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Respectful Responsible Learners



Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is: **"I can use appropriate language."**

This affirmation is about being RESPECTFUL. It tells us that we should be mindful of our language. All language has a purpose and an audience. Make sure you are using appropriate language at school. Swearing of any type is not allowed at school. Nice talk leads to nice behaviour. Please be respectful at Wiripaang Public School and use appropriate language.

Calendar Events....

Monday 7th December

- P & C Meeting 9am
- Christmas Raffle Tickets due back to office by 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,

It has been lovely to see our Kindergarten 2016 students and parents in the school as part of the transition process. Most incoming students have engaged with our early learning transition program, Wonnai. They spend every Tuesday with us so are very comfortable in the school. It was particularly delightful to see our Year 4 Buddies engage so well with their Kinder Buddies. Mrs Cook and Mrs Pfeiffer report that our Year 4 students were respectful, responsible learners who were confident and kind in their first experience as a mentor.

The new DEC Attendance Policy is very specific in stating that children are expected to attend school whenever instruction is provided. This school provides quality instruction every school day of the year. Classes run every day; there are no 'jobs' or wasted down time. Recently our attendance was down when we experienced some inclement weather. Heavy rain or high temperatures are not reasons to miss school. We have strategies within our Wellbeing and WHS procedures to ensure your child's health and safety. All of our learning spaces are air-conditioned and comfortable for our students.

An excerpt from the DEC Policy also explains the importance of explaining absences. We have shared duty of care with your child and it is important to always know where they are.

'Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.'

'All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.'

'Extended Leave during Term time - Students planning on having an extended period of time off are encouraged to collect an Application for Extended Leave for Travel form from the office and return it for processing. This will ensure our rolls are accurate and the appropriate leave reason is recorded against the student. Please remember – due to changes in Government Legislation, any absence that has not been explained within 7 days will automatically become "unjustified" and cannot be changed.'

Don't forget to put December 14th in your calendar and bring your whole family to 'Carols on The Green'...it's going to be fun...Xmas family cheer!

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 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:

Courtney Villiers
Tayah Reed
Glen McGuiness
Lexi Kerry
Lachlan Palmer
Hannah Schuette
Bella Jones-Geisler
Dean Quinn
Hayden Chittenden

Hayden Brown
Marshall Hopgood
Kianah Griggs
Brett Marsh
Ashton Salter
Tori McClelland
Lachlan Woods
Jordan Leslie

Kiahn Tummers
Ayden Harrow
Charles Adamson
Dezarae Morrow
Sam Mulley
Jaykob Holzigal
Phoenix Schafer
Hari Swaminathan



PBL



Wiri says,

“I am a dedicated learner!”

This week we are learning how to be a dedicated learner.

As respectful, responsible, learners we:

- Take pride in the presentation of our work.
- Set high standards for ourselves.
- Listen closely and follow instructions.
- Are responsible for being in class.
- Will 'have-a-go'.
- Are persistent.

Just like Wiri says,

“I am a dedicated learner!”



2015 Calendar Art

Thank you to all of the families who have ordered through Calendar Art. All orders have been submitted. Please allow at least two weeks for them to be printed and returned to the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Lynch.



Toys at School

Please leave your toys at home. In particular students from K-2 are bringing toys that are not suitable for use at school. While we are endeavouring to create healthy social skills for our students personal toys can be a distraction from this goal. Sometimes toys are lost or broken at school which can cause great anxiety. Plus, it is wonderful to have something to look forward to playing with after school.

Thank you for your assistance,
Deb Cook

Year 6 Formal

By now all students in Year 6 and Year 5 should have received an amazing formal invitation. This invitation explains all of the details about the venue, times and the appropriate dress. However the cost since the invitation has been sent out has been reduced significantly so students in **Year 5 attending the formal are being asked to now pay \$15** to attend this event. As has been discussed previously, students in Year 6 will not have to pay to attend this celebration. This cost change has been possible thanks to a sizeable donation from our school P&C.

It is wonderful to see students already so excited about this upcoming event and dance practice is underway at school. So parents don't be surprised when you arrive to pick your child up from the formal, that you might be asked to show us your dancing style.

2016 Captain Speeches

Well done to all of our current Year 5 students who successfully completed the leadership course held at school last week. From all the reports I have heard it was a hugely successful day with our students taking the time to reflect on what types of leaders are desirable. Remember to lead like a strawberry!

I hope that many students are already eagerly preparing their speeches for this **Friday 27th November**. This is just a reminder that parents and the community are encouraged to attend this week's extra special whole school assembly, where these speeches will be a wonderful item to witness.

Community Liaison News

Aboriginal Parent/Carer Afternoon Meeting

Please come and join us if you can at Wiripaang Public School for our Aboriginal Parent/Carer afternoon meeting on Monday 30th November starting at 2.30pm.

I am looking forward to having as many Parents, Carers, Aunts, Uncles Grandparents or even family friends who would like to be involved in our school, supporting Aboriginal Education. It is always good to have new ideas to share and take on. We need more Aboriginal voices within the school to promote Aboriginal Culture for ALL students at Wiripaang Public School. You don't have to have any amazing talents but if you do, that is great! I believe Aboriginal Education is important for ALL our students and families. If you can come I would love to see you and hear all your ideas. So mark your calendar for next Monday's Parent Meeting.

Hoping to see you there

Nerrida Darcy
Aboriginal Education Assistant

Congratulations Beau Nelson



Beau is our first lucky recipient of a \$5 Scholastic Book Voucher. In Week 7 Beau entered our Book Review Competition. Come to the library and share in what he read. You too could win a Scholastic Book Voucher for simply reading and writing a book review . . . How easy is that!



!! Time to Return!!



It is now Week 8 which means – It's time to be a detective and find any Library book that has a Wiripaang Barcode and return it to the Library. **Stocktake is happening next week!** Once all of our books have been returned and accounted for, you can continue to borrow our fabulous books again. Thanks so much for your consideration!



AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL FAMILIES:



After stocktake has taken place, **donation slips** will be issued to families seeking support for any overdue library books loaned out to your child that haven't been returned. Each slip will ask for a donation of \$5 in order to go towards replacing what has been accidentally 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



Book Club



Issue 8 Orders due by 27th November

P & C News

The P & C would like to **THANK** everyone who bought slices last week and especially the ladies who helped pack the slices. We made \$542 in profit from the Slice Drive. Also, thank you to the ladies who did a stocktake of our uniform shop. Your help is very much appreciated.

Donations

We desperately need donations to go in the Christmas Hampers for Carols on The Green. We have some items already but need more. ANYTHING is great especially tinned and packaged food, Christmas decorations or any gifts you don't want that are sitting in your cupboard at home. We'd love them!!! Thanks in advance.

Raffle Time!

The raffle tickets went out last week for sale to family and friends to go into the draw to win our lovely Christmas Hamper which will be drawn at Carols on The Green on Monday 14th December. Don't forget that the tickets and money need to be handed back into the office by 9am on the 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 Bistro on Monday 7th December at 6pm. The dinner will be a "pay your own" affair and we hope to see you there.

Thank you P & C Committee

Community Information

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make fruit & veg festive!

Who says the festive season can't be fun *and* healthy?

With these super-cute strawberry Santas, you'll be wowing the Christmas crowds and feeding them nutritious fare too.

To make: hull and chop the top third off each strawberry; mix 100g cream cheese and 4 tps of icing sugar, and pipe mix on for face filling and hat pom-pom; add raisins or mini choc bits for eyes. Easy!

Or try these eye-catching Christmas creations:



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