



## Wiripaang Public School

Respectful Responsible Learners

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### Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is **'I speak for the trees for the trees have no tongue'** The Lorax. This is a message about **being respectful**. It is reminding us that it is important that we connect to and respect the land. Connecting to the land means that we think about how much nature gives us. Speaking for the trees is about respecting mother nature, our provider ....we must look after our land and speak for the trees and in return we will be looked after.

### Calendar Events....

- 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
- K-2 Wetlands Excursion
- 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
P&C Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
- Year 6 Farewell  
- Presentation Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Soaring High Day  
Carols on the Green
- 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Students last day Term 4

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

What a wonderful community day was had on Saturday at our first ever Wiri Spring Fair. The P&C have worked hard to set up a great community experience where performance, thrills, food and shopping came together beautifully. We thank our local businesses who supported us with vouchers and gift donations and our kind community who donated what they could. Some great prizes were won on the day! Special thanks to Charlestown Martial Arts, Sean and the Hunter Sports High Dancers, the Globe Church HQ Dance Troupe and our own Glee and Hip Hop Groups for entertaining us so well. Our volunteers need also to be thanked, although too many to name all....Ricky once again supported us throughout the day, our staff and some of their family members got right into the spirit (especially Mr Thompson, Mr Durie and their partners and students on the 'Car Wash'). The event raised almost \$3,000 which will be put towards our funds for new playground equipment.

Congratulations to Mr Thompson and his Wiri team for winning the 'Poultry' Prize at the State Archibull Finals last week. Their entry was creative and informative and it will soon greet our visitors as they enter the office.....

We absolutely loved having our Grandparents in the school last Friday. It was so much fun interviewing them and comparing their environment to our students' current environment. There were lots of stories about 'hot milk' and 'riding horses to school'. Our grandparents are awesome...thanks for coming!

Currently Bunnings are supporting us by supplying and building the finishing stages to our 'outdoor classroom.' They are also constructing a class set of seats near the outdoor classroom. We thank them for their fantastic support.

The Aboriginal Education Committee is also facilitating the construction of our Yarning Circle, Humpies and Bush Tucker Garden through Mick from Buttabah. This project will be officially opened in Term 1 2015.

Our 2015 Kindergarten students have been attending their Orientation Sessions and they have 'graduated' yesterday and are well and truly ready for big school. Can't wait to start teaching Year 12 of 2027!

Mrs Saurins  
Principal

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## 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.

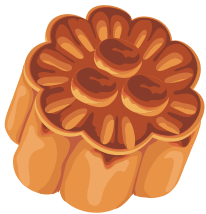
### Payment of Money to Office

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

### Life's Good Cafe

!! GRAND OPENING !!



Do you like the fragrance of coffee?

Is the flavour of an ice cold milkshake your preference?

If you've answered yes to any of the above then you should come and visit



*Life's Good Cafe*

Owned and operated by the students and teachers from LG.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

2.00pm – 3.00pm at the Nikkinbah Verandah

Come and order a cappuccino and cake, maybe a thickshake or fruit smoothie.

We will be there to satisfy your thirst.

## Awards

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

Taj Carbone Myley May Lachlan Palmer Emily Jones Atayah Aliimalemanu Lilly-Belle Bailey Mia Slade Letia Dargan Kaleb Thornton	Monifah Brown Kiahn Tummers Tia Chalkley Levi Date-Dargan Troshia Nasilai Byron Lawrence-Carr Jed Field Ebony Evans	Madasyn Hamilton Charles Adamson Jakob Fitzclarence Zach Woods Cybian Watson Harrison Hodges Ethan Beckett Lily Robson
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## Calendar Art Update

Thank you to all of the families who have ordered Calendar Art products. Orders have been received by Kids Art Works and printing will commence soon. Delivery of orders will be between Week 9 and Week 10.

If there are any questions please forward them to Mrs Lynch.



## 2015 School Captains Speeches

As part of the 2015 Captain's Election process we are welcoming all parents to attend a special assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 9.15am. At this assembly those students eligible and interested in running for School Leadership positions will be presenting their speeches to the whole school cohort. At this assembly only those students intending on taking up positions as a School Captain or a Vice Captain will be given the opportunity to speak, House Captains will complete a similar process early next year. The result of this election will then be announced at our whole School Presentation Day which will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Good luck to all those students who intend on running for these leadership positions and remember all of our senior students are viewed as leaders regardless of who are the lucky recipients of the badges.



## The role of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer

Information for parents and carers

The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination.

As part of the Department's commitment to anti-racism each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO).

The role of the ARCO is to:

1. receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism
2. assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required
3. advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed in lodging a complaint
4. refer the complaint to a member of the school executive who will be responsible for resolving the complaint.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to speak to the ARCO on the telephone or to make an appointment for a meeting with the ARCO, ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you would like to ring and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to help you with your conversation. This service will be free of charge to you.

### Further information

Learning and Leadership Directorate

Equity and Multicultural Education

Contact: Multicultural Adviser

Telephone: 9266 8238

[www.racismnoway.com.au](http://www.racismnoway.com.au)

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The Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) at Wiripaang Public School is Ms Matheson. If you need to speak to the ARCO please telephone 4943 4357 to make an appointment suitable for both parties.





## Shortland Art Competition



Wiripaang's winning students Nickolas, Phoenix, Tyrese, Brendan, Levi, Harry, Brennan and Cameron, with Learning Support Officer Michelle Cooper (left) and Class Teacher Clare Fleming

**Congratulations** to the students of Wiripaang Public School in Gateshead who won the Shortland Art Competition this year.

The design will now be featured on my Christmas card and calendar which is being delivered to all homes in the electorate.

Wiripaang's montage design depicted a classic Christmas theme and included contributions from a number of young students with special needs.

The competition was open to all schools in the electorate. We had some excellent entries from Belmont Public, Charlestown South Public, Charlestown Public, Swansea Public, Wiripaang Public and Lake Munmorah High schools.

Thank you to all the schools who submitted artwork. The standard was high but unfortunately there could only be one winner.

All contributors will receive a special certificate of appreciation for their artwork and they will also be displayed at Belmont Citi Centre during the first week of December.

### Canteen News

Due to the renovation of our canteen, we will open for the last time this year on Friday 28th November which is this Friday. I would like to thank everybody for their support this year and hope to see many new volunteers when we open on the first day back next year with a brand new canteen.

Canteen Committee

### P & C News

A big thank you to everybody who helped us to have a very successful Fete Day. We raised approximately \$2,729 and we are getting ready for our Carols on the Green on Tuesday night 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank You  
P&C Committee

## Library News

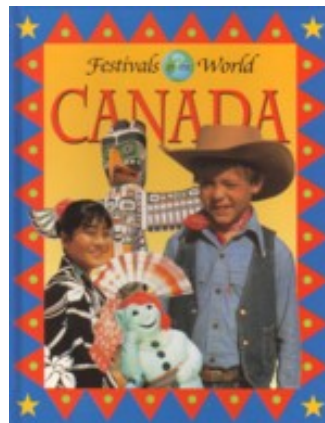


Thank you to students and parents who have been busily searching for misplaced books and have returned overdue resources. All books must be returned to school over the next few weeks due to the commencement of library stocktake. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

### OFF THE SHELF

#### The International Children's Games

The countdown is on! 50 days to go until the 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games (ICG). As mentioned last week, we are learning about the ICG in library lessons as we are exploring information about our environment and area. Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Katrina Hodgkinson, said hosting the Games is a huge coup for Lake Macquarie. "The event will attract visitors from across Australia and overseas to Lake Macquarie, contributing millions of dollars in visitor expenditure for the local economy," Ms Hodgkinson said. The Games will showcase the fantastic sporting facilities, natural beauty and attractions of the Lake Macquarie region to visitors from across the world, and we look forward to welcoming participants and supporters to NSW in 50 days' time. The 2014 Lake Macquarie International Children's Games will be held from 6-11 December. Participants from other countries such as Italy, Canada, USA, Japan, China, Great Britain, Germany, France, Netherlands, Spain and many more. We have some great information books on these countries in our library. They're on display along with books about sport and 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





# Good for Kids good for life

### Switch off and Play

**Did you know?**.... spending too much sedentary or "still" time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese<sup>1</sup>.

Australian guidelines recommend that children spend no more than 2 hours each day on small screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids get from being physically active are just as important<sup>1</sup>.

Try setting limits for screen-time and encourage active and outside play as much as possible.

Here are some screen-free activities to do with your children:

- listen to music
- walk to the park
- jump rope
- build a cubby house
- play with your pet
- play hopscotch

#### Reference:

<sup>1</sup> "Turn off the TV or computer and get active" fact sheet accessed from [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



PHONE 1300 657 197

### Different types of writing

Your child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.

Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4108.pdf>

### Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

### Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

Find out more: [www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive](http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive)

## Community Information

**Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery** will be hosting an exhibition by students from Newcastle Junior, Middle and Senior schools and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am they will be hosting a special event which involves a visit by some native animals from Hunter Valley Zoo to mark the official opening. Admission to this event is free and there will be a sausage sizzle and art activities also in the sculpture park. For further information contact Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery on 4965 8260

**NSW Department Primary Industries – Fisheries Division** are holding a Kids Fishing Workshop at Lake Macquarie on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 10am til 2pm. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years and costs \$40 per child. Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home. Full supervision is provided on the day. Bookings are essential. For further information phone Jamie Burns on 4980 9204 or 0408 609 332



**Whitebridge Uniting Church**  
Cnr Dudley & Bullsgarden Roads

# Kid's Fun Club Christmas Workshop

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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**GATESHEAD TAVERN**

# FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> 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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We all know how important it is for children's health, growth and development to be physically active and to have a balanced diet, but with increasing technology in our lives and so much variety and advertisements for 'unfriendly' foods, this can sometimes be a real challenge!

**Are you looking for ways for your kids to:**

Increase activity levels and build sporting skills and fitness?

Learn more about healthy eating and having a balanced diet?

Make new friends and develop their self-esteem and confidence?

Reduce 'screen time' and learn fun physical activity alternatives?

**We may have the answer for you!**

**Go4Fun** is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It runs after school across the term by a qualified Dietician and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for Go4Fun, or for more information regarding current and future programs, visit the Go4Fun website at [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900.

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