



Meet Mason, Jorja-Lee & Destinyrose from 2/3B



SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome back to Term 3 – what a great start to the term with our amazing NAIDOC celebrations. Thank you to the fantastic volunteers that came and supported our assembly and cultural rotations for the day. It was great to see the students participating in many activities ranging from exploring artefacts, painting, singing in Awabakal, football drills and creative cupcake decorating.

Congratulations to our students who received recognition for their writing at the assembly. If you would like to come and have a look at the entries there will be a book of the student's work in the foyer. It was heart-warming to read how the students identify with significant female role models ranging from parents, aunties, grandmothers and idols.

Our Whole School Public Speaking finals were held yesterday. Congratulations to all of our students who participated. We had a variety of topics that showed the different interests and personalities of our students. Congratulations to those students who have made it to the next level and good luck at the local finals.

We have been working hard to get our new Support Unit classrooms ready this term. In our sorting and moving we have found some treasures ranging from old Principal documentation, uniforms, flags, photographs and time capsules. Some of our P&C

representatives have offered to come in on Thursday 2nd August to continue to look through these old archives. If you are interested in looking through these old photos from Gateshead and Gateshead West Public Schools please come down and help us sort from 3pm on Thursday before the P&C meeting.

Mrs Ginters and Mrs Darcy have been selected to attend a Community Language Program through Minimbah AECG. This is a fantastic opportunity, with Mrs Ginters and Mrs Darcy attending a variety of sessions where they will learn about the Awabakal language and the language of the land on which we live. We look forward to them sharing this learning within our school community.

Make sure you put Education Week and Book Week dates in your calendar as we have many fun filled activities that we would like you to come and experience with us. See Facebook as well as more information on upcoming events in this edition of Wiri Whisperer.

Don't forget our P&C meeting tomorrow night at 6pm in the library – everyone is welcome!

Mrs Penelope McGee

Relieving Principal

UPCOMING DATES

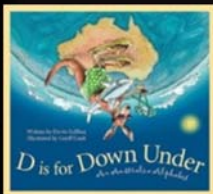
Term 3

- Thurs 2nd August P&C Meeting in the Library @ 6pm
- Mon 6th Aug Girls PSSA Touch Football
- Wed 8th & Thurs 9th August Zone Athletics
- Sat 11th August P&C Bingo Night
- Mon 13th Aug Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
- Tues 14th Aug Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals
- Thurs 16th Aug Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
- Fri 17th Aug Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
- Mon 20th—Fri 24th August Book Fair Open
- Tues 21st August Book Week Parade
- Thurs 23rd August Science Week Celebrations
- Wed 29th—Thurs 30th August Mobile School Dentist
- Thurs 6th Sept P&C Meeting in the Library @ 6pm
- Tues 11th—13th Sept Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Fri 28th Sept Last day of Term 3



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

WS



'D is for Down Under' explores Australia through the alphabet. WS are finding out lots of interesting things about our amazing country.



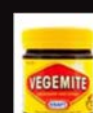
A is for Aboriginal people who long ago understood in dreams by and by, the spirit of Australia is in the land and sky.



E is for echidna, licking at a termite mound. He rolls into a spiny ball when trouble is around.



For the letter V, take a slice of bread. Toast it and cover it in your favourite spread. It's a national food; it tastes just right. Down under, V is for Vegemite.





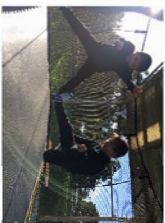
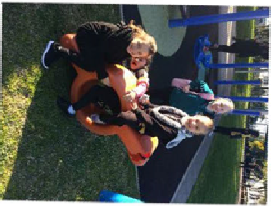
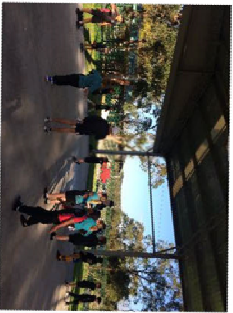
PBL Week 2 Focus



Wiri says, "I can make safe and responsible choices in the playground!"

This week we will be discussing how to be in the right place at the right time in the playground! Being in the right place at the right time means that everyone can remain safe and do their jobs appropriately.

We are:	What it looks like:
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I follow school rules I know where I should be I know where others should be
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I response to situations safely I recognise when I need help I can be a good role model
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am in the right place at the right time I understand why I need to be in the right place I can help others make good choices
<p><i>This is important because...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not in the right place at the right time you are out of bounds, unsupervised and unsafe! 	



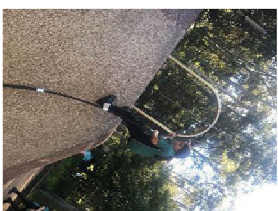
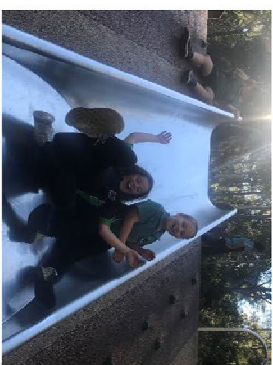
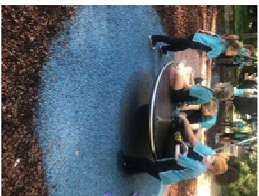
PBL Week 3 Focus



Wiri says, "I look for the positives in things!"

This week we will be reflecting on how to find the positives in every situations. Did you know, if you have positive mindset you are more likely to enjoy life, improve your self-esteem and improve your relationships! We will be focusing on changing our words from "I can't do it" to "I can't do it – yet!"

We are:	What it looks like:
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I respect the rights and opinions of others I treat others with kindness and fairness I try my hardest in all activities, even when it's hard
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I follow school expectations and rules I always try my best I am a good role model
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am learning to stay calm I am learning to keep an open mind I am learning to have a positive mindset
<p><i>This is important because...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to treat others how we would like to be treated Having a positive outlook will increase your chances of having a better day! 	



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

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Last Thursday our school celebrated our NAIDOC Day with the Theme 'Because of Her We Can'.

What a great day! We started with a Whole school assembly which included:

- * Acknowledgement of Country
- * NAIDOC history and theme overview
- * Writing competition winners presentation with Awards presented by Mrs Darcy and Aunty Pat Sleigh
- * Boys Cultural Group performance
- * Australian National Anthem sung in Awabakal Language by Nakita Newham and her son Jeraki

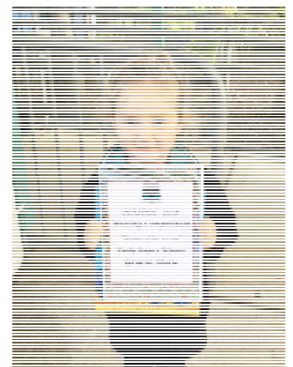
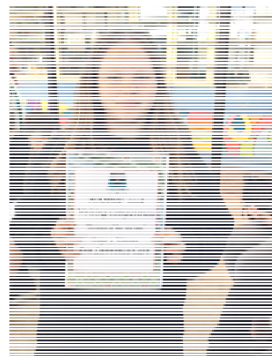
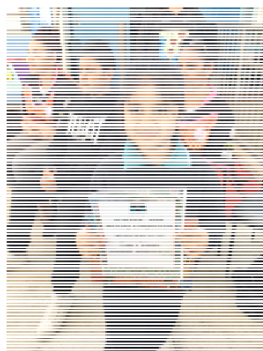
After our assembly our students rotated around some fun cultural activities such as:

- * Cake decorating with red, black and yellow icing with Carmen Adamson and Paula Jaunalksnis
- * Aboriginal Dance and Language with Richard Faulkner from 'Yarnteen'
- * Bush tucker and artefacts talk by ex-student Kenton Proctor and Jesse Harvey
- * Painting with Kathleen Avery and daughter Kirra
- * Ball skills with Nakita Newham and Lynn Milson

A big thankyou is extended to the Bahtabah Lands Council Elders Craft Group who not only judged the winner of our writing completion but who also donated gift vouchers to all our finalists of the writing competition. Thank you also to all our helpers because without you all, we could not put on such a fantastic day for the students at our school.

Nerrida Darcy/ Kristy Ping

Aboriginal Education Assistants



Sport News

Macquarie Cup Soccer

Wiripaang played against Floraville PS in both juniors and seniors last Friday, in the first game for the term. It was great to see a number of new faces in the team, along with the majority of last term's team returning for the second half of the competition. Wiripaang competed strongly in all games and showed great sportsmanship in encouraging each other. Katelyn, Dominic and Jarrod all had impressive games in their first game in this competition. There are still 1 or 2 spots left particularly in juniors, if any students would still like to play soccer this term. Thanks again to Hunter Sports High for loaning one of their buses for transport, resulting in a considerable reduction in student cost.

Mr McNeil

Rugby League

The Graham House Challenge returned to Windale Ovals on Friday and Wiripaang Rugby League students couldn't be more excited to get on the field. Both juniors and seniors had an excellent first round showing some wonderful skills and sportsmanship. It was great to see all Wiri teams trying their best and enjoying themselves. Go Wiri!

Mr Thompson

Wiri Awards



Gracie S
EAtayah A
PAurora E
Monique R
Aidan J
Mia S
Mason H
Paiyden M

Phoenix T
Atayah A
Gordon A
Elsie M
Henry N
Phoenix P
Jorja A
Nicolas M

Layla W
Jayce H
Dean Q
Samuel Q
Lilly-Belle B
Michael L
Ella-Jean S

Jayden N
Ian B
Boyd M
Natahlia W
Zoie P
Tamara W
Kai S

Sophie
Christopher
TyranH
Natalia M
Ella A
Jonathon T
Charlotte B

Wiri's Library



Welcome back to another busy term in Wiri's library. We have lots of exciting events coming up this term and we look forward to inviting our community to celebrate with us.



Book Fair

There will be a Book Fair in the library during Week 5 to celebrate Book Week. Every purchase made during the Book Fair earns rewards for our library which means even more fabulous resources for our students to enjoy. I will not send the Book Club brochures home this term to encourage as many people as possible to support the Book Fair.

Library Stocktake

I will do a stocktake during Week 7 this term. This allows me to maintain our collection and identify areas of need. I would really appreciate if all books could be returned by the end of Week 5 to allow me to prepare for the stocktake. Please return books, even if they are damaged, so that they can be entered on the library catalogue and dealt with appropriately. This ensures that I can replace lost and damaged books and keep popular items in circulation. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC ends on Friday 31st August so keep updating those online reading logs. The end is in sight!

Completing an online reading record:

Log on to the PRC website

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

On the sidebar click **Logon**

Use your school username and password

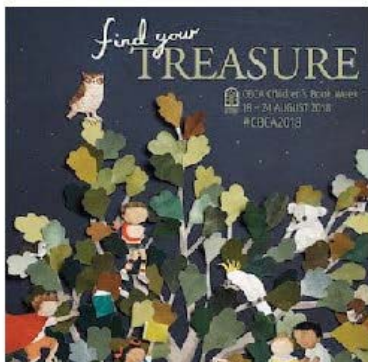
Click on **STUDENT READING RECORD**

Enter your books.

*See you in the library,
Miss Dunne*



Book Week 2018 August 18—24th



Find your treasure .

Wiripaang P.S. will celebrate with our annual Book Week Parade on **Tuesday August 21st @12pm**
The Book Fair will be back in the library during Book Week.

Get your thinking caps on and start creating those costumes!

Education Week

Today's school's celebrating tomorrow's world.

We invite you to join us in our classrooms in the afternoon of **August 21st**, after the Book Week celebrations. Students will participate in number talks with their teachers to demonstrate the fabulous numeracy strategies we have been working on to enhance our skills as mathematicians.



Science Week



Game changers and change makers.

Science Week will be celebrated at Wiri with an afternoon of Science activities on **Thursday August 23rd**.

We are looking forward to a busy term 3 with lots of opportunities to share our learning with the community!

P&C News



Wiripaang Public School P&C Bingo Night will be held 6pm Saturday 11th August at Windale/Gateshead Bowling club.

We have secured some fantastic prizes for the night including 2 x \$50 virtual reality passes, Newcastle Knights Jersey, 2 for 1 trampoline vouchers and much more. Donations are greatly appreciated. Books are \$10 each and dabbers will be available to purchase for \$2.50 each.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Wiri colour explosion. It turned out to be a fantastic fundraiser with everyone having a really great time.

Our next P&C meeting is this Thursday 2nd August 6pm in the library. All welcome to attend.



Wiripaang P.S P&C

BINGO Night

11th August @ Windale Gateshead Bowling Club

6pm Arrival for 6.30pm start

Bingo Book \$10

Bingo Dobbers \$2.50

Lots of prizes to be won!!

Coin toss

Scottish Raffle

Food and Drink can be purchased through the club

Community Announcements

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



1

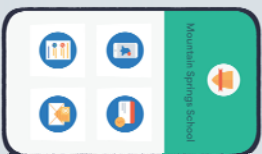
Download the app
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

2

Create an account
Sign up in seconds with your email address

3

Add your school
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag

Good for Kids good for life

SANDWICH ALTERNATIVES IN THE LUNCHBOX

Sandwiches are a great addition to an everyday lunchbox but if you feel like branching out here are some other great ideas:

- Vegetable fried rice,
- Pasta salad,
- Zucchini slice,
- Savoury muffins packed with vegetables,
- Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls,
- Vegetable sushi rolls.

For more great ideas visit the Cancer Council's Healthy Lunch Box website: <https://healthyinbox.com.au/>



PHONE 4924 6499

