



WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Bulletin

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Term 4 Week 10

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

What a wonderful evening we had last night at the Year 6 Farewell. It was so emotional to see our girls dressed so beautifully and the boys looking so handsome in their finest attire. The Windale Bowling Club was a wonderful venue and Tracey from the bistro provided a great value meal. The P&C provided drinks and a lovely pen as a gift for the students. I would particularly like to thank Trish and Sandra who helped our teachers prepare for the night. I would also like to mention the huge effort put in by Mrs Richley and Mrs Donaldson for their work preparing the lolly bar (a huge hit) and the decorations. The photo booth (thanks Miss Jones) was also a huge hit. You can view the photos from the evening in the foyer until the end of the year.

We are looking forward to rewarding our students who qualify for 'Soaring High Day' with a 'water' themed day. K-2 and Special Needs Unit will be enjoying a water park experience in the new Lakeside Playground and the Year 3-6 students will be enjoying the day at Lambton Pool. Students will be tested on a 25 swim as soon as they get there and will be given ID bands to wear during the day. The pool and activities that they do will be governed by their swimming ability...thanks to our sport swimming program and intensive swimming program more children can swim now! Lambton Pool also has Lifeguards on duty to supplement our teacher supervision.

Our positive affirmation this week is '**I am responsible for my achievements.**' This affirmation is about responsibility. It is about the fact that we own our results by the effort we put in. As we prepare for Presentation Day on Thursday it is important to note that we have to acknowledge the people who have worked hard and have really taken responsibility for their learning. Not everyone can get an award but it is lovely when others can be happy for award recipients and acknowledge the effort they have put in. Own your achievements...whatever they may be!!

For the calendar.....

Thursday 12th Dec - Presentation Day 10am-11.30am

Monday 16th Dec – Soaring High Day 9.30am-2.30pm

Tuesday 17th Dec – Volunteer's Morning Tea 10am

Wed 18th Dec – Wirifactor and Songroom Performance at 12 midday

Wed 18th Dec – Students Last Day of School for 2013

Wed 29th Jan – Years 1-6 Students Return to School

Friday 31st Jan – Kindergarten first day of School.

The new 'Lakeside Playground' trial is working well. We have arranged for the special needs buses to park in the new car park so that they do not clog the system. Parents are now able to drop their students off in the new drop off zone. Drive into the Lakeside entrance, drop your child/ren under the carport and then continue driving through to the exit near the hospital car park. The new car park will be for parents and community. 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 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. (8.40am-9am).

As this will be the last bulletin for the year I would like to thank the staff of this school who have, quite frankly, worked so hard this year to establish a new and exciting school. I'm sure that it does not go unnoticed the 'above and beyond' that is given in this school. Our teachers and school administrative and support staff are not just turning up...they are giving 100% every day. I would also say that they are 'change agents'. I would also like to thank the community. New families who tour our school say 'this school has a lovely feel to it'....they notice the community support and the parents in and around the school. It has been such a pleasure to work with the community this year and it's very heart-warming to see the support we are now getting at major events like school concerts and celebrations. I know that our parents care about their children so much and want the best for them, just as we do, so it is such a pleasure to work as a team.

Please don't forget Presentation Day on tomorrow at 10am in the Hunter Sports High Bini. Parents and carers of students receiving awards have been notified. It will be a proud day for our school.

'Merry Christmas to all our lovely families.....'

Mrs Lee Saurins
Principal

Happening at Wiripaang This Week...

The wonderfully kind Charles Webster has once again been kind to Wiripaang, inviting 20 children to participate in the Charity Christmas Party at Carrington Bowling Club. Our students had a lovely lunch and were given gifts and lollies by Santa. Here are some of our children hanging out with Santa.



Thanks to Windale Men's Shed for building us such a cool swing. The children love to go to the sensory garden and swing away. We are so grateful to the Windale Men's Club...they are our friends!

Office News

School Office Hours 8.30am till 3.15pm

SALE

Year 6 T-shirts are now on sale for the great price of \$15-00. Sales are open to the whole school not just Year 6. Limited stock available so hurry to the office to purchase these keepsake shirts to avoid the disappointment of missing out.

School News



WS, WM and WF were lucky enough to get out and about last week and travelled around to watch different activities from the Asia Pacific Games being held in Newcastle. Tuesday we ventured to the basketball and soccer while on Friday afternoon we braved the heat and went out to Glendale to watch some athletics.

The students were lucky enough to meet many of the athletes, see medal ceremonies and touch real medals. They enjoyed many high fives and smiles from athletes from India, Korea, Indonesia, Samoa and especially Australia. This was a fantastic experience for our students to not only be exposed to cultures from all over the world but also see that they too could compete in the Asia Pacific Games in the future if they really wanted to.

Thank you to Ms Fleming for driving us everywhere and to Ms Matheson who came to meet us on her day off.



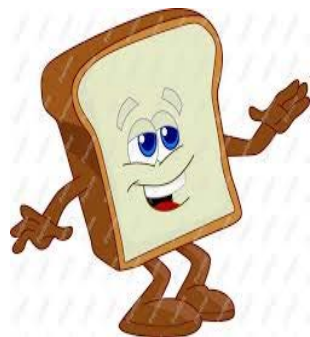
Sensory Garden News



Students love the swing that the Mens Shed made for us and in the last week more students are asking for garden passes to go and play during break times. Just a reminder though that the garden is a quiet place and not for running games or throwing rocks. A few garden beds have had to be fixed from a group of children running over them repeatedly. A few garden beds have also had to be fixed from our resident chook friends! Our garden is an ongoing project and parents, teachers and students have all worked hard this year to make our garden beautiful so now we have to work hard to keep it beautiful!

Thank you to the one teacher and one student who donated items to decorate our garden for Christmas. Come on Wiripaang....let's get in the spirit and make our garden a Christmas Wonderland!

OUR BREAKFAST CLUB THANK YOU!!!



With our new Breakfast Club rules now set in place –
the kids are all dining in a nice and calm space.

SO

We'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" –

To those of you that saw us through –

A long and busy school Term 4

Without your support we'd have closed the door.

From the volunteers that worked with us

To all the donations you gave without fuss.

We served them cereals, juices and toast NEVER burnt
(ha ha Miss Gowanloch)

So they were nice and full and ready to learn.

Have a great Christmas we will see you next year,

When Breakfast Club opens – so have no fear.

We will be there to greet you as we do every day

, Please enjoy your time off and have a great play!!

Mrs Turner and Mrs Richley



<http://getimages.com/image/211616/495274>

Helpers' Morning Tea

Our Big thank you morning tea for our wonderful volunteers and helpers will be held next Tuesday 17th Dec at 10am in the school's hall. Invitations will be coming but sometimes we do miss one or two of our valuable helpers so please consider this as an invitation and let us know if you will be attending. Hope to see you all there.



Aboriginal Education Officer

On Friday 13th December, our Aboriginal students have been given the opportunity to attend the Awabakal 2013 Christmas Party at Nobby's Beach. This is a school excursion and supervising staff will be Mrs Vicki Smart, Mrs Nerrida Darcy, Mrs Sally Donaldson and Mr Daniel Haines. Notes were sent home last week so please return them as soon as possible. If another note is required please contact me at the school.



Another year is quickly coming to a close, so I would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday and I hope Santa is good to you all. Next year I hope, will be a fantastic year here at Wiripaang with a new look community room as well as an outdoor yarning circle which we are planning to build as well. I look forward to seeing more involvement from our community in such things as Creative Circle, Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) for our Aboriginal Students, and our Aboriginal Education Committee. Just a reminder that if you have a concern please don't hesitate to contact me at school or come up and have a cuppa and a yarn.

Nerrida

Soaring High Day

Our Term 4 Soaring High Session will be held on Monday 16th December 2013. While Years 3-6 will be going to Lambton Pool for some fun, (a separate note will be sent out) K-2 and special education students will be involved in a crazy afternoon of water fun including sprinklers, waterslides, water bombs and a whole lot of other games.

Congratulations to all students who have earned the right to attend because they have proven to be respectful, responsible learners by having lots of ticks on their Soaring High chart.

Those who have not qualified will be allowed to appeal to Mrs Saurins in writing by Thursday 12th December. This is by no means a guarantee to an invitation but a chance to put forward a case for consideration. If you have any questions or your child did not receive an invitation, please see your child's teacher.



★ The Reading Recovery All Stars ★

Mia Slade is one of the Reading Recovery All Stars at Wiripaang Public School. She commenced the program at the end of July.

Mia loves reading with expression making the characters come alive and is always eager to find out the story line.

Keep Up the Good Work, Mia

Miss Macpherson

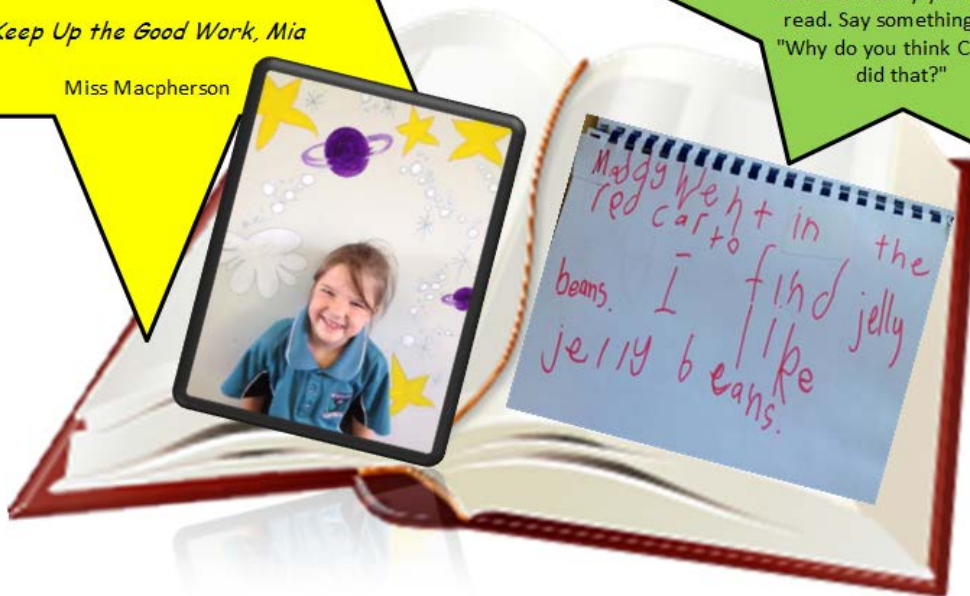


Reading Recovery Star

Tip:

Dig Deeper into the Story

Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"



Year 6 Orientation Day at Hunter Sports High

Last Wednesday the year 6 students going to Hunter Sports High attended the Orientation Day where they met other year 6 students going there next year. The students were divided into different groups and participated in art, sports and science activities as well as an activity to help them find their way around the school.



Waiyarang Community of Schools Official Opening

On Thursday our Years 3–6 students attended the official opening of the Waiyarang Community of Schools at Hunter Sports High with students from Windale, Mount Hutton, Lakeside and Hunter Sports High. The students were divided into five groups and participated in singing, dancing, visual arts and sport activities with a barbecue lunch provided. It was great to see the students engaging in the activities and with the students from the other schools.



Tips for Parents

Ready for high school

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Kik messenger

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is: http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

P & C News

Wiripaang Public School Fundraising Committee would like to invite you to a

Wiri Fun Night

We are holding a Bingo Night to raise money for much needed School play equipment.

With great game prizes and lucky door draws and lots more **FUN!**

This will be held on the 19th of December between 6.00pm and 8.30pm in the Wella Room at the Windale Bowling Club.

Entry is \$10.00. This gives you a book of Bingo Sheets and free access to Tea/Coffee and Nibblies.

Extra books can be purchased on the night for \$4.00 each.

Entry Books can be purchased pr School Office or on the night at th

Hope to see you all there!!

Tracey Adamson
School Fundraising Coordinator



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	<p>14th November 2013 9:30 - 11am 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>
Visit 2	<p>28th November 2013 11 - 12:30pm 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>
Visit 3	<p>12th December 2013 1-3pm 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>

Community Information

Southern Beaches Junior Rugby Union Club is looking to increase junior player numbers for the 2014 season. Boys from age 5 upwards are invited to play. For more information please contact Paul Meagher on 0401 507 849.

Belmont North Netball Club will be holding registrations for the 2014 season on Saturday 15th February from 9am to 1pm at the Belmont North Netball Courts (next to Lenaghan Oval). For more information email belmontnorthnetball@hotmail.com

Lake Mac's Summer Holiday Brochure – Be sure to check your children's bags this afternoon. A great Lake Macquarie City Council Summer Holiday Activities brochure has been sent home with students today. Lake Macquarie Council is offering over 50 activities these school holidays. Bookings are essential and for further information contact the Council at www.lakemac.com.au



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