



Meet Lakeah, Hannah & Jayda enjoying the colour explosion



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's hard to believe that it is Week 10 of Term 2 already. We've had a busy and exciting term with many successes to be celebrated. It has been a pleasure to read the teacher comments in our Semester 1 reports reflecting the hard work of our students so far this year as well as the variety of extra curricula activities that our students have participated in. Thank you to our families that visited classrooms on Monday for our Celebration of Learning and collected their child's report. To all who fundraised to support our P&C by competing in our Colour Explosion before our afternoon celebrations, I again say thank you - check out Facebook to see the explosion of colour as our students tackled the obstacle course with a colourful twist. The event was a huge success.

Congratulations to our students that have been selected to represent our school in the Public Speaking Zone Finals next term. There were many fine speeches presented and I was impressed by the confidence of many of our students in the way they delivered their speeches in such a clear and entertaining manner.

On Tuesday morning we waved off Stage 2 as they embarked on their excursion to Dubbo, what an experience they will have! I personally

thank all attending staff for giving up their own family time to accompany the students. These incredible learning opportunities only happen when you have a team of dedicated staff such as ours.

These holidays we will continue to see works being undertaken at our school. The external painting of our classrooms is now complete and looks amazing. Over the holidays, work will be focussing on the administration area of the school with a new roof being fitted in addition to this building being painted.

Next term we have many events scheduled in already. We look forward to our NAIDOC celebrations being held on the very first Thursday, 25th July, the first week back after the holidays. We will reflect on the theme, 'Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together'.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone. Don't forget our last P&C meeting for Term 2 is Thursday night at 6pm in the library - come along and be part of an amazing, hardworking team benefiting each and every child at Wiri.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

UPCOMING DATES

Term 2

- Tues 2nd—4th July Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
- Thurs 4th July—P&C Pie Drive orders to be pick up from school
- Thurs 4th July—P&C Meeting 6pm Library
- 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
- Fri 26th July—Athletics Carnival Assembly
- Tues 6th August—Education, Science & Book Week parade celebrations
- Thurs 26th September—Wiri Show Matinee & Evening Performances
- Fri 27th September—Soaring High Day
- Fri 27th September—Last day of term 3



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The two upright rock forms at the channel once were *Nanika* (lake Mariposa) at Switzer. (Note: we were once warned, turned to stone after getting into trouble from an *Awasakal* warrior. It is said they were turned to stone as punishment for the wrongs done by them. The woman became protectors of the nearby burial sites of their ancestors and of the *Awasakal* people, as they had watch for any coming danger. When they saw strange styles or creatures coming from the sea, the women would return to human form and warn the people of any dangers.

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Missing school means missing out!

Term 2 Student Attendance Challenge at Wiri...

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



Make week 10 matter for your class challenge...Attendance at school matters every day!

Wiri Awards



Cloe B
Aaliyah T
Indi W
Kailan T
Tyrell L
Gordon A
Jaxson S
Jayden S

Khaydence D
Dion T
Joel S
Malik S
Zane J
Lily P
Kaleb W
Zoey H

Blake M
Liam B
Emily J
Oliver R
Shannon B
Layla W
Levi T
Zachary T

Tyson O
Izayah L
Brandon R
Rebecca N
Damian G
Ruby B
Nate P

Ethan M
Ileisha G
Simon W
Tiarna M
Christopher P
Ethan A
Toby H

A note from the office

- EFTPOS coming next term, to assist with making payments easier at the office, watch this space for when it is up and running.
- If you change any contact details or your child's medical history changes, please contact the office.
- Student Statement of Accounts will be mailed out shortly, please check your statement and if there are any activity fees on your statement that your child did not or are not likely to participate in contact our school office and ask for the fee to be removed. If you have any fees that are currently outstanding for 2019 or are outstanding from 2018, prompt payment would be appreciated.

Please contact our school office on 4943 4357, if you have any concerns regarding your statement.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a child who will be starting school here at Wiripaang Public School next year, please come to the office ASAP to commence the enrolment process. Even if your child is currently attending Wiripaang's Wonnai Transition to 'Big School' Learning Program, it is still necessary to enrol your child for school at our office. Also, if you know of anyone in our school zone community who has a child starting school next year, please encourage them to come along to our office ASAP to begin the enrolment process.



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NAIDOC 2019

'VOICE TREATY TRUTH'

"Let's work together for a shared
Future"

Our NAIDOC day celebrations for 2019 will be held on Thursday 25th July, Term 3, week one. The day will begin with our formal assembly at 11.30am and entertainment provided by Hunter Sports High School Aboriginal Dancers. Students will then be rotating around organised activities which will include Story Telling, Sand Art, Bead Making, Aboriginal Dance with some Johnny Cakes to taste. Save this date so you can come and enjoy our day with us.

WiriMob Committee

Wiri Celebrates

Last Tuesday our Public Speaking finalists did an amazing job in front of their peers. Well done to everyone that participated.



What a wonderful celebration of fun and learning yesterday! Thanks to our staff for opening their classrooms to our families and sharing the learning from this semester. What a way to start our last week of term.





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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School Community Charter

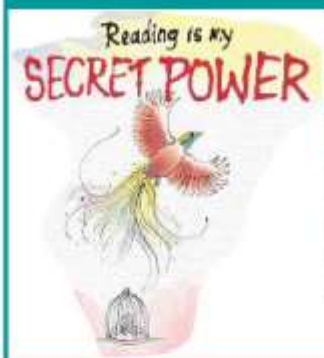
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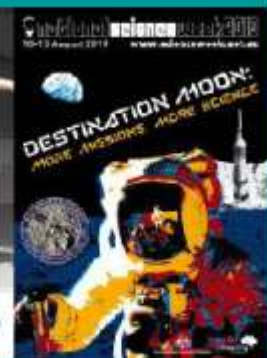


*I can't wait until
August 6th!*

Come and join the fun at Wiripaang! We are excited to showcase our wonderful school and some of what we do here. As well as the annual **Book Week Parade**, we will have **science activities** in the classrooms, a **cake stall**, **book marks** to purchase, **P&C sausage sizzle** and more!



Every Student, Every Voice



Some more Wiri super heroes!
Who is hiding behind their secret power?



Wirri's Library



Over due books

Please return all over due library books this week.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC ends for students on August 30th. All student reading records must be completed by this date. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if needed. K-2 records will be completed by class, 3-6 students must complete theirs independently.

Completing an online reading record:

Log on to the PRC website

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/login.html>

On the sidebar click **Logon**

Use your school username and password

Day of Celebration at Wiripaang!

Stage three have been busy working on an advertising campaign for our day of celebration and fun next term. They have learned how to use Canva online to create digital advertisements as well as creating posters.



See you in the library!

Ms. Dunne ☺

P&C News

P&C MEETING

4th July P&C Meeting—6pm Library

4th July Pie drive orders to be picked up at school



Yesterday we held our Colour Explosion, the children had a great day, thank you for generously supporting our P&C for the benefit of every child at Wiripaang PS.



Community Announcements



School timetable changes from 1 July

There will be some timetable changes to school services to improve reliability.

It's easy to check your timetable.

- 1 Visit: newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services
- 2 Type your school name into the search field.
- 3 Select your school bus route to download the PDF timetable that will be effective from 1 July.

Don't forget to tap on with your Opal school card!
Tapping on and off provides Newcastle Transport with important data to determine bus services to your school.



Good for Kids good for life HEALTHY CANTEEN CHOICES

All schools are encouraged to work towards a canteen menu that meets the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, by having more healthy 'Everyday' food options available on the canteen menu.

Ordering at the canteen doesn't come without challenges: there's the matter of working out what items to choose and what items to avoid and whether your child actually will eat what is ordered.

Whether you like to let your child order at the canteen once a week, once a fortnight or only on special occasions, it is a good idea to talk with your child about the healthiest options. You also may like to help your child choose the healthiest food and drinks items off the canteen menu.

Healthy 'Everyday' options on your schools canteen menu may include:

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| Cold Food: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandwiches, rolls and wraps with everyday fillings • Fresh salads, sushi or rice paper rolls |
| Hot Food: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh soups with wholemeal bread rolls • Spaghetti bolognese |
| Snacks: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable sticks, or fruit salad • Reduced fat cheese with wholemeal crackers |
| Drinks: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Reduced fat milk |



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



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AND LACHLAN FITZGIBBON

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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!



Health
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FREE Fun Program for Fitter, Healthier, Happier Kids!

When: Thursday 4-6pm Term 3 – 2019

Where: PCYC Lake Macquarie, Windale

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Who: Kids Aged 7-13 with a Parent / Carer

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