



Meet Maverick, Lachlan, Tyran & Dion from Stage 3



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,

It has been a wonderful, settled return to term 2 for the students, I do hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday break and spent time with family and friends. Whilst we were on holidays the school was a hive of activity. For those that have visited during this last week you will notice that the painting of the buildings is well underway and we have almost a quarter of the school now painted in the Wiripaang colours. We also have a much needed freshly painted administration area that is bright and welcoming, we can't wait till the entire school is finished uniting all buildings as one school.

Our ANZAC Day assembly was held last Friday and I must compliment our student body for their respectful behaviour during this service. I also thank our leaders, Ms Pfeiffer and Ms Ginters for representing our school at the Lions Club Service held during the holidays. The Lions Club generously donate ANZAC books to the Glenrock Network of Schools keeping the ANZAC memory alive by sharing these stories with our students and having them available for loan within our school library.

Learning has commenced in full gusto and it is important students continue to strive to improve on a daily basis. A new term is always a great time to set new goals and plan for what they would like to achieve by the end of the term. At Wiripaang we strive for personal best through courage and character; every student, teacher and our school as a whole continues to improve on our learning journey together. Our year 3 and year 5 students will undertake NAPLAN during the following weeks and

the data obtained from these assessments helps the school to identify and address any trends (both positive and negative) that may be emerging within our data. This will be our second year of undertaking the NAPLAN assessments online and I know that Mr McNeil and Mr Thompson have our students technologically positioned to do so with great confidence.

To help reduce our environmental footprint it was noted in every newsletter during Term 1 that we are now only providing a printed copy of the newsletter to those families that returned the request slip. Please be aware that our newsletter can also be found fortnightly on FaceBook, the Wiripaang PS Skoolbag App, on our school website <https://wiripaang-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html> and printed copies are available on the community notice board. We greatly appreciate your support with this change.

As we start off a new term I have again included a copy of the School Community Charter for your review. At all times our school is a place where all students have the opportunity to learn and play in a safe and harmonious environment, role modelling respectful communication for our students is always expected from all visiting our site.

I look forward to a fabulous term of learning...have a superb fortnight everyone. .

Kind regards,

Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

- Tues 7th May—Zone Cross Country
- Thurs 9th May—Mother's Day Stall
- Thurs 9th May—Debating Workshop
- Valentine School
- Thurs 9th May—PSSA Netball game
- Thurs 9th May—P&C Meeting 6pm - Library
- Mon 13th May—Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
- Mon 13th May—HSHS TSP Trials
- Tues 14th—16th May—NAPLAN
- Thurs 23rd May—GRIP leadership
- Tues 28th May—Girls PSSA Soccer gala
- Wed 29th May—Rebecca Young Cup
- Wed 5th June—Boys PSSA Soccer gala
- Thurs 6th June—P&C Meeting 6pm - Library
- Mon 10th June—Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Tues 2nd—4th July Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
- Fri 5th July—Soaring High Day K-6
- Fri 5th July—last day of Term 2





School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

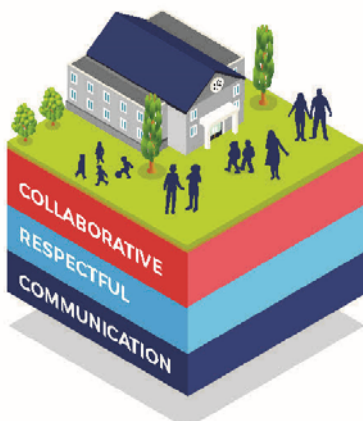
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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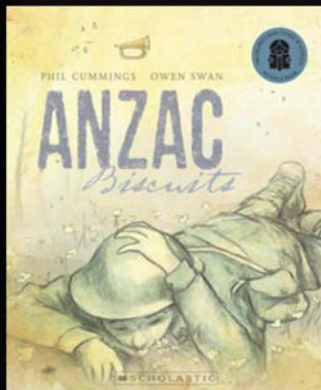
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THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

3/4M

3/4M have been learning about Anzac Day. We learned about the history and origin of Anzac Day and why we chose April 25 as the day to honour and remember those who have fought and died in wars. We had some interesting discussions over the causes of wars and read some excellent picture books about Australia's participation in wars in preparation for our Anzac Assembly.



We then reflected on what we had learned and created an artwork remembering those who have fought in wars.



Missing school means missing out!

Term 2 Student Attendance Challenge at Wiri...

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



Attendance didn't drop below 90% last term...let's keep our graph growing to 95%!



PLASTIC BOTTLE LID REQUEST

We are requesting that families and our community start collecting plastic bottle lids!

We will be collecting these until the end of term 2. Please leave in the collection box in the office.

Lids can come from these bottles:

- Cordial
- milk
- soft drink
- spreads

Together let's help our environment whilst making some amazing creations for our new outdoor learning and play areas!

Sport news

Rugby League

The senior rugby league stars of Wiripaang competed in the Knights Knockout today at Windale ovals. A great turn out for the day, Wiri was in a tough pool. With three competitive games they came away with a win, a draw and a loss. Narrowly missing out on the finals. An excellent day out and well played by all.



P&C news

Mother's Day Stall Students can LAY-BY and collect their purchases once payment is made. Last day for pick up is on Friday the 10th May.

Prices range from \$0.50 to \$10. The Mother's Day Stall will be on Tuesday 7th May for Wonnai and Thursday 9th May for the whole school.



Wiri Celebrates

ANZAC Ceremony



Soaring High Day Term 1



Easter Hat Parade



Community Announcements



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ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Walk safely

Always hold your children's hands – when walking on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road – until they are at least 8 years old.

When your children are between 8 and 10 years old, supervise them very closely when they are near traffic and crossing the road.

When you decide to let your children over 10 years old walk to and from school by themselves, plan the journey together. Practise being a safe pedestrian by:

- keeping to the left of the footpath
- being aware of vehicles coming in and out of driveways
- not being distracted by mobile devices or by other people
- using a safe, alternative way home in wet weather
- showing respect to other pedestrians.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! continuously look both ways.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

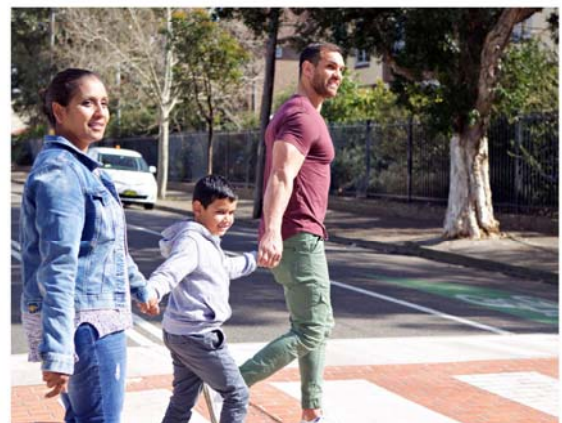
THINK! is it safe to cross?

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

Encourage your children:

- to always use a safe place to cross the road such as a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or a school crossing, if available
- to check for turning vehicles before they cross the road and driveways
- never to assume that a driver can see them or will stop for them
- to make eye contact with a driver so they know the driver has seen them
- to wait till the driver has completely stopped their vehicle before they cross the road or driveway.



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.



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.

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| 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 from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.
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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

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

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





Term 2 Parent Planner

Magnet me on your fridge

(as at 6th May and subject to change)

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
April/May	1	29 * Staff Development Day	30 * Students return	1	2	3 * ANZAC Ceremony * Knights Knockout * Soccer begins \$50	4/5
May	2	6	7 * Zone Cross Country - \$2 * Wonnall P&C Mother's Day Stall	8	9 * P&C Mother's Day Stall \$0.50 - \$10 * Debating Workshop - No cost * PSSA Netball - No cost * P&C Meeting 6pm - Library	10 * Soccer continues * Netball begins \$11 * Rugby League begins \$11 * Support Unit Spring loaded begins \$64	11/12
May	3	13 * Stage 3 excursion to Sydney \$30 * Year 6 TSP Trial @ HSHS	14 * NAPLAN	15 * NAPLAN	16 * NAPLAN	17 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring loaded	18/19
May	4	20	21	22	23 * GRIP Leadership	24 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	25/26
May/June	5	27	28 * Girls PSSA Soccer Gala - approx \$10	29 * Girls Rebecca Young Cup Rugby League	30	31 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	1/2
June	6	3	4	5 * Boys PSSA Soccer Gala - approx \$10	6 * P&C Meeting 6pm - Library	7 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	8/9
June	7	10 * Queens Birthday Public Holiday	11	12	13	14 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	15/16
June	8	17	18	19	20 * Year 6 fundraiser PJ Day Gold Coin donation	21 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	22/23
June	9	24	25	26	27	28 * Senior sport continues Soccer, Netball, Rugby League * Support Unit Spring Loaded	29/30
July	10	1	2 * Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion \$335	3 * Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion	4 * Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion * P&C Meeting 6pm - Library	5 * Soaring High Day K-6 Approx. \$3-\$5	6/7

Major P&C Fundraiser planned for later this term, keep an eye out to hear all about it.

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

