



Meet Zoie & Ella from 3/4M at our end of year community carols



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,

The last week of the 2018 school year is finally here – there has been so much to celebrate, Wonnai Graduation, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, Soaring High Day and Carols under the COLA have all been tremendous examples of our students and community coming together to share in the culture and learning commitment of Wiripaang PS. Congratulations to all of our award recipients, our outgoing 2018 year 6 students and families and our new 2019 student leader executive. I thank the wonderful students, our committed P&C and our dedicated teachers for what has been an outstanding year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of our school's success this year, whether it has been supporting us with your attendance at whole school events, being an in class volunteer, listening to a child read, or someone who has given up time transporting students to many different events, I sincerely appreciate your important role within our Wiri family.

I have attached a copy of classes and teachers proposed for day 1 next year. Please note that due to numbers fluctuating this structure may change slightly depending on any new enrolments at the start of the 2019 year. Please also keep in mind that each child's learning path

is individual and should your child be in a composite classes are not a result of streaming of abilities but more so supporting social considerations and numbers in each year level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Anne Gemmell for her years of teaching at Wiripaang, Mrs Gemmell has now retired from fulltime teaching and we wish her all the very best. I thank Ms Young who has been relieving for Mrs Gemmell in 1/2G this Semester. I would like to acknowledge Ms Katie Steele and Mr Callaghan for their work this term relieving for Mrs Fleming in WF and acknowledge Mrs Venables, one of our long standing learning and support officers and library assistant who is heading off on long service leave with a view to retirement in 2019 we wish her all the very best.

On behalf of all my staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. The school email will be intermittently monitored across the holiday period if you need to make contact. The 2019 school year commences for students in years 1 - 6 on January 30 and Kindergarten commence their school career on 31st January 2019. Take care everyone.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- Wed 19th Dec—Last day for students & Year 6 Clap out @2.45pm

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
- Fri 12 April—Last day of term 1



Congratulations to our 2019 Student Leaders



School Captain: **Calista**



School Captain: **Ethyn**



Support Unit Captain:
Janae



Support Unit Captain:
Lachlan



School Vice Captain:
Dion



School Vice Captain:
Amelie



School Vice Captain:
Amber



School Vice Captain:
Ashton

Aboriginal words for week 10

Awabakal name for
mouse



dhulan

Awabakal name for
black swan



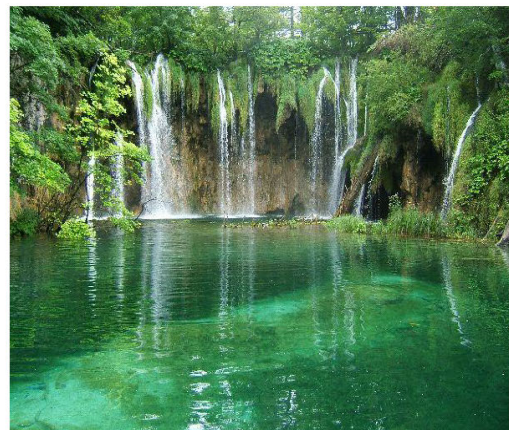
kanbal

Awabakal Word for
grass



wuyiyu

Awabakal Word for
fresh water



baadu



Suggested Resource List for 2019

At Wiripaang Public School we no longer use book packs as a means of resourcing our students in their classrooms. The school will provide each student with agreed upon school workbooks and supplementary resources as informed by our teachers, however we ask and expect our students and their parents/carers to source the items detailed below from the appropriate resource list before commencing in 2018.

Early Stage One – Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch box • Raincoat • Paint shirt • Change of underwear and spare shorts (kept in school bag) • Coloured pencils for homework • Large zipped pencil case for home reader • 4 x glue sticks (one for each term) • 4 whiteboard markers • 1 x library bag 	Stage One (Years 1 & 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x pencil case • 4 x glue sticks • 6 x whiteboard markers • 2 x packets of coloured pencils • 2 x packets of textas or crayons • 12 x HB or 2B pencils • 1 x pencil sharpener • 2 x pencil erasers • 1 x 30cm ruler • 1 x scissors • 1 x document wallet • 1 x library bag 	Stage Two (Years 3 and 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x pencil case • 4 x glue sticks • 6 x whiteboard markers • 1 x packet of coloured pencils • 1 x packets of textas • 12 x HB or 2B pencils • 1 x pencil sharpener • 4 x pencil erasers • 1 x 30cm ruler • 1 x scissors • 1 x document wallet • 1 x scrapbook for homework • 4 x red pens • 1 x library bag
Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x pencil case • 4 x glue sticks • 6 x whiteboard markers • 1 x packet of coloured pencils • 1 x packets of textas • 12 x HB or 2B pencils • 1 x pencil sharpener • 4 x pencil erasers • 1 x 30cm ruler • 1 x scissors • 1 x document wallet • 6 x red pens • 12 x blue pens • 1 x USB (8gb or higher) • 1 x library bag 	Support Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x pencil case • 4 x glue sticks • 6 x whiteboard markers • 2 x packets of coloured pencils • 2 x packets of textas or crayons • 12 x HB or 2B pencils • 1 x pencil sharpener • 2 x pencil erasers • 1 x 30cm ruler • 1 x scissors • 1 x library bag • 1 x hand wash • 1 x box of tissues • 4 x tubs of playdough • 1 x headphones (over ears preferred) 	

Please remember that it is best to label the items (or at least the major ones) with your child's name before sending them to school. The list is intended to help detail the items we feel best to have available to support your child with their learning whilst at Wiripaang. If you wish to purchase other items that also contribute to this, please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions relating to this list, please discuss with a member of teaching staff.

Projected Classes and Teachers for 2019

Principal	Emma Stothard	Mon- Fri
Deputy Principal/ EAFS Instructional Leader	Penny McGee	Mon-Thurs
KG	Elizabeth Ginters	Mon- Fri
1S	Donna Summers – Assistant Principal K-2 Christine Clifford	4 days 1 day
2G	Salli Gilmour Christine Clifford	4 days 1 day
2/3D	Hannah Davies	Mon- Fri
3/4M	Damian McNeil	Mon- Fri
4/5S	Karlie Symons Amanda Lavercombe – Assistant Principal 3-6	4 days 1 day
5/6T	Peter Thompson	Mon- Fri
5/6P	Deanna Pfeiffer	Mon- Fri
WF (IO/IS class)	Clare Fleming—Assistant Principal Support Unit Eimear Dunne	4 days 1 day
WS (Multicat class)	Stacey Moffitt	Mon- Fri
WM(IM class)	Noelene Matheson	Mon- Fri
Learning and Support Teacher	Vicki Smart	4 days
Teacher Librarian	Eimear Dunne	3 days
Relief from face to face Teacher	Hayley Reeves	3 days
Additional Teaching Staff funded out of our school based RAM allocated funds		
Early stage 1 intervention	Christine Clifford	2 days
Stage 1 intervention	Laura Greive	3 days
Stage 2/3 Intervention	Amanda Lavercombe	4 days
Assistant Principal Wellbeing	Debra Cook	2 days

*Please note there is always a possibility of students moving in and out of area so this list may alter according to student numbers within the first few days back of the 2019 year.

Community Announcements



Apply for a Creative Kids voucher

www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

From 1 January 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, give the details to your registered activity provider.

The program runs year-round, so kids can get creative at any time.

How to apply

1. Check the [eligibility requirements](#) and the [types of activities](#).
2. Select the 'Apply online' button.
3. Log into your account, or sign up for a MyServiceNSW Account.
4. Follow the prompts to apply for the voucher.

To use the voucher:

1. Choose the eligible provider where you'll use the voucher.
2. At registration or payment time, provide the following information through the provider's preferred process:

- child's full name
- child's date of birth
- Creative Kids voucher number.

Activity categories

Visual arts

- Drawing
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Sketching
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Advertising
- Public art
- Screen
- Media arts
- Design
- Multimedia
- Craft

Creative industries

- Architecture
- Coding
- Industrial design
- Game design
- Augmented/virtual reality
- Graphic design
- Fashion design
- Radio

Literary and linguistics arts

- Creative writing
- Languages
- Publishing
- Public speaking
- Poetry

Performing arts

- Music
- Drama
- Singing
- Circus arts
- Creative expression
- Choreography
- Synchronised swimming
- Parkour
- Theatre
- Dance





Closed from
25th December - 2nd January
 Have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year

20th December

Build a Bear

Pick and make your favourite build a bear from the wide choice of Christmas bears.

Santa Photos

Santa will be at OOSH from 7am - 8:30am to have a photo by yourself or with your family. The photo will be ready to collect by your parent in the afternoon.

Incursion

21st December

JD's World of Magic

Prepare to be amazed by award winning magician Joel.

Fair Play Christmas Party

Dance, sing & celebrate the wonderful year we have had with your friends and educators from Fair Play OOSH.

Excursion

22nd December

Christmas Eve

Gold Class Movies

Kick up your feet and enjoy the Christmas flick in the amazing gold class cinema.

Minimum of 15 children to operate Christmas Eve. Please see staff.

Operational Hours for the day 7am-3pm

Excursion

2nd January

Summer carnival

Make a stall of your choice using recycled boxes and take part in the summer carnival. Nail painting, water bombs, face painting, guessing competitions and more.

Water Play

Cool off with some water fun with your friends. Run through the sprinklers and sneak up on staff with the water guns. Lots of fun to be had.

Day Camp

3rd January

SPLASH

Waterpark Pot Squeezers

Pull on your life jacket for a fun & safe experience tackling the big inflatable water course at Port Stephens.

Ratio 7:5

Coach transport (additional \$10 per child)

10:30am - 3pm

Excursion

4th January

pelican Park

Play with your friends on the equipment or challenge your skills in a game of cricket or soccer.

Learn the unique skill of skipping rocks and pick up a red and then to get the catch of the day.

Enjoy a lucky bears picnic in the park with a yummy sausage sizzle supplied by Fair Play OOSH.

Excursion

Fair Play OOSH Gateshead
 0412 728 915
 spaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au
 www.fairplayoosh.com.au

Summer School holidays

December 2018 & January 2019 Vacation Care Information

Fees

Day Camps \$50

Incursions & Excursions \$65

Coach Fee/Travel over 25km \$10

Late Collection Fee \$5per child per minute

Excursion Green Shift \$15

Daily incursion and excursion fee of \$65 is inclusive of excursion costs and travel under 25km.

Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy

NO cancellation Policy for Vacations Care Excursions and Incursions, and 24 hours for Day Camps.

Risk Assessments

Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place.

The companies/ locations Risk Assessment and Public Liability and WWCOC are obtained.

Ratios

1:15 in service

1:10 on excursion

1:5 water activities

How to Book

Phone - 0412 728 915

Email- spaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au

Family Lounge - www.fairplayoosh.com.au

You will be required to complete a booking form to confirm bookings

Things your children will need daily

send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snack and drink bottle.

A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing.

Enclosed shoes. No thongs, sandals and ballet flats.

Positive Attitude.

Green Fair Play shirt for Excursions. (Compulsory)

Change of clothes desirable as water play will occur during summer holidays.

Water shoes on water activity days. (Compulsory)

Sunscreen to be supplied if your child is sensitive to sunscreen.

Plastic bag for wet clothes and towel

Operational Hours & Location

7am - 6pm

Please confirm with Centrelink your approved hours for care

St Pauls Primary School

Fellon Street, Gateshead NSW 2290

Play, learn & grow together in a quality service where kids can be kids.

7th January
Sweet Surprises

Design your own yummy cupcake or sundae using lots of delicious toppings to get those taste buds dancing.

Summer Crafts

Paint & create your ideal summers day artwork to display.

Incursion
8th January
Laser Tag

Battle your friends in the multi level laser tag arena.

12pm—2pm

Have your face painted camouflage and tackle the army course with challenges to test your mind

Excursion
9th January
Maitland Gaol

Participate in a thrilling workhouse woes & detainee drill activity during the tour of the Gaol

10am—11:30am

Enjoy your lunch in the park before returning for a fun afternoon of activities.

Excursion
10th January
Imagine Dolphin Cruise

Hop aboard the private catamaran for a cruise to see the beautiful creatures of the deep.

10am- 12pm

Return to OOSH and make sure own floating boat using materials you can find around OOSH.

Excursion
11th January
Super Soaker
Splash and Dash

Build up the courage to run the gauntlet and get drenched by your friends in the super soaker dash.

Westpac Rescue Visit

Take a tour of the rescue helicopter

Excursion
14th January
Maitland Pool

Splash and splash the day away in the indoor and outdoor pool but watch out for the bucket tip, it gets you when you least expect it and leaves you soaking wet.

10am - 3pm
Excursion
15th January
Music Bus
Holiday Rockstar Show

Enjoy learning new instruments or hitting the high notes as you become a Rockstar.

Make a costume and put on a show during the talent show.

Incursion
16th January
Water Inflatables

Jump, bounce and slide on the water inflatables for 5 hours of fun.

10am - 3pm
Summer crafts

Get creative & make OOSH feel like a tropical island with your craft.

Incursion
17th January
Clip 'N' Climb

Buckle up your harness and climb the colourful climbing obstacles.

10am - 11:30am
Picnic in the Park

Pack a yummy lunch and sit and enjoy it in the park with friends before having a play on the equipment.

Excursion
18th January
Colour me happy

Wear your brightest clothes for fun day filled with face painting, hair colouring and tie dying.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Put your bush survivor skills into action to find all the things on the list.

Day Camp
21st January
Myuna Bay

Pack your swimmers and towel for a day of water activities, learn to canoe with qualified and experienced staff and cool down with a swim in the pool.

10am - 3pm

BBQ & popper for lunch.

Excursion
22nd January
Movie Madness
Gold Class

"Ralph Wrecks the Internet"

Beat the heat and relax in the recliners and enjoy the newest movie to be released.

Popcorn included

Enjoy some tech time on return.

Excursion
23rd January
Recycle & Revamp

Bring in recyclables from home or use the ones at OOSH to create a unique masterpiece to put on display for when the parents arrive for afternoon pick up.

Clay Day

Get messy with clay and make a piece of art.

Day Camp
24th January
Jollybops Science Show

See the exploding hydrogen balloons, spooky fog (dry ice) balloon helicopters that fly to the roof and back just to name a few things.

1:30pm - 3pm

Amaze your friends with your own science skills.

Incursion
25th January
Walkabout Wild Life Park

Celebrate Australia day & get up close to some of Australia's wildlife at Walkabout Park on Darkinjung and Guringai land in rich Aboriginal landscape.

Learn why and how to save homes, food and wildlife corridors.

10am - 3pm
Excursion
28th January

29th January
Back to School Party

Make a lunch box or pencil case to take on your first day back to school for 2019.

Year of the Pig

Celebrate the year of the pig by playing stuck in the mud, piggy in the middles and creating pig artworks to hang up.

Day Camp
fair Play OOSH
