



## SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

It's been a busy few weeks in and out of our fabulous school. Firstly, I hope all of the treasured females in our student's lives enjoyed their Mother's Day on the 12th and the special surprises purchased just for them from the Mother's Day Stall. I sincerely thank our P&C who donate their time and support our students by hosting and stocking stalls such as this. We also thank The Whiddon Group Nursing home at Redhead who very kindly donated items to our stall.

We also thank our P&C for providing our Year 3 and 5 students with their traditional hearty NAPLAN breakfast as they commenced their assessments. The students continue this week with their final NAPLAN assessment in the area of Numeracy. I spent some time last week talking with our senior students about the term 'growth mindset' and developing perseverance when things get tough. Researcher Carol Dweck explains having a growth mindset as a dedication to hard work, developing abilities to accomplish great achievements through a love of learning and resilience. Our staff have focussed on developing this belief in our students through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons over the past years and I very proudly shared with them how evident it has become that they are developing a growth mindset about learning and I congratulated them all for it. Life long learning enables us all to improve and grow on a daily basis no matter our age.

Towards the end of last term our Instructional Leader, Ms McGee applied for specialised staff professional learning connected with Monash

University. I am very pleased to advise our community that out of all EAFS schools across the state Wiri was chosen in a select group of 13 schools to participate. The professional learning is completely funded by the Department and will provide our staff with deeper knowledge Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) and mathematic intervention at student point of need. As a staff we are extremely excited to be venturing on this project and should your child tell you they did their EMU assessment today....there was no great bird involved just a lot of sweaty mathematical brains!!

There is so much more on our calendar coming up, we have Stage 2 and Stage 3 camps and our anticipated whole school musical just to name a few big events. At the end of this term our P&C have their colour explosion obstacle course major fundraiser scheduled, I hope your fundraising is going well. Every cent goes back to our students providing them with the best resources and facilities to support their daily learning experiences.

Be part of our superb Wiri family and always be proudly dressed in full school uniform. As posted on FaceBook, Mrs Donno has an abundance of warm black jumpers washed and ready for anyone who needs one, I appreciate your support in keeping our students looking amazing and belonging to our team. Have a wonderful fortnight of learning everyone.

Kind regards,  
Emma Stothard



*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.*

## UPCOMING DATES

### Term 2

- 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 Pie Drive last day
- Thurs 6th June—P&C Meeting 6pm - Library
- Mon 10th June—Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Thurs 27th June—P&C Colour explosion fundraiser
- Tues 2nd—4th July Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
- Thurs 4th July—P&C Pie Drive orders to be pick up from school
- Fri 5th July—Soaring High Day K-6
- Fri 5th July— Last day of Term 2

### Term 3

- Tues 23rd July—Students return
- Thurs 25th July—NAIDOC Day Celebrations
- Tues 6th August—Book week parade
- Thurs 26th September—Wiri Show Matinee & Evening



# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

## 3/4S

### POWERS OF PERSUASION in 3/4S

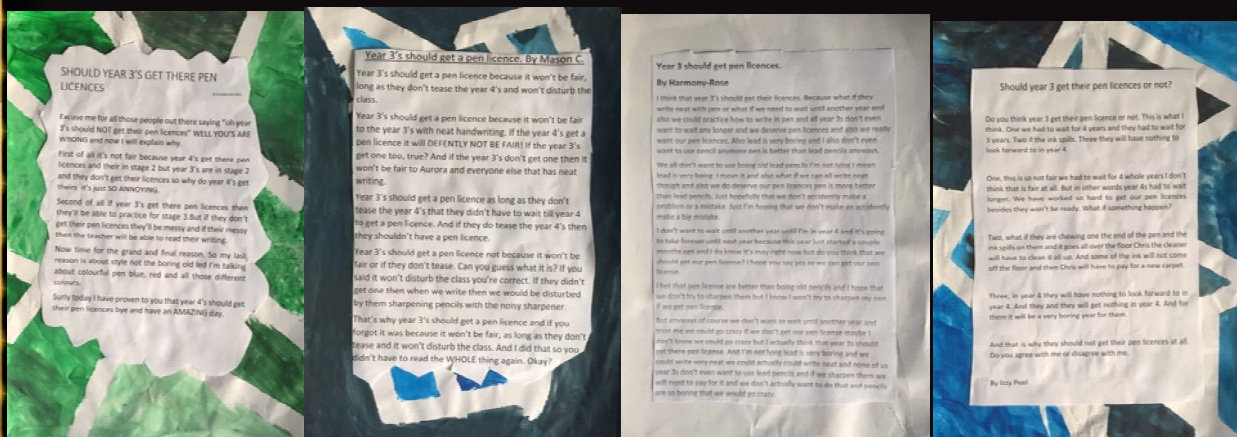
Traditionally at Wiri pen licences have been awarded to Year 4 students who consistently produce quality bookwork. That could be...until 2019!

3/4S have been looking closely at persuasive (multimodal) texts and persuasive devices. How are we being persuaded each day and by whom? We looked at devices (tactics) people use to persuade us- exaggeration, appealing to emotions, facts and statistics and so forth. These devices came in very handy when the topic of Year 4 getting their pen licences came up.

Suddenly, we were faced with some very passionate responses from our class. We discovered that 3/4S had really listened to the 'Powers of Persuasion' and were using them on us!!! There were emotion-filled pleas (with a hint of exaggeration), facts and lots of reasons why Year 3 should, or should not, be able to get their pen licences also.

We think their responses have been wonderful and it was a really engaging writing task. It even allowed us to further develop our publishing skills on the computers. We have been introduced to the different functions of Microsoft Word and found the spelling and grammar checks very fascinating (and a lot confusing).

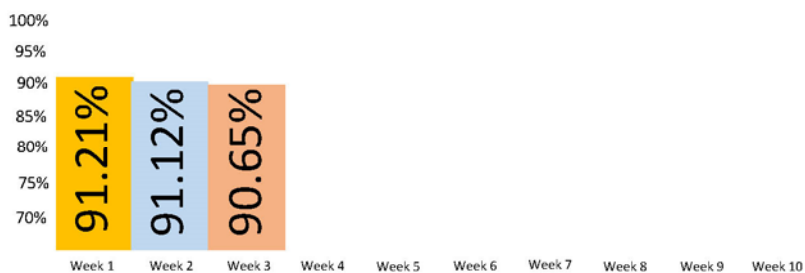
We wonder which side of the fence you will be on after reading our responses???



# 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%!

## Wiri Awards



Malik S  
Evan G  
Ashley W  
Gavin B  
Sean R  
Jade S  
Emily J  
Amelie G  
Izayah L  
Domonick B  
Riley-Jack E  
Shannon B  
Mason H  
Benjamin V

Kailan T  
Ethan A  
Jack G  
Lachlan C  
Crystal F  
Myley M  
Zoe M  
Blake M  
Liam B  
Zayden B  
Flame S  
Kai S  
Kobe E  
Matthew C

Rebecca N  
Azahli J  
Mariah O  
Lachlan P  
Amber S  
Ariana K  
Maverick M  
Max C  
Zachary T  
Kaleb M  
Lailah D  
Lauren R  
Christina C

Caiden M  
Nicholas D  
Dean Q  
Jayce H  
Montana D  
Brandon R  
Arliyah A  
Tyson O  
Kleia D  
Harmony-Rose S  
Nate W  
Zane J  
Tigal H

Lily P  
Nouri S  
Maverick M  
Brodie H  
Brodie S  
Calista B  
Crystal F  
Abbey H  
Phoenix S  
Jakai J  
Aurora E  
Ella-Jean S  
Braydon S

# Wiri Celebrates

## Stage 3 Excursion—Sydney



## Wiri's gardeners



# Speech & Language News...

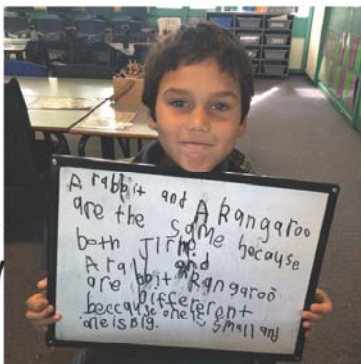
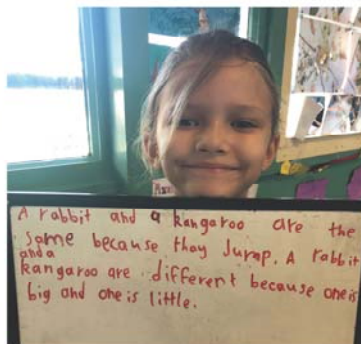
**What?:** This fortnight in speech, students have been learning about the similarities and differences of items. Students have been learning how to use descriptive features such as categories, functions of items, shapes, size, colour or location to verbalise similarities and differences in further details to their peers.

**Why?:** Learning about similarities and differences has a great benefit for your child. It helps your child increase their understanding of vocabulary, descriptive language and helps to improve awareness of words such as comparing and contrasting which are necessary for their classroom literacy and maths lessons.

**How?:** In order to support your child's development of this skill consider the following idea to be completed at home. Read or watch the old and new versions of well-known movies with your child such as 'Cinderella', 'Robin Hood' or 'Beauty and the Beast'. When the book or movie is finished, ask your child which parts they thought were the same as the old version, and which parts were different. Extend your child further by asking your child to use the similarities and differences of the movies to explain which version they enjoyed the best!



*^ Students worked together in teams trying to guess two pictures hidden by a barrier by listening to clues provided by a student about the similarities and differences of pictures.*



*< Students worked hard to turn their oral language into written language while discussing similarities and differences of items.*

# Community Announcements

## The Rainbow Clinic

### School Holiday Screening Sessions

The Rainbow Clinic provides Occupational Therapy to children either in our clinic, home or school environment.

During the July school holidays, we are happy to be able to offer Occupational Therapy screening sessions for anyone who may have questions and would like to get their child assessed. The purpose of the screening session is to look at the developmental level of your child's abilities and to also identify any possible difficulties which may require attention. The screening will last 30 minutes and is targeted at fine motor, gross motor, sensory processing, visual and perceptual skills.

The cost of the screening is \$35 per child. If you would like a one-page summary report, the total cost will be \$50 per child.

When: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 9.00am until 5.00pm**

Please contact our admin team to reserve your session on 49100777 or by emailing [admin@rainbowclinic.com.au](mailto:admin@rainbowclinic.com.au)

For further information on The Rainbow Clinic and details of where to find us, please see our website [www.rainbowclinic.com.au](http://www.rainbowclinic.com.au)



## 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!

# THE LONG WALK

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP INDIGENOUS ROUND



**FRIDAY MAY 24**  
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS VS SYDNEY ROOSTERS  
McDONALD JONES STADIUM

**FREE TICKET**

Come and join Indigenous Ambassadors, NRL legend Preston Campbell and AFL legend Michael Long, as we embark on 'The Long Walk' to raise awareness of the challenges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are confronted with and to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

Walkers need to register and collect their ticket at Ford Oval from 4:00pm. There will be cultural performances and entertainment provided by local artists. The Long Walk will then leave for McDonald Jones Stadium at 6:30pm.

Registered walkers will receive a free ticket to the Knights v Roosters game. The first 300 registered walkers will receive a commemorative shirt, and the first 100 walkers will join Michael and Preston on a lap of honour of McDonald Jones Stadium prior to kick-off.








## Good for Kids good for life

### 24 HOUR MOVEMENT GUIDELINES



Have you **moved** enough today?



**SLEEP**

• 5-13 year olds need 9-11 hours per night.  
• 14-17 year olds need 8-10 hours per night.

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

Aim for 60 minutes or more per day – the more you huff & puff the better!

**INACTIVITY**

Move more & sit less in your spare time.

Find out more at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Children and young people (aged 5-17 years) should achieve the recommended balance of high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behaviour, and sufficient sleep each day.

Australian 24 Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5 to 17 years): An Integration of Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Sleep

Source: Australian 24 hour Movement Guidelines



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