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SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome back to the busiest of all terms. I trust everyone had a well-rested holiday break, it has been wonderful to see the children back at school smiling and ready to learn.

Next week stage 2 will attend their overnight Sydney excursion, wonderful opportunities such as this help our students to develop their independence and peer relationships as they spend a few days away from the school setting. The dedication of teachers who are giving up their own families to give students the opportunity to extend on their learning is very much appreciated. Attached to today's newsletter is the terms calendar of events to assist you with planning for the term. This is a timely reminder that closing dates on notes are there to allow staff the time required to finalise excursion and event planning, rolls, student groupings and give information to providers. When notes don't come back on time it takes teachers away from other tasks to chase students and families, as nobody wants to see students miss out on these activities. Please always check for notes and return them as soon as possible to allow careful planning for excursions.

A reminder that sport swimming lessons start this Friday and run till week 9 for those students who are paid and attending. Please remember to bring your labelled swimming gear each week ready for this great learning opportunity. All positions in Friday swimming are now full.

Wiri is celebrating Grandparent's Week in week 5 this term. This day is an opportunity for us to celebrate the vital role that grandparents play in our society as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. A special invitation has been sent home with all students and we look forward to seeing many of

our Grandfriends join us on this occasion.

A reminder to all families that there is no supervision before 8.35am at school. Please refrain from sending children to school prior to this time so we can ensure they are in the right place at the right time and under adult supervision. Please also remember the procedures for any students who are waiting for pickup of an afternoon - wait at the front pedestrian gate with the duty teacher, alternatively the other waiting point for students is the back oval COLA. High school students are not to be walking through the primary school. Both of these exit points are Wiripaang teacher staffed duties, if students are wandering around the school after the bell at 2.55pm it is a safety concern. Please assist us in keeping all of our students safe by being prompt when picking up and dropping off children in the morning and afternoons and discussing these important safety reminders at home with the children. I thank you for your support with the wellbeing of our precious students.

Our formal Kindergarten transition program begins on Wednesday 21st November with our fabulous Kinder Expo (see other dates on flyer further in). I am looking forward to meeting our families that I may not of had the pleasure of meeting during a Tuesday transition session of Wonnai. Should you know of any local families who are yet to present at Wiripaang for 2019 enrolment please urge them to call in to the office so we can be as accurate as possible in our class planning process.

I am looking forward to a productive term and wonderful celebrations of learning as we near the end of the year.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- Fri 26th Oct—National Bandana Day
- Wed 31st Oct—Thurs 1st Nov Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
- Mon 29th Oct— Fri 9th Nov Year 2 intensive swimming program
- Thurs 15th Nov Leadership day for Years 4, 5 & 6 and Year 6 Photo Day
- Fri 16th Nov—Grandfriends & Remembrance Day
- Wed 21st Nov Kinder Transition Information Expo 9.30am—11am
- Tues 27th Nov Kindergarten Orientation 10am—11.30am
- Fri 30th Nov—2019 Leaders speeches & voting
- Tues 4th Dec Kindergarten Orientation 10am—11.30am
- Thurs 6th Dec Responsible pet program
- Thurs 6th Dec P&C Meeting @ 6pm
- Tues 11th Dec Kindergarten Orientation 10am—11am
- Tues 11th Dec Wonnai Graduation 11.30am—12pm
- Wed 12th Dec—Presentation Day
- Wed 12th Dec—Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 14th Dec—P&C Christmas Carols 4pm—7pm
- Tues 18th Dec—Year 6 Fun Day
- Wed 19th Dec—Last day for students & Year 6 Clap out.



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

3/4M

This week 3/4M have been learning all about how to write an interesting start to a story. We have decided that "once upon a time" is boring and a reader is much more interested if you start with a question or someone talking. Have a read of some of our examples and see if you agree:

Zoie: "Aaargh! There's a gigantic spider in my room!" screamed Riley.



Tyson: Where am I? I wondered to myself. "Is anyone here?" I yelled.

Courtney: "Why don't you want to play with me anymore?" I said to my best friend.



Tayah: "Aaaahh!!!!" I shrieked when the car crashed through my wall. "Is he crazy or blind?" I wondered. Are you on your L's?" I yelled.

Emily: "What in the world are you doing?" yelled Sarah.

Max: "That's the biggest spider I've ever seen!" I said as I held the flip flop up to my neck.

Lillian: "I need to get to my safe warm home" I said to myself as I ran through the jungle. I could see monkeys swinging from vine to vine but I had no time to stop and look.

Hopefully these starts have you interested enough to find out what happens next!



PBL Week 2 Concept

I understand what resilience is



This term our PBL lessons focus on strengthening our resiliency skills. Resiliency refers to our ability to be able to bounce back or recover from minor difficulties quickly and thoroughly when they occur. In order to build resiliency, we need to look at further developing our cooperation, respect, compassion, honesty and understanding.

We value:

What it looks like:

Compassion

- Understanding how others feel
- Understanding how we make others feel – looking inward and outward
- Offering kindness and help to others

Understanding

- Really listening to what others have to say
- Putting yourself in someone else's shoes
- Recognising others' emotions, fears and thoughts

Honesty

- Being truthful to others
- Being truthful to yourself
- Doing what's right, regardless of who is around
- Being someone others can trust

This is important because...

- Without compassion, understanding and honesty you do not feel as if you can be yourself around others.
- Demonstrating compassion, understanding and honesty are the stepping stones to building resilience.



'Can do' activities



At Wiripaang we are Respectful, Responsible Learners



PBL Week 3 Concept

I can plan for success



This term our PBL lessons focus on strengthening our resiliency skills. Resiliency refers to our ability to be able to bounce back or recover from minor difficulties quickly and thoroughly when they occur. In order to build resiliency, we need to look at further developing our cooperation, respect, compassion, honesty and understanding.

We value:

What it looks like:

Respect

- I respect the rights and opinions of others
- I care about and try to understand what others' have to say
- I respect myself and know my value

Responsibility

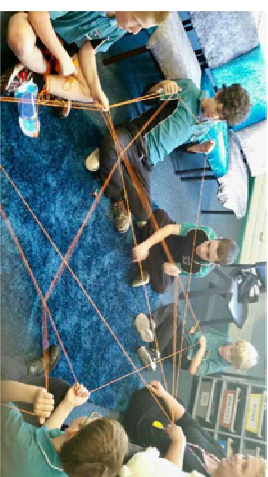
- I follow school expectations and rules
- I always try my best
- I am a good role model

Tolerance

- I listen to others
- I try to understand and show compassion
- I forgive others

This is important because...

- If you do not give respect, you will not receive respect.
- Responsibility is understanding you will do what you say you will do.
- Tolerance aids us to communicate with and understand those around us.



At Wiripaang we are Respectful, Responsible Learners

Magnet this page on your fridge and share our Positive Behaviour for Learning message at home!



Instructional Leader Insight

This fortnight's activity...

Keeping our mathematics skills sharp using games.

Academic skill builders have been developed on this free website that uses engaging arcade style video games that kids will want to play. The games focus on reinforcing math facts with shapes, counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as many other areas. These games can be played on computer, iPhone, iPad and android devices. New games are regularly loaded onto this website to keep kids engaged.

<https://www.arcademics.com/>



Wiri Awards



Jakob M	Noahjames D	Gavin B	Taylah G	Ebony M
Chayse B	Aidan C	Jade W	Jordan H	Etthan T
Fortunato P	Fynn N	Lily P	Nate P	Caide M
Levi T	Izayah L	Nevaeh B	Kalam B	Elye D
Elsie M	Shayah D	Arliyah A	Boyd M	Maverick M
Ethan M	Jakye G	Ariana K	Myley M	Tyran H
Anthony B	Lachlan P	Dean Q	Chelsea R	Joel S
Zoe M	Calista B	Monique R	Brodie S	Maria O
Zachary T	Sophie P	Lincoln J	Azahli J	Manik M
Nicholas D	Damian G	Jorja A		



KINDER TRANSITION PARENT INFORMATION EXPO

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
9.30am – 11.00am

This is an opportunity for parents to meet and to receive relevant information in regards to your child starting school.

**Join us afterwards
for morning tea!**

Hear information about the following:

- Speech Pathology and Language
- Numeracy at Home
- 'Eat it to Beat it' – Nutrition at School
- School as a Community Centre Service
- Community Liaison Officer
- Aboriginal Education Officer
- Best Start
- P&C and Uniforms
- School Staff & Services
- Literacy and The Library
- Occupational Therapy & Wellness
- Living in a digital world at school



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Going to Big School Kindergarten Transition Program 2018



Kinder Transition Information Expo	Wednesday, 21st November 9.30am – 11.00am 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.
Visit 1	Tuesday, 27th November 10:00am – 11.30am Students working in literacy groups in the Kindergarten classrooms. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i>
Visit 2	Tuesday, 4th December 10:00am – 11.30am Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities in the Kindergarten classrooms. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i>
Visit 3	Tuesday, 11th December 10:00am – 11.00am Students will be creating crafty artworks with their buddies in the Kindergarten classrooms. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i> Wonnai Graduation: 11:30am – 12:00 noon Parents are invited the Wonnai Graduation involving student performance and presentation of certificates.





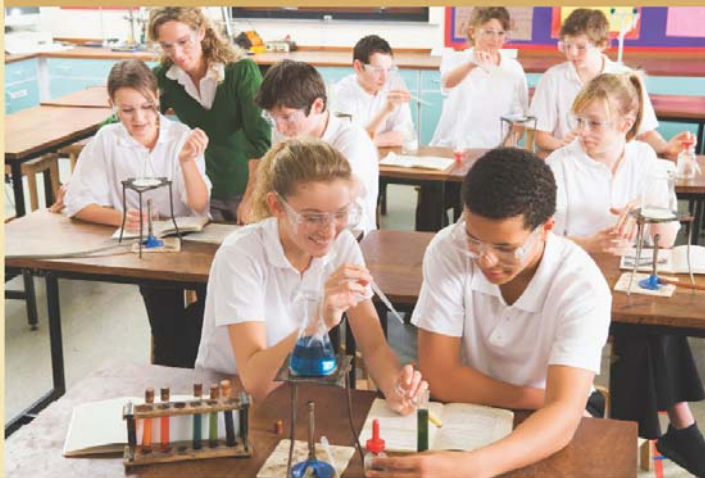
High Performing Students Unit

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

2020

Thinking of applying for a
**government selective high
school** for Year 7 entry in
2020?

You must apply online at
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key dates

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Application website opens

Monday 12 November 2018

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

Thursday 28 February 2019

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Thursday 14 March 2019

Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 5 July 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



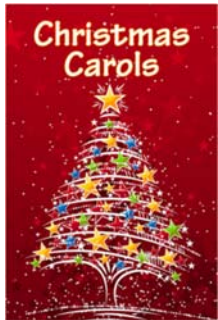
P&C News



National Bandana Day

26th October 2018

Bandanas have now sold out, we thank you for your support for Canteen and young people living with cancer.



Carols on The Green

Friday 14th December 4pm – 7pm in the resort area. If you would like to have a stall please let a P&C member know. Stall holder fee is \$20.

Community Announcements

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains fluoride, which helps children to develop strong teeth.

HOW MUCH SUGAR IS IN THAT DRINK?

Drink	Sugar
Water	No sugar
Plain milk	No added sugar
Cordial	100% Fruit
Energy drink	100% Fruit
Flavoured milk	100% Fruit
Sports drink	100% Fruit
Soft drink	100% Fruit

HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD KIDS DRINK EACH DAY?

Age	Water
1-5 years	1-2 cups (or 2-3 glasses) + 1-2 litres
6-12 years	2-3 cups (or 3-4 glasses) + 1-2 litres

TIPS TO HELP YOUR KID DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children that you enjoy drinking water.
- Drink water with every meal.
- Take a refillable bottle of water when you go out.
- Pack water with your child's lunch.
- Encourage your child to drink water when they play sports.
- Limit buying sugar sweetened drinks.

Source: Western Sydney Local Health District

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INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

What is a serve?

1 cup of vegetables, 1/2 cup of fruit, 1/2 medium potato, 1 cup of salad, 1/2 cup of beans.

Source: www.eatforhealth.gov.au

How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.
- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.

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