



Our year 5 leadership nominees for 2019



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,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We are certainly well in to the busiest time of the year with some fabulous events ahead. Please keep an eye on the upcoming dates on the right and note them on your calendar, we have many ways in which we are celebrating a fabulous year of student learning and community partnerships here at Wiripaang PS over the coming weeks.

Last week we commenced our 2019 transition to school events with our Kinder Information Expo and Kinder Orientation sessions. It was fabulous to meet all of our new families and give them the opportunity to ask questions that they have been wondering about. We look forward to a very successful school and home partnership, making your child's learning years the very best they can be! Should you know of any potential new kindergarten students who will be coming to our school or if you are not returning to Wiri in 2019 please advise the office. We hope to make the best possible prediction for student numbers for the year ahead and this information will greatly assist in a smooth start to learning in 2019. Our last P&C meeting is this Thursday, I will be sharing with the community our class and room structure, teachers and exciting plans for our students and school for 2019. A light afternoon tea will be provided at 5pm before we commence the official meeting at 6pm please feel free to join us and celebrate the wonderful work of our P&C.

On Saturday Mrs Donaldson and I attended a community presentation where we accepted the generous donation of a Zoll Defibrillator on behalf of our school community. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to The Joshua Caruso Foundation for donating this valuable life saving device to our school. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) are looking forward to supporting The Foundation with a fundraiser

in 2019 to say thanks.

We continue to evaluate all that we do at Wiripaang PS ensuring we provide the best possible opportunities for our students and our community. Last week I met with the Lake Macquarie Private Hospital CEO and we had a rigorous discussion around future opportunities for our students and the community of Gateshead. It certainly is an exciting time to be Principal of such a forward moving area. We also tabled a lot of our challenges as we move forward and it was reassuring to hear the largest employer in our community also thinks of the bigger picture like we do at Wiri. With the future always in mind our stage 3 students designed a survey for our younger students to participate in and another survey has been created for our community. We appreciate all thoughts about school life and encourage everyone to click on this link and complete the few brief questions to better inform us of our decisions to benefit our students: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5XTLHM> This survey will be open until the end of week 9.

Lastly our potential 2019 student leaders wowed us all last Friday with their leadership speeches. What an exceptional group of students, their speeches were of the highest calibre. Our support unit students are presenting their leadership speeches to their peers & families this Friday, I am very much looking forward to hearing theirs. I look forward to seeing everyone at Hope UC (Globe Church) on Wednesday 12th for Presentation Day where our Captains and Vice Captains will be announced and also on Friday the 14th at our Community Carols on the Green as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Enjoy weeks 8 and 9 everyone!

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- Thurs 6th Dec Responsible pet program
- Thurs 6th Dec @ 5pm Afternoon tea sharing 2019 plans followed by P&C Meeting @ 6pm in Library
- 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—Christmas Carols on the Green 4pm—7pm
- Tues 18th Dec—Year 6 Fun Day
- Wed 19th Dec—Last day for students & Year 6 Clap out @2.45pm

Term 1—2019

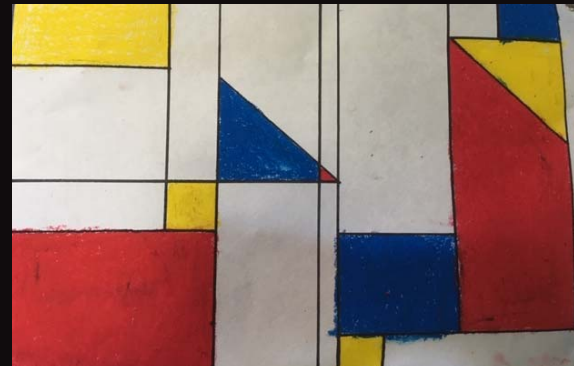
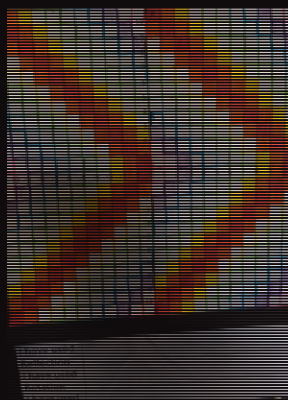
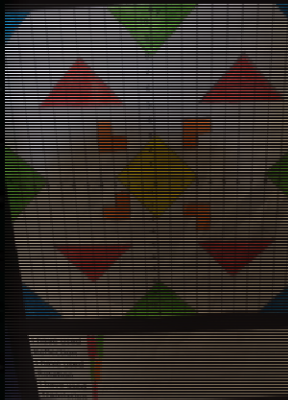
- Wed 30th Jan—Years 1—6 students return
- Thurs—31st Jan—Kindy starts
- Mon 4th Feb—Swimming carnival
- Thurs 28th Mar—School Photos
- Fri 12 April—Last day of term 1



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

5/6T

Students in 5/6T have been learning about mathematical concepts through the use of Visual Arts. They explored fractions and how these can be represented in many unique ways using different colour combinations and line segments. Their artworks were inspired by Piet Mondrian. Students also explored transformation concepts including translation, rotation and reflection. They had to create a geometric artwork that depicted all three aspects of transformation. An amazing way to learn maths and present their understandings.





PBL Week 8 Concept

1 know the importance of friendship



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.

Friendship: Establishing the importance of friendship and friendship networks, developing conflict resolution skills

At home activity:

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

Friendship circles!

On a piece of paper, draw a large circle. Inside that circle, draw a slightly smaller circle. Then draw an even smaller circle inside your middle circle. In the smallest circle, write the name of someone who you would class as your best friend – you spend a lot of time with them/. In the middle circle write the names of your close friends – you spend a lot of time together but often there are other people around. In the biggest circle write the names of social friends you might spend a little bit of time together with.

Talk about:

What is a friend? What is a best friend? What is a close friend? What is a social friend?

Why do we like having friends?

List the strengths of being a good friend and discuss what some skills of being a good friend are.



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PBL Week 9 Concept

1 know how to be tolerant



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Tolerance: Developing the habit of accepting others for who they are. Developing the habit of understanding another's point of view

At home activity:

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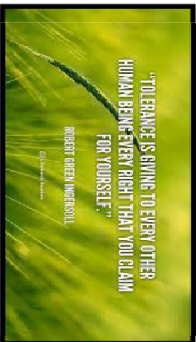
Tolerance poem

Create a tolerance acrostic poem that relates to things at school, home and when out and about. Remember, your idea must start with the letter you are up to!

Talk about:

"We live in a multicultural society. We look different and we live differently. We have different types of families. Difference can enhance our relationships and our society. We all need to be encouraged to recognise, appreciate and tolerate difference."

T-Treat people the way you want to be treated.
O- Overcome prejudice and fear.
L- Learn to respect other cultures.
E- Everybody deserves to be treated kindly.
R- Respect, Respect, Respect.
A- *Anger is not the answer.*
N- No bullying zone, be a friend to all.
C- Co-operate and tolerate each other.
E- Everybody deserves to feel happy and safe at school.



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Instructional Leader Insight

This fortnight's activity...



This year we have been working on developing our phonic knowledge, phonemic awareness and understanding of rhyming words in K-2 classes. All of these skills are essential to learn how to read, spell and write effectively.

If you are looking for some games to play to consolidate these skills go to <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html> where they have rhyming rockets, spelling games as well as games that reinforce knowledge of letters and the sounds that they make.



Wiri Awards



Dion T	Kianah G	Mia S	Robbie B	Kiara E
Amelia B	Amelie G	Jayce H	Ian B	Kaeden H
Ebony M	Fynn N	Letia D	Phoenix S	Zayden B
Erin A	Ryan I	Conner N	Samuel Q	Ella A
Brandon R	Emily J	Lachlan B	Zachary T	Jordan H
Tyler S	Tynen A	Evan G	Levi T	Nickolai W
Sophie P	Manika M	Lincoln J	Zoe M	Lachlan C
Elsie M	Zane J	One'Eva N	Nicolas M	Mason H
Harmony-Rose S	Ella-Jean S	Jakye G	Brodie S	Boyd M
Lachlan C	Elsie M	Tyran H	Lachlan P	Monique R
Calista B	Zoe M	Shayah D	Arliyah A	Liam B
Elye D	Hayden V	Nate W	Kalam B	Ezra M

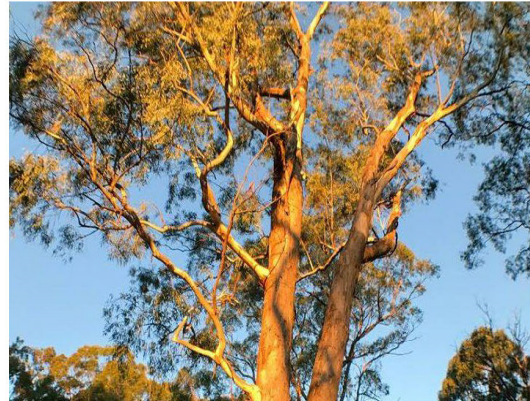
Aboriginal words for week 8

Awabakal name for
dingo



marungkayi

Awabakal Word for
tree



wadiilang

Awabakal name for
fish



makuru

Awabakal Word for
bush



kurang



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!



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.

Solution Steps

Wiri says...

When you need help simply call...

Wiri says...



Step 1

- ✓ Please visit your child's class teacher
- ✓ For playground problems see the teacher on duty in an orange vest

Step 2

- ✓ If you have seen your classroom teacher and you feel you need more support please see one of our school executives



Ms Fleming
Special Ed



Mrs Lavercombe
3 - 6



Mrs Summers
K - 2



Mrs Cook
Assistant
Principal
Wellbeing



Ms McGee
Instructional
Leader

Step 3

- ✓ If you have seen school executive and you still need more support then make an appointment to see Mrs Stothard



If your issue is regarding another parent please submit your concern in writing to the school executive. Approaching students or parents about school concerns is not acceptable onsite.

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

bricks 4 kidz We Learn. We Build. We Play.

MAKE YOUR OWN CUDDLY FRIEND

NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

PCYC POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

VACATION CARE

FUN CRAFT SPORT EXCURSIONS COOKING FRIENDSHIPS

PCYC LAKE MACQUARIE 4948 6622

Send your children along to PCYC these holidays for a jam packed, fun filled holidays! The children are involved in a variety of craft, cooking and sports each day. Plus they make friends with other children and get the opportunity to catch up each holidays! Most parents find that it is cheaper to send your child to us for excursions than it is to take them yourselves! This is thanks to Centrelink's Childcare Subsidy. Some days could be as low as \$8.67 or \$50.83 for a full week! For an information package, simply give us a call or email slenton@pcycnsw.org.au



Closed from
25th December - 2nd January
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Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

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
 Put 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

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
 'The Grinch'
 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 eve 7am-3pm
Excursion

Summer School holidays december 208 & 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 Centrefix your approved hours for care

St Pauls Primary School
 Felton 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





Experiment with fun this **Summer**



**Play, explore,
build and discover
with your child these
summer holidays
at a water-themed
Science
workshop**

**Curious Cubs
offer a range of
fun, interactive
water-themed
experiments and
activities
for children
to enjoy**

Charlestown Swim Centre Friday 11 January 2019 10am and 11.30am	Speers Point Swim Centre Friday 18 January 2019 10am and 11.30am
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Age: 3 to 8 year olds. Parental guidance required
 5 – 8 years \$12.50 Under 5s \$9.50 Spectator fee \$2.50

Aquatic Challenger available at Charlestown and Speers Point Swim Centres noon-2pm additional cost

Bookings and payments essential
Charlestown Swim Centre 4921 0782 Speers Point Swim Centre 4921 0580



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

Wiripaang p&c Christmas raffle	Wiripaang p&c Christmas raffle	Wiripaang p&c Christmas raffle	Wiripaang p&c Christmas raffle	Wiripaang p&c Christmas raffle
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