



## Wiripaang Public School

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Respectful Responsible Learners



### Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is: **"I celebrate my own and others achievements."**

This affirmation is about being a Learner. It tells us that we should respect ourselves and others for the learning in this school. If we are taking responsibility for our own learning then we can talk about it. And if our learning is progressing, moving forward then we should hold our head high and celebrate. Listen to our learners and think about your own journey this year. Our academic data is improving Wiri, so really take time to celebrate in the last few weeks of school.

### Calendar Events....

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- P & C Meeting 9am
- Christmas Raffle Tickets due back to office by 9am
- P & C Dinner 6pm

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- Year K-2 Soaring High Day

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- Presentation Day at Globe Church 10am

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- Chuck Duck Christmas Party Lunch
- Year 6 Farewell 6pm

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Year 3-6 Soaring High Day

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Carols on The Green 6pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

It was fantastic to see our Year 5 students step up last Friday and put themselves up for leadership 2016. They wrote their own speeches with very little guidance and they were entertaining and delightfully honest. Voting occurred immediately after the speeches and our six Captains Elect and two Support Unit Leaders will be announced on Presentation Day.

Please feel welcome to come to our next **P&C Meeting** on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am 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.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December our whole school is being treated to a **Chuck Duck Christmas Party**, an event hosted by Charles Webster who is behind our Breakfast Club donations. The children will be given a traditional Christmas lunch on the day while we host and thank major sponsors who support Chuck Duck charity such as Rearden Fencing and Port Waratah Coal.

Our Year 6 students are very excited about their upcoming Year 6 Farewell being held at Charlestown Bowling Club from 6pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December and don't forget our Year 6 'Clap Out' on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December...bring your tissues.

Invitations to attend our **Presentation Day** Ceremony are being sent home presently to students' families who are receiving an award. Of course all members of our lovely, supportive community are invited to attend this important occasion held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 10am at the Globe Church Gateshead, where we will celebrate an amazing year of learning at Wiri.

Our beautiful children will be rewarded through our PBL program next week. K-2 will be participating in the 'Wiri Wet and Wild' Day and Year 3-6 will be going to Lambton Pool on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget... 6pm **December 14<sup>th</sup>** ...come and join us for some community fun. **Let's come together to celebrate with our children...**they deserve a community celebration, considering the improvement in student outcomes.

Mrs Saurins  
Principal

## 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:

Brianna Cook Rishab Chandra Destinyrose Denning Henry Norrie Blake Murchie-Williams Max Crooks Nakiaya Taylor Lachlan Campbell Jake Mulley	Atayah Aliimalemanu Jacob Callaghan-Dargan Seth Kerry Justin Chandra Ashton Salter Nikiah Murnane Hayley Laughton Ashley Pinkowski	Harley Duck Zachary Harrow Arnika Hopgood Katie Saxby-Eades Cameron Schuette Cohan Simpson Lily Edwards Beau Nelson
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### PBL



Wiri says,

**“I celebrate my own and others achievements!”**

This week we are learning how to celebrate our own and others achievements.

**As respectful, responsible, learners we:**

- Are active listeners when others are speaking or performing.
- Can wait our turn and stay calm.
- Use positive talk and applaud.
- Are in the right place, doing the right thing as an audience member.
- Ignore distractions and focus on the presentation.
- Are silent while others are presenting or performing.
- Understand that celebrating achievements is important.
- Appreciate and applaud ALL students



**Just like Wiri says,**

**“I celebrate my own and others achievements!”**

## 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.



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## Library News



### !! Time To Return !!

**Stocktake is happening NOW!** If you still have a library book at home it is important that you return it back to the Library NOW! 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:



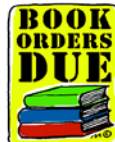
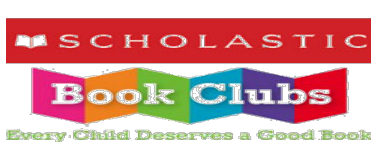
After stocktake has taken place, **donation slips** will be issued to families seeking support for any overdue library books loaned out to your child that haven't been returned. Each slip will ask for a donation of \$5 in order to go towards replacing what has been accidentally lost or damaged. If you 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 are DUE. Please place orders NOW as order will be placed in time for Christmas.**



## P & C News

**DONATIONS** are desperately needed for our Christmas Hampers. The Christmas Raffle is our main fundraiser for Term 4. Anything would be appreciated, please bring your donations to the Office.

Our last P&C Meeting for 2015 is this **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup>** December at 9am in the Nikkinbah Room. Hope to see you there.

The P&C Christmas Dinner will be held this **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** December at 6pm at Central Charlestown Leagues Bistro. This is a "pay your own" affair - All Welcome (adults only).

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS and MONEY** are due back to the office this **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup>** December. Thank you for your support.

P & C Committee





## Community Liaison News

Hi, this term is quickly coming to an end and as usual it is very busy. I would like to inform you of the following outcomes from the Aboriginal Meeting that was held on Monday:

- NAIDOC theme for 2016 has been announced 'Songlines: The living narrative of our Nation'. NAIDOC will be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016. If you are an artist and wish to enter the National NAIDOC Poster Competition that reflects the theme, details are on the NAIDOC website.
- If you have children under the age of 9 years you can contact Awabakal Medical Centre on 4907 8555 and arrange a 715 medical and as an incentive your child will be entitled to have 4 free swimming lessons.
- If you are seeking financial support: Aboriginal Funeral Transport "SORRY BUSINESS" initiative provides assistance with transport for isolated and disadvantaged Aboriginal communities throughout NSW including metropolitan Sydney. For further information Chandler Macleod Managed Training Services (MTS) on 1300 361 787.

If you would like any further details I can be contacted at the school on 4943 4357 or just call into the school for a cuppa and a chat.

Nerrida Darcy  
Aboriginal Education Officer

## Community Information

### Focus Group

**Do you have children aged 0-5years and live in Gateshead?**

***Be part of our focus group:***

- Our focus group will be a small group of parents who we want to talk to about living in Gateshead
- It will take about 1.5 hours
- Light refreshments will be provided
- We will give you a \$25 voucher for your time

**When?** Tuesday 8 December at 9.30am (after morning assembly)

**Where?** Wiripaang Public School, Gateshead

**Why?** The **Kids in Communities Study (KICS)** is working out what it is about communities that affect the way that children develop. The study is funded by the Australian Research Council.

***To register your interest:***

Contact: Anna Jones

Telephone: 02 9385 7820 or 0430 133 627

Email: [a.r.jones@unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.r.jones@unsw.edu.au)

**Ulinga Netball Club** will be holding registrations for the 2016 winter Netball competition on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 from 10am-12pm at Ulinga Netball Courts, Cross Street Cardiff South. For more information please contact the club on 0423 323 393 or their Facebook page.

### Join the Journey to Recognition in Lake Macquarie

You are invited to join the Journey team for a chat about constitutional recognition, local cultural performances and a free lunch on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am til 1pm at the Warners Bay Rotunda, The Esplanade. The Journey is an epic relay across our country campaigning for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and to ensure there is no place for discrimination in our founding legal document. Find out more at [recognize.org.au/thejourney](http://recognize.org.au/thejourney)



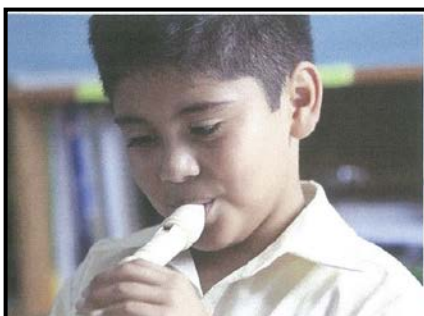
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Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
 or [cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make tasty summer rolls.

Go for something different in the lunch box and swap a sandwich for a summer roll. These little morsels also make great after school snacks.



### Ingredients

The options are endless! A combination containing a few veg (grated carrot, finely sliced cucumber, avocado, snow peas) + noodles (vermicelli, rice stick) + meat (prawns, chicken, pork) + herbs (coriander, mint) works well, wrapped up in rice paper.

### Method

Prepare filling.  
 Soak the rice paper in warm water until just softened.  
 Remove from the bowl and place on a plate.  
 Divide filling and add each portion of rice paper.  
 Fold over rice paper and roll up, pressing edge to seal.  
 Repeat with remaining ingredients.  
 Cut rolls in half and serve with sweet chilli sauce.

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 or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

**Eat It To Beat It**



**Tuesday 8th December**

## **Autism Public Seminar: Early identification and treatments**

Presented by Dr. Grace Baranek and Hunter Autism Researchers A/Prof Alison Lane, Prof Ulli Schall and Prof Shelly Lane

Join world leading autism researcher Dr Grace Baranek alongside a panel of innovative Hunter researchers and clinicians as they discuss emerging autism research, early identification, therapies and treatments.

Community members will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the latest autism research to the panel and will get an insight into what's on the horizon for autism and related childhood difficulties research and treatment in the future.

UON researchers giving short presentations also followed by a Q & A panel for the audience. The short presentations will overview the work currently happening at UON/HMRI on autism and related childhood difficulties.

**DATE:** Tuesday 8th December

**WHEN:** 5:30-7:30pm

**WHERE:** HMRI, Caves Lecture Theatre, John Hunter Hospital Campus. Lot 1 Kookaburra Circuit New Lambton Heights.

**TO BOOK YOUR SEAT:** <https://secure.hmri.org.au/autism-public-seminar>

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