



Wiripaang Public School

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Positive Affirmation:

Our positive affirmation this week is: **"Every problem has a solution."**

Sometimes it feels like we are surrounded by problems that we aren't quite sure how to solve. Some problems are like mountains and may require days of climbing over to reach a solution whereas some are like small stones that require us to think for only a brief minute about how best to resolve them. This affirmation is about being **responsible**.

Calendar Events....

11th November

- Grandparents & Remembrance Day
- Last day for Calendar Art Orders to be placed at Office

16th November

2017 Kinder Transition Parent Information Expo

18th November

Cut-off date for Snail Tails Science Show Permission notes to be returned to Office

5th December

Year 6 Farewell

7th December

Presentation Day

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

It is always an honour to be leading the Wiripaang school community. This past week our exceptional Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) implementation and team have been highly regarded and showcased. Our students' achievements through the Early Action for Success reform have been acknowledged at a State Forum in Sydney and I had the pleasure of being nominated to represent our school community at the NSW Symposium for NSW Education Future Reforms with the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli. The emails I received from many regarding our representation at these events are a celebratory collective effort of all. Please share with me in being so very proud of our school and our achievements! We also thank our PBL team for winning the amazing new furniture that has found a home in the library - a wonderful addition to this learning space.

Our intensive 2 week swimming program has now come to an end and the attending staff have commented on how wonderful it was to watch the confidence and skill of the swimmers grow over this period. Swimming is such an important lifelong survival skill that it is a must, especially living in such a beautiful region where we are surrounded by water. Congratulations to those students who conquered water fears, improved their swimming ability and participated enthusiastically.

Our friends from Felton Street Preschool visited the school this week for our annual Teddy Bears Picnic. From making a teddy racing car with sweets, to dressing up in the makeshift photo booth and having a happy snap taken with a friend, the children were engaged in all things Teddy Bears! A wonderful morning was had by all and making a teddy bear from play doh with my group was certainly a highlight for me – thank you for joining us and a big thank you to Ms East and Ms McGee for their organization of the event.

I look forward to seeing all of our Grandparents at our combined Grandparents and Remembrance Day formal assembly and morning tea this Friday 11th November, 9am under the COLA. The children and teachers are very much looking forward to sharing their classrooms with our visitors.

As I am away on long service leave for the next 3 weeks, Mr Ben Durie will be relieving as Principal in my absence and Ms Ingram will be working with 5/6D. Ms Ingram is a familiar face to 5/6D and she is very excited about her time ahead with the students. I look forward to seeing everyone on my return to school for the very busy end of term celebrations we have on the calendar.

Stay safe and enjoy the week ahead. I leave you with this thought...*"Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future."*- Nelson Mandela.

Mrs Emma Stothard
Principal (Rel)

School News

Awards

Noah P	Lily-Belle B	Levi Y
Abbie-May P	Haylie B	Courtney V
Emily J	Levi O	Samuel C
Jesse W	Jorja-Lee R	Jodin B
Izzy P	Ella-Jean S	Olivia D
Elle M	Dakota H	Kayne M
Michael L	Montana D	Jaycee-Rose T
Elijah Aliimalemanu	Aidan J	Ashton S
Caidan H	Tiarna Hobbs-Ladd	Luke S
Lillian F	Lilliarna W	Miesha L.S
Abbey Holmes	Tyson O	



Wiri at Wangat Lodge!

Last week Stage 2 ventured to Wangat Lodge for our camp. The din in the bus was very loud from excited children and teachers ready to explore the bush. A loud "woohoo!" rang out when we first laid eyes on Wangat Lodge...then the journey began!

We trekked through the bush, climbed over branches, hauled ourselves up several mountains, crossed a wobbly log bridge and fought off ants and leeches. That was all in the first hour! Everyone felt extremely proud of themselves when we finally reached the top.

After a yummy dinner of sausage sizzles and paddle pops (thanks Mr Durie and Mr Thompson) we went frogging in the dark! We ended up being frog whisperers and caught and released a record number.

The next day, we made mud bricks and planted trees, then we experienced the stillness and peace of the bush as we wrote letters home to our family and friends. All too quickly, our camp was over and lots of very weary and dirty children boarded the bus.

The teachers would like to thank all the students for their excellent behaviour and for showing such bravery and resiliency. You all represented Wiripaang beautifully! We would also like to thank Ken and Dave from Wangat Lodge, Mrs Donaldson for shopping and all the parents and carers for your support.

Mr McNeil, Mrs O'Conner, Mrs Darcy, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Pfeiffer

Here are some quotes from the campers:

"We conquered the Mount Everest of Wangat!" Mrs Darcy

"I want to go back and live there!" Mrs Cooper

"I really had fun when I played table tennis with my friends when we had free time. I even beat Mr McNeil and was the champion for a while." Maverick

"I really loved when we walked across a log bridge that was over water. It was very pretty there."Montanna

"My favourite bit was the night that we went frog catching. I caught about 8 and there were little and big brown ones." Kiara

"I loved it when Ken yelled at me because I was answering all of his questions correctly. He thought I was very smart!" Zea

"I loved it when I caught a frog, it was so exciting that I screamed and then dropped the frog!" Lilly-Belle

"I really like sharing a cabin with my friends at camp. We all had great fun together."

"The best bit was learning about the bush and the environment. Everyone had a taste of some bush food too!" Joel

2017 Bus Passes

All students who currently have a School Opal card need to keep it for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one.

Parents of Year 2 Students

All Year 2 students requiring their Opal Card to be reactivated in 2017 will need to visit the Transport for NSW website www.transportnsw.info/school-students and complete a new application. This needs to be done as soon as possible to ensure the Opal Card is reactivated in time for travel in Term 1 2017.

Remembrance Day and Grandparents Day 2016

This year we are combining Remembrance Day and Grandparents Day. We will hold a formal assembly, followed by morning tea and classroom visits.

When: Friday 11th November 2016 (Week 5)

Time: 9am under the COLA

We would love to see our families join us for this special occasion.



Bring a picnic rug and your singing voice for...

Wiripaang Public School's

Carols on the Green



When: Friday 9th of December

Where: School Resort

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Festival of Magic Show



On Thursday 10th November The World Festival of Magic will be performing in a 90- Minute family orientated show. Wiripaang School has been lucky enough to secure **20 tickets** for the night time performance starting at 6PM at Wests City Club on the corner of King & Union Streets, Newcastle West. If you and your family wish to attend please call at the office and see if there are any tickets remaining. Students in WF and WM have been offered free tickets to attend the midday show. Please understand that the show will commence no later than 5 minutes after the scheduled time. We wish to thank Rotary Club of Newcastle, International Entertainment, 3P Pty Ltd, Triggs Motors and About Gutters for their sponsorship in allowing us to attend the magic show for free.

P & C News

- **KINDY EXPO** – Looking forward to meeting new kindy parents next Wednesday 16/11 at the expo. P&C will have a table set up for information and we will be selling uniforms.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – It's getting close to that time of year again! If anyone would like to donate ANYTHING to our Christmas Raffle Hampers, it would be very much appreciated. Please leave at the office. Thank You
- **EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE** – Children should be bringing home catalogues for you to order from. They have some great present ideas.
Due back to school FRIDAY 18/11/16. Please support if you can, thank you.
- **CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in having a stall at Carols, please get them to call Stacie 0432 194 290 to book a spot. Unfortunately, due to the P&C selling drinks, lollies, chips and a sausage sizzle there will be no market stalls featuring these items, sorry.
- **P&C MEETINGS – THURSDAY 1/12/16 6pm.**
P&C Meetings will now be NIGHT ONLY, as per survey responses, and will move to Thursdays at 6PM in the Library. Really hope we will see some new faces.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1/12/16 – P&C MEETING 6PM Library

16/11/16 – KINDY EXPO

9/12/16 – CAROLS ON THE GREEN & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN



CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Friday 9th December
5pm Start

Fun Family Night Out

Bring a Chair – Bring a Blanket – Bring a Friend

P&C will be selling Lollies, Chips, Drinks and a Sausage Sizzle

Market Stalls Happening

Performances by our Fabulous Children, Teachers and Globe Church
along with a fun filled Karaoke Section

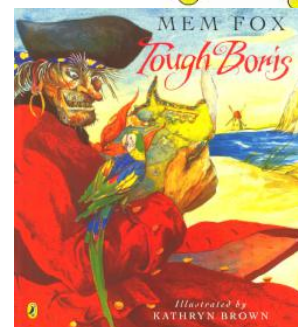


Library News

Library Matters Week 5

When do I borrow?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1/2G	3/6M	WG
1/2B	WM	5/6T
K/1G	3/4P	
3/4T	KC	



For students who have returned all of their books ...

Have you read ... ***Tough Boris?*** Written by popular author Mem Fox.

Tough Boris is our Text in focus in Wiri's Library



Boris von der Borch is a mean, greedy old pirate - tough as nails, through and through, like all pirates. Or is he? When a young boy sneaks into Boris' ship, he discovers that Boris and his mates aren't quite what he expected!

Come in and have a look at our display on popular author Mem Fox!

During your borrowing session, have a look at what she has written and read one of her books today!

- **Fundraising** – Calendar Art

PLACE YOUR ORDERS TODAY!

Week 4-5	Teachers display the artworks for families to view in classrooms. Families take an order form FROM CLASSROOMS ONLY and place an order at the office.
Week 5	Last orders will be taken FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11th and will be submitted.
Week 6-9	Orders are processed and will be delivered to Wiripaang. Orders will be sent home at the latest Week 10 pending arrival.

All Calendars - \$10.00



What a great opportunity to show off your children's artistic talent !!!
If you have any questions please feel free to ask MRS LYNCH in Wiri's Library.

Welcome to
Book Club

This term, all orders still are to be made online through Scholastic's LOOP service. Register yourself as a member and get buying ready for Christmas - <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>



Issue 7 – Orders have been submitted awaiting arrival.





Going to Big School



Kindergarten Orientation Sessions 2016-17

Visit 1	<p>Tuesday 22nd November 2015 9:30 – 11.00</p> <p>Students working in literacy groups in the Kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>Students will need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, a hat and a drink of water.</p> <p><i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p>
Visit 2	<p>Tuesday 29th November 2015 9:30 – 11.00</p> <p>Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities in the Kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water.</p> <p><i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p>
Visit 3	<p>Tuesday 6th December 9:30 – 11.00</p> <p>Students will be creating crafty artworks with their buddies in the Kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water.</p> <p><i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p> <p>Wonnai Graduation: 11:00 -11:45</p> <p>Parents are invited to the Wonnai Graduation involving a student performance and presentation of portfolios and certificates.</p>
Kinder Transition Information Expo	<p>Wednesday 16th November 9.30 – 11.00</p> <p>Parents will meet school representatives and receive relevant information in regards to your child starting school. Specific information is on the Kindergarten Transition Information Expo flyer.</p>



Do job ads confuse you?

Finding it hard to apply for a job?

Come along and have a chat with Lindsay from **Blakworks Employment Solutions** for free tips on how to find and apply for the job you want

Tuesday 15th November
1.30pm – 3pm

At the Centre For Hope Drop-in Centre,
Lake Macquarie Fair, Mount Hutton
(around the corner from Coles)

Free community event, afternoon tea provided

