete the 10 weeks of physical activity time will receive a Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge Award Certificate. Students in Infant classes, WF and WS will receive a Gold certificate to encourage and acknowledge the work of individuals and class.

In our Year 3/6 classes, there will be 23 receiving bronze, 24 receiving silver, 40 students who achieved gold and 12 students receiving Diamond awards. Well done to all students.

Tips for Parents

Reading challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

Selective high school placement

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online.

For information and application forms: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why *'Australia is the best place in the world'* for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition: www.aussievault.com.au

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

Community Information

The Art of Parenting Workshop is a free 2 week workshop open to parents or carers of dependent children. Come along and share your stories of parenting and join in making a visual record of what's important in your family. No art experience is needed – just an interest in having fun and connecting with other parents. All materials, morning tea and children's activities are provided. The workshops are held on Thursday 28th November and Thursday 5th December from 9.30am til 11.30am at Wiripaang Public School, Gateshead. To make a booking or further enquiries call Roselea on 4948 7786 or 0402 317 820.



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Kindergarten Transition

Transition to School

Term 4 will see the beginning of our official **Transition to School** program for 2013. All students enrolling in Kindergarten 2014 at Wiripaang Public School are invited to attend.

Mrs Cook and Miss East will be running the program from K/1C's classroom. There will be three sessions running that will include important school readiness activities for both children and parents. The transition process allows for children, parents and teachers to start forming important relationships to ensure a smooth transition to school in 2014. **Please note there are minor changes to the order of sessions for parents.**

New Kindergarten students will meet their Year 5 (2014) buddies at their sessions. The buddies will be there to support our new Wonnai (children) in the playground and at times in the classroom.

If you know any children that are not already in the **Wiripaang Wonnai** program and are planning on attending Kindergarten at Wiripaang Public School in 2014 please pass on this information.

Term 4 Orientation		
For Students:		For Parents:
Visit 1	14th November 2013 9:30 - 11am Students working in literacy groups Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break and a drink of water	School representatives are there to discuss their roles with parents.
Visit 2	28th November 2013 11 - 12:30pm Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities as well as making a healthy lunch Students will need to bring: a drink, hat, their lunch box with some snacks in it.	Ben Thomas our Instructional Leader will talk to parents about - Best Start, Homework and Great Games
Visit 3	12th December 2013 1-3pm Students will be creating crafty artworks. Students will need to bring: a drink, hat and some recess.	Commonwealth bank Eat it to Beat it