



Meet Gabby from 2H & Kailan from KL



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,

Over the last few weeks our year 5 students have been participating in leadership experiences preparing them for the upcoming leadership process where the school selects our new leaders for 2020. During week 7 our year 5 students will present their leadership speeches to our school community. The announcement of our incoming leaders for 2020; 2 captains representing K-6, 2 captains representing our Support Unit and 4 Vice Captains K-6, will take place at our formal Presentation Day ceremony on the 11th of December. As we see all of our students as potential leaders of our school community our leadership day develops dispositions in our students to prepare them for the year ahead. Our year 4 students prepare for and learnt all about their buddies coming to big school next year and they are absolutely thrilled to be meeting them in the coming weeks. They also learnt about One Note and how they access learning through technology when they are in stage 3. Our year 5 students learnt through team building games and heard from student leaders at Hunter Sports High School about the leadership qualities they have employed to be effective in their role and met with myself about their potential role in the school leader executive at Wiripaang PS. This leadership day for years 4 and 5 is certainly a favourite of mine on the school calendar as the students shine with responsibility, I look forward to hearing their speeches next week.

I hope to meet all of our 2020 families at our Kindergarten Expo on Tuesday afternoon. Please come along a little earlier to collect your child from Wonnai and visit our Expo, there are many tables set up to assist you with everything you need for the start of the new school year with some wonderful

prizes and show bags for each child to take away plus afternoon tea. I hope you can join us.

We are now beginning to formulate classes in preparation for the new year, our student numbers are steady and we predict to maintain our 8, K-6 mainstream classes alongside our 3 support unit classes. Staff put a great deal of time in to create the best mix of students for every class, taking in to account any special circumstances of students. If there are any circumstances of which you believe the school should be aware of, please provide information in writing directly to the office, for my attention. Whilst the school always takes any information provided in to consideration, it may not always be possible to meet wishes. It is important that information be provided prior to the establishment of classes as it is only in the most extreme cases that changes are made once classes are established. Find out about our teaching and support staff and class structures for 2020 at our next P&C meeting on the 5th December.

Lastly, there is an immense amount of much needed maintenance work being undertaken at our school and therefore we have a lot of workers on site. Please be aware of workers and fenced off sections around the school and avoid these areas, should you see anything of concern please report it to a staff member immediately. To that end it is even more imperative that we are aware of those who are onsite during our school day. If you need to visit the school between school hours please ensure you sign in at the office and let them know why you are onsite. I thank you in advance for your assistance in ensuring we keep all of our students safe.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 4

- Mon 25th November—Year 6 fun day
- Tues 26th November—Kinder orientation 1
- Tues 3rd December—Kinder orientation 2
- Thurs 5th December—P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
- Tues 10th December—Kinder orientation 3
- Wed 11th December—Presentation Day
- Thurs 12th December—Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 13th December—Soaring High Day
- Tues 17th December—Carols under the COLA
- Wed 18th December—Last day of Term 4 & Year 6 clap out.



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

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5/6T

Stage 3 have been delving into the devastating world of Australia's natural disasters and how they impact the people, animals and the land. We have studied drought and bushfires through rich texts and various multi-media. We extending our vocabulary by building word walls and then incorporating these stronger words in our writing. We also have used Visual Arts to document our responses. In week 8, we will be able to complete our display with artwork from our studies on floods. Please come into the foyer and see our work



Flaring, flickering flames ready to cause havoc on the innocent bushland.
Inferno, blood red catastrophic blaze lights up the trees.
Red monster, sparks up the bushland and demolishes with its savage smoke.
Embers, the embers, spark up the dark innocent smouldering bushland.
BY Lachlan C





Wiri Awards



Luke H
Oliver R
Boyd M
Angel G
Hunter J
Jorja-Lee R

Joshua F
Rebecca N
Brodie S
Jayda W
Mariah O
Ella A

Jack G
Charlotte F
Sean R
Breeze N
Saige H
Zoie P

Gracie S
Koby B
Aaron S
Max C
Aaliyah T
Jubalee B

Korbyn B
Kaiden F
Gavin B
Lachlan B
Ryan I
Noah S

Wiri Celebrates

Stage 3 had an amazing time at Great Aussie Bush Camp.



Our support unit students are gaining so much from their life skills program. We might have to get them to take care of the canteens shopping list!! I'm sure Nancy would be very grateful.



Sports News

Fitness Fridays are tops at Wiri!! Our community partnerships make these days superb. Thank you Hunter Sports High and senior coaches, Balance Swim Centre, [PCYC Lake Macquarie](#), Centre for Hope and our professional basketball coaches from the Premiers Sport Grant. We are so grateful to offer our students such varied and supportive opportunities.





Going to Big School

Orientation sessions for Kindergarten 2020

Kinder 2020 Information Expo	<p>Tuesday 19th of November 2:00 – 2.55pm Parents will meet school representatives and receive relevant information regarding your child starting school. Additional information is on the Kindergarten Transition Information Expo flyer. This is a fun, hands on expo with lucky door prizes. Please join us for afternoon tea!</p>
Visit 1	<p>Tuesday 26th November 2019 9:30 – 11:30am Students working in literacy groups in the Kindergarten classrooms. Students will need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, a hat and a drink of water. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p>
Visit 2	<p>Tuesday 3rd December 2019 9:30 – 11:30am Students will be working on a range of mathematics activities in the Kindergarten classrooms. Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p>
Visit 3 and Wonnai Graduation	<p>Tuesday 10th December 2019 9:30 – 11:30am Students will be creating crafty artworks with their buddies in the Kindergarten classrooms. Students need to bring: A piece of fruit for fruit break, lunch, a hat and a drink of water. <i>For those children who attend Wonnai, this Kindergarten Orientation session will operate within the usual Wonnai day.</i></p> <p>Wonnai Graduation 12:00 – 12:45pm Parents are invited to the Wonnai Graduation involving a student performance and presentation of portfolios and certificates. Final Wonnai day of the year.</p>



P&C News

- We are asking for donations for our Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to leave your donations. Raffle tickets were sent home a few weeks ago, on red paper. If you want more raffle tickets please ask at the office when you hand in your sold ones.

Coming up this term

19/11/2019—Kindy Expo @ 2pm

5/12/2019—P&C Meeting @ 6pm in the Library kids are welcome.



Community Announcements

Good for Kids good for life

WAYS TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Why not try these ideas?
There are many ways for children to be physically active and to limit sedentary behaviour every day.

ACTIVE AND FUN

- Encourage children to play active games like obstacle courses, tag, skipping or throwing a ball or frisbee.
- Visit playgrounds, parks, nature reserves, ovals or beaches.
- Get children involved in a variety of different sports and activities.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

- For short trips, walk or ride safely.
- For longer trips, park the car some distance away and walk with children for the rest of the trip.

ACTIVE AT HOME

- Limit time for watching TV and using electronic games.
- Store portable electronic devices out of sight.
- Enjoy a walk with children around your local area.
- Children can help with gardening activities like digging, sweeping or raking.

ACTIVE AND SAFE

- Start slowly and build up the amount and intensity of physical activity.
- Protect children from the sun – ensure children wear sun-protective clothing, including a hat, and apply sunscreen regularly.
- Always supervise children appropriately when in and around water.
- Speak with your doctor or other health professional if your child has a medical condition.

Image source: Department of Health

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Hunter New England Local Health District

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 **Charlestown Uniting Church**
Milson St. Charlestown

**Kid's Fun Club
Advent Workshop**

Wednesday 4th December, 2019
(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm - 7.30pm
At Charlestown Uniting Church
26 Milson St, Charlestown

Cost \$10 per child or Family \$20.
(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 1/12/19

All enquires please phone:
4944 7826 - Laraine
OR 0409445933 - Cathy

Post form & payment to:-
Charlestown Uniting Church
P O Box 449
Charlestown. 2290

Office Opening Hours:
Tues; Wed; Fri:
9:30 - 1pm



Gateshead

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19th December
Kayon Theme Restaurant
 Celebrate the end of the year with a Kayon Theme Party. Dance, play and enjoy the games. Dine in and indulge in the yummy food.
Excursion

20th December
Xmas Cooking
 Put on your chef hat and get messy in the kitchen and make delicious Christmas treats.
Disco Party
 Come dance and groove with Boop till you drop for an afternoon disco.
Incursion


23rd December
Christmas Gifts & Knart Shopping
 Take a trip to Knart and buy a gift valued at \$15 for a family member or friend to spread to gift of giving.
 \$15 to be made available to the OOSH.
 Spend the afternoon wrapping and getting the present ready for giving.
Excursion

24th December
Megamania
 Jump into Monday & enjoy the giant slides, inflatables and obstacles for hours of fun.
 Return & enjoy a talent quest to showcase your talents.
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Merry Christmas from
 Fair Play OOSH



6th January
Timezone
 Enjoy the latest and greatest arcade games at timezone with your friends.
Whistle-Bud
 Bring your bike or scooter in for some wheel fun.
Excursion

7th January
Woolly Water
Play
 Take aim and get wet with an all in water battle.
Minute to Win It
 Take on the minute challenges to be the champion.
Day Camp

8th January
Telecogan Path
 Join us for a fun filled day at the adventure park.
 Join us for a tractor ride around the park, play putt putt, conquer the maze and enjoy a toboggan ride.
Excursion

9th January
Dutch Braid
 Central Coast Braid Extensions are here to spruce up your hair.
Tattoo Up
 If your hair is short don't worry we have Tat Me Up here for temporary air brush tattoos.
Incursion

10th January
Aqua Park
 Put your life jacket on for a fun & safe experience tackling the big inflatable water course at the central coast.
 Rmto 15
 Eat lunch in the park before heading back to OOSH.
Excursion

13th January
Merewether Ocean Bath
 Visit our local ocean baths, swim, build sandcastles, explore rockpools and have a game of beach volleyball and cricket.
Excursion

14th January
Movie Madness
"Spies in Disguise"
 Kick back & recline with a popcorn in hand & enjoy the latest release on the big screen.
 Become a spy for the afternoon and create spy gadgets.
Excursion

15th January
Colour Run
 Become a rainbow warrior and tackle the colour run course to be crowned the most colourful child at OOSH.
Incursion

16th January
Slime Bowling & Laser Tag
 Lace up and knock down the pins to get a strike and venture upstairs for a game of laser tag.
Laser Monster
 Become the OOSH lego master.
Excursion

17th January
BYO Device
 Bring your device for a day of supervised play on electronics.
 \$10 to be made available to the OOSH.
Net Court
 Build forts and help create a battle arena.
Day Camp



20th January Jump into Summer Enjoy a fun filled day of unlimited jumping castle water fun. Enjoy water activities for a wet and wacky water day. Staff - V- kids water bomb fight. Incursion	21st January Mega Putt Putt Test out your hand eye coordination and take on the 36 hole putt putt course. Challenge yourself to get a "hole in one" Excursion	22nd January Moolband Pool Join us for a fun and refreshing day of swimming. Be brave and stand under the bucket as it tips in the splash pad. Remember to SWIM, SLIP, STAY. Excursion	23rd January Build a Bear Pick a bear and make him your own by filling him with love. Teddy's Bear Picnic Blockbust Bring along your newly created bear for a picnic in the park. Excursion	24th January Networld Bounce, play and explore an exciting new world high up in the tree tops. Experience a new sense of gravity and enjoy games and fun. Excursion
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27th January CLOSED	28th January Back to School Join in on the back to school craft. Wheeler Bin Cricket Celebrate Australia day with a good old game of cricket. Day Camp
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- Disclaimer**
- Fair Play POOSH does not state the address or times for child protection reasons. The service coordinator will send a message to all families booked in the day before.
 - Please ensure that you arrive by 8:30am on Excursion days unless told otherwise by the service coordinator.
 - If you are not at the service at the departure time we will not be able to find you and you will have to meet us at the excursion or your child will miss out.

Fees Day Camps \$55 (k60 as of 1.1.20) Incursion & Excursion \$70 Coach & Hire Bus \$10 Late Collection Fee \$5 per child per minute Excursion GREEN Shirt \$15 Daily Incursion and excursion fee of \$70 is inclusive of excursion costs*	Things your children will need daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snack and drink bottle. A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing. Enclosed shoes. No flipflops, sandals or roller boots. *Wooler Excursions excluded* Positive attitude Green Fair Play (Excursions only)
Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy No cancellation policy for Vacation Care Excursions and Incursions, and 24 hours for Day Camps. Please ensure that you have confirmed your enrolment online prior to attending.	Breakfast Club in VC A light breakfast will be supplied and served between 7am & 8am (Toast, Cereal & Juice)
How to Book Phone: 0412 728 915 Email: spoolsgal@fairplaypoosh.com.au Family Lounge: www.fairplaypoosh.com.au *You will be required to complete a booking form to confirm your booking*	Afternoon Tea in VC Fair Play POOSH provide themselves on healthy eating and will provide a delicious fruit snack for afternoon tea.
Operational Hours 7am - 6pm (Please confirm with Centrelink your approved hours of care) Fellon Street, Gosford NSW 2250	Risk Assessments Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place. The companies/ excursion location Rik Assessment and Public Liability and WWCC are obtained. 1:5 in service 1:10 on Excursion 1:5 Water activities

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



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Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.



2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.



3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The [Raising Children Network](#) provides some useful tools and advice.



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4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access



5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.



6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices or [parental controls](#) and [Screen Time](#) for iPhone/iPad.



7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



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