PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:
We are changing the format of our newsletter to more of an electronic email newsletter with better point and click responsiveness. I hope you enjoy the new format.

P&C Meeting:
There is a Special Meeting of the P&C to elect the 2015 President as there were no candidates last year. The meeting is on Wednesday 18 February at 7:00 PM in the School Library.

Jargon Buster:
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.
Find out more:

Avoiding Injuries:
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?
Find out more:

Maths Questions:
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.
Find out more:

Helping Your Child With Homework:
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.
Find out more:

Swimming:
The Year 2–6 swimming program got off to a great start this year. Thanks to all the parent helpers. The students are so lucky we have a pool on site and the program works so well. Year 1 students will join the program in Term 4. Hopefully they can put on their own shoes and socks by then!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Next Week:
- Meet the Teacher Nights
- BYOD Parent Info Session
- NO ASSEMBLY

Carnival Dates:
- Zone Swimming 10 Mar
- Area Swimming 17 Mar
- School X Country 27 Apr
- Zone X Country 25 May
See school calendar

AWARDS:
GOLD:
SILVER:
BRONZE:
View current award winners

SPORT:
T1 Swimming timetable
T1 Moving Bodies timetable

MUSIC MATTERS:
- 3-6 Choir auditions
- Junior Choir: Wed 8:30
School Contributions:
Next week will be sending out requests for payment of the School Contributions and subject levies. These can be a considerable expense for some families. Please contact me if you are in financial difficulty and we can come to an arrangement. These funds help us to add value to your child’s school experience. Textbooks are included in the contributions. Sport fees for Years 3-6 will be asked for later in this term and the cost will depend on the sport chosen.

Meet The Teacher Evenings:
Next week we are holding our usual ‘Meet the teacher’ evenings. The schedule is in the Deputy Principals’ column. I want to remind you that this is not a night for individual teacher meetings parent-teacher interviews. These will be held later in the term and if there are matters of urgency please make an appointment to see the teacher. I have asked my teachers to politely decline to answer ‘how is my child going?’ questions other than to say if there was an issue we would have called you. Parent-teacher interviews will be held between 9 March 2015 and 20 March 2015 depending on each teacher availability. We will send you an online link to book for these interviews.

Composite Classes:
We sometimes form composite classes because the number of students in particular year levels. The NSW DEC provides teacher on the basis of the total number of students not the number in each year level. Research and our own experience tell us student do neither better or worse in composite classes. One obvious reason is that every class is a composite class in that the age range is 18 months and the achievement range is often 4 years in most every group of 30 students.

All classes, composite or not, should provide opportunities for:
• a range of intellectual challenge
• different learning styles;
• cooperative learning;
• development of life-long learners;
• development of students taking responsibility for their own learning.

Research has shown that students benefit from class structures that focus on these factors. The DEC published the report Multi-Age Classes in NSW - 1997. This report found that these classes based on educational principles do not disadvantage students academically and may benefit them socially and emotionally (p 23). Every teacher who has a class of between 20 and 30 students has a composite class.

We are doing our best to cater for the range of students in our classes and we seek to improve our practice as teachers. This is no more or less of a challenge in either arrangement of students. We take care to choose students who will do well in both ends of a composite and ensure they mix with others in their year levels.

Before School Play:
Please remind your children if they arrive at school before 8:50 AM they have to sit and wait until the play bell goes before playing. Students sometimes see the children who are attending before school care playing and think it is Ok to play. If you are not being looked after by before school care people please don’t play before the play bell.

DANCE PRACTICE:
• Intermediate: Monday
• Senior: Wednesday

UNIFORM SHOP:
Term 1 roster
Next Week:
17th: K. Gardner, J. Singh
19th: C. Jones, G. Harvey
Opening Hours
• Tuesdays: 2-3pm
• Thursdays: 8:30-10am
For more information

DR SHOE:
Good quality shoes or runners appropriate for school are available from Dr Shoe, who can be reached on 0414 912 838 and is happy to come to you for a free home fitting.

Dr Shoe will also be at school on the morning of 5th March.

The P & C receive 10% back for every pair sold..

SCHOOL BANKING:
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Today's Badge Assembly:
At today's Yr 3-6 assembly the Primary students received their badges for being elected by their class as members of the Student Representative Council (SRC), Environment Representative Council (ERC) or year 6 leader.

The children will meet regularly during the semester to contribute to the decision-making process in the school. Children elected from Year 2 will receive their badges at the next K—2 assembly.

Star Awards Explained:
There are three types of Star Awards—Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze Awards are presented by the class teacher for a variety of reasons. read more

Meet The Teacher Nights:
All sessions begin in the hall.

Mon 16 February K-2
- Kindergarten - 6pm then 6:15-6:45pm in rooms
- Years 1 and 2 - 6:30pm then 6:45-7:15pm in rooms

Tues 17 February 3-6
- 5:30pm 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) Parent Information session in hall
- Yrs 3 and 4 - 6pm then 6:15-6:45pm in rooms
- Years 5 and 6 6:30pm then 6:45-7:15pm in rooms

Wednesday 18 February—4E
- 4E's classroom session 6–6:30pm in room

Sports Houses For New Students:
Our newly enrolled student (Years 1 to 6) have now been notified of their sports house via a certificate. The children have been placed in read more

Our School Values:
Wahroonga Public School aims to develop self discipline through positive reinforcement and recognition for

TUESDAYS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for mid March, depending on teacher availability:
09 - 19 March

SCHOOL WEBSITE:
For all of the latest school news, visit our website
Where information is only a few clicks away:

SCHOOL CALENDAR:
- Online schedule
- School schedule

SPORTS HOUSES:
appropriate behaviour. Students are expected to be caring, courteous, read more

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(Deputy Principals)

MUSIC MATTERS:  
We had an overwhelming response to our choir auditions this week, with over 60 children in years 3-6 trying out during their lunch hour. Thanks to you all – you did a great job!

Unfortunately there are not enough spaces for everyone, with the organisers of the mass performances at the Sydney Town Hall limiting our numbers

We will let you know on Monday if you have been accepted or not. If some students do not accept their offer, we may be able to make second-round offers.

If you are not successful this time please keep singing and smiling, and consider joining us in Term 4 for our Christmas and end-of-year repertoire

Junior Choir had their first rehearsal on Wednesday morning at 8.30 am with Miss Bosman with (number) year one and two students showing up for some singing fun and games. If you forgot to come this week, come along next time!

P & C NEWS: NEXT MEETING 18 FEB  
The Wahroonga Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) executive consists of members elected from the school parent community.

The 2015 P&C executive stands as decided at the December 2014 AGM:
- President – no nominations
- Vice President Social Coordinator – Nick Fiennes
- Vice President Fundraising / Fair – no nominations
- Treasurer – Derek Lightfoot
- Secretary – Tanya Sandoe and Tracey Haynes as co-secretaries

All members of the Bush School community are invited to attend the next meeting of the P&C on Wednesday 18 February at 7:00pm.

At this meeting it is critical that a full executive is elected in order for the P&C to continue the support of our school and it’s community. Read more

BAND NEWS:  
Welcome back to another wonderful year of Band and Recorder.

Recorder:

FREE FRENCH CLASSES:  
Thursday 19 February  
Bonjour! There will be FREE OPEN trial French Classes for new students running on Thurs 19 Feb at Wahroonga Public School.

This is a great opportunity for your child to give the classes a try before deciding to enrol for the term.

We have limited spots available for Term 1.

To reserve a place at the FREE Open Trial Classes: Phone: (02) 8005 1237 or visit The Language Company and book on-line.
We have had a wonderful response to recorder this year. Classes will be emailed to parents by the weekend.

**Junior, Intermediate And Concert Bands:**
Band rehearsals commenced this week. All fees should be paid. If you are hiring an instrument and have not already signed a hire agreement for 2015, please contact Anne Seage asap.

**Private Tutorials:**
All children in Junior, Intermediate and Concert Bands must have private tutorials with a tutor of their choice. Tutorial times will be emailed from your band parent by the end of the week.

**Beginner Band Workshop: This Saturday 14 Feb**
Beginner Band Workshop and Instrument handout will be held this Saturday 14th February at 2pm – 3:30 pm in the Hall. Parents should accompany their child. You will meet your child’s tutor. Take the express paid lane if you have already paid, but you must bring your receipts.

**Important Dates:**
- Friday 13 Feb: Intermediate Band rehearsals commence Band Room 7:50 am.
- Saturday 14 Feb: Beginner Band instrument hand-out and workshop 2–3:30 pm in the Hall
- Saturday 21 March: Band Workshop. All Bands. 2 – 5:50pm at school.
- Sunday 14 June: Wahroonga Eisteddfod. All Band and Recorder families are expected to help.

All enquiries, contact Anne Seage, on 9489 3086 or 0413 622142 before 6pm (unless it is urgent) or email: anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au

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**ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER:**
We accept paid advertisements in our newsletter:
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- Full page size (590x800) - $50.00 (only one per Term)

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STUDENT SHOWCASE: KINDERGARTEN
What a wonderful start to Kindergarten the children have had. Our classrooms are full of excited children, eager to learn. We are already packing so much into our days - literacy, numeracy, gymnastics, buddies, library, music, science, HSIE, and of course expressing ourselves with paint.

The Kindergarten teachers are enjoying getting to know our new classes and we are looking forward to a fantastic year with your children. More images on our website

Mrs Carlos, Mrs Badings, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Wilensky and Mrs Neal
Meet Our Buddies

Leadership Camp
In Week 2 the captains and vice-captains attended a leadership camp and met many other school leaders from different public schools. The aim of the camp was to learn how to become better leaders. We were there for two nights and three days participating in different activities including how to run S.R.C. meetings, improve public speaking skills and working as a team to contribute good ideas. Students were put into different fruit groups such as watermelons.
At first we found it quite unusual working with people we didn't know. As camp continued we knew everyone in our group so it easier to work as a team. We got lots of leadership skills from the camp so we will hopefully be better leaders at school.

During the camp we were lucky enough to have guest speakers. These included Laurin, a blind guitarist, who was very inspiring and Marcel who talked about public speaking and how not to be nervous in front of big crowds.

We are looking forward to running the SRC meetings.
Gabi, Peyton, Aaron and Graham.
If you wish to advertise in our new email newsletter, see our new advertising guidelines.

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children life-long money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dolorimyes on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every $10 deposits made through the program, they can reclaim a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink, Martian Pens, InterGalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Saver Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bonds.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition closed to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus $5000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Terms to know before you enter: Conditions apply. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 49 062 198 628) and ends 11:59pm AEDT 27/11/15. Entry is open to all School Banking account holders aged 15 years who participate in Commonwealth School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 10:30am AEDT on 27/11/15 at the Promoter’s office. The Promoter will publish the winners’ names in the public notices section of The Australian on 01/01/16. The Promoter may publish the names in any promotional or advertising material. Further information is available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Newspaper: (ABN 01 062 198 628) ACP Permit No 14/04605. ACT Permit No 19/04605. NSW Permit No 13/111121. SA Permit No 14/22317.

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