



Meet Ahmaiah & Lyllee from 2H



*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,

I can't believe we are nearing week 5, half way through our first school term already! I hope those who were able to make it to our meet and greet last week took the opportunity to plan important learning goals with their child (ren) and classroom teacher. This process assists every child in working towards their own individual learning success, establishing short term and long term goals is a great process to assist and acknowledge that all children are different and are striving for **their own** personal best every day. Please ensure you have requested a time to meet with the teacher if you weren't able to make it last week.

We have had a busy couple of weeks of learning and celebrating already at Wiri. Congratulations to our student leadership teams who were inducted last week during our official ceremony. The students signed their school pledges in front of their peers and these will be proudly displayed in the foyer for all our community to witness. As part of our student leadership initiatives, stage 3 also undertook peer support training in readiness to coach their K-4 peers in this valuable whole school wellbeing approach. We thank the PCYC for providing us with the space to conduct such a large scale training experience for our students.

Last week years 4-6 had the opportunity to

tour the completed Hunter Sports High School and were totally amazed at the learning environment that will be afforded to them in the coming years. I hope some of our community were able to make it to the Open Day last Saturday as it will be sure to inspire the learner in us all.

To help plan for upcoming events in the school term we have included our school Term 1 Planner in this newsletter. Our school newsletter is published as a paper copy and handed to students every even week (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) of the school term. Our newsletter is also published on our Facebook page, on our website and on the Skoolbag App. From term 2 we will no longer be distributing a bulk paper copy of our newsletter to students. In preparation for this change families will find a written notification option further in this newsletter, where they can put in writing a request for a paper copy to come home. We thank you for your support with this change as we move towards reducing our footprint on the environment.

I have included a snapshot from our School Management Plan 2018-2020 regarding our Attendance improvement goals, each fortnight I will continue to highlight an area for you. Have a fabulous couple of weeks of learning everyone!

Kind regards,  
*Emma Stothard*

## UPCOMING DATES

### Term 1—2019

- Thurs 21st—Fri 22nd Feb— Zone swimming
- Tues 26th Feb—Paul Harragon cup 7's Rugby League
- Fri 1st Mar—Bully no more performance
- Thurs 7th Mar—P&C AGM Meeting Library 6pm
- Wed 20th Mar—U10's Knights Knockout Rugby League
- Thurs 21st Mar—Harmony Day
- Thurs 28th Mar—Whole School Photos
- Tues 2nd April—PSSA Rugby League gala day
- Thurs 4th April—P&C Meeting Library 6pm
- Tues 9th April—Easter Hat Parade
- Fri 12th April—Soaring High Day K-6
- Fri 12th April—Last day of term 1

### Term 2

- Tues 30th April—Starts for students
- Fri 3rd May—ANZAC Day Assembly

Please stay up to date with current calendars via our website.

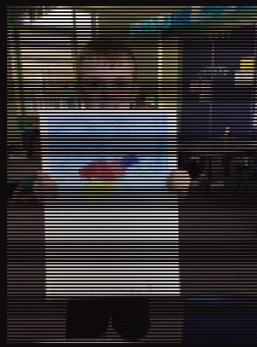
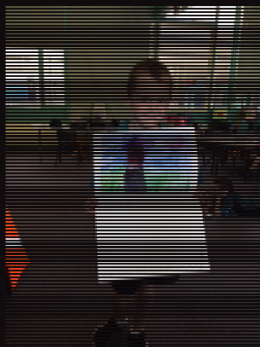




# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

## KL

KL have settled in well to their new routines at Wiripaang. We are busy in class. Some of our favourite activities are iPads, fine motor, and of course we love drawing and writing. We have been having fun on Fridays as well, doing sport rotations.



*Soaring high on the wings of success...***2019 SCHOOL STAFFING STRUCTURE****Principal:** Mrs Emma Stothard**Instructional Leader Literacy/Numeracy:** Ms Penny McGee**Assistant Principals (AP):** Mrs Donna Summers, Mrs Amanda Lavercombe, Mrs Clare Fleming, Mrs Debra Cook**TEACHING STAFF****EARLY STAGE 1**

Mrs Elizabeth Ginters

**STAGE 1**

Mrs Salli Gilmour

Miss Hannah Davies

Mrs Donna Summers (AP)

**STAGE 2**

Mr Damian McNeil

Mrs Karlie Symons

Mrs Amanda Lavercombe (AP)

**STAGE 3**

Mrs Deanna Pfeiffer

Mr Pete Thompson

**WONNAI**

Mrs Christine Clifford

**SUPPORT UNIT STAFF**

IO/IS: Ms Clare Fleming (AP)

IM: Mrs Noelene Matheson

MC: Ms Stacey Moffitt

**TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF****Assistant Principal Wellbeing:** Mrs Debra Cook**Learning Support Teacher:** Mrs Vicki Smart**Intervention Teachers:** Mrs Michelle Quigley  
Mrs Laura Greive**LIBRARY:** Mrs Eimear Dunne**RFF:** Ms Hayley Reeves**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT STAFF (SASS)****Senior Administration Manager:** Kim Jones**School Administration Officers:** Janelle Knight  
Rochelle Wallis  
Anne Bohan**MAINTENANCE STAFF****Cleaner:** Christina Parkinson**General Assistant:** George Aris**CANTEEN MANAGER CONTRACTOR**

Mrs Nancy Catsicas

**NON TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF****Community Liaison Officer (CLO):**

Mrs Sally Donaldson

**Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO):**

Mrs Nerrida Darcy

**School Counsellor:** Mrs Cathryn Bourne**Speech Therapist:** Miss Jesseca Ivory**School Learning Support Officers (SLSO):**

Mrs Tammy Newell

Mrs Margaret Gowanloch

Mr Daniel Haines

Mrs Donna Richley

Ms Shelly Cooper

Mrs Sally Donaldson

Mrs Emma Bell

Ms Kristy Ping

Miss Grace Strong

Mrs Amanda Trowbridge

Mr Beau Dalton

Mrs Leasa Hunt

Mrs Sandi Patch

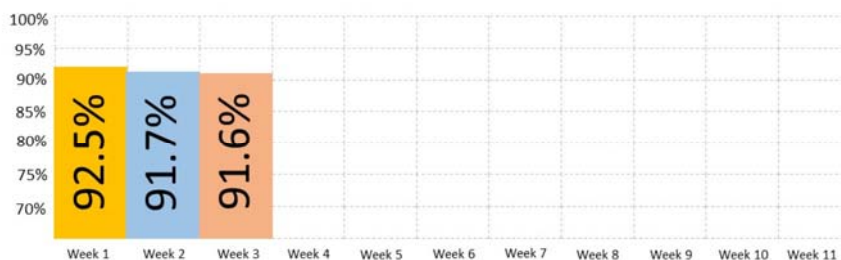
Mrs Megan Manning



# Missing school means missing out!

## Term 1 Student Attendance Challenge at Wiri...

School starts at 9.05am, be there and be ready to learn!



**Staying above 90% - Well done, let's give our kids every chance of success, every day!**

## Learning at home....

At the beginning of this week we began the K-2 Home Reading program. One of the exciting aspects is that books expose our students to a range of vocabulary and topics that may not come up in our daily conversations. When we talk to our family, we tend to use common vocabulary. For example, we use the words car or boat and our students know these well and can use them in sentences easily. Books, however, often provide us with the wonderful opportunity to expand our students' vocabulary. Instead of car, it may refer to a motor vehicle or automobile, and a boat becomes a vessel, cruiser or marine transport.

Here are some other ways that you can support your child at home to develop their vocabulary:

- Have conversations and ask questions to develop oral language,
- Involve your child in activities such as cooking, gardening and other activities around the home,
- Use a range of words eg we might use 'sad' because we know our children understand, though they will soon know miserable or gloomy if we use them in conversations,
- Go for a walk and talk about the surroundings.



## Peer support news

Stage 3 students commenced peer support training last week learning essential leadership skills. Each fortnight we will let you know the weekly focus and lessons will commence this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Several Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 1-2 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends* helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions.

### Week 4 Focus—Being Friendly

Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts covered in each session.

### Week 5 Focus – Cooperating and Listening

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening.

During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.



## A note from the office

Office hours are 8.30-3.30am. Please be aware of these times when contacting the school.

- Please make sure all blue student information forms are handed to the office as soon possible.
- Support Unit swimming program full payment is now due.
- From term 2 we will no longer be distributing a bulk paper copy of our newsletter to students. In preparation for this change, should you require to still receive a paper copy please fill out the slip below and return to the office.

✂ I request a hardcopy of the newsletter to be sent home each fortnight

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signed \_\_\_\_\_



## Wiri celebrates

On Friday 8th February Lyllee and Ezra spoke to a room full of Principals from the Glenrock Learning Community about their learning goals, success criteria and math's investigations, Wiri is so very proud of them both.



Last Friday we inducted our students into their leadership roles for 2019. Sport house captains and vice captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) members, Student Executive and our Year 6 Leadership cohort. Congratulations!!



Our school bathrooms had a makeover, thanks to our talented stage 3 teachers and our 2018 Year 6 students! Think positive, be positive...reminder affirmations for everyday life.





This section of our newsletter is dedicated to sharing aspects from our School Management Plan. Please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff for more information regarding any focus area. Reporting of these areas will occur during P&C meetings and Wiripaang PS Evaluation Team Meetings.

**This fortnight our focus is on attendance processes, improvement measures and improvement strategies.**



Education

## School Management Plan 2018-2020 Strategic Direction 1: Learning for the future (Attendance)

**Purpose:** To develop confident, resilient, adaptable learners, fostering growth in social and emotional capabilities. Engaging students in their learning to ensure they are confident in making decisions and strengthening relationships that empower their future.

### Our improvement measures:

- ☒ All students achieve expected learning growth,
- ☒ Wellbeing data indicates improved relationships between students and with a trusted teacher(s)/adult staff member,
- ☒ Improved engagement from community with their child's learning,
- ☒ Attendance data that shows a trend of improvement aiming towards a consistent 95%.

### How will we achieve these improvements?

- ☒ Sharing of attendance data with the school community through school assemblies, social media posts, staff and community newsletters developing a shared responsibility for student attendance.
- ☒ Teachers support learners in engaging with school, achieving their expected learning growth and ownership of their personal goals.
- ☒ Staff collect, analyse and use parent and student data from surveys to improve attendance through wellbeing initiatives at school.
- ☒ School attendance team meets regularly with the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO), Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) to monitor attendance data and offer support and assistance as required.



## Wiripaang PS Absentee Form

**Please complete this note if your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school.**

Students First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Class/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

My child was absent from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Drs Certificate: ☐ (tick if supplied)


Reason for absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_






# Community Announcements


  
**Natural remedies for Kids' Health**  
 Information session with Peter Mullen

Understand why our kids' health is changing and what you can do about it  
 Learn how to recognise your child's needs and improve their health, naturally

**WHEN:** 7pm, Tuesday, 26th March  
**WHERE:** Charlestown Multipurpose Centre  
 17 James St, Charlestown  
**BOOKINGS:** [www.mullenhealth.com/events](http://www.mullenhealth.com/events) or call  
 Mullen Health reception 02 4961 4075  
**COST:** \$10, donated to Beyond Blue Charity




**NEW @ WiriEats**  
**Twisted Watermelon and Mango**  
**Frozen Yoghurt \$2.20ea**



**1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE**

*Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old*  
 A three-session program for parents and carers  
 at Eastlakes Family Support Service, 14 Hickory Rd, Gateshead  
 Commencing on **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019** at 10.30 am – 1.00 pm

**Learn:**

- ✓ To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- ✓ To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
- ✓ To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- ✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
- ✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

**Course: No Cost – Childcare provided – Booking Essential!**  
 Register for this course by contacting Paula or Steve on 4943 9255.

**What people are saying...**

*What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!*


*I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control*

**Who is running it?**

The presenters for this course are Paula Watson and Steve Phoenix.

For more information contact Paula or Steve on 4943 9255  
 A program of Eastlakes Family Support Service

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective  
This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. [www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)




**Circle of Security®**  
 PARENTING SERIES

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

This course will cover –

- Understanding your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Supporting your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

**When:** Commences TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019. Runs for 6 weeks!  
**Time:** 10.30 am – 12.30 pm  
**Where:** Eastlakes Family Support Service, 14 Hickory Rd, Gateshead  
**Childcare:** FREE – Booking essential  
**Bookings:** Please 4943 9255



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# Term 1 Parent Planner

Magnet me on your fridge

(as at 19th February and subject to change)

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
January/ February	1	28 * Australia Day Public Holiday	29 * Staff return	30 * Students Year 1 – 6 return	31 * Kindergarten begins	1	2/3
February	2	4 * Swimming carnival	5	6	7 * Kindergarten Photos * P&C Meeting Library 6pm	8	9/10
February	3	11	12	13 * Years 4-6 visit HSHS	14	15 * Leadership Induction Assembly 9.15am	16/17
February	4	18	19	20	21 * Zone Swimming Carnival	22 * Zone Swimming Carnival	23/24
February/ March	5	25	26 * Paul Harragon Cup 7's Rugby League	27	28	1 * Bully no more presentation all students NO COST	2/3
March	6	4	5	6	7 * P&C AGM Meeting 6pm Library	8	9/10 *10 <sup>th</sup> March Bunnings BBQ Wiri Staff
March	7	11 * Year 6 EOI interest forms distributed for year 7 2020	12	13	14	15	16/17
March	8	18	19 * Year 6 EOI interest forms for Year 7 2020 to be returned by today	20 * Knight's Knockout u/10's Rugby League	21 * Harmony Day	22	23/24
March	9	25	26	27	28 *Whole School Photos	29	30/31
April	10	1	2 * PSSA Rugby League Gala day	3	4 * P&C Meeting 6pm Library	5	6/7
April	11	8 *Book fair all week	9 * Easter Hat Parade * Year 6 cake stall	10	11	12 * Soaring High Day *Last day of term 1	13/14

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