



# WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Bulletin

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Term 4 Week 8

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who stood for leadership this week. The students participated in a full day Leadership Course recently and were then given the opportunity to put themselves forward and present a speech in the campaign for leadership 2014. We are so very proud of all our Year 5 students as they have stepped up and shown that they will lead the school well next year. The voting system will reveal the top six candidates that will be named School Captain (2) and Vice-Captain (4) on Presentation Day. All Year 5 students will be badged as Parliamentarians early next year as our new Wiripaang School Parliament is formed for 2014. There will also be more opportunities in the new year as we vote for Sport House Captains and Environmental Leaders. We are actively promoting student voice in the school, giving our students real problems to solve which calls for real decisions to be made. Wiripaang students are heard and they are contributing to building school culture.

Our beautiful Wiripaang Wonnai students attended their first formal transition session last week and they are coming on Thursday for their Teddy Bear's Picnic. They were so full of enthusiasm on the day and the teachers were so amazed at what they can do. Miss East and Mrs Newell have done an amazing job this year focussing on getting our newest students 'school ready'. We have strong enrolment for Kindergarten 2014 and we are looking forward to seeing our Wonnai's in their full school uniform. If you know anyone who is yet to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2014 please advise them that enrolling now is important.

Our lovely Miss Thompson will this Friday become Mrs Gilmore as she marries her 'Prince' Sam. This very professional and dedicated young teacher is an asset to our school and we all wish her well as she takes two weeks leave to marry her man and have a honeymoon. Miss Tamara Bassett is replacing Miss Thompson.

As part of our school evaluative process we will be sending surveys out soon. The surveys will be inclusive of questions related to the teaching of Writing in the school. Please take time to complete the survey, or use the phone call or online option in order to give us effective feedback so that we may be better positioned to make school improvements in line with what the community wants.

Our positive affirmation this week is **'I use nice talk when given an instruction.'** This affirmation is about *respect*. It is about you knowing how to respond when you are given an instruction. We do not defy an instruction. We acknowledge it...usually we say 'Yes Miss' or 'Yes Sir' to let the person who gave us the instruction know that we understand what we are being asked to do. Nice talk shows respect to the other person. Remember your response will be telling of your attitude so use nice talk and show your respect.

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

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Presentation Day 10am-11.30am

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Students Last Day of School for 2013

On Thursday Mrs Chesterfield is hosting 'Catchment Workshops' provided by Lake Macquarie City Council. The team will be working with 4/5D and 3/4H. It is lovely to see our school becoming greener! The Environmental program will move up a step as we re-establish the big vegetable garden in the Lakeside Playground. This is a vital program as our vegetables will be feeding into the canteen so that we can cook healthy food for our students. While Landcare operates one day a week and can look after that garden *we really need a community volunteer to help out* on other days. If there is anyone out there that has a bit of spare time and would love to teach children about growing vegetables please contact the school on 4943 4357.

'My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.' Dalai Lama

Mrs Lee Saurins

Principal

## School News

### Reading Recovery



Hello Parents and Families,



My name is Miss Macpherson and I am the Reading Recovery Teacher while Mrs McGee is on Maternity Leave. This will be my fourth year working as a Reading Recovery Teacher, but I have almost nine years of teaching experience. I have experience working as Librarian, K-6 Classroom Teacher, Learning Support Teacher and I have been trained in L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) and Focus on Reading.

In my spare time I enjoy spending moments with my ten month old son and walking.

My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique and each child learns in a different way. One of my jobs as a teacher is to help your child discover his or her individuality and work alongside with them to maximize it. I am really enjoying my time here and being a part of the Wiripaang Public School team and community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Miss Macpherson

Reading Recovery Teacher



## Reading Recovery the Excellent Program that is in Our School

### What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery is a school program offering special help to Year 1 students to become better readers and writers.

Reading Recovery has existed in NSW schools since 1984, and has been an ongoing NSW government commitment since 1996.

A trained Reading Recovery teacher works with the students for 30 minutes every day on an individual reading and writing program.

This is extra support to the classroom reading and writing program for Year 1 students. A child may take part in the program for twelve to twenty weeks, so it is very important for your child to attend school every day.

At Wiripaang Public School we currently have four students on the program which runs every morning. Our students on the program are called "The Reading Recovery All Stars."



### The Reading Recovery All Stars



**Jada Shephard** is one of the Reading Recovery All Stars at Wiripaang Public School. She commenced the program at the end of September. She really enjoys writing about events that are happening in her life or our community.

*Keep Up the Good Work, Jada*  
Miss Macpherson



#### Reading Recovery Star Tip:

Praise and encourage all the efforts your child makes when reading books and writing stories. E.g. I liked the way you did that.



## SENSORY GARDEN NEWS

A big thank you to Windale Men's Shed & Community Group Inc. for making and installing our new swing last Thursday. In the next few weeks we will be needing parent helpers to paint the frame and update some of our mulch and planting. Please see Mrs O'Connor if you have some free time and are willing to do a few jobs in the garden.

## THANK YOU WINDALE MEN'S SHED



## Awards

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

RESPONSIBILITY	LEARNING	RESPECT
Lakeah Jeffries Peyton Hamilton-Vosilla Hayden Brown Arnika Hopgood Zac Harrow Cybian Watson Ebony Evans Jonathon Warden Hayley McKenzie Brendan Bennett	Dion Taape Banjo Hooton Hayley O'Brien Tori McClelland Teah Kerry Karrie Proctor Brianna Whiteley Ashleigh Stanley Dakota Cusack Brydon Dawber	Micah Barton Elenoa Lusaipau Marshall Hopgood Elijah Aliimalemanu Troshia Nasali Ethan Gribble Shellby Dunne Beau Nelson Lily Robson Chris Bennett



and **Sticker Book Awards:**

<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>LEARNING</b>	<b>RESPECT</b>
Maverick Murnane Ethan Beckett Corey Dorman Lachlan Woods Kiara Evans Lateisha Whitmore Bethany Raglus Chris McLaren Zachary Harrow Jack Lambert Kirstin Poole Ashleejade Denning Jacob Whittaker	Amelie Griggs Conner Newth Zea Lawrence-Carr Atayah Aliimalemanu Kahlia Murnane Mia Slade Bianca Fernando Bailey Waring Joel Frizell Josie Macorig Jenika Watson Jenika Watson Tonille Samuelson Troshia Nasali Kaitlyn Raglus Harley Duck Jacob Whittaker Harry Hodges	Noahjames Denning Blake Riley Lilly-Belle Bailey Yalaly Sutherland Elle Murnane Kyle Hunt Byron Lawrence-Carr Makayla Elliott Jenika Watson Jake Mulley Ebony Blake Chris McLaren Charles Adamson Madasyn Hamilton Levi Oliver



## 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.

## Tips for Parents

### Homework and study

Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study.

Complete the School A to Z survey: <http://bit.ly/184BFR3>

## School holiday camp competition

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps.

Enter the competition: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

## Dinovember

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

## The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is .... oops .... WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwkt0b-1226759556979V>

## Skill Building for School Starters (Printed Sunday Telegraph 'body + soul' Sunday 24/11/13)

Here are some suggested tips from KidsMatter for parents and carers to try over the summer break:

**Friendship skills:** Teach your child ways to introduce themselves to new children, join in play with others and be friendly and cooperative. Talk to your little one about what being a good friend means; for example, discuss sharing, taking turns and using kind words.

**Play Dates:** Arranging for your kids to play with other children helps them establish friendships and practise their social skills. It's a bonus if these play dates are with kids who will also be starting at the same school as it will give the child a familiar face in the crowd, as well as the whole family a feeling of connectedness to the school community.

**A sense of responsibility:** Encouraging your child to be accountable for small tasks such as setting the dinner table or putting their dirty clothes in the wash basket will help them feel useful and build their self-confidence. It's also a good time to talk to them about looking after their hat, school jumper and pencil case.

## Community Information

**Awabakal 2013 Children's Christmas Party** will be held Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10am til 3pm at Camp Shortland, Nobby's Beach, Newcastle East. Great prizes up for grabs with deadly music and fun for everyone. For further information please see flyer on noticeboard in office.

**Gateshead Indoor Sportsworld** is holding a School Holiday Program again this school holidays. An information flyer has been sent home with students and for further information please contact the Centre on 4942 1488.

	<b>Fair Play Café</b> <b>OOSH &amp; VC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PS3 cave</li><li>• Rock Climbing</li><li>• Arts &amp; Crafts</li><li>• Qualified Chefs</li><li>• Private buses w/ seat belts</li><li>• Indoor play equipment</li></ul>
CCB & CCR Approved	Mob: 0412 728 915 Ph: 0249 437 754 <a href="mailto:oosh@fairplaycafe.com.au">oosh@fairplaycafe.com.au</a>

## 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.

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