



# WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Bulletin

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### Term 4 Week 7

#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

As we head towards the end of the school year there are many events and celebrations coming up. Year 6 are very excited as they have been planning their Year 6 'Fun Day', preparing their item for presentation day, organising outfits for the Year 6 Farewell and visiting their respective high schools as they transition onto the next phase of their educative journey.

The Year 6 farewell will be held at 6pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December at Windale/Gateshead Bowling Club. This is a very important occasion in a young person's life and the farewell is designed to be all about them. This is a memory that they cannot get back and it is expected that all Year 5 and Year 6 students will attend. The cost of the farewell is subsidised by the Year 6 Fundraising Fund and Year 5 students will need to pay \$24.00 as cost per person is \$12.00 and we support the notion that Year 5 students pay for a Year 6 student and then it will be passed forward next year. They will be learning a couple of ballroom/partner dancing routines for the night and at some stage they may be asking their parent/carers to dance, so watch out. The children will arrive at 6pm where they will have access to a photo booth activity as we have pre-dinner soft drinks and nibbles. Main meals will be served, dancing and then speeches. It would be great if parents could be back by 8pm so that they can see the formal part of the evening. Thank you to the Mrs Gemmell, Mrs Matheson and the parent body who are helping to prepare for this important event.

Last week our Year 6 students travelled to Swansea Belmont Surf Club to participate in a two day Human Sexuality Course with course materials supplied by Family Planning. We combined with Floraville Public School's Year 6. The students learnt a lot about puberty and reproduction and they had great fun playing on the sand during the breaks.

Our positive affirmation this week is '**I am responsible for my own behaviour**'. This affirmation is about *you*. It is about you knowing yourself well. It is about you owning your own behaviour. We all behave differently at times and sometimes there are reasons for our behaviour. For example you may be angry about something.....and you come to school and 'act out' in some aggressive way. Yes there may be a reason that you acted out but you need to own that behaviour and learn from it. Others will always be observing your behaviours.... Just make sure you are prepared to own your own behaviour!

#### **For the calendar.....**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Art Gallery

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Aqua Fun Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Kinder 2014 Transition

Our P&C have ratified some new fresh products to be sold in the canteen and they are selling like hot cakes. Popular items are celery and carrots sticks with dip, water cracker biscuit with tomato and cheese, fresh cut up fruit, fresh yoghurt and homemade soup and roll. The items are inexpensive and in reach!

The P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding a Wiri Christmas Trivia Night at Windale Bowling Club on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30-8.30pm. There will be many prizes and lots of fun to be had...please come along and support your school.

Big congratulations to Madasyn Hamilton who achieved her black belt in karate last week-end...well done Maddy.

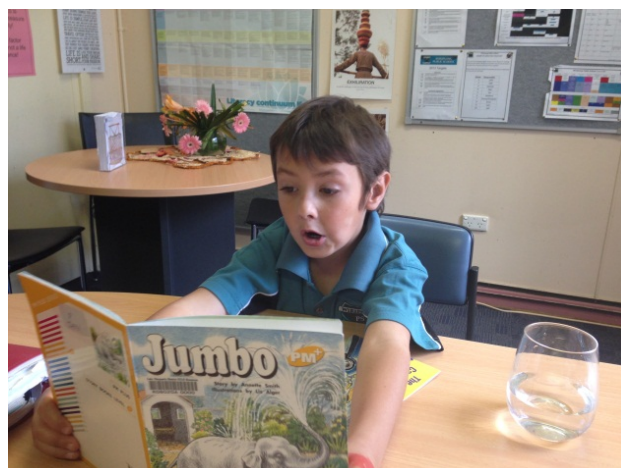
Mrs Lee Saurins

Principal

### What's Been Happening at Wiripaang.....



Charlie is a clever artist!



Blake is reading well as he finishes Kindergarten.



Mia is reading confidently.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> child is \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> children are \$10 each and no fee for the fourth and subsequent children.

## School News

### Ace Kids Learning Club

Well done Ace Kids participants for another great week. We learned all about saltwater crocodiles through a multimedia presentation from Reilly and about tactics in soccer from Kianah. Jed and Tori shared different facts about Australian animals while Lateisha completed a great reading session by drawing a fantastic picture from the book she read.



**Star of the Week:** Our star of the week this week was Byron Lawrence-Carr. Every week Byron shows great enthusiasm and commitment to Ace Kids and he is highly deserving of this week's award. Well done Byron!

Damian McNeil

### Art Gallery

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November Wiripaang Public School invites you to attend its final Art Gallery exhibition for 2014. The art gallery will be held in the school hall from 2pm on Thursday. Light refreshments will be provided for those attending.

Congratulations to the following students for having their amazing works selected for the Art Gallery.



Ofa Lusaipau - KP

Atayah Aliimalemanu- K/1C

Ebony Maddison- 1/2M

Aliyah Haskal-2/3T

Jack Lawrence-Newell- 3/4H

Abby Apthorpe- 4/5D

Nelita Skuse-Canales- 5/6G

Ashleigh Stanley- WS

Hayley McKenzie- WM

Nick Georgievski - WF

Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon celebrating your children's talents!

Miss Thompson



# Year 6 Aqua Fun Day

**Come have fun at the Aqua Day**

**On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2013**

Come out of uniform for \$1 (Please wear your swimmers underneath and bring a towel)

**Featuring:**

**Aquathon Obstacle  
Course (\$2)**

**activities will include:**

- Slip and slide
- Water bombs
- Sprinkler
- Pool
- Fire engine



**Other activities will include:**

**(Prices 20c cents - \$1)**

- Hit the face with sponge
- Bob for apples
- Balloon Busters

**Slushies will be available on the day.**

**☺Come and have fun with the year 6 ☺**

## Environmental News

### NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

We are pleased to announce our new weekly school Environmental Award for the class who is working hardest to care for our school environment. For example, the class who is making sure that taps are turned off properly, lights are turned off when the classroom is not in use, recycled paper, containers and food scraps are put in the correct bins and taking pride in keeping our school grounds looking clean and tidy.

The award is a sculpture of our beautiful Planet Saver Wiri the Eagle. The class who receives this award will proudly display it in their classroom.

I am very pleased to announce that the first class to win the award is K/1C, who has demonstrated pride in our school by helping to keep it clean and tidy. Congratulations K/1C.



## NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Last week was National Recycling Week and to celebrate it, Lake Macquarie City Council would like to remind residents and students that they can now recycle even more household items.

Some of these new household items include:

Drinking straws  
Plastic knives, forks and spoons  
Clean pizza boxes  
Pie trays  
Foil lined milk and juice containers  
Paper plates

Plastic plant pots  
Empty aerosol cans  
Dry paint tins  
Fruit punnets  
Plastic biscuit trays

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

A big thank you to our class Waste Hawks, who are our environmental helpers responsible for recycling paper, cardboard and containers in our classrooms and who will now be able to help more by recycling these new items.

I would like to remind our Waste Hawks, Water Rats, Compost Cops and Power Rangers that they should always remember to wear their Environmental Badges with pride.

Last week, our local Lake Macquarie LandCare Office gave our school 160 plants consisting of native grasses, shrubs, vines and plants for our new frog pond area. I would like to thank classes WF, WM, WS, KP, 1/2M, 2/3T, 3/4H and their teachers and LandCare students for their magnificent efforts to help dig the holes, plant the shrubs and water each one. It is hoped that these plants will flourish to provide a clean and healthy habitat for our frogs, lizards and other small creatures.



## HELPERS' ALWAYS WELCOME

We are always looking for adult helpers to assist with our environment programs. For example, maintaining and watering our vegetable garden, especially throughout the summer weather.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping in any way.

Rose Chesterfield  
Environment Science Teacher

## Tips for Parents

### Comprehension help for teens

Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here's why.

Comprehension help: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

### Planning for the future

Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

Planning for the future: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future>

### Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Homework tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

### Maths at home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

## Sport News

As we approach the end of what has been a fantastic year in regards to sporting achievements I have some fantastic news about another of our students attaining sporting excellence. Throughout this year one of our students at Wiripaang, has been training diligently and applying herself in her chosen sporting field of Karate. She had the audacious goal of attaining qualification in 'Black Belt', a very high ambition for a fully grown adult let alone a student of primary age. This has required her to challenge herself in an extreme sense, often coming to school with stories of marathon like running sessions and intense training discipline routines. Her journey to achieve this ambitious goal has from my perspective been a true inspiration, a feeling reflected amongst her peers and more over should be an example held up across the school as a whole.

For these reasons on Monday, it was such a delight to hear that Madasyn Hamilton, a student in Year 4 was successfully in attaining her 'Black Belt'. She has a modest nature and would never brag about her achievements even though she has every reason to do so.

I would like to congratulate her on reaching for an extraordinary goal and putting in the work necessary to achieve it. Well done Maddy!

Mr Durie





**Wiripaang Public School P&C**



**'Wiri Christmas Trivia Night'**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Weller Room**

***Come along and support your school and  
win some prizes....***

**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 28<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 9:30 - 11am</b> 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	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 11 - 12:30pm</b> 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	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 1-3pm</b> Students will be creating crafty artworks.  Students will need to bring: a drink, hat and some recess.	Commonwealth bank Eat it to Beat it