



Meet Zac, Phoenix & Ashley from WF



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,
Thank you to all who joined with us last Friday to celebrate Grandfriend's Day. It was a wonderful celebration of the true leaders of our community. Congratulations to the prize winners of Mrs Ginters Trivia and I do hope everyone enjoyed the superb morning tea service from our stage 3 students. The K-6 media production team are finalising their filming from the day and will soon be releasing their short 'Grandfriend's' documentary.

Last Thursday our year 5 students participated in a leadership day preparing them for the upcoming leadership process where the school selects our new leaders for 2019. During week 7 our year 5 students will present their leadership speeches to our school community. The announcement of our incoming leaders for 2019; 2 captains representing K-6, 2 captains representing our Support Unit and 4 Vice Captains K-6, will take place at our formal Presentation Day ceremony on the 12th of December. Community feedback identified student leadership as a disposition that is valued and one that we need to further develop in our students as they grow and embark on all endeavours in life. As a school we have taken this feedback on-board and in collaboration with our students we have developed a leadership passport that gives all children the opportunity, K-6 to be leaders within our school. On the leadership day our existing year 4 students prepared for and learnt all about their buddies coming to big school next year and are absolutely thrilled to be meeting them in the coming weeks. I look forward to meeting all of our 2019 families, existing and new at our Kindergarten Expo on Wednesday morning.

Every year the school reviews and reflects on procedures and Department Policy to address and update any relevant changes for our students. This year the executive team have reviewed many of these formal documents inclusive of the Student Wellbeing and

Discipline Policy and the Anti-bullying Plan. The Student Wellbeing and Discipline Policy outlines the school's expectations and the processes in place to support student wellbeing, manage behaviour choices and to acknowledge excellence; while the Anti-bullying Plan outlines the processes for preventing and responding to student bullying in our school and reflects the Bullying: Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy of the NSW Department of Education. These draft documents will be tabled at the upcoming P&C meeting. We welcome written feedback from our school community over a two week period, concluding Wednesday 5th December, 2018. You can also find a copy of the draft documents on the school website. We are now beginning to formulate classes in preparation for the new year, our student numbers are steady and we predict to maintain our 8, K-6 mainstream classes alongside our 3 support unit classes for students with additional learning needs. Staff will be putting in a great deal of time creating the best mix of students for every class, taking in to account any special circumstances of students. If there are any circumstances of which you believe the school should be aware of, please provide information in writing directly to the office, for my attention. Whilst the school always takes any information provided in to consideration, it may not always be possible to meet wishes. It is important that information be provided prior to the establishment of classes as it is only in the most extreme cases that changes are made once classes are established. Find out about our teaching and support staff and class structures for 2019 at our next P&C meeting on the 6th December. I hope to see you there!

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- 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
- Thurs 13th Dec—SHD K—6
- 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.

Term 1—2019

- Wed 30th Jan—Years 1—6 students return
- Thurs—31st Jan—Kindy starts
- Mon 4th Feb—Swimming carnival
- Thurs 28th Mar—School Photos

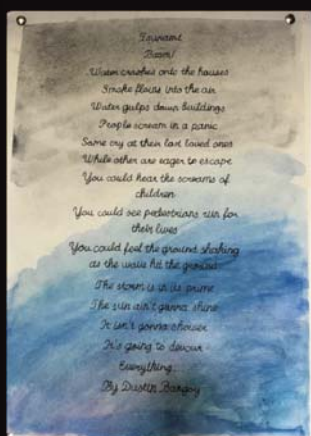
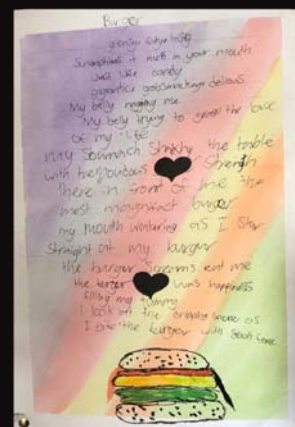
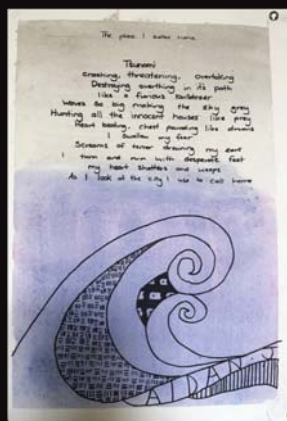
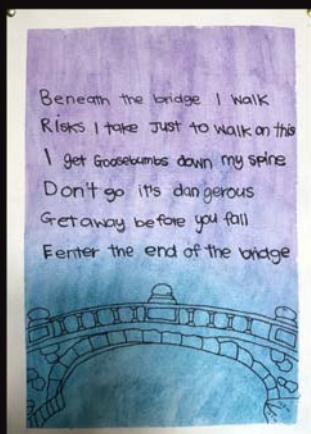


THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

5/6P

5/6P used figurative language and symbolism to create poetry

Students studied and deconstructed several poems. We had to identify the figurative devices like metaphors, similes, idioms and imagery. 5/6P then had to write a variety of poems. We experimented with haikus, acrostic, limericks, free verse, diamond and simile poems. Our next step was to use watercolours and images to show some symbolism. We love our range of poetry and think they look fantastic!





PBL Week 6 Concept

I can control my feelings



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.

Courage: Developing the habit of overcoming fear and of behaving fairly and thoughtfully

At home activity:

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

Walking the line!

Order the following events from most scary to least scary.

- Meeting new people at a party
- Travelling by yourself on a plane
- Working with others you don't know
- Trying an unusual food
- Going on an extreme roller coaster

Discuss:

"Courage is not the absence of fear but the judgement that something else is more important than fear"

It is important to make sure children understand that everyone experiences fear, pain and anxiety and that no one should pretend they are fearless!



At Wiripang we are Respectful, Responsible Learners



PBL Week 7 Concept

I can care for myself



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.

Caring: Developing the habits of personal hygiene, being your own best friend, speaking up and thinking of others' feelings

At home activity:

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

Caring chain

Cut out different coloured strips of paper. Have your child draw a picture on one side of the paper showing how they are a caring person. Then they will write on the other side of the strip how they care. Glue the ends of the paper together and then loop next piece through to make a chain.



Discuss:

Explain that there are many different ways we can care. We can care for ourselves, the environment and for others. To be able to care for the environment and others, we must first care for ourselves.



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Wiri's Library



It is a busy time here in Wiri's library preparing to shut down for the holidays.

With lots of end of year tasks to be completed I would appreciate if **all books**

Book Club

Book Club issue 8 was sent home last week. All orders to be completed using LOOP ordering online by November 30th.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be sent home with students who completed the challenge by the end of week 7. Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's challenge!



See you in the library!

Miss. Dunne ☺

Wiri Awards



Phoenix P
Dustin B
Angie D
Sophie E
Braydon S
Abbey H
Janae H

Haylie B
Levi D
Aurora E
Ruby B
Ahmaiah A
Tayah R
Emma M

Dakota H
Gordon A
Jorja-Lee R
Layla W
Chayse B
Jehrome L
Boston H

Maverick M
Charlotte B
Nicholas D
Matthew H
Lyllee P
Max C
Letia D

Ashton G
Noah B
Azahli J
Tyson W
Jesse W
Dillion S

Aboriginal words for week 6

Awabakal Word for
grass



wuyiyu

Awabakal name for
kangaroo



muwani

Awabakal Word for
bush



kurang

Awabakal name for
mouse



dhulan



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.





**JOIN US FOR
COMMUNITY**

Christmas

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER
4-7pm Wiripaang Public School

CHRISTMAS BAND PERFORMING TRADITIONAL AND NEW CAROLS
ART SHOW • SANTA VISIT • USED BOOK STALL PRICES FROM 10c-\$1
P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE MAJOR PRIZE BY FANTASTIC FURNITURE
P&C STALLS REGISTER YOUR STALL WITH THE P&C TODAY FOR \$20
STUDENT CAROLS KARAOKE • FOOD STALLS • P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE
...AND MUCH MORE!

Don't forget your picnic rug!

Instructional Leader Insight

This fortnight's activity...

Keeping our mathematics skills sharp using games.

Polyup is a free and open computational thinking playground where students can experiment with numbers and functions. Students will "mod", or modify, a variety of expressions, equations, and algorithms to solve mathematical puzzles and discover the beauty of math in a visual environment. With self-paced activities geared towards 3-5th, 6-8th, and 9-12th grades. It is available on the web and runs on any device, including Chromebooks, phones, and tablets.



<https://www.polyup.com/machines/3to5/>

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 on sale now, extra sheet attached to the back of this weeks newsletter.

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



Community Announcements



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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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

TO SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE
REGISTRATION & PRE-PAYMENT ARE ESSENTIAL
Limited number of places available
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY

PAID REGISTRATIONS due by **1st December 2018**

Child's Name:

AGE: **PHONE:**

ADDRESS:

Allergies/Medical Conditions:.....

Special Dietary Condition:.....

Physical Activities: YES / NO (please circle)

Activities in the Park: YES / NO (please circle)

Permission for Photos: YES / NO (please circle)

Payment Enclosed \$ **Donation \$**

(Cheques payable to "Charlestown U.C. Just Kids")

Emergency Contact:

Name:

Phone/Mobile:

I give permission for my child
to attend the Kid's Fun Club at the Whitebridge Uniting
Church. I understand that all care will be taken, and I
give permission for medical help to be obtained in
case of an emergency.

My child will be picked up / will go home on their own.

Signed: **Date:**



Charlestown Uniting Church
Milton St. Charlestown

Kid's Fun Club Advent Workshop

Wednesday 5th December, 2018

(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm - 7.30pm

At Charlestown Uniting Church
26 Milton St, Charlestown

Cost \$10

(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 1/12/18

All enquires please phone:

4944 7826 - Laraine

OR 0409445933 - Cathy

Post form & payment to:-

Charlestown Uniting Church

P O Box 449

Charlestown. 2290

Office Opening Hours:

Tues; Wed; Fri:

9:30 - 1pm

Tear along dotted line & keep for your information





WIRIPAANG PUBLIC SHOOOL P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many prizes to be won. All donations greatly appreciated. Please sell your tickets cut up and return them to the office in an envelope by the 13/12/18. Will be drawn at the carols on the green 14/12/18 .Tickets \$1.00 each

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