

Meet Haylie & Ashley from WF at our Harmony Day celebrations



*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 to Week 10. We only have one full week left until school holidays with the last day of term being Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April which is our whole school Soaring High Day to the beach.

Last Thursday, we celebrated Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our students and staff looked amazing in their bright orange clothing. Thank you to our parents and caregivers who came and had lunch with their children, hung out in the playground and spent time in our classrooms during our Peer Support lessons.

We had our school photos on Thursday which is always a busy day although I'm sure Newcastle School Portraits took some beautiful photos including some lovely family portraits. On Friday, our older students participated in Cross Country at Hunter Sports High and they all came back to school hot and happy after a successful morning. Congratulations to all those students who participated on the day. Our students and staff also enjoyed participating in the P&C Crazy Sock day on Friday with lots of crazy varieties of socks on show. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who sent in their gold coin donation for this P&C fundraising event.

Our Easter Hat parade is coming up next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and we have Easter Hat decorating in the library this week. If parents and caregivers would like to come and help decorate their child's Easter Hats, I'm sure your child would enjoy seeing you. Please see the class timetable for Easter Hat decorating advertised in last week's newsletter – we would love to see you. Don't forget to bring anything you have in the way of decorations to help make your child's Easter Hat unique. Our Year 6 students will be having a cake stall on the day of the Easter Hat parade, so remember to bring along some coins to purchase lots of yummy goodies.

A Book Fair will be running in the library on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, so come along and purchase some great reading material for Easter and the school holidays. I know our students always love seeing the exciting book displays and writing up a wish list for books they would like to purchase. Please remember, if you need any further information on upcoming whole school and community events, check out our Facebook page and SkoolBag App.

Our next P&C meeting is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in the School Library. All parents and caregivers welcome.

Attendance this fortnight has dropped slightly to 91.2%. Bright futures begin with good school attendance, so support us to get to a minimum of 95% attendance to help our students learn. Should your child be absent from school, please contact the office with details of the absence, reply to our Wiri text message, or complete an Absentee Form with details.

It has come to my attention during the past fortnight, that when parents park their vehicles on the grassed area near the Resort Driveway, it is extremely difficult for our Assisted Transport and OOSH drivers to see the driveway clearly and ensure student safety. Please park safely on the street or at the rear of the school to collect your children. Please also note the carpark closest to Hunter Sports High School is for staff only and parents should not park in this area. Hunter Sports High School staff use this parking area at irregular times, making it a safety risk for our students to be in this area.

Looking forward to the last fortnight of the term and lots of chocolate Easter Eggs during the school holidays!! Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter and a relaxing school holiday break.

Kind regards, Clare Fleming – Relieving Principal.

## UPCOMING DATES

### Term 1—2019

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> April—Easter Hat Decorating
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April—PSSA Rugby League gala day
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April—P&C Meeting Library 6pm
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> & Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April Book Fair
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April—Easter Hat Parade
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April—Soaring High Day K-6
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April—Last day of Term 1

### Term 2

- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> April—Term 2 Starts for students
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May—ANZAC Day Assembly
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May—Zone Cross Country
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May—Mother's Day Stall
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May—Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> May—NAPLAN
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May—GRIP leadership
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> May—Girls PSSA Soccer gala
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May—Rebecca Young cup
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June—Queens Birthday public holiday
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July—NAIDOC Day
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> July Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July—Soaring High Day K-6

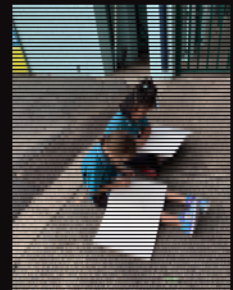
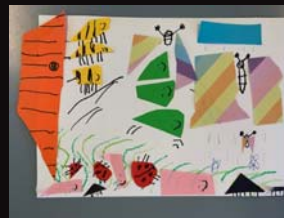




# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

## 2H

2H have been busy in Science learning about all things bugs. We have been learning about why bugs are so important to our school garden and how they help plants and flowers grow. We were so inspired on our environment walk that we created art work about all the pollinators that we love.





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 Student Wellbeing.**

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

**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?

- ☑ Students engage with quality wellbeing programs and practices.
- ☑ Wellbeing review—review of PBL award system and new proposal implemented.
- ☑ Peer Support Groups established K-6 with students actively participating.
- ☑ A school wide approach established for the improvement of student wellbeing. Rock and Water conducted to support selected students to develop positive relationships and communication.
- ☑ Research conducted into the benefits of Zones of Regulation and Choice Theory for our students. The Wellbeing Team has made recommendations for implementation.

# Wiri Awards



Boston H  
Abbey H  
Tiarna M  
Sophie E  
Paiyden M  
Tayah R

Janae H  
Hannah S  
Tyrell L  
Boston M  
Ella A  
Miesha L

Lachlan B  
Jesse W  
Kobe E  
Tyson W  
Christopher P  
Lailah D

Phoenix P  
Aaliyah T  
Jaxson S  
Zane J  
Damian G

Henry N  
Cooper B  
Jayden N  
One'Eva N  
Flame S





# Missing school means missing out!

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

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



**Bright futures begin with good school attendance. Working together for our kids!**



## Wiri's Library

### End of term

Last week was the last borrowing week for this term. Please return all overdue books by the end of week 10. Overdue notices will go home this week.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC got underway at the beginning of March. Students in K-2 will complete it as a class. Students in 3-6 complete the challenge independently. Log on to the PRC website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/login.html#/> for details on how to complete online reading logs, booklists and more. I am available to help at lunch times in the library. Log on today to get started and record all your holiday reading!

### Book Fair

The Book Fair is returning for Week 11. All purchases made at the Book Fair earn rewards for our library. I look forward to meeting you there.

### Book Fair

**Tuesday: 8.30—9.00am**

**1.30pm—2.00pm; 3.00pm—3.30pm**

**Wednesday**

**8.30am—9.00am**

*Have a wonderful Easter and a relaxing break.*

*Miss Dunne*



# Come and celebrate Easter with us at Wiripaang!



## Easter Hat Parade

**Tuesday April 9th @12.15pm under the  
COLA**

**Come and be dazzled by our class  
parades of magnificent Easter hats!**



**P&C sausage sizzle  
after the parade!**



**Win a prize in  
the P&C  
Easter raffle**

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3.30pm**

**Wednesday**

**8.30am—9.00am**



## Cake stall

**Ice cream &  
Milkshakes**





## Wiri celebrates

It was great to see so many staff and students wearing crazy socks for our Crazy Sock Day! All students who made a gold coin donation have had their name added to Ms McGee's special raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to everyone for your support



### Harmony Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our picnic lunch, assembly and Peer Support groups. Thank you also to Wiri staff and students who raised close to \$100 for the "Dolly's Dream" foundation.





## Sport news

### Cross Country

Well done to our students who participated in Cross Country on Friday. Students aged 8 years and up competed in races, with juniors running 2000m and seniors running 3000m. It was great to see a committed effort from our runners to do their best in the warm conditions. Students who qualified for the Zone Cross Country Carnival will be notified and notes sent home by the end of term. A big thankyou to Hunter Sports High for organising the event and allowing us to run on their grounds.

Mr McNeil



## Peer Support news

### Week 10 Focus – Good Winners

In Peer Support this week, children will be focusing on the skills of winning in a friendly way and coping with losing. The children will participate in various activities and discuss how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it is, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships. During the week, encourage your child to practise these skills in all aspects of life - whether it be weekend sport or choosing what to watch on television.



### Week 11 Focus – A Better Friend

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module *Keeping Friends*, the children will be participating in a board game reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks.

They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.



## P&C news

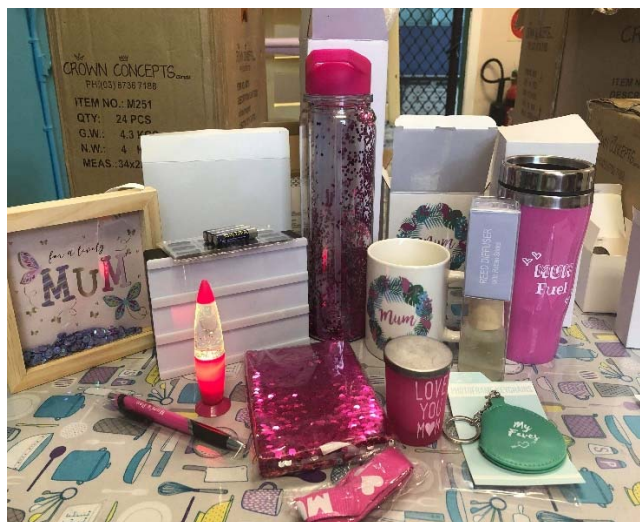
Crazy Sock Day—Thank you to those who supported us by wearing crazy socks last Friday. We raised \$108 which will go towards more prizes for the Easter raffles.

Chocolate Boxes—arrived today. Could we please have money returned for these by the last day of term the 12th April. Thank you.

Easter egg raffle—egg guessing competition and Year 6 cake stall will all be on Thursday 9th April. Green raffle tickets went home 2 weeks ago if you would like extras please see the ladies in the office. \$1 a ticket for the Easter Egg Raffle and \$1 a guess for the Easter Egg guessing competition in which there are 2 prizes to be won.

Mother's Day Stall Term 2, Week 2. Students can LAY-BY and collect their purchases once payment is made. Last day for pick up is on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Prices range from \$1 to \$10. The Mother's Day Stall will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May for Wonnai and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May for whole school.



## A note from the office

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

- In regards to all permission notes sent home, we require money and notes to be returned together. Unless you have paid online we will not accept the notes without money.
- There are still a lot of unpaid accounts from last year, please bring these accounts up to date as soon as possible.
- 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Community Announcements



# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

# VACATION CARE



**FUN**  
**CRAFT SPORT**  
**EXCURSIONS**  
**COOKING**  
**FRIENDSHIPS**



**LAKE MACQUARIE**  
**4948 6622**

Send your children along to PCYC these holidays for a jam packed, fun filled holidays! The children are involved in a variety of craft, cooking and sports each day. Plus they make friends with other children and get the opportunity to catch up each holidays! Most parents find that it is cheaper to send your child to us for excursions than it is to take them yourselves! This is thanks to Centrelink's Childcare Subsidy. Some days could be as low as \$8.77 or \$78.25 for the whole holidays! (All depending on CCS percentage)  
For an information package, simply give us a call or email [slenton@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:slenton@pcycnsw.org.au)



## LET'S CELEBRATE

### The Great Easter Egg Hunt

**Swansea**  
**Swim Centre**  
**Wednesday**  
**17 April 2019**  
**12.30pm**

Bring along your basket and join in the fun with an exciting Easter egg hunt

All ages | Cost: General entry

Lake Mac Libraries' mobile library, The Rover on site from 10am-12.30pm



## LET'S DISCOVER

### Science with water

**SWANSEA**  
**SWIM CENTRE**  
**Wednesday 17 April 2019**  
**10am or 11.30am**

**WEST WALLSEND**  
**SWIM CENTRE**  
**Wednesday 24 April 2019**  
**10am or 11.30am**



*Play, explore, build and discover with your child*

Presented by

**CURIOUS CUBS**

Age: 3-8 year olds. Parental guidance required. Cost: Under \$5 \$11, 5-8 years \$15, Spectator \$2.50.  
Bookings are essential. Swansea Swim Centre: 4921 0733 West Wallsend Swim Centre: 4921 0738



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## G \* I \* R \* L

grow \* inspire \* realise \* love

... Improving self esteem through  
creativity, chatter and fun!

Commences

Thursday 9th May 2019 - 3.30 - 5.30pm (8 sessions)

Eastlakes Family Support Service - 14 Hickory Road, Gateshead

Phone Paula on 4943 9255 to register!

'G\*I\*R\*L\*' is an eight week -self esteem program specifically for girls in year five and six at school. The program is designed to help young girls discover who they are, how to overcome life's challenges, develop meaningful friendships and greater confidence. Each week the girls will learn a new craft, play games, share life stories, discuss relevant topics for their age and enjoy making new friendships.

## Good for Kids good for life

## MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Australian guidelines recommend that kids spend no more than 2 hours each day on small screen entertainment. Long periods of use should be broken up as often as possible. While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

### Keeping an eye on screen time

Are your kids constantly glued to a screen? Where do you draw the line to keep screen time in check? This quick guide can help parents manage screen time.

**What is screen time?**  
Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:

- Watching TV
- Watching DVDs & other online shows
- Using computers or other devices to access online entertainment
- Playing games on consoles, computers and mobile phones
- Texting



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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LET'S PLAY

SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIESBook online at [lakemac.com.au/holiday-guide](http://lakemac.com.au/holiday-guide)Inflatables on  
the Green is back

DAILY 10am - 2pm

Monday 15th April to Monday 22nd April



\$5 per child, one day entry only

\$15 per child, unlimited entry

Easter bunny  
appearances Good  
Friday, Easter Saturday  
& Easter Sunday

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REGISTRATION & PRE-PAYMENT ARE ESSENTIAL**  
**Limited number of places available**  
**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY**

**PAID REGISTRATIONS** due by **12/4/19**

Child's Name: .....

AGE: ..... PHONE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

Allergies/Medical Conditions:.....

Special Dietary Condition:.....

Physical Activities: YES / NO (please circle)

Activities in the Park: YES / NO (please circle)

Permission for Photos: YES / NO (please circle)

Payment Enclosed \$ .....  
(Cheques payable to "Charlestown U.C. Just Kids")

Emergency Contact:

Name: .....

Phone/Mobile: ..... Email:.....

I give permission for my child .....  
to attend the Kid's Holiday Fun Club at the  
Charlestown Uniting Church. I understand that all  
care will be taken, and I give permission for medical  
help to be obtained in case of an emergency.

My child will be picked up / will go home on their own.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Tear along dotted line & keep for your information



Charlestown Uniting Church

## Holiday Kids Easter

Games

Fun Day

Craft

Action

**Wednesday 17th April**  
(Children in Years K - 6)

**9.30am - 3.30pm**

**Cost \$10/Child (maximum family payment \$20)**

(includes Morning Tea/Lunch/Afternoon Tea)

Registrations & payment essential by 12/4/19  
Charlestown Uniting Church  
P O Box 449  
Charlestown. 2290

All enquires please phone:  
4944 7826 - Laraine  
OR 0409 445 933 - Cathy

## Tuning in to Kids

### Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six session parenting program for  
parents of aged 3 -12 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.  
Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Eastlakes Family Support Service

14 Hickory Rd, Gateshead

When: Tuesday 7th May 2019

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Contact: 4943 9255

Limited childcare available - booking essential!



A Program of Eastlakes Family Support Service Inc



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match  
your savings, dollar for dollar,  
up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child  
at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income  
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Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible  
Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



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Coordinator  
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NewcastleSP@  
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## April 2019 Vacation Care Information



### Fees

- Day Camps \$50
- Incursions & Excursions \$85
- Coach Fee / Hire Bus \$10
- Late Collection Fee \$5per child per minute
- Excursion Green Shirt \$15

Daily incursion and excursion fee of \$85 is inclusive of excursion costs and travel under 25km.

### Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy

NO cancellation Policy for Vacations Care  
Excursions and Incursions and 24 hours for Day Camps.

### Risk Assessments

Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place.

The companies/ locations Risk Assessment and Public Liability and WWCOC are obtained.

### Ratios

- 1:15 in service
- 1:10 on excursion
- 1:5 water activities

### How to Book

Phone - 0412 728 915

Email- [stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au](mailto:stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au)

Family Lounge - [www.fairplayoosh.com.au](http://www.fairplayoosh.com.au)

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

### Things your children will need daily

- Send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snack and drink bottle.
- A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing.
- Enclosed shoes. No thongs, sandals and ballet flats.
- Positive Attitude
- Green Fair Play shirt for Excursions. (Compulsory)
- Sunscreen to be supplied if your child is sensitive to sunscreen.

### Operational Hours & Location

7am - 6pm  
(Please confirm with Centralink your approved hours for care)

St Pauls Primary School  
Fellon Street, Gateshead NSW 2280

### Play, learn & grow

### together in a quality

service where kids can be kids.



<b>Monday 15th</b> <b>All Hands on Dunes</b> Join in on the fun with Tom Harding & create music with drums & get everyone singing and dancing. <b>Create your own Instrument</b> Create your own unique instrument day while you eat OOSH to use in the talent show. <b>Incursion</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th</b> <b>Kurrl Kurrl Indoor Pool</b> Enjoy the inflatable pool obstacle course & 4 hours of non stop splashing in the pool. <b>Lunch in the Park</b> Enjoy the Autumn day while you eat your lunch in the park. <b>Excursion</b>	<b>Wednesday 17th</b> <b>Movie Matine</b> "Wordpark" Recine in style and enjoy a good class and movie experience seeing the latest flick. <b>OOSH Arcade</b> Design and create your own game for people to play. <b>Excursion</b>	<b>Thursday 18th</b> <b>Beeble Park</b> Get up close and personal and hands on with reptiles from around the world and native Australian animals in the natural bush setting. <b>Excursion</b>	<b>Friday 19th</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Wind down and relax for the afternoon with art, craft and tech time. <b>Excursion</b>
<b>Monday 22nd</b> <b>Monday 22nd</b> <b>CLOSED</b> 	<b>Tuesday 23rd</b> <b>Ninja Dunc &amp; Climb</b> Use your skills to tackle the obstacle course in true ninja style. Challenge your friends to see who can finish the course the quickest. Then... Climb and climb your way to the top of the colourful and exciting walls. <b>Excursion</b>	<b>Wednesday 24th</b> <b>Australian Army Infantry Museum</b> Show your respect for the diggers past and present and take a tour of the museum. <b>Rock Point Park</b> Eat lunch with your friends and enjoy some fun on the playground before heading back to OOSH. <b>Excursion</b>	<b>Thursday 25th</b> <b>Thursday 25th</b> <b>CLOSED</b> 	<b>Friday 26th</b> <b>Foot Golf</b> Jump on the bus for a game of foot golf the new way to enjoy golf. Kick the soccer ball into a cup. <b>Mini Golf</b> Take on the top notch mini golf course. <b>Excursion</b>

**Fair Play OOSH gateshead**

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