

*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

We have now been back in the full swing of school for a little over three weeks now and what a wonderful time of teaching and learning it has been with our core focus on the literacy and numeracy skills of our students and positive relationships for everyone.

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

A huge thank you to those families that have completed their enrolment for Kindergarten 2021. If you live in the Gateshead area and would like your child to join our great school community please contact the school on 49434357.

### Sport Update

As restrictions and new guidelines are released we continue to support our students in the area of sport. We will be running a school based internal Cross Country event at the end of this term adhering to these guidelines and are considering how our athletics carnival can look like next term. This will allow students to continue to achieve in these areas and be acknowledged. We are awaiting further directions re interschool competitions in other sports and will keep you informed as new information comes to hand.

### Excursions

We are still hopeful that both our Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions will go ahead in term 4 this year and more information will be released to you on Seesaw and Facebook around this during the week.

### Student Reports

The Department of Education have made changes to the Semester 1 reporting requirements. There will be no A-E

grades on Key Learning Areas and there will be an increased focus on English and Mathematics. This report will provide a summarised account of student progress in learning for the first 6 months of this year. Clear goals and directions for Semester 2 will also be outlined to support student's growth. All reports will be accessed online from Monday 29th June.

### Attendance

Children are required to attend school each day the school is open. Class rolls are marked daily. All absences are registered as whole or part day. A note or response to the SMS notification is required to justify an absence. We are wanting to continue to improve our overall attendance and appreciate your support.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers and support staff will be attending extended professional learning on Thursday 25th June from 3.15-6.15pm in lieu of our Staff Development Day on Friday 18th December. We are excited to be learning and using new strategies to support literacy and numeracy with our students.

### OSCH @ Wiri Term 3

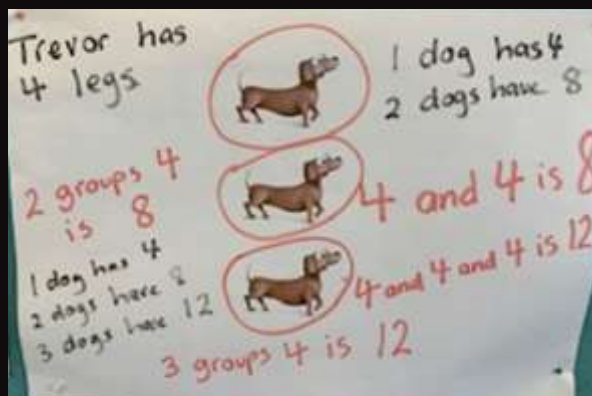
We are still on track to establish our OSCH on site from term 3. I hope to get information and details out to you over the next few weeks for enrolling your children in this service. Please contact the office for further details.

I continue to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to following guidelines to keep everyone safe and working hard at school.

**Julie Low**  
**Relieving Principal**

# THIS WEEK'S WIRIPAANG WONDERS

KG and KD would like to introduce Lucy. Lucy is Mrs Lavercombe's dog and she will be visiting Wiri sometimes to see the students. In preparation for Lucy visiting, we have had lots of discussions about pets and what they need. We have also designed treats (made some treats for ourselves) and a home for Lucy. We have had Number Talks about dogs and written about our perfect pet. At this week's assembly we will tell you more about Lucy and the expectations around how to be with Lucy at Wiri. Stay tuned...







# 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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# Student Success Team

Our team has regular meetings each Wednesday afternoon. We look at student data and make plans for how we can ensure every student is successful. In the last fortnight, we have looked at the data obtained from listening to students from Year 2 to 6 read and answer comprehension questions. We use a standardised test called 'Probe Comprehension' and this test is conducted at least once a year. What we have learned is that;

- Students at Wiripaang are becoming very good at answering LITERAL and INFERENTIAL questions
- Students are more phrased, fluent and correct when reading aloud than they were 12 months ago
- Lots of students are decoding well above their chronological age, some as many as 4 years above!
- Vocabulary is a challenge for many students

We compare the results to the PAT tests and NAPLAN results to ensure we have a thorough understanding of their academic understandings and plan for how we can maximise their success.

Last week, we celebrated the success of our #WiriEnrich students with a special morning tea. Unfortunately some children were absent as they were unwell however it was wonderful to recognise the efforts and achievements these talented students made.



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.





## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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
E Pack	\$22
F Pack	\$15
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

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**Whats on these Holidays**

**VACATION CARE**

**MONDAY 6th JULY — MONDAY 20th JULY**  
**7.30am - 6.00pm**

Vacation Care is an inexpensive way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays .

Catering is provided for Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea

**HunterSports Centre**

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