

Meet Kalam, Ezra & Nate from 1/2G



We acknowledge and pay our respects to the elders, both past and present who have walked this land before us and now walk alongside us. We honour their totem Biraban the Eagle Hawk and his little brother Wiripaang after which our school is named after.

SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

What a fabulous experience our stage 2 students enjoyed last week on their overnight excursion to Sydney. If you have seen the photos on our FaceBook page, you will agree that the excursion didn't fall short of expectation. Thank you to our families who made the commitment early on ensuring all notes and payments arrived by the due date, this certainly assisted with smooth excursion preparation. The students represented our school with the utmost of pride and respect and our accompanying teachers gave glowing reports of all. Without dedicated staff, events such as this cannot go ahead, I thank Mrs Lavercombe, Mr McNeil, Mrs Newell and Mr Cole for giving up their own family time and sharing such memorable moments with the students.

I'm very much looking forward to celebrating Grandfriend's Day next week with our special trivia assembly, classroom visits and morning tea. Grandfriends, our stage 3 students will be your hosts and they are very much looking forward to spoiling you!

As the year has progressed the team of volunteers working tirelessly as our P&C have again given back to our students by sharing the cost of yet another new interactive board for a classroom. Without the ongoing support of our P&C and our community when we host fundraising events, such technology upgrades wouldn't be available to our students. Thank you P&C!

As the warmer weather is upon us it is a timely reminder of the Department of Education's Policy on Sun Safety. Remember no hat means no play in the direct sunshine. Please remind your children each day to pack their hat (with their name on it) to ensure protection from our harsh sun. Please also note that our bell to commence student learning rings at 9.05am. Should students arrive after this time they are required to present at the office to obtain a late note. We are currently reviewing our daily school routines and will be seeking input from staff, students and community to better meet the needs of our learners. Please support us by providing feedback in evaluations such as this, more details will follow in the coming weeks.

Term 4 is packed with many celebratory events, our 2019 Kindergarten Expo and Orientation sessions, class warm fuzzies, years 4 & 5 undertake their leadership day and the ever popular community Carols on the Green are all ahead of us to mention just a few. For now though, I would like you to join with me in congratulating the students from 1/2G who received acknowledgement from Cambridge University, England regarding their maths investigations...WOW!

Enjoy the fortnight everyone.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- Thurs 15th Nov Leadership day for Years 4, 5 & 6 and Year 6 Photo Day
- Fri 16th Nov—Grandfriends 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.



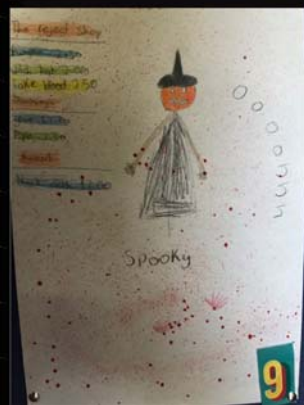
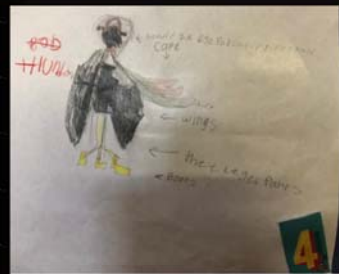
THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

4/5L

**PLEASE
VOTE**

PLEASE.PICS

4-5L have designed 9 scarecrows and would like your help in deciding which one they should construct! Please come into the office and vote for your favourite one!





PBL Week 4 Concept

1 am persistent when faced with challenges



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. Each fortnight we are sharing elements from weekly lessons that you may like to try as a family at home.

Creating energy: Developing the habit of doing your best, being persistent and overcoming difficulty

At home activity:

Wondering how you can build your child's resilience? Try this at home activity to get you started!

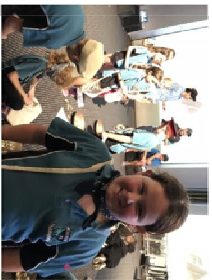
Play Keep the Balloon Up!

Have yourself and your child gather in an open area, in your own space. Toss a balloon in the air and have them try to stop it from touching the floor without moving from their space. They can count how many times they tap it before it comes down. Use various ways of keeping the balloon up such as using different body parts or keeping more than one balloon up at the same time.

Discuss:

Feelings and Emotions "How did we feel once we missed the balloon and let it hit the floor?"

Explain that everyday we can experience all different types of feelings. We are not ALWAYS happy or not ALWAYS upset. Different things make us have different feelings and this is ok. It's how we respond to the feelings that may challenge us.



At Wiripaang we are Respectful, Responsible Learners



PBL Week 5 Concept

1 can control my feelings



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Creating calm: Developing the habit of thinking about your own behaviour and the behaviours of others and being able to control your emotions

At home activity:

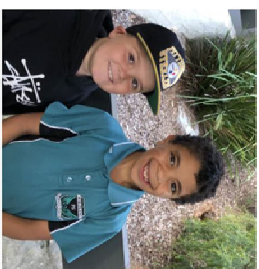
Wondering how you can build your child's resilience? Try this at home activity to get you started!

Discuss and brainstorm!

What makes you angry?" "How do we look when we are angry?" "How does our body look and feel when we are angry?" (Think about red face, sweaty palms, tense muscles, crying, yelling)

Brainstorm positive ways of calming/cooling down when you are angry.

(Eg. Walk away, get a drink, take deep breaths, count to 10, draw, read, tell a friend, talk about the problem, squeeze your muscles then relax them.)



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Instructional Leader Insight

This fortnight's activity...

Keeping our mathematics skills sharp using games.

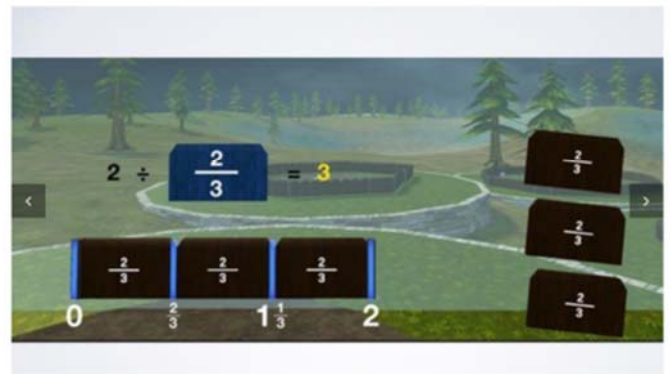
Cognition's FogStone Isle lets kids explore, create and engage with math through real-world scenarios. Unlike most game-based learning programs, FogStone Isle is an enduring environment that grows with students. They build their own ever-expanding world while grappling with the underlying math concepts intrinsic to each activity. This game is developed to support students from Year 4 to 8 and is free for home and school use.

<https://cognition.com/>

In **FogStone Isle**, students design their own virtual worlds through highly engaging and challenging math games.

Neuroscience, pedagogy, and game-design are brought together to aid students in solving complex math problems adapted to their learning level.

FogStone Isle supports 4th through 8th grade students in gaining conceptual understanding with students regularly commenting.



Wiri Awards



Levi S
Mariah O
Shayah D
Aaron S
Kyann M
Ashton G
Kaleb W
Mitchel S
Izzy P
Damian G

Amelia B
Jonathon T
Blake M
Levi D
Dion T
Aidan J
Gracie S
Zoie P
Shannon B

Kristina P
Ethan T
Boyd M
Dustin B
Marshall H
Jaxson S
Courtney V
Lillian F
Bianca W

Montana D
Glen M
Zoe M
Brett M
Angel G
Boston M
Rishab C
Shealinda H
Jarrod B

Ethyn H
Joel S
Elsie M
Amelie G
Zea L
Jayden N
Jayda W
Christopher P
Jorja A

Celebrating our Superpowers!

1/2G received a special email from the NRICH team at the University of Cambridge, England for their work submitted online on the 4Dom rich mathematical task. We are so proud!



Subject: Nrich mass from 1/2G

Hi

My name is Bernard Bagnall and I work for Nrich, here in Cambridge England. My job is mostly to create new activities and to deal with the solutions that come into our Primary Site.

I don't usually email all the schools that send in solutions but I was very pleased to receive to solution from 1/2G for 4Dom.

I also tend to explore the web page for some of the schools that send in solutions. I was very pleased to read all that goes on at your school and just wanted to encourage the pupils in their Maths work and to thank them for the solutions send in together with the pictures.

If you want to contact me further then please feel free to use this email address.

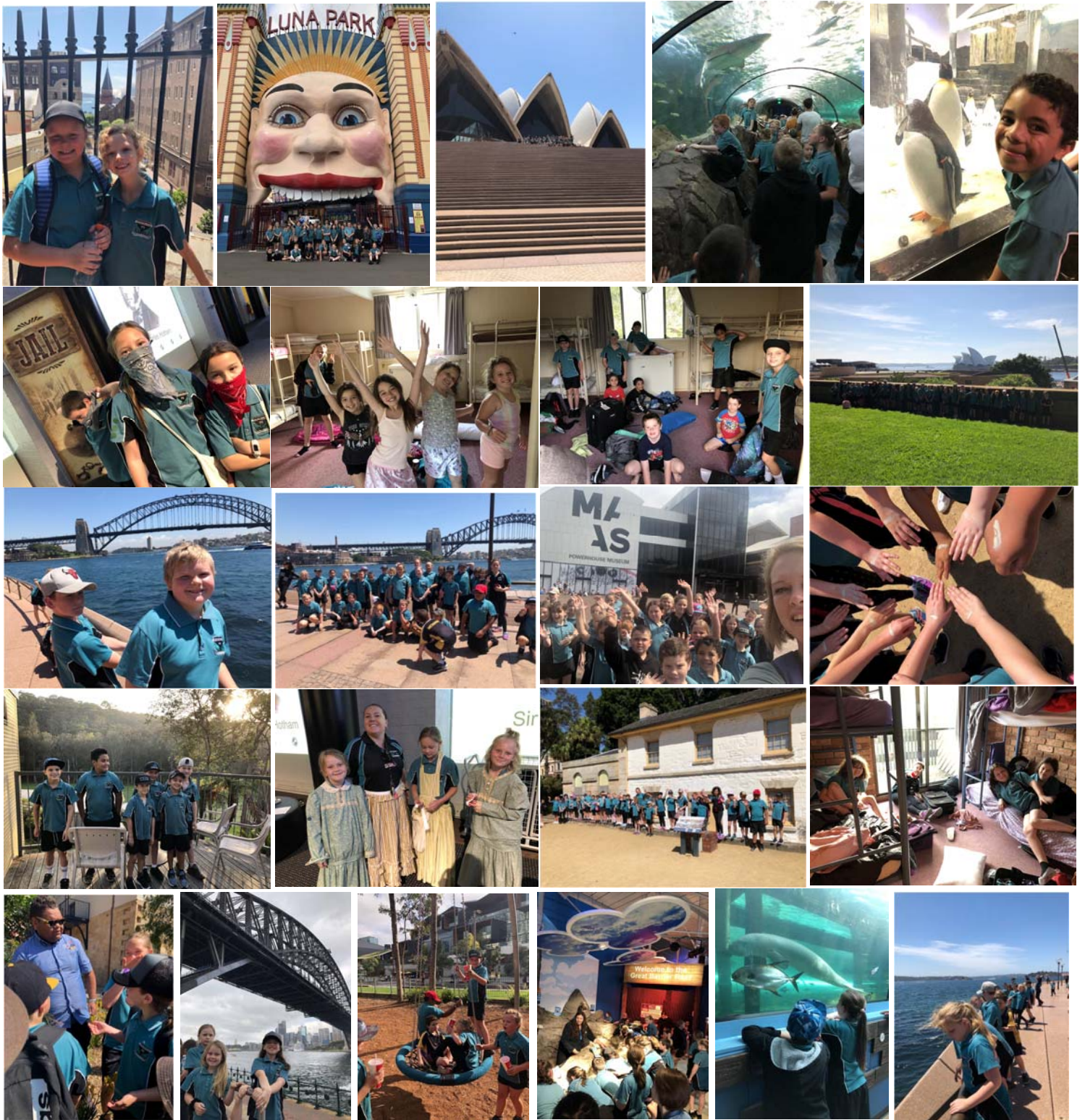
Bernard

Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

Sydney was a great trip. I loved every place we went to and enjoyed them all. My favourite places though were definitely the aquarium and walking along the harbour bridge. The penguins were cool and I liked the Dugong I called Bily. Overall it was awesome.

My favourite part was probably the Dugong Billy. The best part about him was that he waved at me and Lachy. I also liked the Powerhouse Museum. Inside was a quarter of a fake rocket ship. The rocket had a floor that moved.

By Zoe M an Lachlan P



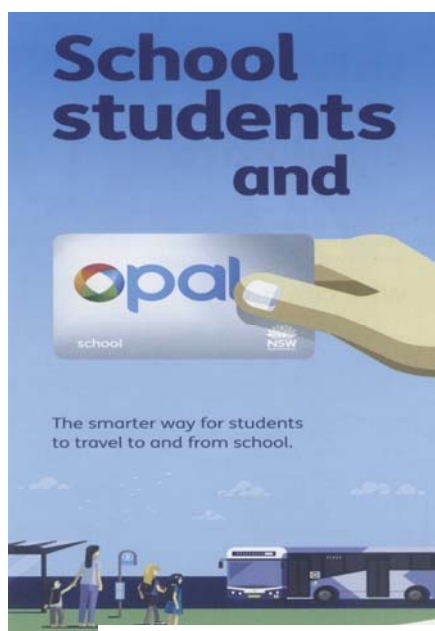
SRC News

This term each class will get \$40 to make their own scarecrow. They will be judged by our Bunnings Ambassadors at the Christmas Carols. The winning class will get a special prize.

SRC will be in charge of ensuring teachers have tokens to swap for warm fuzzies. At break time teachers will have a bag of tokens to hand out to kids that are being respectful responsible learners. At the end of the day children will get to swap tokens for fuzzies at Mrs Stothard's office. When a class has a full jar, they vote for their reward. Calista & Ella reporting for SRC.

A note from Mrs Sally Donaldson our Community Liaison Officer - CLO

Please be aware that any student travelling on the school bus of a morning and afternoon must tap on and tap off using their OPAL Card. If students do not do this we are at risk of losing our bus service as the company who owns the service are led to believe that no one is catching it because there is no record of students tapping on and off. Please come and see me or telephone me at school if I can assist any of our families in obtaining an OPAL Card alternatively you can find information about them at <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/> ALL INFANTS students can apply for a free OPAL card bus pass. Primary students living outside the 1.6 km radius of the school can also apply for an OPAL card bus pass. Let's work together to ensure we don't lose this valuable service.



Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



Please join us to celebrate **Grandparent's Day 2018**

When: Friday 16th November 2018 (Week 5)

Time: 9.15am-11am

Activities:

9.15-10am: Grandparents themed assembly under the COLA

10am-10.30: In class activities- share some learning time with your kids'

10.30-11am: Be served a cuppa and morning tea by our year 6 students under the COLA



A note from Mrs Darcy our Aboriginal Education Officer—AEO

At Wiripaang Public School we endeavour to promote Cultural Identity, Inclusivity and Respect. Currently we are providing opportunities for our students to learn some basic Awabakal Words and greetings. Plans are in place for signage to be attached to objects around the school in the Awabakal Language, keep an eye out for these additions at our school. Myself and Mrs Liz Ginters are also undertaking evening Awabakal language lessons at the School as a Community Centre at Windale to support our students in this new learning. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.



Awabakal Word for Sky



muruku

Awabakal name for koala



kuwaluwayin



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.



P&C News

Carols on The Green

Friday 14th December 2018

4pm – 7pm

If you would like to have a stall please see a P&C member. Stalls are \$20 each.

Christmas Raffle tickets coming home soon.

All donations are greatly appreciated. There is a basket in the office to leave items.



Community Announcements

Before School Care
Vacation care

After School Care
Pupil Free Days

Child Care starting from
\$2.80
per session.

Afternoon Tea
Breakfast
Homework Hub

Call us on 0412728915 or email
stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au to arrange a quote

Good for Kids good for life

Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

What is Go 4 Fun?

Go 4 Fun is a FREE 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years run by qualified health professionals.

What does the program include?

- Nutritional information
- Support and advice
- Personal improvement
- Fun games

Where is the program run?

- Swansea
- Maitland
- Fletcher

When do programs run?

Go 4 Fun runs parallel with school terms and you can register any time. Visit the website for more details:
<https://go4fun.com.au>



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