



Meet Ashton 5/6T& Tyrell KL



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,

What a magnificent celebration we all shared last week for Education Week. Thank you to all for being involved and for the amazing costumes adorned for the Book Week Parade, the students looked spectacular with many superpowers on show! The science experiments that were undertaken in the middle session were so engaging and the students were all thrilled to participate as they explored this year's Science Week theme Destination Moon. Thank you to the Wiri Community Engagement Team, led by Mrs Lavercombe and all of my staff for their dedication to making the day such a success for all in our learning community. During our celebrations our Student Representative Council members offered community time to complete an online survey so we can continue to improve everything we do at our school. If you didn't get the opportunity to do so please click on this link to provide us with your feedback <https://forms.gle/4DuvigbmBLFc7sRx5> the survey link will be open for a week and we value all constructive thoughts.

Congratulations to our zone public speaking finalists, Oliver, Tyrell, Ryan, Chayse, Destiny-Rose, Mason, Amelie and Max. Public speaking to an unknown audience is no easy task and I congratulate them all on their expertise and willingness to step out of their comfort zones and compete at this level. Our zone athletes also did a stellar job representing our school last week in their events and I congratulate Jakai on making it through to the regional event for his efforts in the 100m.

We have a few new faces around our school and you will see some more detailed introductions further in this weeks newsletter. I would like to take this

opportunity in announcing to our community that Ms Penny McGee was awarded through merit, the role of Early Action for Success Deputy Principal - Numeracy for our region 3 days a week. This is a fabulous acknowledgement of the work Ms McGee has been undertaking at our school as she will now be expanding her support to many schools. We are fortunate that she will be based at Wiripaang and will continue in her role as Instructional Leader, 1 day per week. Mr Daniel Morgan has been appointed to work alongside Ms McGee in the role of Instructional Leader, Tuesday – Thursday and will formally commence with us next week.

Our popular end of Term 3 school musical has been nicely coming together behind the scenes and our students have commenced their dance and/or drama sequences within classes. More information will be available next week as tickets go on sale. From the music to the costumes I am certain this is going to be one of the best musicals we have ever produced and I cannot wait to see all of our students shining on stage!

The Waiyarang Community of Schools are encouraging school attendance together. Over the coming weeks messages will be delivered to our community regarding student attendance. Together we are raising our future generation of successful citizens. The best way to ensure our students have the most opportunities offered to them later in life is to establish the regular routine of daily school attendance. Attendance at school matters every day, is everybody's business and is the law, please talk to staff if we can assist you with any matters relating to school attendance.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard

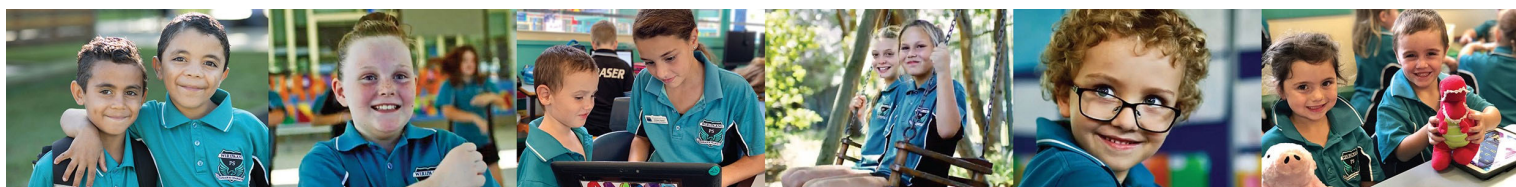
UPCOMING DATES

Term 3

- Fri 16th August—Matter of seconds presentation Kinder, Year 3 & Year 6
- Wed 21st August—Netball Gala Day
- Fri 23rd August— Tickets go on sale for Time after time school concert
- Thurs 29th August—P&C Father's Day stall
- Tues 3rd September—Rebels Cup challenge
- Thurs 5th September—P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
- Wed 25th September—Wiri show dress rehearsal
- Thurs 26th September—Wiri Show Matinee & Evening Performances
- Fri 27th September—Soaring High Day
- Fri 27th September—Last day of term 3

Term 4

- Mon 14th October—Students and Staff return
- Wed 20th November—Kindy Expo
- Wed 11th December—Presentation Day
- Thurs 12th December—Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 13th December— Soaring High Day



THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

WS



WS
IN
SPACE



The boys in WS have been having fun learning about space. We painted the sun with glad wrap, made a super-sized astronaut, designed constellations, built rocket ships and made our own Solar System mobiles.

The largest constellation by area is Hydra which is 3.16% of the sky.



The Sun is 109 times wider than the Earth



Staff Announcements

**Mr Daniel Morgan**

Hi! My name is Mr Morgan and I am looking forward to joining the wonderful Wiri team next week. I have been a teacher for fifteen years and an Assistant Principal for 6 of those. I grew up in Newcastle but started my career in England. After ten years I moved back to Australia with my beautiful family. I have a son and two daughters. I love all types of sport, but soccer is by far my favourite. In my spare time I like to go to the beach and swim with my kids. I can't wait to meet all of the superstars at Wiripaang Public School...see you all soon!

**Mr Braeden O'Brien**

My name is Braeden O'Brien, I'm currently undertaking my final placement for my teaching degree at the University of Newcastle. I have been working with Ms Ginters and the awesome students in KL for the past 3 weeks where I have learnt a lot with guidance of Ms Ginters and all the supportive Wiripaang staff. I will be taking a more active teaching role for the rest of the term in KL and will be aiming to further improve my teaching practise, while I help the students in KL with their learning.

**Mr Thomas McGrath**

Hi, I'm Mr McGrath and I have been attending Wiripaang Public School in class 1D since the beginning of the term. I am an intern with the University of Newcastle, and this is my final placement before becoming a qualified teacher. In my short time here, I have been given a very warm welcome by both the staff and students of Wiripaang. I am excited to be able to meet more of the students and community in the coming weeks that I am here.

A note from the office

- EFTPOS is here, we can accept payment over the counter or over the phone.
- Invoices have been sent home. Please tend to these immediately and make contact with the office should you wish to discuss further. We do not charge school fees and our P&C and school heavily subsidise many events. Your attention to outstanding monies owed would be appreciated.

Bronze Award

Congratulations Emily and Fynn! Our first recipients of the bronze Wiri badge for being a Respectful, Responsible Learner. Such pride in rewarding both students these prestigious badges this week.



Wiri Awards



Jyden T	Jesse W	Dion T	Breeze N	Lakeah J
Hannah S	Joel S	Brodie S	Calista B	Brandon R
Emily J	Sean R	Jayden S	Glen M	Ruby T
Christopher P	Ruby-Rose M	Zoie P	Gordon A	Bianca W
Etthan T	Lyllee P	Porsha B	Tynen A	Matthew C
Lukas J	Elizabeth B	Simon W	Isabella B	Tyrell L

Wiri Celebrates

Some of our support unit students visited the residents at The Whiddon Group Nursing Home today. We are never too old to share a good laugh and a game with a child - kindness always wins.



Education Week

We had an incredible day last Tuesday for Education week with some amazing costumes and exciting science experiments, thank you to the community members who came to help us celebrate.



Sports News

Netball

Both teams took the windy conditions in their stride today at netball. The junior team played with skill and speed to take a win against Charlestown East. Our sportsmanship was highlighted in the senior game against Charlton where we finished with a tie. Thank you to Charlotte and Tayah for stepping up to help out and play in the senior team.

Soccer

Wiripaang's soccer players bravely tackled extremely windy conditions in today's games against Charlton Christian College. Both juniors and seniors played very well with the highlights including quality goals from Brodie and Rishab.

Rugby League

Wiripaang footballers braved the windy conditions at Windale today for Round 3 of the Graham House Challenge. Both junior and senior teams played well and showed great sportsmanship! Go Wiri!

School sport

Our Sport in School hockey lessons started last Friday with our superstar hockey coach!



Zone Athletics

Wiri students attended the zone athletics carnival last week over two days at Marks Point. The weather was perfect and all the students represented Wiripaang amazingly. They tried their best in their events against some very tough competition. Lakeah and Jakai both placed in their 100m races (Lakeah 200m as well), with Jakai securing a spot to the regionals. Well done Wiri!!



Wiri's Library



Book Week!

What a fabulous celebration we had last week celebrating Education week, Book Week and Science week. Well done to our students, they are to be commended on their respectful, responsible participation in the whole day. A big thank you goes out to the community for ensuring our students had such fabulous costumes to wear and for their continued support of our events here at Wiri.

Thank you!

Thank you very much Joan Peel, Lyllee and Izzy Peel's grandma, who very kindly donated a wonderful set of books about Newcastle in the past to Wiri's library. This will be an excellent resource to support our history syllabus.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Completing an online reading record:

Log on to the PRC website

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

On the sidebar click **Logon**

Use your school username and password

Click on **STUDENT READING RECORD**

Enter your books.

The end is in sight! 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.

Feedback survey

We value your opinion at Wiripaang and want to hear from you! A short survey to gather some feedback about the Celebration of Education Week, Book Week and Science Week will be sent home on yellow paper this week. Please complete the survey and return it to school. There is a box at the office for you to place your answers in. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Overdue books

There is a large number of books which are currently overdue. Unfortunately if your child has overdue books they won't be able to borrow until they have returned them. Please help your child to look for their library books at home so that they can return them on their library day to avoid missing out.

See you in the library!

Ms. Dunne ☺

Community feedback	Please answer the following questions 1 = strongly agree 2 = agree 3 = neutral 4 = disagree 5 = strongly disagree				
I enjoyed the Education Week, Book Week and Science Week celebrations at Wiripaang?	1	2	3	4	5
Circle each event that you attended →	Education Assembly		Book Week Parade		Science Activities
The values of Wiripaang – respectful, responsible learners – were well represented on the day	1	2	3	4	5
I am well informed about events happening at school	1	2	3	4	5
I am most likely to attend an event in the →	Morning session		Middle session		Afternoon session
What did you enjoy most on the day? Please circle →	Education Assembly		Book week parade		Science activities
How could we improve in the future?					
How did you hear about the Celebration day? E.g. Facebook, Seesaw, students, other parents					
Additional comments					

This survey will come home on a yellow note.
Please complete and return to the box at the office.
Thank you.

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.





Turn Up Your MOTIVATION



Attend School Every Day



Set Goals



Achieve Success.

**JUST
TURN UP**

MISSING SCHOOL MEANS MISSING OUT.

An initiative of the Waiyarang Community of Schools



Community Announcements

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER

How much water should our kids drink everyday?

1—5 years 1.25L

6—12 years 1.5L



TIPS TO DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children that you enjoy drinking water
- Drink water with every meal
- Take a refillable bottle when you go out
- Pack water for school
- Encourage drinking extra water when they play sport
- Limit buying sugary drinks



Information source: © Cancer Council Victoria 2019



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

BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Free Community Event
Bring a picnic and celebrate!

Thursday 3 October, 10am-2pm
 Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
 Minmi Road, Minmi

- Free sausage sizzle
- Live entertainment
- Native plants give away
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Culture walks
- Craft activities for all ages
- Interact with live animals
- Learn about volunteering in nature

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