



Meet Callista, Kristina, Yalaly, Natayah, Kianah, Brodie, Lakeah & Katelyn our Rugby League 7's State Champions



SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome to week 10 of Term 3

Our school NAPLAN results were delivered home last week with our year 3 and 5 students. There has been much discussion in the media around the results from students who participated in NAPLAN Online as opposed to the paper version. Wiripaang confidently participated in the NAPLAN Online platform this year as our students are well equipped with technology skills and hardware to embrace this change, that all schools will eventually transition to by 2020. NAPLAN is to be used as a diagnostic tool that sits alongside the many other assessment processes that occur within classrooms. A data highlight that was acknowledged by our Director of Education, Mr Steve Harris, was the sustained improvement our year 3 students have made over many years in the areas of Numeracy and Writing. In these 2 learning areas we now outperform statistically similar schools. We continue to strive for sustained improvement every day in all that we do.

Term 3 has been full of so many wonderful celebrations of learning in all areas of education at Wiri, it is hard to believe we were able to fit all of the below in to one term:

- Successful interschool sporting competitions, thank you to all parents who provided transport and support at the games;
- Our support unit successfully moved in to their new purpose built rooms and are loving them;
- An amazing combined Book, Education and Science Week celebration;
- Public Speaking competitions where students excelled;

- NAIDOC Day celebrations and the first Wiripaang NAIDOC writing competition;
- A highly successful P&C Bingo Night fundraiser;
- An exceptional Stage 3 Canberra excursion;
- The launch of our mobile library in the resort of a Wednesday morning;
- Our first bumper crop of vegies from our Bunnings gardens resulting in a profitable pop up stall to purchase more seedlings, and;
- A major highlight with our senior girls Rugby League 7s taking out the state championships last Thursday in Sydney. A magnificent win for the team and coaches, Mr Haines and Mr Thompson – I'm certain everyone would share with me in congratulating them. A formal assembly is being held this Friday at 9.15am to acknowledge these talented athletes. We would love to see many of our community in attendance.

So much to celebrate and as always these events couldn't occur without the dedication of our staff and our families all working together to enable the best opportunities to strengthen our students cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Have a fantastic holiday break Wiri family and I look forward to seeing everyone back for our final term of 2018, recharged and ready to learn on Monday 15th October. Take care everyone.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Term 3

- Tues 25th Sept –Years 3—6 Soaring High Day
- Thurs 27th Sept Years K—2 Soaring High Day
- Whole School assembly 9.15am
- Fri 28th Sept Last day of Term 3

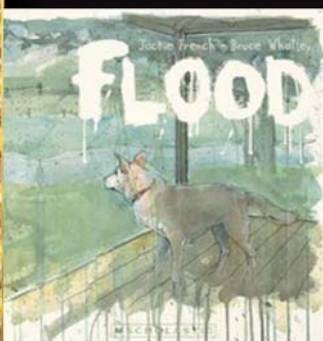
Term 4

- Mon 15th Oct School returns
- Wed 31st Oct—Thurs 1st Nov Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
- Wed 12th Dec—Presentation Day
- Wed 12th Dec—Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 14th Dec—Carols on the Green 4pm—7pm
- Wed 19th Dec—Last day for students



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

2/3S



The Brisbane Floods!

Disaster! Disaster! Read all about it here with 2/3S.

Throughout Term 3 2/3s have been focusing on writing informative texts that provide descriptive detail of current events, the lifestyle of animals and our community. We had a focus on newspaper article writing for the 2011 Brisbane floods. I particularly love how Aurora used descriptive language "the flood crept back into the sea in pain" after the sun comes out. Well done 2/3S, keep up the great reporting!





PBL Week 10 Focus



Wiri says, "I can stay safe in the holidays!"



This week we will be reflecting on what it means to stay safe in the holidays. School holidays are a very exciting time of the year however we must remember to be respectful, responsible learners even outside of the classroom! When out and about, children can



be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. Most of all, enjoy the holidays!

We are:	What it looks like:
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I listen to my parents and carers • I am respectful of my own and others' property • I do not walk away from family or friends without telling them where I am going
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone always knows where I am • I make safe choices when adults aren't around • I take care of my younger siblings and friends • I don't get in to any cars with people I don't know
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am learning that my actions have consequences • I am learning to have fun in a safe way • I am learning that I am in charge of my own decisions • I am learning to always tell my parents or carer if something happens
<i>This is important because...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If everyone remembers to stay safe, no one will get hurt! • We are learning to be respectful and responsible learners within the community. • We want you to stay safe so we see you again in Term 4! 	



Instructional Leaders Insight...

Spatial Reasoning is an important skill for children to develop. It allows them to participate successfully in the mathematics classroom. Research conducted by the University of Canberra is finding that spatial reasoning and spatial thinking interventions are providing increased performance in mathematics and STEM subjects.

Why not try using good old Tetris to support your child's reasoning skills! Tetris requires students to flip, rotate and turn a variety of shapes to fill in the lines. These are all important skills for developing spatial reasoning.



Wiri Awards



Tamara W
Johnathon E
Charlotte B
Fynn N
Tyler S
Jacksun S
Ryan I
Ruby B

Mia S
Haylie B
Jorja A
Zayden B
Benjamin V
Ella A
Denni C

Dakota H
Jonathon T
Ella-Jean S
Angie D
Jack G
Emily J
Lily P

Ashton G
Bianca W
Aurora E
Dillion S
Henry N
Miesha L
Layla W

Kiara E
Gordon A
Matthew H
Braydon S
Samuel Q
Glen M
Kaleb W

Sport News

Girls Rugby League 7's State Championships

The Wiri girls under 12's rugby league team traveled down to Werrington in Western Sydney last week to compete in the State Championships. The nerves and excitement were immense across the team and the stage was set for an excellent day of rugby league. The girls played three pool games against Crawford, Walgatt and Crescent Head. Wiri played exceptional and went through the pool phase undefeated. They came up against a strong side from Brisbania in the semi-finals and got the job done with a strong win putting them into the Grand final at St Marys Stadium. The commitment and hard work throughout the year and the day paid off as the girls went out and had another amazing win over Crawford 28-14. An amazing achievement from our Wiri girls. Number one in the state! A memory and championship that will last a life time! Go Wiri!

Mr Thompson & Mr Haines



After a very busy and successful Term 3 of sport in which Wiripaang participated in a number of round robin competitions. The PCYC are again offering their facilities as a sporting option for Term 4. Primary students are invited to participate in Friday's weekly sport at the PCYC. Each week students will rotate between 3 activities: - Aikido, Futsal (indoor soccer) and Gymnastics. Total cost for the 8 week program is \$45 and students will also receive a 12 month PCYC membership which can be used at any PCYC in NSW. Students will walk to and from the venue.

Notes will soon be going home for the Friday swimming program for students. Numbers for swimming are strictly limited to how many students will fit on the bus and preference will be given to students who have returned notes and money first.

A school sports program at no cost will also be available for students who do not elect to participate in either of the activities above.



Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Wiripaang Public School calculated the rebate into the cost of the excursion and provided it at a reduced rate.

Wiri is very proud of the respectful and responsible way our learners visited Canberra.

We also acknowledge our staff who gave up their own family time to accompany the students on this amazing excursion.





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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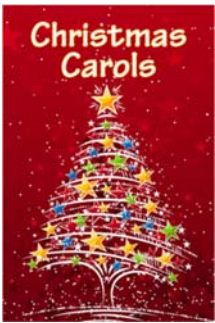
P&C News



National Bandana Day

26th October 2018

Bandanas being sold each morning for \$5 with all money raised going to CanTeen.



Carols on The Green

Friday 14th December 4pm – 7pm in the resort area. If you would like to have a stall please let a P&C member know. Stall holder fee is \$20.

Community Announcements

Spinning

school holidays

Tuesday 2 October

Intensive learn to swim program
Charlestown, Swansea or West Walsend Swim Centres
3+ years
\$35.20 for four-day program

CPR awareness sessions
9-9:45am
Charlestown, Swansea or West Walsend Swim Centres
All ages | Free

Seasons craft table
Library open hours
Belmont Library
All ages | Free

Make a Splash anytime
9:30am-noon
West Walsend Swim Centre
3-6 years
Swim Centre entry cost

Sculpture workshop
10:30am-12:30pm
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20 per child

Stories from the Big Blue Chair: Be yourself, be fabulous
2-3:15pm
Toronto Library
5-9 years | Free

Wednesday 3 October

Seasons craft table
Library open hours
Belmont Library
All ages | Free

Rainbow Connection
10:30-11:30am
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
3-6 years
\$10 per child/adult couple

Fold and tie paper planes
10am, 11:30am or 3pm
Morisset Library
7-12 years | Free

Thursday 4 October

Seasons craft table
Library open hours
Belmont Library
All ages | Free

Lanterns making
2-3:15pm
Charlestown Library
All ages | Free

Meet the Illustrator: Lessons of a Lac series
11am-noon
Speers Point Library
3-9 years | Free

Jewellery making
10:30am-12:30pm
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20 per child

Friday 5 October

Seasons craft table
Library open hours
Belmont Library
All ages | Free

Make a Splash anytime
9:30am-noon
Charlestown Swim Centre
3-6 years
Swim Centre entry cost

Spooky storytime
9:30-10:30am
Swansea Library
3-7 years | Free

Saturday 6 October

Free Learn to Swim
8am-noon
(30 minute classes)
Charlestown, Swansea, Speers Point and West Walsend Swim Centres
5 years and under | Free

Intensive learn to swim program
Charlestown, Swansea or West Walsend Swim Centres
3+ years
\$55 for 5 day program

Planet Aethenium Fun Palace
10am-4pm
Toronto Library
12 years and all abilities | Free

Crafty kids: polar bear fun
2:30-3:30pm
Werrig Werrig Library
3-6 years | Free

Stretchy Monday
3-4pm
Charlestown Library
6-12 years | Free

Tuesday 9 October

Teddy bear storytime
9:30-10:15am
Edgeworth Library
3-6 years | Free

Sculpture workshop
10:30am-12:30pm
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20 per child

Wednesday 10 October

Rainbow Connection
10:30-11:30am
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
3-6 years
\$10 per child/adult couple

Billy Goats Gruff storytime and puppet show
10:30am, 11:30am or 3pm
Morisset Library
3-7 years | Free

Mindfulness through art for kids
2-2:45pm
Belmont Library
7-12 years | Member \$8, non-member \$10

Thursday 11 October

Wands for muggles
10-10:45am
Speers Point Library
6-10 years | Free

Jewellery making
10:30am-12:30pm
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20 per child

Friday 12 October

Colour your world
Library opening hours
Cardiff Library
5-12 years | Free

Trivia
2pm-3:15pm
Charlestown Library
7-12 years | Free

Spinning
book online at
library.lakemac.com.au/events

Spine Mice
Charlestown: Swansea 4921 0782, 4921 0733
West Walsend: 4921 0738
Speers Point: 4921 0580

Bookings essential
4965 8260

Equi gallery
4965 8260

Lake Macquarie City Council
lakemac.com.au/recreation/whats-on/school-holidays

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Create good habits for life.

Did you know?

Unprotected exposure to the sun on our children's delicate skin significantly increases their risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Unfortunately, two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer in later life – some of them with deadly melanomas.

The good news is that skin cancer is very preventable. Creating good sun protection habits for life helps reduce the risk of skin cancer and helps prevent freckles, moles and painful sunburn.

When do we need sun protection?

Most areas in NSW experience high levels of UV radiation most of the year – even on cloudy or cooler days. Check the SunSmart UV Alert daily for UV levels in your local area:

- In daily newspaper weather forecasts
- Google the **free** SunSmart App for smartphones
- Go to www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart

Balancing sun protection and vitamin D needs

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bone growth and is made when skin is exposed to UV radiation. In NSW most children will get enough vitamin D during their everyday outdoor activities. Children with very dark skin may be at risk of low vitamin D. It's important to talk to your doctor if you have any concerns for your family.



Follow the tips below whenever the UV level is 3 or above.

Slip, stop, slap...plus seek and slide!



Slip on sun-safe clothing, such as longer-style shorts and skirts, t-shirts and dresses with sleeves, collars or covered necklines.



Stop on SPF 30+ or SPF 50+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen. Reapply every 2 hours, or more often if washed off or swimming.



Slap on a wide-brimmed or bucket hat that protects the face, neck and ears.



Seek out shady areas, but still use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunscreen.



Slide on sunnies that meet the Australian Standard 1067 and have an eye protection factor rating of EPF 10.

Walking the talk!

As a parent, carer or educator it's important you protect your own skin and role model good sun protection for children in your care. A handy tip is to keep a broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen in your bag, car or classroom.

Brims are best

Sun-safe hats, such as bucket, broad-brimmed or legionnaire styles are best. Baseball caps are a popular fashion item, but they don't protect the neck, ears and cheeks. Try keeping them for indoor activities and always wear sun-safe hats when outside.



The facts about sunscreen

There is clear evidence that sunscreen helps protect against skin cancer, however sunscreen does not give complete protection and should always be used with sun-safe hats, clothing and shade.

Allergic reactions to sunscreen are rare. Cancer Council recommends performing a patch test on a small area on the inside forearm to check if the skin reacts, prior to applying sunscreen to the rest of the body – especially if the brand or product has not been used before. If a reaction occurs, discontinue use and seek advice from a doctor or chemist about choosing an alternative product.

Want to know more? Check out www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart or call Cancer Council Information and Support line on 13 11 20



CANCER COUNCIL



SUMMER SWIM CLUB

Tuesday 23/10/18

Jamie's Swim School - 141 Floraville Rd Floraville

\$110 1st Swimmer incl one parent membership

\$90 Sibling Swimmer Under 7 FREE

Registration Afternoon 21/10/18 from 4.30pm at Jewells Tavern or Swim Club Night

Swim Night - \$5 - TUESDAY 7PM Start

First few nights at JSS then HOPEFULLY we'll

move to Speers Point Swim Centre

ALL swimmers that qualify and swim

championships receive a trophy and gift

EVERYONE is welcome, training preference is YOUR CHOICE

Good for Kids good for life

GUIDE TO HEALTHY EATING

Have you seen the Australian and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Guide to Healthy Eating? Children and adults should enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from the 5 food groups every day:

- Plenty of vegetables of different types and colours and legumes/beans.
- Fruit.
- Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and high fibre varieties, e.g. pasta, rice, bread etc.
- Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds.
- Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat (full fat milk for children under 2).
- And drink plenty of water.



Visit www.eatforhealth.gov.au for more information.



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YOUTH CLUBS NSW

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

October School Holidays
Week 1

Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
  	 TODAY WE ARE GOING ON AN EXCURSION TO HUNTER VALLEY ZOO!   ANIMAL FOAM CUP CRAFT	 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE TODAY CHILDREN CAN BRING IN THEIR DEVICES FROM HOME TO PLAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY   RECYCLING CRAFT CREATIONS	 TODAY WE WILL BE MAKING AN AWESOME TACO LUNCH AFTER RETURNING FROM A FUN FILLED MORNING AT SPRINGLOADED  	 TODAY WE WILL BE GOING TO HOYTS TO SEE SMALLFOOT!  MAKE YOUR OWN DREAM CATCHER! 

With the Child Care Subsidy, fees can be considerably low. As low as \$6 per day (in club days). To find out if you are eligible for this benefit, contact your local Centrelink branch and inform them you want to put your child into approved Vacation Care with PCYC Lake Macquarie.

PCYC Lake Macquarie
2b Lake St. Windale
Ph: 4948 6622
OOSH Hours: 8.30am – 5.30pm

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS


October School Holidays
Week 2

Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
TODAY WE ARE GOING ON A PICNIC TO SPEERS POINT PARK! 	TODAY WE ARE GOING ON AN EXCURSION TO PCYC CESSNOCK FOR ROCK CLIMBING & GYMNASTICS FUN! 	TODAY WE WILL BE BAKING & DECORATING OUR OWN CUPCAKES TO HAVE FOR AFTERNOON TEA (& MAYBE SOME FOR HOME TOO) 	 TODAY WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A FUN DAY ALL ABOUT 'WORLD SIGHT DAY' 	 YOU GUYS ASKED FOR IT, SO HERE IT IS... WE'RE GOING ICE SKATING!!! 
		 WE WILL ALSO LEARN SOME MAGIC TRICKS & HAVE A MAGIC SHOW	 LET'S WATCH A MOVIE ON THE BIG SCREEN!  MAKE SURE YOU BRING A WARM JACKET LET'S LEARN TO MAKE AN EGG IN HOLE!	

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Spring Vacation Care 2018 Fair Play OOSH Gateshead

Monday 1st 	Tuesday 2nd Pizza & PJ's Slip out of bed and straight to OOSH in your PJ's and enjoy a yummy pizza lunch. Panther and Pambough Paint your nails and have your hair done or be creative and hands on making your very own playdough. Day Camp	Wednesday 3rd Just Dream Dinosaur Fossils Dig up a fossil and enjoy interacting with Slash the dinosaur. 10am arrival Daring Dinosaurs Create your own dinosaur using recycled materials. Incursion	Thursday 4th Martara Festival Enjoy a full day of unlimited rides with your friends. 9am - 3pm Relax with a movie Put your feet up & relax with a movie after a big day out. Excursion	Friday 5th Gold Class Movies "Snail Food" Kick back with your popcorn in recliners and enjoy the movie. 10am - 1pm Music Madness Dance, sing and be creative with all types of music. Excursion
Monday 8th Cool Commando's Dress up in your camouflage clothes and tackle the crazy commando course as you pretend to be a soldier in the army. Face Painting Get your face painted to blend in with the surrounds to tackle the commando course. Day Camp	Tuesday 9th Kayon Theatre Enjoy an exciting interactive show with games, prizes and more. 9am - 1pm Super Science Become a little Einstein and take part in the science experiments. Excursion	Wednesday 10th Clare Sports Build your skills in a sports program and take part in first aid training. 10am - 2pm Creative Crafts Make the room bloom with spring crafts. Incursion	Thursday 11th Circus Fun Join in on the fun and experience the circus at Worssell under the Big Top for a fun filled day. 9am - 3pm Wild Wild West Shoot Cans and enjoy a horse race as we pretend we are in the wild west. Excursion	Friday 12th Hunter Sports Stadium Jump, bounce and flip the morning away learning new skills in gymnastics. 11am - 12:30pm Super Sports Pick a sport and challenge your OOSH friends and staff. Excursion

Fair Play OOSH - Gateshead

Felton Street, Gateshead

Ph: 0412 728 915 Email: stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au

Enrol and book via the Family Lounge @ www.fairplayoosh.com.au



October 2018 Vacation Care Information

fees

Day Camps \$50

Incursion & Excursions - \$65

- The daily incursion and excursion fee of \$65 is inclusive of incursion, excursion and travel costs.
- Daily fee reduced by Child Care Subsidy
- No cancellation Policy for Vacation Care Excursions & Incursions & 24 hours for Day Camps.

- Once bookings are made we will email or print you a statement with the WEEKLY total of your bookings.
- Collection after 6pm incurs a fee of \$10 per family.

things your

children will need daily

- Send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snacks & drink bottle.
- A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing.
- Enclosed shoes. No sandals, thongs or ballet flats
- Positive attitude
- Fair Play **Green** Shirts are compulsory on all Vacation Care Excursions and will be available to purchase in the weeks leading up to Vacation Care. The cost of the shirt is \$15 and is payable by cash or can be added to your account.

how to book

Phone - 0412 728 915 Email: stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au

Family Lounge- www.fairplayoosh.com.au

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

Operating hours & location

7am - 6pm

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