PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:

Welcome And Welcome Back:
Welcome and welcome back everyone. We had a difficult start to the term with the bad weather and I want to thank my staff who did a great job in difficult circumstances. Thank you also to the parents who helped so much by collecting their children early on these days.

Walk Safely To School Day (WSTSD)
Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 22 May 2015.

The objectives of WSTSD are:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

OC Classes – Year 4 Parents
OC classes cater for Year 5 & 6 gifted students and are academically selective. Students apply when they are in Year 4 and must sit for tests to gain a place.

Opportunity Classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be
without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**Kinder 2015 Information Night**

We are holding an information night on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7:00pm for prospective parents. This is for adults only. This is especially for parents who have no association with the school and need basic information. Topics covered will include:
- Enrolment policy and procedures
- School facilities and programs
- Primary Schooling in the 21st century
- A day in Kinder at big school
- Should I start my child at school in 2016?

I will be the presenter and the session will last for 1 hour and 30 minutes with plenty of time for questions. Our orientation program in November is for students and parents whose enrolment has been accepted.

**No Hat No Play**

In Sydney we have some sunny days during autumn and winter and these can cause skin damage, especially in children.

This is a reminder for parents our ‘no hat no play’ policy continues year around. With the change to the winter school uniform complete on Monday it is timely to remind...
students and parents we are a sun smart school all year long.

**P&C Meeting**
The next meeting of the Wahroonga Public School P&C is on Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7:00 PM in the staffroom.

*John Benton [John.benton@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:John.benton@det.nsw.edu.au)* (Principal)

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**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:**

**New Enrolments**
We welcome Carys 1HR, Winnie 3D and Annie 4OV to The Bush School. We are hoping that our new families enjoy their involvement with our school.

**New Staff**
We also welcome new staff to our school this term: Mrs Faber is relieving in the office, Mrs Buckle is relieving for Miss Hall on 3H, Miss Cannon is replacing Miss Ross on 1HR and ICT, Miss Probert is working with Mrs Neal on KG and Miss Porter is relieving for Mrs Mills in the Library.

**Term 3 Concerts**
As part of the school’s Creative Arts Program, we would like to invite parents and friends to ‘The Bush School Concerts’. Students in K-2 will be performing at a Matinee and Evening concert on Tuesday 8 September and 3-6 students on Thursday 10 September 2015.

**3-6 Cross Country Carnival - Monday 27 April 2015**
Before running our 2km and 3km races all students will be walking to Turramurra Oval from 9:15am. Students are required to bring a hat, recess, a drink bottle and ventolin spray, if asthmatic. Year 2 students attending are asked to meet Ms Dean in her classroom. Following the walking of the course the program schedule will be 8 and 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds and 12 and 13 year olds. A special thank you to Miss Wilcock for organising the carnival.

**Winter Uniform**
Beginning on Monday for week 2, all students will be required to wear their full Winter uniform. Boys are reminded that the winter uniform requires their shirts to be tucked in during class time. The school community strongly supports the correct wearing of the school tie as part of the winter uniform. Go to the Uniform shop webpage for more details.

**Raincoats Required**
The staff expect all students to have raincoats at school each day.

**School Sport Term 2 For Years 3-6**
A limited selection of lunches are available for these students and Macquarie Uni participants through ‘Flexischools’ and will be distributed at recess time. Students in K-2 will be participating in a sports program each Friday morning.

**New AV System In The Hall**
During the holidays, our new AV system was installed by the guys at Datascene. On Monday, they provided initial training to some of our staff in the use of this equipment. We look forward to using all the new lighting, sound and projection equipment for our weekly assemblies, other performance events and especially our concerts in September.
This project was funded by the P & C and will enhance the opportunities for our students in the Arts, especially Performing Arts, for many years to come. Students and staff would like to express their gratitude to the P & C for their support of this project.

Belinda Zorian: belinda.storr@det.nsw.edu.au
Debbie Evans: deborah.evans2@det.nsw.edu.au
(Deputy Principals)

**MUSIC MATTERS:**

**Ukulele Club 3-6**
This term, a ukulele club with a singing focus will be held during lunchtime. The school’s ukuleles will be used but students may wish to purchase one for practice at home.

**Recorder Ensemble 3-6**
Also this term, a recorder ensemble will begin for students who may have had basic training on the recorder in year 1 and 2. I would like to develop this ensemble to have the older students progressing onto the soprano, treble, tenor and bass recorders.
Both groups would potentially have opportunities to perform at school assemblies. Please email Mrs Piper to indicate an Expression of Interest for either of these lunchtime groups on heidi.piper@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Piper and Miss Bosman

**P & C NEWS:**

**Welcome Back Everyone**
What an extreme start to term 2! Hopefully you are all safe in this crazy weather.
Some sad news during the holiday break. The father of one of our families died suddenly and our thoughts are with the family.

If your family is struggling with a loss or illness and could do with some help with meals or dropping kids at school please email me directly at: nicholas@fine-photography.com.au

All contact will be treated strictly confidentially and help will be sought anonymously on your behalf through the class parent network.

**Spring Fair - Saturday 5th September 2015**

We would like to showcase our multicultural school with an International Food Stall for our Fair this year. If you would like to connect with other families by being involved in one of these stalls (such as Korean; Pizza/Italian; Asian; South African; Curry Lovers; Lebanese etc etc) we would love to hear from you. We have some parent volunteers but also need your enthusiasm and commitment to help them plan, prepare, cook and serve.

Please email bushschoolfair2015@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

**Diary Dates**

- P&C General meeting : 6th May @ 7pm
- WPS Band Eisteddfod : 14th June
- School Fair : 5th September

Nicholas Fiennes  
President: wpspandc@gmail.com
time on a busy Saturday your efforts were very much appreciated. The cakes looked Delish and sold like hot cakes. The BBQ smelt wonderful. And all the volunteers had smiles on their faces.

We have managed to add about $2800 to the P&C coffers, from which all of our children will benefit. Hope you had a happy and safe Easter.

Many Thanks
Jo Jeffcoat and Janine Feurstein

For more information, please visit the P&C website page

BAND NEWS

Wahroonga Band Festival: 14 June, 2015
See Band website page for important dates.
All enquiries, contact Anne Seage, on 9489 3086 or 0413 622142 – before 6.00 pm, unless it is urgent, please. anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

ONLINE ORDERING

Delays In Deliveries
Deliveries are made twice a week after shop openings so you should receive them on Wednesday or Friday. In busy periods, we process as many orders as we can in the time available. If your order does not appear immediately, it should be delivered after our next opening. We always need extra help with packing, processing and delivering orders, so if you have any free time, please do come in and offer.

Jane Ford, Uniform Shop Manager
Email: bush.uniformshop@gmail.com

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER:

We Accept Paid Advertisements In Our Newsletter
• Card cell size (290x107) - $100.00 per Term
• Half page size (590x400) - $30.00 week or $250 Term
• Full page size (590x800) - $50.00 (only one per Term)

Other sizes and format details for finished art available.

NOTE: The school does not provide a graphic design or image processing service - Incorrect size/format images cannot be published.

Community Service Announcements

ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL:

Chess Club:
• Wednesdays 6F room

Our Latest Anzac Photo Gallery

Community Notices:
Please visit our website for
• Community Notices
*Community Service notices* are published on our website.

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**STUDENT SHOWCASE: ANZAC CENTENARY**

"Mrs Mills, our amazing librarian searched for years to understand how, when and where her cousin Graeme died in the war. Her search took her down many roads and countries, often leading nowhere."

Click on the images above to read: Finding Graeme's story.
ANZAC DAY

AT THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN

SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 3PM

KU-RING-GAI WILDFLOWER GARDEN
CALEY’S PAVILION, 420 MONA VALE ROAD, ST IVES

SPECIAL ANZAC DAY SCREENING OF

THE FRONT LINE EXPERIENCE

GALLIPOLI

DIRECTED BY TOLGA ORNEK

Following the screening, enjoy live music and browse a small display of photographs and memorabilia from World War 1, presented by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 9424 0868

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 24 APRIL - HURRY, LIMITED SEATS!

kmc.nsw.gov.au/ANZAC

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS
HORNSBY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB
Intermediate & Advanced Chess Lessons - Mondays 4:30PM – 6:00PM
Coach: Poyraz Kucukarslan (Fide Instructor)
Location: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby
For more info, pls call Poyraz 0424132813 or (02) 9745 1170
Email: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
ACOUSTIC GUITAR LESSONS
Learn to play the acoustic guitar in a friendly environment. Learn to play your favourite songs. Beginners and intermediates are welcome. Please contact Bernadette Palmer on: 0400 364 064.

BIG FACTS:
Did You Know?

- that 43% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week?
- that 44% of Year 2 and Year 4 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email
- that there were a total of 1186 views of the school website this week.

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