# WIRI WHISPERER WEEK 4 TERM 2 2020



SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

WIRIPAANG PS COURAGE & CHARACTER

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.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school has been busy and filled with lots of smiles this week as students returned to school. Our staff are loving having them back!

This week as a part of a phased return to school we increased students days as per their sports houses to 2 successive days on site.

Kindergarten students have been requested to return everyday to engage in teaching and learning and support their vital and specialised learning requirements at this early stage of their educational journey.

As always our school continues to support the learning needs of our students everyday and all students will be accepted as long as they are not displaying flu like symptoms.

## Attendance

Just a reminder that the school is required to monitor student learning from home so it is important that students submit work samples via Seesaw or contact their teachers at least once a day. If students are in attendance on their designated days they will obviously be marked present at school. If they do not attend on their designated day the following attendance codes apply: F - (Flexible) Students are at home engaged in learning - you have

made a decision as a family to continue with learning from home as someone your child lives with is in the 'high risk" category, or the student is self-isolating for example. You will need to contact the school to inform us so an adjustment to the attendance record can be made. This will not adversely affect your child's attendance record.

A – (Absent) Student is absent from school and there is no evidence of students completing work therefore students are on unapproved leave.

S – (Sick) Parents advise the school that their child is sick and not able to attend school or learn from home and therefore unable to complete work.

Contact can be made with the school via, email – wiripaangp.school@det.nsw.edu.au, phone 49434357, Seesaw or by replying to the automated texts which will recommence from Monday 25th May 2020. If your child is sick:

From time to time your child may get sick and display symptoms including:

- a fever 38 degrees or above
- cold and flu like symptoms
- rashes of an unknown origin
- vomiting or diarrhoea

If your child shows any of the above symptoms it is best to keep them away from school and contact the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 020 080 for further advice or see your general medical practitioner.

## OSCH at Wiri

Last week we were lucky to be supported by the Department of Education in obtaining an OSCH service to set up at our school. We conducted a panel and fufilled a process to select a OSCH provider that will best meet our needs at Wiripaang PS and support our school community. We are hoping for it to be up and running for the start of term 3. More information will be shared as soon as possible as we promote this new service for our school.

## Canteen - Nancy is back Monday 1st June

We are very excited to announce that our Canteen will re open on Monday 1st June (Week 6). Please be patient and support our canteen to re open and provide this extremely valued service to our students and community. Information to be announced with ordering processes to support the current guidelines of operation in schools. Canteen menu is attached. Please embrace this opportunity to have our canteen up and operating again by helping it to be a great success for all.

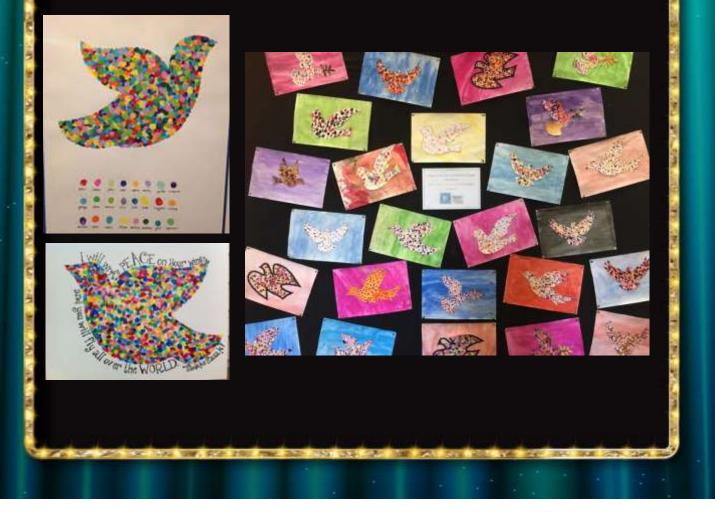
Thank you for your support, patience and kindness to the school and staff as we help each other through this period in time.

Julie Low Relieving Principal



**PEACE DOVES** 

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations Stage 2 did these fantastic artworks using the universal symbol of peace the dove. We carefully dotted the doves using a variety of acrylic - paints and painted a watercolour background for each dove.



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# RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

TERM 2 WEEK 4



# Handy Hints for Helping your child thrive at school!



Each newsletter I will put together some ideas about how families can help children develop their literacy and numeracy skills. This will also go onto our Facebook page. Hope you enjoy playing these games! Mrs Lavercombe

# <u>Term 2 Week 4</u>

Congratulations to all our parents on supporting your children while they were learning from home. Your assistance with their online learning and completing workbooks has allowed our amazing teachers to continue teaching your children in the best way they can. On behalf of all the teachers, THANK YOU!

One of the things we have learned over the last few weeks is that some students and families are hungry for more self-guided learning. The NSW Department of Education has set up a website that has Learning Packages and these are being added too all the time. If you want to assist in your child's education, please look at

https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/learning-packages

From their website : "Learning packages contain explicit teaching activities with self-guided videos to complement the learning program provided by your child's school or teacher. Remember the program provided by your child's school or class teacher is the priority learning program for your child. You can choose one or more learning packages from any of the four streams in literacy/English, numeracy/ mathematics, physical activity and more key learning areas. Select your child's year level and choose one or more of the learning activities that best meet the needs of your child/ren.

Every week we will be releasing new learning packages. It is important to remember that each child will differ with the time they need to complete the activities depending on your child's prior knowledge and experience with that concept."





Please talk with your child about their login for PM Readers Online. Every student should have a login and has been supported at school to learn how to login and navigate the app. You can download the app and save it on your child's device. If you have any questions or are unable to login at home, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw to request assistance.

# Vegetable Garden

Our vegetable gardens are really enjoying this warm weather and the occasional down pour. Thank you to Mrs Donno and Mrs Gowanloch for working hard to keep our gardens growing.



# **Community News**

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# Good for Kids good for life EASY HEALTHY LUNCH IDEAS

Learning from home can be a great time to try out some new lunch ideas. You could try:

- Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls
- Pasta salad
  Zucchini slice
- Com fritters

Vegetable fried rice





Get the kids involved to help cook, or make these as part of dinner one night and partian out lunches for the week.

They are all easy to pack in the lunchbox too

All recipes available at: http://goodforkids.nsw.gov.gu/primar

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