

### SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome everyone back to the second full time face to face week of learning this term and we are loving it.

We had our first whole school assembly for this term via Zoom. Students remained in their classes whilst the leaders ran the assembly from a laptop. Congratulations to all of the award winners and to all students for their outstanding behaviour throughout the assembly.

#### Attendance

Student attendance is even more important than ever as we work to support students in their learning and assessing the learning support they require, both intervention and extension in key learning areas. Normal procedures are back in place with text messages being sent out when students are absent and phone calls to families for unjustified absences. Our staff are passionate about making a difference and they need all students in their class everyday to have the positive impact in fulfilling their educational potential.

#### Reports - Semester 1

The formal report this time will look a little different than in previous years. Teachers will begin assessing and reporting on students achievement and areas for future development for the rest of the year. Due to Covid-19 the NSW Department of Education have set new guidelines for us to follow when reporting and we hope you find the information meaningful and supportive in conversations. This year we will send the formal report out digitally and we will release more information on this over the coming weeks. If you wish to have a printed, hard copy of your child's report please contact the office so that we can prepare one for you. Reports will be sent out in the last week of this term, week 10.

#### PBL - respecting property

This week we are focusing on the need for us to respect school, friends and our own property. Students will complete lessons this week explicitly showing them the expectations and what this looks like. Please support us in discussing this focus with your children.

#### Reconciliation Week—In this together

Our students have put together a 'Sea of hands' to celebrate this important week as we support each other and promote Aboriginal culture and the importance of moving forward together as one.

#### Health & Hygiene - A big thank you to our cleaners Chris & Jason and to You!

Our increased cleaning practices continue and we would like to thank our cleaners Chris and Jason for the amazing work they are doing. You are valued members of our staff.

A big thanks to our parents and carers for following the current rules and remaining off site, socially distancing at drop off and pick up, and understanding that we need to work together more than ever to support our students.

#### Term 4 Staff Development Days - 17th & 18th December 2020

As a part of professional learning for staff we will be completing several afternoons of training in curriculum, wellbeing and technology.

Our first session will be Thursday 25th June from 3.15pm for 3 hours of staff training.

This will trade off a half day at the end of the year for staff.

This does not impact students and their final day which is Wednesday 16th December 2020.

If you have any questions please contact the school so that we can assist.

#### Wonnai - Kindergarten 2021

Kindergarten for 2021 enrolments are open and we have been busy adjusting our school transition program to support the children and Kindergarten students of 2021.

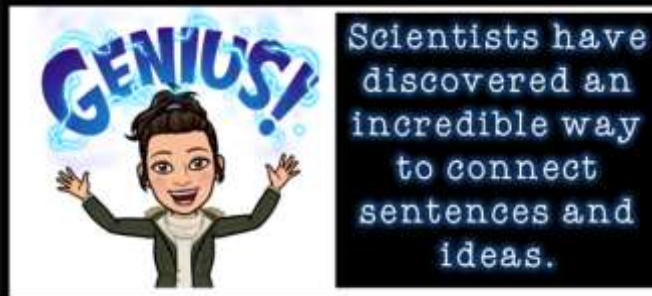
We are hoping to start again in term 3 but staff will be in contact with you through the duration of this term to let you know where planning is at. We will keep you posted :)

In the meantime please make sure your enrolment forms for your child are completed and given to the office and please tell your friends about our wonderful school and everything we have to offer. For any enquiries please call our office and leave your details and keep an eye on Facebook.

**Julie Low**  
Relieving Principal

# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

Since returning to school, Stage 1 have been very excited to learn using engaging Google Slides and Bitmoji's to support explicit lessons.





## Handy Hints for Helping your child thrive at school!



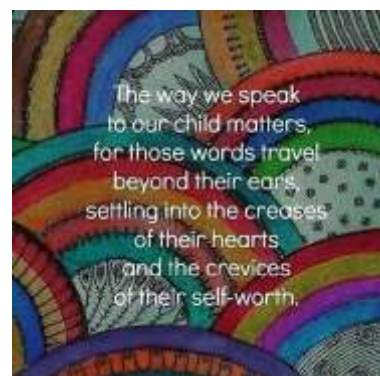
Each newsletter I will put together some ideas about how families can help children develop their literacy and numeracy skills. This will also go onto our Facebook page. Hope you enjoy playing these games!

Mrs Lavercombe

## Term 2 Week 6 – High Performing kids

Support your child according to their age, and the availability of resources. Some ideas include:

- provide explorative activities in your child's areas of interest
- engage in discussions and conversations about the world around them
- encourage questioning, exploration and curiosity
- place value on learning
- monitor play activities to ensure a healthy balance, particularly when younger
- discuss how learning is about making mistakes, struggling at times, and not always about being the best at everything all the time. Try using role model examples in their area of interest, so they understand that life doesn't always give them what they expect
- praise and celebrate effort – working together to understand that effort and achieving one's personal best are important in maintaining a healthy perspective. Try discussing characters from the books they are reading to highlight the types of behaviours that return positive outcomes
- champion your child's successes and coach them through their setbacks – point out that mistakes are evidence of learning and experiencing struggle often encourages resilience, persistence and eventual success. Try discussing the great inventions we experience in life today, which are thanks to those who paved the way in making mistakes and yet persisting despite initial failures
- work on areas of strength without ignoring those areas which also need support
- access extra-curricular opportunities (the [Active Kids External link](#) and [Creative Kids External link](#) vouchers are available to help fund some activities)
- advocate for your child's unique needs and seek support where you can
- if you suspect disability contact organisations such as [Gifted Learners with Disability Australia External link](#).



From - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>



## Play card games with your kids!

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/kids-games/indoor-play/snap-12-classic-card-games-to-teach-the-kids/news-story/1d153893aee53908749c1377c588928c>



# Student Success Team

**Our school has amazingly talented students and staff. We focus on creating learning environments where every child can connect, succeed and thrive. Every student at Wiripaang PS is known by staff and students, valued by all and cared for by many. We aim to provide the best learning opportunities for students to grow and be challenged to achieve beyond what is right in front of them.**

**As such, we have formed a team of staff who will focus on ensuring our students receive enriched and enhanced instruction to assist them to grow. This team consists of Michelle Oulggley, Vicki Smart, Peter Thompson, Donna Summers and myself, Amanda Lavercombe. Together we are planning for every class to receive targeted support where we aim to enrich and extend our high potential students.**

**Over the next few weeks, all classes will be receiving additional support in Writing, Reading and Numeracy to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our students.**

**If you would like to know more about what the NSW DoE policy is and how we can all work together to help our students achieve, please use the link below.**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>

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## High potential and gifted education

**At Wiripaang PS, we believe all children can be respectful, responsible learners and we are committed to helping our students succeed. If you would like to know more or be involved, please contact the school.**





High Performing Students

# Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2021**

## Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021?

You must apply online at:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/  
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-  
classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)



### Key dates

Application website opens:  
**Tuesday 9 June 2020**

Application website closes:  
**5 pm, Friday 26 June 2020**  
You must apply before this deadline

'Test authority' letters sent to all applicants:  
**Wednesday 2 September 2020**

Opportunity Class Placement Test:  
**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:  
**Tuesday 1 December 2020**

**Please read this booklet carefully before  
applying.**

Note: The information in this document is available  
in an accessible format on the Department's  
website.

Parents\* should check the website at  
[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-  
high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)  
regularly throughout the application and placement  
process.

Please check the website for information before  
you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry  
is administered by the High Performing Students Team\*.

#### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450  
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

#### Please Note:

\*In this document, the High Performing  
Students Team is referred to as the Team.

\*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act,  
1990, as a 'guardian or other person having  
custody or care of a child'

Detailed information is available in [Rules and procedures for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class](#)



**National Reconciliation Week****27 May - 3 June****Theme****'InThisTogether2020'****Acknowledgment to Country in Awabakal****Kaayi yaandiin, ngaduwa Nerrida nguduwa Wiradjuri.****Dhumaan ngaduwa bangayi Awabakala barayidha ngayin****Dhumaan ngaduwa ngarrakal yalawaa, yalawan, yalawanan****Nhunda Kumba Kumba**

**I have just acknowledged the traditional owners of the land the Awabakal people on which our school Wiripaang PS is situated. In translation what I said was:**

**"Hello everyone I am Nerrida  
a Wiradjuri woman.**

**I acknowledge that today we are all  
on Awabakal land.**

**I acknowledge our ancestors, our elders  
and all of those who have gone before them.**

**Thank you**

**I feel very honoured have had the opportunity to learn the Awabakal language and to share this with our students at Wiripaang; to encourage them to learn about our shared histories, culture and achievements and how we all can contribute to achieving reconciliation in this beautiful country Australia.**

**Nerrida Darcy**

**Aboriginal Education Assistant**

# Vegetable Garden

This is what our garden used to look like.



This is what it looks like now, our gardens are growing nicely, our gardeners Mrs Dono and Mrs G are doing a great job along with their helpers.



## In the classroom with WS

Travel restrictions aren't stopping WS from exploring the world!! The last two weeks we have been exploring London and Paris with Mr Chicken! We made passports, tried the language, discovered modes of transport, made crepes and researched famous landmarks.



## Spotlight on KD and KG

KD and KG have been lucky enough to have Mrs Darcy join us every Monday to share a Dream-time story. This week we learnt all about 'How the birds got their colours'. We created some colourful birds and complete some fantastic writing. We made a short video about our learning.

Scan the QR code to watch.





### 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 #WinEnrichment 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

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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Kindergarten  
transition dates  
and information  
available soon

# Community News

## Good for Kids good for life MANAGING SCREEN TIME

While your family is at home, many activities for learning, fun and keeping in touch will be done using screens.

To keep active make sure you spend time away from screens every day. Try some of the ideas below:



Source: Western Sydney Local Health District, November 2018



HEALTH@GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

## Good for Kids good for life GET ACTIVE WITH SKIPPING

Grab your rope and have some fun!

Tips on skipping:

- Search for 'jump rope tricks' and learn some tricks.
- Master a skipping routine by putting the skipping ticks together: maybe to music.
- Set some skipping challenges e.g. who can skip for the longest time or do the most tricks.
- Involve the whole family in a routine.
- For inspiration, search 'Jump rope tricks' online or check out the 'teacher manual' at [www.heartfoundation.org.au](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au)



For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

**Variety is important!**

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



HEALTH@GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



## YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



### You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

- Session topics include:
- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
  - How to make changes to the plan
  - Plan management
  - Self-management tips
  - NDIS plan reviews
  - Early childhood intervention best practice
  - Finding and choosing service providers
  - Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting  
COST: Free  
RSVP: Call: 02 8280 4744 or  
Email: [belstart@carersnsw.org.au](mailto:belstart@carersnsw.org.au)

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# Gateshead

Felton Street, Gateshead NSW 2290




<b>Monday 6th July</b> <u>Party Pets</u> Come & play with all creatures great & small for 2 hours of farmyard fun. <b>Talent Show</b> Make a costume and put on a performance during the OOSH talent show.	<b>Tuesday 7th July</b> <u>Jump About</u> Jump, bounce & slide on the fun inflatables for the day! <b>Winter Wonderland</b> Spend the afternoon turning our OOSH room into a beautiful winter wonderland!	<b>Wednesday 8th July</b> <u>Wacky Wednesday</u> Get ready for a Wacky day of activities and crafts to satisfy the soul. Wear your wackiest outfit and let the educators colour your hair & paint your face.	<b>Thursday 9th July</b> <u>Christmas in July</u> Why celebrate Christmas only once a year?! Come to OOSH in your favourite Christmas outfit, ready to enjoy classic Christmas carols, movies, crafts & snacks.	<b>Friday 10th July</b> <u>NAIDOC</u> Celebrate the history & culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a range of crafts & activities. Expect a special surprise visit during the day.
<b>Monday 13th July</b> <u>Mad Science Monday</u> See the exploding balloons, the spooky fog (dry ice) balloon helicopters that fly to the roof and back just to name a few things. Continue to amaze your friends with the science skills you have learnt.	<b>Tuesday 14th July</b> <u>Slime Disco</u> Stop!! You Drop it here for a fun day creating slime and having a disco. Bust out your moves to the latest tunes and join in on the karaoke fun. Prizes to be won.	<b>Wednesday 15th July</b> <u>Footy Friday</u> Join in on an amazing coaching session and learn some new skills for a range of ball sports. <b>Kids vs Education</b> Versus the OOSH education in a game of Soccer. Who will win?	<b>Thursday 16th July</b> <u>Harry Potter day</u> We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to Hogwarts school of witchcraft & wizardry. Be prepared for spells & potions, choose your wand and let the magic begin.	<b>Friday 17th July</b> <u>PJ Pina Party</u> Celebrate the end of an era. Join in on lots of fun activities. Celebrate in your PJ's with Pizza, music and games, remembering all the fun we have had. <i>Children will be at Redhead from 8pm</i>




Thank you for your support over the past years. Our time at St Pauls has come to an end however we would love you to keep up to date with the team and follow us at

**Fair Play OOSH Redhead**

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[stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au](mailto:stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au)  
**0412 728 915**





**Covid-19 Information**

- Fair Play OOSH will endeavour to keep up to date with all Government Regulations in regards to slowing the spread of Covid-19
  - Any person arriving at the service showing a form of sickness will be refused entry.
  - We will continue to practice good hygiene and schedule regular handwashing.
  - We will encourage social distancing where possible.
- July Vacation will not include Excursions due to Covid-19 Restrictions. Vacation Care will be back to the Fair Play way in September 2020. We will however have Incursions and some "Excursions" to our sister services to enjoy some fun.

**Fees**

Day Camps \$40

Incursions & Excursions \$70

Cooch Fee/ Hire Bus \$10

Late Collection Fee \$5per child per minute

Excursion **Green Shirt \$15**

*Daily incursion and excursion fee of \$70 includes all excursion costs.*

**Daily Fees reduced by Child Care Subsidy**

**NO cancellation Policy for Vacations Care Excursions and Incursions and 24 hours for Day Camps.**

Please ensure that you have confirmed your enrolment online prior to attending.

**How to Book**

Phone: 0412 728 915

Email: [stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au](mailto:stpaulsgateshead@fairplayoosh.com.au)

**Operational Hours**

6:30am-6pm

**Breakfast Club in VC**

A light breakfast will be supplied and served between 7am- 8am  
(Toast, Cereal & Juice)

**Things your children will need daily**

- Send your child each day with a packed recess, lunch, snacks and drink bottle.
- A wide brimmed hat and sun safe clothing.
- Enclosed shoes, like thongs, sandals or ballet flats.
- Jumpers and basen.
- Positive Attitude

**Confidentiality**

- Fair Play OOSH does not store address or times for child protection reasons. The device coordinator will send a message to all families booked in the day before.

**Heating of Food**

- Please note that Fair Play OOSH will not be reheating food during the Vacation Care period as per Healthy Food Guidelines. We also request that no infant noodles be provided for your children. All hot food must come in a thermos container.

**Risk Assessments**

Educators complete a full risk assessment prior to the activity taking place.

Incursion ☐

Excursion ☐

**Play, learn & grow together in a quality service where kids can be kids.**