

Wiripaang Public School Spring Fair ***This Saturday 22nd November*** ***9am - 2pm***



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Respectful Responsible Learners



Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is 'I can become part of the solution, not part of the problem.' This is a message about being responsible. It is reminding us that we have the power...we can keep doing the wrong thing and be part of the problem or we can help out and become part of the solution. For example: A school has a problem with students not playing well together without a teacher helping out. A student is not accepting it when he/she is out in handball and starts a fight....instead of this they can play by the rules and be kind and 'take the out in a responsible way...then they would be part of the solution, not the problem.

Calendar Events....

21st November
- Grandparents Day
22nd November
- Fete
24th November
- Abor. Parent/Comm Meets
27th November
- K-2 Wetlands Excursion
1st December
P&C Meeting
11th December
- Year 6 Farewell
- Presentation Day

Quality Professional Learning is important for all staff members and therefore our teachers and School Learning Support Officers regularly participate in learning opportunities that help strengthen their professional knowledge and skill base. Last week I was fortunate enough to attend 'Stronger Smarter', a five day training course in Aboriginal Education. It was so valuable in many ways and I look forward to building a team within the Waiyarang CoS that will implement Stronger Smarter strategies across our schools, improving the way we communicate and learn.

We are so excited about our community events at the end of this week. **Grandparents Day** will be celebrated on Friday morning from 9am-11.20am, where we invite our grandparents in for a visit. We will start our day with our usual Wirifit activity and then we will invite our grandparents into our classrooms for a chat. The children's learning this term centres on the concept of 'environment' so we are going to ask our grandparents about what their environment was like when they were a child, compared to the environment our students are growing up in today. The students will express their learning to create a product that compares the two environments. We will also come together for our weekly assembly which includes a quiz for our visiting grandparents. We look forward to having a cup of tea and a yarn with our wonderful grandparents!

Saturday will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in support of the school. Our inaugural Spring Fair will kick off at 9am and will continue until 2pm. There will be over 25 stalls, raffles, rides and games as well as food and drinks to purchase on the day. Come along and bring your family and friends for a great day of fun at Wiri.

The Assisted Transport buses have moved to a different point of pick up temporarily to ease congestion in the drop off zone so families coming in under the carport should have a more streamlined experience. We are investigating small changes to the parking opportunities for the Assisted Travel vehicles so that those buses can come into the drop off zone, having a safe place to park away from the flow of traffic while they wait.

Congratulations to the Glee Team for their amazing performance at Charlestown Square last week where we officially opened the Target/ Uniting Care Gift Box Appeal. The team sang beautifully, with many students featured in solo parts, including a beautiful solo in 'Let it Go' by Chelsea Palmer. Our Glee team were featured in the NBN news that evening and were invited to perform at the Charlestown Uniting Church's Carols on the Green function in December.

Our school canteen will be closed from the 1st December to allow for preparation for our 'refurbishment' that will occur in the holidays, where we will receive a new canteen fit out and line up areas. This will be a good opportunity for the school community to take time out to hopefully value our canteen and the people who step forward to volunteer each day that allows our children the luxury of being able to place a lunch order any day of the week. 'Absence', will hopefully make the 'heart grow fonder' as our families will have two weeks of preparing lunches without the canteen. P&C will be discussing ways forward with our new 'flashy' canteen at our December 1st P&C Meeting, so if you would like to contribute ideas then please come along.

Mrs Saurins

Office News

School Office Hours 8.30am till 3.15pm

Outstanding Money

Just a reminder that at all times parents/carers are most welcome to pay small amounts regularly off money that is owed to the school.

Payment of Money to Office

When money is paid to the office a receipt will be handed immediately to the person paying the money (except for Sport this term and Uniforms). Please check the details on the receipt are correct e.g. name/activity/amount paid and notify the office staff if there are any discrepancies.

School News

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an **Assembly Award** for being Respectful, Responsible Learners:

Mitchel Summons Lillymay Bowen Zoe Miller Arliyah Aliimalemanu Ethyn Hamilton Maverick Murnane Seth Kerry Phoenix Schafer Chelsea Palmer	Jenika Watson Bailey Waring Kayde Riley Hayden Brown Jarelle Brown Hayden Chittenden Trinity Hopgood Katie Saxby-Eades Lynkin Martin	Shellby Dunne Michael Campbell Connor Ross Harley Duck Nick Georgievski Conner Newth Hayley McKenzie Paris Benedek
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Grandparents Day

On Friday 21st November (Week 7) we will recognise the special role grandparents and carers play in our lives and school community. Please join us from 9am under the COLA.

9am: WiriFit- dance fitness

9.30: In classrooms for literacy activities

10.30: Assembly under the COLA, including class performances and Grandparents' Quiz



Please bring a plate of slice or cake to share with our grandparents.





Wiripaang Public School

Kindergarten Transition Program



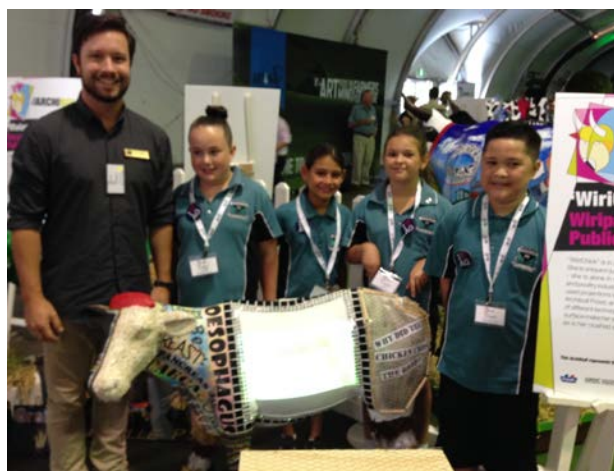
	For Students: Mrs Cook's room	For Parents: Library
Visit 1	28th October 2014 9:30-11am Students working in literacy groups Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break and a drink of water.	Emma Stothard our Instructional Leader will talk to parents about - Best Start, how children learn and the importance of reading quality books to your child.
Visit 2	11th November 2014 9:30-11am 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 healthy snacks in it.	Eat it to Beat it Wiripaang Speech Program. Canteen P&C
Visit 3 Teddy Bear's Picnic	18th November 2014 12:15-12:45pm Students will be having a picnic with Kindergarten students at Wiripaang P.S. and meet their buddies.	No parent session on this day.
Visit 4	25th November 9:30-11am Students will be creating crafty artworks. Students will need to bring: a drink, hat and some healthy snacks. Wonnai Graduation: 11:00-11:45am Student performance and presentation of portfolios and certificates.	School representatives are there to discuss their roles with parents. Principal Instructional leader AEO Library Commonwealth Bank information talk.

“Archibull Prize Journey Finishes on a HIGH”!!

With statements from the judges like, “Wiripaang’s entry is in a league of its own” and “Never have we seen digital projection in the history of the prize” we knew we were in with a shot at impressing the crowds.



On Friday, selected Wiripaang students travelled down to the Hordern Sprung at the Sydney Showground to compete for the Grand Champion Archibull Prize Award. A total of 62 schools from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland submitted entries in this year’s prize with only 18 selected for exhibition at the showground. With so many wonderful, creative entries the competition was fierce. Wiripaang ended up walking away with the “Poultry Pioneer Award” and three Highly Commended awards in the areas of Multimedia, Artwork and Blog. An outstanding result for Wiripaang and all the students involved in the project. Go Wiri!!



Nerrida's Blog

Hi everyone. This week we were lucky enough to have Jacquie Allen from Miromaa come to our school to teach our Choir/Glee Club the Australian National Anthem in 'Awabakal Language'. We are so excited about this as it will mean that we can sing it at special assemblies and special events we may attend.



Remember our Community **Notice Board** just outside the office. Please keep a check on this as there is always lots of information displayed as to what is happening in the community.

The 2nd Aboriginal Parent/Community meeting will be held next Monday 24th November in the Kitchen starting at 2:00pm and this will be followed by the schools Aboriginal Education Committee meeting at 3:15pm. All welcome as we do appreciate your input into our school.

Minibah AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) last meeting for the year will be held at Windale Public School on Tuesday 2nd December. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

Just a reminder that Awabakal preschool runs their playgroup on Monday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am. Ages for the playgroup are from 1 to 5yrs. If you know of anyone with pre-schoolers why not tell them about this wonderful service or they can contact me at the school.

If you need help with anything or just a cuppa and a chat please feel free to come and talk to me. I can be contacted at the school on 4943 4357.

Nerrida Darcy (AEO)

Wiripaang's Spring Fair Program

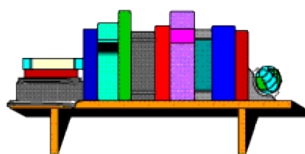
9.00am	Official Opening
10.00am	Darryl Spark's Tae Kwon Do
10.30am	Michael and Chelsea singing
11.00am	WiriARTs - Glee, WiriCrew and K-2 Choir
11.30am - 12.30am	Globe Church spectacular items



Library News

Library Books - We are requesting your help in returning all books to the library as soon as possible. We are beginning our annual stocktake soon and need all resources to be returned to school. This is a good time to search for all outstanding and misplaced books.

Borrowing - Thank you to all students who borrowed and returned books responsibly this year. Congratulations to all Star Borrowers. There will be no more borrowing from the library until further notice.



OFF THE SHELF

We have many great books about sport in the information section of our library. There are books about soccer, gymnastics, swimming athletics, skateboarding, cycling, basketball and a host of others. There's also a special website to check out about sport at the moment:

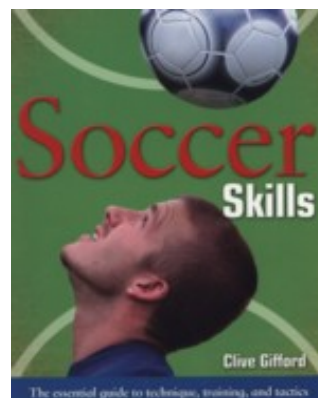
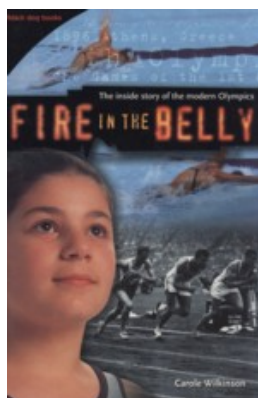
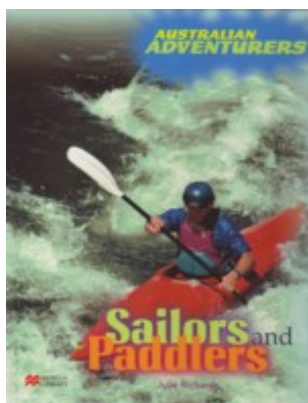
The International Children's Games - <http://icg-lakemacquarie2014>.

We have been learning about **The International Children's Games (ICG)** in library lessons as Lake Macquarie is hosting the games in December. The **ICG** is the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and is a recognised member of the International Olympic Committee. Approximately 1,500 athletes between 12 and 15 years of age, and their coaches, participate in this prestigious event each year.

A first for Australia! Lake Macquarie was the first Australian city to participate in the ICG, competing in San Francisco in 2008 and is the first city in the Southern Hemisphere to host the games. We look forward to welcoming the world - from the website.

The competitive sports are Swimming, Gymnastics, Sailing, BMX, Golf, Water Polo, Athletics, and Football. Check out the participants on the website, there are students from Hunter Sports High in Team Lake Macquarie!

Our Sports books are on display in the library along with some information about the games!



Class Borrowing Days

Tuesday - WM, 3/6LG, KP, WF, 1/2B

Wednesday - WS, 3/4G, 3/4T, 1/2M, K/1C

Thursday - 5/6D, 5/6G

Bronwyn Ansell
Teacher Librarian



ROOBY THE ICG MASCOT

Canteen News

Thank you for supporting our canteen. Term 4 canteen menu is in place and available to be viewed on the school website if you have misplaced your paper copy. Just a reminder that the canteen cannot cash \$50-00 notes.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

P & C News

On the 22nd November we are having a Fete and we would appreciate donations for the raffle. Suitable items may include toys, gifts, hampers or vouchers. We are also doing 'Dinner Bags' and would appreciate items for these such as jars of Chicken Tonight, Indian Tonight, Kan Tong Sauces or items such as bolognese sauce, tomato paste, rice, spaghetti or pasta. Money raised will go towards the new play equipment at the back of the school so your help to make the raffle and 'Dinner Bags' a success would be greatly appreciated.

There are still some stalls available for hire so if you would like a stall at the Fete please see Belinda Reed or the office.

Uniform News

The Uniform Shop now has a supply of all shirt sizes. In the near future school caps and sports shirts will be included on the Uniform Order Form. We will notify parents when these new items are available and their prices.

Thank you
P&C Committee

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'Loughlin 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>

Good for Kids good for life

Fundamental Movement Skills

Did you know?.....Children do not automatically know how to catch, throw, kick, run and jump¹. These are known as fundamental movement skills (FMS). In the same way children need to learn the alphabet in order to read, they need to learn basic movement skills in order to lead a physically active, healthy life.

Our school is committed to providing students with opportunities to practise these skills within their PE lessons, school sport, using playground markings, fixed equipment and access to equipment such as balls, skipping ropes etc.

There are many ways parents can support their children to practice these skills at home, which include:

- Encouraging them to play in the backyard, dance to music, run or swim or play sports
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home using the garden hose as a tight-rope, chairs to crawl under and the clothes line to run around.
- Negotiate a limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games

Below is a home fun activity that you can enjoy with your children:

Rebound Catch² Using a brick wall and a ball practise catching for 10 minutes. Throw the ball (soft medium-sized ball) at the wall under-arm and try to catch the ball with two hands.

See how many times you can catch the ball off the wall without letting the ball touch the ground, standing:

- 2m away from the wall
- 3m away from the wall
- 4m away from the wall

Write down your highest score and work towards improving it each time.

Reference:

¹ Get Skilled, Get Active. NSW Department of Education and Training, 2000.

² Good for Kids Fundamental Movement Skills Lesson Plan Resource



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 1300 657 197

Community Information

We are a ...
Sun Smart School...

Please wear your school hat everyday....



CCB & CCR Approved

Fair Play Café
OOSH & VC

- PS3 cave
- Rock Climbing
- Arts & Crafts
- Qualified Chefs
- Private buses w/ seat belts
- Indoor play equipment

Mob: 0412 728 915
Ph: 0249 437 754
oosh@fairplaycafe.com.au



Whitebridge Uniting Church
Cnr Dudley & Bullsgarden Roads

Kid's Fun Club Christmas Workshop

Thursday 11th December, 2014
(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm - 7.30pm

Cost \$5
(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 5/12/14

All enquires please phone:

4944 7826 - Laraine

OR 4908 1083 - Cathy

Post form & payment to:-

Charlestown Uniting Church

P O Box 449

Charlestown. 2290

Office Opening Hours:

Tues; Wed; Fri:
9:30 - 1pm

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday December 13th FROM 11am

Santa Claus
Kidz Petting Zoo
Jumping Castle w Waterslide
Face Painting, Balloon Twisting, Arts & Craft + Ruby the Clown
Ice Cream & Slushies

+ BBQ

Come along and join us for a
guaranteed fun day!



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WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE



WHEN: 22nd November 2014

9am– 2pm

Come along and enjoy some

Wonderful entertainment,

Rides, food and stalls!

Wiri Says ... 'Be there or be square'.

