Thank You
I am so grateful to the P&C for funding the new AV control booth and new AV system in the Hall. The company that did the work have exceeded my expectations and we now have a very workable system. It cost a very significant amount of money but I feel we have good value. Thanks also to Mrs Evans for managing the project.

School Plan 2015-2017
An overview of our school plan for the current triennium is now available on our web-site.

Well Done Us
Recently the NSW DEC gave me feedback on our value-added scores when compared with similar schools. In most areas we are rated as exceeding the average growth for government schools that serve similar communities. We were compared with the 86 public primary schools in the highest socio-economic group in the state and we show better average growth in literacy and numeracy. A good note on which I can leave the school.

Cross Country Run
Our annual cross country run was held on Monday. I want to thank all the teachers and parents who helped make the carnival such a success, especially Miss Wilcock.

Walk Safely To School Day (WSTSD)
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) 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.
OC Classes – Year 4 Parents
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 is now available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement The application website closes on Friday 15 May 2015.
No late applications are accepted.

Kinder 2015 Information Night
We are holding an information night on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7:00 PM 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 present the session which 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.

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

Nepal Disaster Fund Raiser
There will be an SRC fundraiser on Tuesday 5 May 2015. Students are asked to wear red, blue and white mufti - the colours of the Nepali flag and bring a donation. Please encourage students to be generous with their donations-$1000 is needed for one shelter box. There will be a short presentation in the hall at 9:15 AM on Tuesday morning to let students know about the earthquake and the extent of the damage, especially schools being demolished. Luckily school was out on the day of the disaster.

Math And Myth
China only allows one education district to be compared to other countries, Shanghai. This is because Shanghai is its richest and highest scoring educational district. Comparing Shanghai to Australia is like comparing the A.C.T. (Canberra) to Finland. If we did that Australia would be at the top of the international league table as we would be comparing the top performing and most...
advantaged education area with a whole country. Nevertheless some comparisons between Shanghai and Australia are interesting. Chinese school students in Australia do better in maths than children in the world’s top performing schools in Shanghai, casting doubt on any idea that it is the teaching method that makes the difference. A new study has found that students of Chinese background in Australian schools scored an average 615 in maths, compared to 600 for Shanghai students, in the 2009 OECD Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) test which compares 15-year-olds. In contrast, the average maths score for all students in Australian schools in the test was 514, well below what Chinese students scored in both Australia and Shanghai.

John Benton  John.benton@det.nsw.edu.au (Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Student Welfare Program
The Student Welfare Program ‘Bounce Back!’ written by T Noble and T McGrath begins this term. Grades focus on core values, relationships or resilience. What each grade will focus on... Read more

Sickness
To prevent the spread of colds and flu type sicknesses we request that students rest at home until well enough to return to school. Flu type symptoms include a raised temperature, cough, sore throat, runny nose and sneezing. At school, we encourage the students to wash their hands with soap, throw used tissues straight in the bin and cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

Year 1 Excursion
Year 1 students are very excited about their upcoming 'Australian Pioneer Village' excursion next Wednesday 6 May. Please return permission notes ASAP.

Anzac Day Service
Last Saturday some of the Captains and prefects attended the 100 years Anzac Centenary WW1 Memorial Service at Wahroonga Park at 7am. A wreath was laid on behalf of the school in memory of the soldiers who served our country.

We would like to thank the students for representing the school on this important occasion and thank the parents for transporting them. I believe there were at least 1000 people at the service, including many school students.

Aerial Poppy Photo Shoot
Every day is an extraordinary day at WPS, but today was particularly so! All the 3-6 students congregated in the
hall so that our P & C President Nick Fiennes could take an aerial photo of our poppies. Can’t wait to see the final shot!

Acceptable Use Of Social Networking
I would like to remind parents to read the terms of use for social networking sites such as Instagram, Facebook, Kick and the like.

Some of these rules include:

- You must be at least 13 (and in some case 17) years old to use these services.
- You are responsible for any activity that occurs through your account and ...(these sites) prohibit the creation of and you agree that you will not create an account for anyone other than yourself. You also represent that all information you provide or provided to (these sites) upon registration and at all other times will be true, accurate, current and complete and you agree to update your information as necessary to maintain its truth and accuracy.

Unfortunately, staff have had to deal with some very serious issues recently that involve students (all of whom are under 13) who are using these sites inappropriately.

We have an obligation to report the more serious issues to the Police and this becomes the parents’ problem. We urge all parents to be vigilant in the monitoring of your child's online behaviour.

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Debbie Evans: deborah.evans2@det.nsw.edu.au
_Deputy Principals_

MUSIC MATTERS:

- 3-6 Matinee & Evening 10 Sept

UNIFORM SHOP:
WINTER STOCK IS NOW AVAILABLE!
Opening Hours:
- Tuesdays: 2-3pm
- Thursdays: 8:30-10am
View our Hours & Roster

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 visits the school throughout the year.

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

For details about Winter uniform, see the school webpage.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Bush Tuckshop
If anyone would like to volunteer next term, please email me your name and the day of the week you are available and I will include you in the roster.
The Senior Choir performed beautifully at the ANZAC service, singing "Always Remember" by Ian Jefferson. They performed like professionals and added to what was a very moving assembly. The Dance Group were outstanding, performing a moving dance to "Waltzing Matilda", and 6F's a cappella rendition of "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "It's a Long Road to Tipperary" was very impressive as were the three flute and piccolo players! Then there was the incredible performance by Aaron and Amelia from 4C who wrote their own ANZAC song and performed a duet in front of the whole school. Well done all! All these performances were enhanced by our new and improved sound and lighting system.

Today, the Intermediate Choir performed a beautiful Australian song called "Kakadu", and the Junior Choir will be singing in the K-2 assembly in week 5.

As has been advertised, we were interested in seeing whether students were keen to form a lunch time ukulele club and recorder ensemble. So far we've had 4 students show interest in the Uke Club, so I am happy to go ahead with this at lunch time on Tuesdays from 1.30 - 2.00 in Miss Bosman's music room. New members can join in when they hear how much fun we're having! The club is for students in years 3-6 starting week 3. No need to bring your own instrument. At this stage there has not been enough interest in the Recorder Ensemble, but this might be something we look at again in the future.

Heidi Piper and Angie Bosman

SPORTS REPORT:

Cross Country Carnival
On Monday Years 2-6 competed under blue skies in the school's annual Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to those who participated as their efforts helped make it a successful day.

The top six runners will compete in the Zone Cross Country on 25 May at Rofe Park (back up date 1 June). Zone Permission notes and information will be sent home with these competitors as soon as the Carnival details have been sent to me.

The results of the carnival were 4th Parkes 102 points, 3rd Northcott on 118 points, 2nd Hughes on 123 points and 1st Greentrees on 136 points. Congratulations Greentrees!

A big thank you to all the parent marshals who helped out on the day, your efforts helped the carnival run smoothly.

SNOWSPORTS TEAM ENTRY FORM NOW AVAILABLE:
See our website for snow sports form

T-BALL STARS

SCHOOL BANKING:
• Tuesdays

Michelle Lightfoot, Banking Coordinator
mjl@bigpond.net.au

BUSH SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING
Thurs 7 May 9:15-10:30
2B Water St WAHROonga ALL WELCOME!
Enquiries- Liz Rees
lizmrees@gmail.com

SPRING FAIR - 5 SEP 2015:
The organisers need help:
Thank you to all the staff for their cooperation and help on the day, a special mention to Mrs Zorian and Mr Palsis.

For all the event results, go to our Sports page on the school website.

**T-Ball**

Congratulations to Anika P (3D) and Kendal H (3/4W) whose team placed 3rd at the State T-Ball Championships in April. Both girls represent the North Shore in the U11’s team. Well done girls!

Alissa Wilcock
Sports Coordinator/Carnival Convenor

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**STEWART HOUSE DAY:**

Keyring torches will be on sale at lunchtime, Friday 8 May 2015, in Blackbutt square. Please support “Stewart House Day”

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- Kerri Cooley: 0413 019 985
- Ghretta Smith: 0497 376 491
NEPAL FUNDRAISER: A MOUNTAIN OF MONEY

Tuesday 5 May - From The SRC
Following the devastating earthquake in Nepal last week, the SRC will be organising a fundraiser next Tuesday 5 May. We have a goal: to raise at least $1,000.00 for a ‘Shelter-in-a-box’. If you would like to have more details on this project http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/index.php Students are to wear red, white and blue, the colours of the Nepali flag.

At 9:15am on Tuesday students will be attending a short presentation on Nepal from a guest speaker. Please be generous in your giving... to help us reach our goal of $1,000.00.

Many thanks from the SRC for your generosity

LIBRARY NEWS:
The Library Needs Volunteers
The library is looking for volunteers to help cover books. If you are free on a Monday morning, please come to the library anytime between 9.15-11.15 and stay for as long (or short) as is convenient for you. Grab a coffee on the way, meet some other mums and make a social morning of it. Please see the librarian if you have any questions.

Kate Justileus-Wright
Teacher-Librarian

P & C NEWS: NEXT MEETING 6 MAY 7PM
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

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

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

**Community Service Announcements**
- Community Service notices are published on our website.

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**STUDENT SHOWCASE: ANZAC ASSEMBLY**

The senior choir performed a tear jerking performance of ‘I’ll Always Remember’ by Ian Jefferson at the ANZAC assembly last Thursday, conducted by Mrs Piper. We would like to thank all the choir members for their hard work and practice over the holidays in preparation for what was indeed a special performance.

To see the video of the choir, and much more of the incredible work of our Performing Arts groups, go to the WPS Performing Arts blog. Don’t forget to Follow.
AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

**Bonjour!**

**TRIAL FUN FRENCH CLASS!**

There is a **FREE Trial French Class** for new students running on **Thursday 7 May** at Wairoonga Public School. This is a great opportunity for your child to give the class a try before deciding to enrol for the term.

We have limited spots available for Term 2. It’s quick and easy to reserve a place at the FREE Open Trial Class. Simply contact us on **(02) 8005 1237** or email **enquiries@thelanguagecompany.com.au**.

Alternatively, visit us at **www.thelanguagecompany.com.au** to book your spot online.

The class is held at the school each week and is taught by an **experienced teacher** who is a **native speaker** of the language:

**French K to Y6**  **Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm**

Activities in our **classes are fun!** A new theme is followed each term and your child learns through **drama, crafts and many lively games and songs**. Our expert teachers provide the best environment for children to develop their **self-confidence and enjoyment** in their chosen language.

Your child’s participation in bilingual learning programs will also develop their overall **literacy skills** and a positive learning attitude.

**Merci**

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BIG FACTS:
Did You Know?
- that 44% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week?
- that 48% of Year 5 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email
- that there were a total of 1628 views of the school website this week.

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