



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 and Carers,

We reflect on what an amazing term this has been as we enter the final week. A huge thank you from the staff of Wiripaang PS for your efforts in our Learning from Home phase and continued support as we work together and within the guidelines to make sure health and safety is paramount for everyone. We hope that everyone has a restful break over the school holiday period and we look forward to all students returning on Tuesday 21st July 2020.

Covid-19 restrictions for Term 3

- Increased cleaning of the school throughout the day will continue at this point in time.
- Some sport and interschool activities may resume depending on the negotiations between school and meeting the guidelines around certain activities. Parents must continue to remain outside the grounds, unless for appointments or to visit the office.

Staff moving on...

Retirements

A huge thank you to Mrs Cook and Mrs Bourne for their immense service to our school and the public school system. We have been so lucky to have you both in your respective roles and we wish you all the best for a relaxing retirement filled with all the things you love. Your dedication and commitment to our students will be missed and we hope you visit us often.

New schools

Another thank you to Miss Davies and Miss Ingram. We wish you all the best of luck in your new schools and know they are lucky to have you.

Mrs Clifford will be managing the new OSCH service at our school and at other schools in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie and we congratulate her on this new opportunity for her career as well.

Our staff at Wiri are a family that look after your children everyday. Don't be a stranger to us as you know you are all welcome to pop your head in and say hi anytime you wish.

OSHC - TASK

We are extremely excited to announce that TASK OSHC is coming to our school. Please follow the link on the promotional page in this newsletter to register your interest and contact the office if you need assistance.

Cross Country

Even though Covid has changed what we do, we don't want our students missing out on these important events. So cross country (Wiri style) will run this week on Wednesday for K-2 and Friday for 3-6, with support unit students being involved in both. There isn't any representative levels for any competitions this year but it is important to acknowledge students strengths within our school in various activities and most importantly have lots of fun. Be assured we will take lots of pictures and post for you all to see.

Reports - Semester 1

Student reports went live yesterday on the Parent Portal. If you need any assistance with accessing these or are finding challenges with the information that we have sent home to be able to link with our student, please contact your class teacher via Seesaw or phone the office and we will happily assist. If you require a printed copy please let the office know and we will happily accommodate. We will be seeking your feedback in continuing to improve what we do to support our students learning and community engagement.

Thanks everyone and we will see all students back for a terrific term 3.

Julie Low
Relieving Principal

THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

Stage 3 have been exploring abstract designs and the art making practice of Pablo Picasso. These portraits were created using a variety of mediums and constructed on cardboard to give a sculptural element. Students also experimented with colour and line techniques.





Student Success Team

NEW DAILY READING INITIATIVE

Next term, Wiripaang is excited to announce that we will be launching a new literacy initiative targeting fluency K-6 to strengthen and improve literacy skills.

The program will be targeting fluency to achieve excellence in reading.



Education
Public Schools

According to the Department of Education:

“Reading fluency is the ability to read accurately, smoothly and with expression. Fluent readers recognise words automatically, without struggling over decoding (working out issues). Fluency is important because it allows students time to focus on what the text is saying which in turn improves comprehension “

This program will involve identified students for daily instruction. It will be implemented before school in ten minute intervals. The focus of the program will be to assist with word recognition, improve comprehension and empower confidence in the students. This will be supported by Mrs Quigley, Mrs Smart and our dedicated team of support learning officers. Parents/ carers of targeted students will be contacted by letter or telephone.



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

Term 2 Week 10 – STAY CONNECTED

One of the things we have learned from our Learning from Home time was that lots of students thrived and enjoyed being actively engaged in online learning. Now that we are back at school, these 'platforms' are still available and allow you and your child to stay connected with the staff, learning and online challenges. We use these platforms to stay connected.



<https://wiripaang-p.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>

Seesaw

<https://web.seesaw.me/parents>



<https://app.pmeollection.com.au/>



<https://www.literacyplanet.com/au/>



<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/smiling-mind-app>

Smiling Mind is a unique tool developed by psychologists and educators to help bring balance to your child's life.





ENROL NOW KINDERGARTEN 2021

Kinder enrolments are open for 2021

Wiripaang Public School offers quality learning and extra-curricular activities to support students in being successful students. We support the whole child to develop the skills and knowledge to be active citizens in our rapidly changing world.

We pride ourselves in offering:

- Academic excellence, including the #WiriEnrichment program
- Creative and performing arts programs
- Future focussed learning technology including robotics
- Valuable links with Hunter Sports High School
- Quality sporting programs
- Canteen operating 5 days a week
- **On-site before and after school care**

Kindergarten
transition dates
and information
available soon

Students are eligible for enrolment if they are turning 5 before July 31 2021.

Please contact the school office for enquiries.

Online enquiries: [Click Here](#)

Join us in 2021!



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TASK

out-of-school hours care

Enrolments open soon
task-kids.com.au/wiripaang



is coming soon to
Wiripaang Public School

- *on site at Wiripaang*
- *first aid & child protection trained staff*
- *TASK is screen free*
- *healthy meals / snacks*
- *homework, readers & free play*
- *fun & educational programs*
- *govt. approved provider*

Opening hours & fees before rebate

Before School Care
 7:00am - 9:00am
 - \$18 permanent
 - \$23 casual

After School Care
 3.00pm - 6.00pm
 - \$24 permanent
 - \$29 casual

email questions to:
enrol@task-kids.com.au

THE —
 AFTER
 SCHOOL
 KLUB —



w: task-kids.com.au t: 1300 827 500



WIRIPAANG WONNAI

School Readiness Program 2020

Wiripaang Public School is pleased to advise that the Wonnai school readiness program will be operational from the beginning of Term 3. This program is to support students intending on enrolling in Kindergarten 2021 at our school.

Due to restrictions, we have made some adjustments to how we operate to ensure that we can provide adequate social distancing and personal hygiene for all staff and children.



Wonnai will operate each Tuesday, beginning Tuesday 21st July, 2020.

Students will attend only one of the two sessions available.

Session 1: 9.30 – 11.30am Session 2: 12.30 – 2.30pm

For those students currently enrolled in Wonnai, we will contact you shortly to advise which session your child is scheduled to attend. New enrolments will be placed in a session based on spaces available.

For new Wonnai enrolment enquiries, or other questions, please contact the school office.



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Community News

Newcastle School Portraits



Your School Photo Day is:
Thursday
13th August 2020

Remember to hand in your photo envelope...& Smile

Wiripaang Public School
2020 School Photos

2020 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
 and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
 Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

A Pack	65
B Pack	45
C Pack	38
D Pack	26
F Pack	65
Photo Album	25

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Family A Pack	25
Family B Pack	35

Newcastle School Portraits
 Capturing your memories for over **30 Years**

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
 21 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow 2292
 4965 4114

COME AND TRY BASEBALL WITH PHOENIX CHARLESTOWN

We invite anyone aged between 5 and 15 to come and try baseball

TRAINING STARTS: Saturday 18 July
TIME: 9.30am - 11am
WHERE: Windsor Oval Carbeen St, Gateshead

For more information contact:
 Chris - 0413 306 721 or Sean - 0422 254 734
 Email: phoenixcharlestown@gmail.com
 Facebook: @phoenixcharlestownbaseball

2020 Junior Registration fees are \$150

Phoenix is registered with the Active Kids Rebate Program.





July School Holidays Program

For ages 5-12yrs

\$25 per session, or 10 for \$200

Book Today 02 4948 6622

Monday
6th July
9am-12pm Paint Craze & Multi Sports
1pm-4pm Paint Craze & Multi Sports

Tuesday
7th July
9am-12pm Slimely Science & Fitness
1pm-4pm Slimely Science & Fitness

Wednesday
8th July
9am-12pm Gymnastics & Plants Alive
1pm-4pm Gymnastics & Plants Alive

Thursday
9th July
9am-12pm Tie Dye & Multi Sports
1pm-4pm Tie Dye & Multi Sports
(T-shirts are not provided)

Friday
10th July
9am-12pm Gymnastics & Tyre Art
1pm-4pm Gymnastics & Tyre Art



Monday
13th July
9am-12pm Crayon Art & Fitness
1pm-4pm Crayon Art & Fitness

Tuesday
14th July
9am-12pm Hama Beading & Multi Sports
1pm-4pm Hama Beading & Multi Sports

Wednesday
15th July
9am-12pm Gymnastics & Create a Grasshead
1pm-4pm Gymnastics & Create a Grasshead

Thursday
16th July
9am-12pm Build a Bunny & Minute to Win it
1pm-4pm Build a Bunny & Minute to Win it

Friday
17th July
9am-12pm Gymnastics & Tie Dye
1pm-4pm Gymnastics & Tie Dye
(T-shirts are not provided)



Must bring water and a snack.