



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 which our school is named after.

SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome back to the busiest of all terms. I trust everyone had a well-rested holiday break, it has been wonderful to see the children back at school smiling and ready to learn. Our end of Term 3 musical was an amazing credit to our school and this term we already have more reasons to celebrate. The Early Action for Success Numeracy Team visited Wiri yesterday to observe lessons and talk to students and staff. The special guests visited our school because we have achieved above state average growth in our NAPLAN Numeracy data over a 3 year period, which is truly worth celebrating! We are extremely proud of the hard work our students and teachers do every day, all of our lifelong learners are so very clever.

In week 4, our stage 3 students will attend their 2 night excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp, wonderful opportunities such as this help our students to develop their independence and peer relationships as they spend a few days away from the school and home setting. The dedication of teachers who are giving up time with their own families to attend this excursion is very much appreciated. I also thank our families for making payment instalments on time, this greatly assisted in the immense amount of organisation required for events like this. When notes and money aren't paid on time it takes staff away from teaching and learning to chase students and families. Attached to today's newsletter is the terms calendar of events to assist you with notes and finance planning for the term ahead.

Wiri is celebrating Grandparent's Week on Tuesday October 29th. This day is an opportunity for us to

celebrate the vital role that grandparents play in our society as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Please see the special invitation further in our newsletter and I look forward to seeing our Grandfriends from 1.30pm on Tuesday.

Our attendance has commenced positively again this term, please note that most of our negative data is currently coming from student lateness. This missed time quickly adds up for students if they are regularly late, and it is often the time that students are given explicit learning instructions, setting them up for success for the day ahead. Please ensure students arrive at school, prior to the bell at 9.05am, giving them every opportunity to be successful learners.

Our 2020 enrolment numbers are looking very healthy, if you know of any local families who are yet to present at Wiripaang for 2020 enrolment please urge them to call in to the office so we can be as accurate as possible in our class planning processes, alternatively if you know you are not returning to Wiripaang in 2020 could you also please advise the office.

I am looking forward to a productive term 4 and wonderful celebrations of learning as we near the end of the year. I hope to see many of our students support our P&C Halloween Disco next week, details further in, get those dancing shoes on!

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

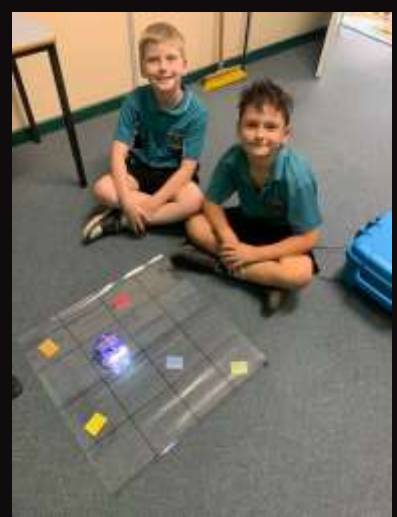
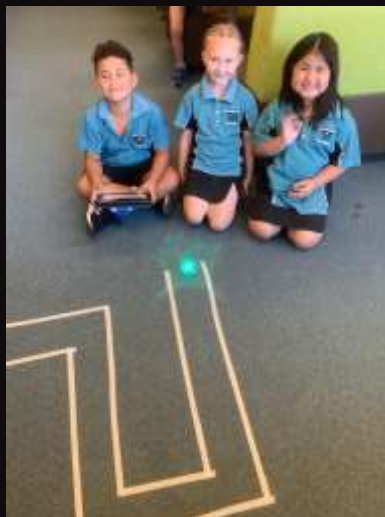
- Tues 29th October—Grand Friends Day 1.30pm—2pm
- Thurs 31st October—P&C Halloween Disco 4—5.30pm
- Mon 4th—6th November—Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- Thurs 7th November P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
- Tues 19th November—Kindy Expo
- Tues 26th November—Kinder orientation 1
- Tues 3rd December—Kinder orientation 2
- Tues 10th December—Kinder orientation 3
- Wed 11th December—Presentation Day
- Thurs 12th December—Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 13th December—Soaring High Day
- Wed 18th December—Last day of Term 4



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

2H

2H have been working together, using their creative and critical thinking skills to design a maze for the Beebot and Sphero to travel through. We used directional language, commands and sequencing to find multiple paths. We love using technology!





PLEASE JOIN US:

Event: Wiripaang Public School Grandfriends Day 2019

Time & Date: Tuesday 29th October 1.30-2.55

Location: Wiripaang Public School COLA
2A Pacific Highway
Gateshead

Description: Visit our Book Fair and share some lunch with your special family members. The canteen will have some extra goodies. We will have an Assembly starting at 2pm which will be followed by classroom visits and a small afternoon tea.



Find out more at grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au



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Attending school every day
helps grow great friendships

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MISSING SCHOOL MEANS MISSING OUT.

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Wiri Awards



Banjo H
Alex W
Jacksun S
Courtney V
Zoe M
Ashley W
Jayden S

Tyrelle P
Braydon S
Samuel C
Jehrome L
Saige H
Kleia D

Landon S
Lincon S
Jorja A
Jakai J
Ethan C
Domonick B

Tyson O
Willow P
Christopher P
Lillian F
Hayden C
Zayden B

Ethan M
Indi W
Jacinta C
Arliyah A
Zoey H
Glen M



Wiri Celebrates

Respectful, responsible learners celebrating with a great movie and a good old picnic and play in the park on the last day of Term 3.



The talented students and staff of Wiripaang performed for families, friends and community in their end of term musical Time after Time last Term. Thank you for the ongoing support of our P&C, Hope Unlimited Church, our wonderful students and families, Director Mrs Pfeiffer and our team our dedicated staff who always go above and beyond to give all of our students the opportunity to shine!



P&C News

Volunteers are needed to help support our Bunnings BBQ on 17th November, if you can help for any part of the day it would be appreciated.

We are asking for donations for our Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to leave your donations.

Coming up this term

31/10/2019—Halloween Disco

7/11/2019— P&C Meeting @ 6pm in the Library

17/11/2019—Bunnings BBQ (helpers needed)



P&C Halloween Disco

**Join us for a friendly school disco
with a Halloween theme!**

When: Thursday 31st October 2019, under the main COLA

Time: 4pm—5.30pm

Who: Students of Wiripaang PS

Entry Fee: \$2 per student

Drinks, chips and lollies available to purchase

All proceeds support our P&C fundraising efforts for our school.

Community Announcements

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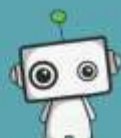
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CODING AND ROBOTICS @ FAIR PLAY OOSH

You're invited to weekly coding and robotics classes for all ages!

- Learn to code + think like a programmer
- Grow a love for STEAM
- Design + program your own robot
- Learn in a fun + practical way



STARTS

Friday 25 October
(runs weekly for 8wks)

TIME

3:55pm - 4:55pm

LOCATION

School library
at St Paul's
Gateshead

COST

\$140
\$40 with Creative
Kids voucher



Express interest today at bit.ly/coding-at-oosh

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WHERE: The Place Charlestown

WHAT: Play Active Games and Learn
About Healthy Food!

WHEN: Wednesdays Term 4 2019

TIME: 4pm-6pm

It's FREE!

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Good for Kids good for life HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au and search 'parents and friends'



<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).



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- Do not share your passwords with others – apart from parents.
- Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- Be kind to people – treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.
- Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first—especially as these often have minimum age requirements.



Use technology tools to help set the boundaries to keep your child safe

Use parental controls to help manage your child's device and the types of content they can access. Most devices come with parental controls and offer a range of features:

- iPhone: Go to Settings > General > Restrictions. Here you can disable apps or features, prevent access to explicit content and specific webpages.
- Android (Google Play): Go to Play Store > Settings > Parental controls. Most Android phones use Google Play as the digital marketplace for purchasing apps and accessing content. Through Google Play you can restrict the content your child can download or purchase from Google Play.
- Google's Family Link is an app for parents to help manage their child's device and account and offers additional layers of protection. It enables parents to set screen time limits, review app permissions (such as their camera, location, contacts), block apps and approve downloads, block sites and filter content.
- You can also check with your mobile service provider if they offer any parental control tools.

Activate any privacy settings and safety features available on the device, in web browsers and apps. In some cases you can do this through parental controls or when installing apps on their phone. Carefully consider permissions and whether apps really need to access your child's location, contact list, messages and other features.

Help your child set up a pin or password to lock their phone. In addition to protecting their personal information, this will ensure that no one else can use their phone.

Help your child set up strong and unique passwords for their apps and websites. Even if the phone is locked, apps and websites can be accessed from other devices.



Communicate openly with your child, establish and maintain trust

Most importantly, communicate openly with your child about their phone and online use. It's not possible to supervise your child 24/7 and no technology tool is 100 percent effective in protecting them from online risks. So it's really important to establish and maintain trust.

- Talk openly and regularly with your child about their online activities. Show them that you are interested in how they connect with friends, who they talk with and the type of sites they visit.
- If you are using parental controls, be upfront about this and get them on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Talk about positive online behaviour and about respecting others online. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post, text or share comments or photos so they don't hurt or upset others. Remind them there is a real person at the end of the screen.
- Encourage your child to come to you (or another trusted adult) if they are upset because of an online experience, even if they think they are to blame.



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MONDAY 28th OCTOBER
10AM to 3PM

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JAMIE'S SWIM CLUB **COME TRY NIGHTS**

Tuesday 22/10/19 & 29/10/19

Jamie's Swim School - 141 Floraville Road Floraville

6.45pm \$5 per Swimmer

Further Information and Registration will be discussed on these nights
We will begin Swim Club at Speers Point Swim Centre Tuesday 5/11/19
All Swimmers MUST be Registered & PAID IN FULL to swim on 5/11/19
Please call Jeanette 49469729 OR Find us on FB Jamie's Swim CLUB



School Travel - Term 4 2019



2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



Term 4 Parent Planner

Magnet me on your fridge

(as at 23rd October 2019 and subject to change)

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
October	1	14	15	16	17	18 * PCYC Primary sports begins	19/20
October	2	21	22	23 * Stage 2 & 3 Leadership	24	25 * World Teacher Day * Bandana Day * Swimming begins * PCYC Primary Sport * HSHS Coaching program	26/27
October/ November	3	28	29 * Grandfriends Day 1.30pm - 2pm	30	31 * P&C Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.30pm	1 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	2/3
November	4	4 * Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp	5 * Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp	6 * Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp	7 * P&C Meeting 6pm Library	8 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	9/10
November	5	11	12	13	14	15 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	16/17 * Bunnings BBQ
November	6	18	19 * Kinder Expo	20	21	22 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	23/24
November/ December	7	25	26 * Kinder orientation 1 * Years 3 - 6 Touch Football Gala	27 * K - 2 Excursion	28 * Year 6 HSHS Year 6 Transition Day	29 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	30/1
December	8	2	3 * Kinder orientation 2 * Year 6 Orientation Day HSHS	4	5	6 * Swimming sport * PCYC Primary sport * HSHS Coaching program	7/8
December	9	9	10 * Kinder orientation 3	11 * Presentation Day	12 * Year 6 Farewell	13 * Soaring High Day	14/15
December	10	16	17 * Carols under the COLA	18 * Year 6 clap out * Last day of school	19	20	21/22

Please regularly check the Wiripaang PS website, FaceBook page, Skoolbag App or our fortnightly Newsletter for updates or changes to our calendar