Wiripaang Whisperer...

Term 4 Week 7









Wiripaang Public School Responsible Learners

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Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is: "I am respectful at the canteen." This affirmation is about being respectful. It tells us that we should respect when someone is giving us service. The canteen provides for you and cares for your health and you will be treated with respect at the canteen, so respectful behaviour and nice words are expected. This is a perfect example of if you respect yourself you will gain respect back.

Calendar Events....

Thursday 19th November

- Collect slices from hall

Monday 7th December

- P & C Meeting 9am
- P & C Dinner 6pm
- Wednesday 9th December - Presentation Day at Globe
- Church

Thursday 10th December

- Year 6 Farewell 6pm

Monday 14th December

- Carols on The Green 6pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

This week our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team leaders, Mrs Cook and Mr McNeil are presenting our PBL model to the State PBL Team and our Director, Mr Frank Potter at Coffs Harbour. This is an honour for our school as we have been recognised for the quality of our systems and processes that are contributing to quality learning environments for our students.

Our Stage 2 Sydney 'Cultural Awareness' excursion last week was very successful as the students were well behaved, inquisitive and engaged at all of the sites visited. A highlight was walking over the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a lovely morning and it was a delight to see our students take in the hands on experiences at The Powerhouse and Australian Museums.

Thank you to our parents and carers for making this a priority. Unfortunately most things come with a cost, but I would like to suggest that this was an investment in your child's education, their opportunity to display independence and resilience in new settings and their awareness of the beauty and diversity of our Nation.

We are looking forward to our Year 5 Leadership Training Course this Thursday which is modelled on the successful GRIP Leadership program. The students will be encouraged to successfully complete the course and then may nominate for Captain Elect for 2016. They will be given guided opportunities to write their speech. The Captains Elect speeches will be held on Friday 27th November at our School Assembly (9.15am)....everyone welcome.

Please feel welcome to come to our next P&C Meeting on Monday 7th December where we will discuss our 'Tell Them from Me' survey results and 2016 planning, including overview of RAM spending to support our student's wellbeing and learning needs.

Don't forget to put 6pm **December 14th** in your diary so that your family can join us for some community fun as we come together to celebrate the Christmas Season and the end of another successful year. If anyone in the community would like to contribute an act to our 'Carols on the Green' program please contact Mrs Donaldson, our Community Liaison Officer. Let's come together to celebrate with our children...they deserve a community celebration, considering the improvement in student outcomes.

Mrs Saurins Principal

Respectful

Responsible

Learners

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 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 <u>Assembly Award</u> for being Respectful, Responsible Learners:

Cody Frizell	Hayden Brown	Zachery Woods
Ruby Tarrant	Kiara Evans	Madasyn Hamilton
Zane Jeffries	Kianah Griggs	Jakob Fitzclarence
Gordon Ahoy	Blade Edwards-Wasson	Charles Adamson
Meerab Fatima	Jacob Holmes	Harrison Hodges
Natahlia Williams	Jack Todd	Paris Benedek
Abbey Holmes	Tyler Clarke	Jake Thompson
Ashton Green	Ethan Harrow	Baxter Williams
Trinity Hopgood	Chelsea Palmer	



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Wiri says,

"I can use appropriate language!"

This week we are learning how to use appropriate language.

As respectful, responsible, learners we:

- Use appropriate language in all settings.
- Understand that our choice of words reflects who we are.
- Are careful of others feelings.
- Are responsible for the words that come out of our mouth.
- Understand that words and actions can hurt others.
- Are learning to make people feel appreciated.
- Are learning to choose our words and gestures carefully.

Just like Wiri says,



"I can use appropriate language!"



Wiripaang Public School



Kindergarten Transition Program

	For Students: Mrs Cook's room	For Parents:	
		Wonnai Room	
Visit 1	27 th October 2015 9:30–11am Students working in literacy groups Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat 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. Commonwealth Bank information talk.	
Visit 2	10 th November 2015 9:30–11am Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities. Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water.	Eat it to Beat it Wiripaang Speech Program. Canteen P&C	
Visit 3	 24th November 2015 9:30-11am Students will be creating crafty artworks. Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. 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	



2015 Calendar Art

It's Time to View - What Do I Do??

ORDERS WERE DUE FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER!

If you have missed out and you would still like to purchase a calendar, greeting card, sketch pad, mouse pad or diary, please come and see Mrs Lynch.

JUST TO REMIND YOU how much does it cost?

Calendars - \$ 12.00

Greeting Cards (pack of 8) - \$14.00

Diaries - \$16.00

Mouse Pads - \$14.00

Sketch Pads - \$15.00





If you would like to use a **Photo** instead of the artwork we can do that too – come and see Mrs Lynch and we can get it organised for you.

What a great idea for Christmas!

Archibull Prize 2015

Select students from Stage 3 travelled to Sydney Showground on Friday to represent Wiripaang Public School at the 2015 Archibull Prize awards ceremony. With a wealth of competition there were a number of entries that really caught the eye of the crowds. With over 60 schools competing for the title of "Grand Champion Archibull" we knew it was going to be tough to walk away with a prize. Wiripaang was successful in receiving a "WOW' award (Way Over Wonderful) for our artwork and infographic design as well as being crowned "National Reserve Champions" in the primary section. An excellent effort by the entire school and community! Go WIRI!!









School Leadership for 2016

This upcoming **Thursday 19th November** students within our current **Year 5** cohort will be invited to participate in an **extraordinary learning session based around leadership**. This will involve students participating in a series of games and activities that allow them to see their leadership potential and how to be a great leader. As part of this day students will discuss the path to leadership at Wiripaang Public School and be given time to start preparing for their Captains Speeches if they wish to be nominated. This program will be conducted in the School Hall and all participants will benefit greatly from its teaching regardless of their leadership aspirations.

On Friday **27th November** we will hold as part of weekly School Assembly our **Captain Speeches**. Here the students wishing to be elected as a School Captain or Vice-Captain will be given the opportunity to let the School Community know why they would make a great Captain for next year. All students will then be given an opportunity to vote and the elected participants will be announced at our Annual Presentation Assembly. Parents and the community are encouraged to come and watch our potential leader's efforts.

Stage 2 Camp

"Wow! That was awesome!"

Stage 2 camp was so much fun (apart from the bus ride there and back - BORING).

First we went to the Art Gallery and we saw so many paintings and sculptures. There were two paintings that we looked at and they made you feel like you were actually IN the painting!

After some lunch we went to the Botanical Gardens. The instructors; Jess and Joe, showed us plants from Aboriginal culture and how people used them. There was one plant that you could turn into a whistle and another plant that you could dye your clothes with. Joe took us for a walk to Farm Cover and showed us a sandstone wall that was built 199 years ago and was actually built by convicts!

Next we went to Saint Mary's Cathedral. On our way out we were stopped by police because Prince Charles and Camilla were being escorted past us!

The Australian Museum has lots of stuffed animals and information about Australian culture. What I thought was really cool was the stuffed buffalo - he was ENORMOUS!!!!

The following day we walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. I was so scared, I thought I was going to be sick! I really don't like heights!

Our excursion was fabulous and I have so many great memories!!!



By Kaleb Thornton

P & C News

Time for slices

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who put in a slice order last week. The slices will be ready to pick up from the HALL at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th November. Enjoy!

Hamper Time!

We need your help with donations to go in the Christmas Hampers. We have a few items already, but still need more. All donations will be greatly



appreciated. The P & C thank you for your help.

Raffle Time!

The P & C will be handing out the Christmas Raffle tickets to sell to go into the draw to win our lovely Christmas hampers which will be drawn at Carols on The Green on Monday 14th December. Raffle tickets are due back to school by Monday 7th December.



P&C Christmas Dinner

The P&C would like to extend an invitation to members and friends to a Christmas Dinner at Central Charlestown Leagues Club Bistro at 6pm on Monday 7th December. The dinner will be a pay your own affair and we hope to see you.

Thank You P & C Committee

!! Time To Return !!



To all of our wonderful Wiri Friends, it is Week 7 which means – it's time to dust off, pull out of the closet or find under your bed all of the fabulous Wiri Library books that you have borrowed and have hiding at home and return them.



In 2 weeks, Mrs Venables and Mrs Lynch will be embarking on a stocktake adventure throughout Wiri's Library and we need all library books returned. You can still come in and look through what we have on the shelves but in 2 weeks, borrowing will be suspended whilst stocktake is on. After this point you may continue to borrow our fabulous books again. Thanks so much for your consideration!

Library News





AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL FAMILIES

After stocktake has taken place, **donation slips** will be issued to families seeking a donation for any overdue library book loaned out to your child that hasn't been returned. Each slip will ask for a donation of \$5 in order to go towards replacing what has been accidently lost or damaged. If you have a concern regarding books borrowed under your child's name, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Lynch to discuss your concerns.



Reminders

1. Up for grabs is a \$5 Scholastic Book Voucher - To get your hands on this hot voucher, all you have to do is borrow a book from the library, read your favourite book and share your love of reading by writing a book review.



 Book Swap – WEDNESDAY 18th November. Those who have donated books can come into the Library during lunch and choose their books. Great work everyone who participated.



 Book Club – Issue 8 has been distributed. Please place your order with the office. Orders cannot be submitted after 27th November.















Community Information



Adrian Piccoli Minister for Education

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 29 October 2015

SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAP ONTO OPAL NEXT YEAR

More than 420,000 school students will be provided with an Opal card at the start of the 2016 school year so they can travel for free between home and school while accessing the ease and simplicity of the Opal electronic ticketing system.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance and Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced today that parents and students will be able to apply for a School Opal card and get information about the card from next week.

"More than 4 million Opal cards are already in use and now we're expanding Opal to give school students the same kind of convenience from the start of the 2016 school year," Mr Constance said.

Mr Piccoli described today as a win for school kids and families, with the travel program providing more than \$550 million to fund 80 million school trips each year.

"School travel assistance gets students from Kindergarten to year 12 to and from home safely and keeps cars off the road at busy peak periods," Mr Piccoli said.

The School Opal card will be for travel within the Opal footprint covering schools and students travelling on public transport across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

"We have more than 2,000 schools from the Public, Catholic and Independent sectors in the metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas whose students will be able to use an Opal card on trains, buses and ferries to get from home to school," Mr Piccoli said.

"To make it easier for families, students who have a paper school pass this year will automatically be issued with an Opal card at their school from the start of term in 2016."

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their School Opal card, which will be delivered in 2016. This includes parents who have children starting at kindergarten, moving from Year 2 to 3, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year.

Parents and students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website <u>transportnsw.info/school-students</u> from Monday 2 November.

> MEDIA: Josh Murphy I Minister Constance I 0409 086 207 Caelin Worthington I Minister Piccoli I 0437 427 445



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Wangi Carols will be held on Saturday 12th December 2015 at Dobell Park, Wangi from 6.30pm until 9pm. Pre show and markets from 4pm. There will be a BBQ by Wangi Lions as well as a Jumping Castle and Face Painting. For further information 0409 902 043.



The simplest way

...to disguise vegetables.

Can't get the kids to go near the greens? Disguise is a great way to get them eating veg, without the protests!



Eat It To Beat It

Here's how:

Grate vegies into meat dishes: carrot, zucchini, capsicum and celery work well in bolognaise sauce, meat patties, meatballs, shepherd's pie and tacos. Add chopped vegies: to quiches or omelettes – try mushroom, tomato, capsicum or zucchini. Blend vegies in to sauces: puree sweet potato, pumpkin or cauliflower. Add extra vegies: mushrooms, capsicum and pineapple are great on pizzas. Add in other root veg to mashed potato: pumpkin and sweet potato are favourites.

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