PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:

SRC Raises Much Needed Funds For Nepal
We had a highly successful multi day and the students donated over $3700 for a charity working in Nepal. Mrs Flynn organised a great talk in our Hall so the students would understand the extent to the disaster and the work the charity does to help out. I think the day was successful on so many levels.

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.

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.

LOST PROPERTY ‘BORROWING’
I have been told of a student ‘borrowing’ an article of lost property and ‘adopting’ it as his own. I don’t know if this is happens often. I imagine parents of students who have lost a school jacket wonder if someone else’s child is wearing it. Have a look to see if your child’s school tops are the right ones. Please label everything and check when

COMING EVENTS

Next Week
- Year 4 Camp
- Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- No Scripture
- K-6 assembly-KB/6F item & Junior choir
See assembly timetable

Coming Soon
- Public Speaking Finals
- 20 May Author visit

Carnival Dates:
- Zone X Country 25 May
- Area X Country 11 June
- School Athletics 29 July
- Zone Athletics 20 Aug
- Area Athletics 7 Sept

For All Events:
- See school calendar

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:
71 Burns Rd Wahroonga
Phone: 02 9489 3086
Check Catchment Area
you do a ‘dad wash’ or a ‘mum wash’ whether the label is still legible.

The Next School Principal
I have had such wonderful messages from so many people who have heard I am retiring at the end of this term. I will have more to say in the last week of term but I am overwhelmed by the generous feedback. Mrs Wasson, my line manager, came and spoke to the P&C about the process of seeking a replacement. We are part of a large bureaucracy but this process should be underway soon. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Application For Opportunity Class Placement In Year 5 In 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help. Find out more:

Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.
Find out more:

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Author And Illustrator Visit
We welcome author Belinda Murrell and illustrator, Serena Geddes to our school on Wednesday 20 May. They will be presenting a session to year 1 to 6 on the special craft of writing and illustrating books for children.
Belinda has written twenty-two books including the Sun Sword Trilogy, six time slip adventures, nine Lulu Bell books and four picture books. Order forms for signed books by Belinda Murrell are due to the office by next Monday.

Simultaneous Reading Day - Wednesday 27 May 2015

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
Who has completed the 2015 challenge?
How to register on-line.

Gold, Silver & Bronze:
- View current award winners

SPORT:
- T2 Sports timetable
- PSSA Soccer, Netball and AFL Draw
- T2 Lunchtime Practice
  - Tues-Netball/soccer
  - Wed-Senior AFL
  - Thurs-Junior AFL

NEXT P & C MEETING:
- 3 June - 7pm in Library
The National Simultaneous Storytime organised by the Australian Library and Information Association promotes the value of reading and literacy, the importance of Australia’s book industry and the role of libraries. On 27 May the teachers will join in with 170 000 children around Australia in the reading of ‘The Brothers Quibble’ written by Aaron Blabey.

**Band Camp**

The Band Committee is preparing for approximately two hundred students to participate in our annual band camp at the Crusader Centre Galston from after school Wednesday 27 - 29 May. Students will be accompanied by Mr Edwards and Miss Spillane. Year 3 students will attend the band camp on Thursday 28 May with Mrs Gilchrist, Miss Wilcock and myself. Knowing final camp numbers are essential for the school to organise cabins, student groupings at school, casual teachers and the sport program. Permission notes are due now. The Year 1 and 2 recorder group will additionally have a session on Friday 29 May between recess and lunch at school.

**Year 1 Excursion To Australiana Pioneer Village**

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 1 have been on their excursions to Australiana Pioneer Village. All students and teachers enjoyed dressing appropriately for the occasion and were lucky enough to experience some spectacular weather while learning about life in the pioneering days of our colonial past. To read more about it, go to 1B’s blog: https://wps1b.wordpress.com/ or click on the image below.

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Belinda Zorian: belinda.storr@det.nsw.edu.au
Debbie Evans: deborah.evans2@det.nsw.edu.au
(Deputy Principals)
MUSIC MATTERS:
Our very first Ukulele Club get together at lunch time on Tuesday. I was only expecting about half a dozen kids!!

We spent most of the time tuning the instruments, but then learnt our first 2 chords: C7 and C, and look forward to singing "Lime and the Coconut" next week - check out Kermit the Frog singing it on Youtube!

More members welcome to come along, but if you have your own Uke please bring it as we almost ran out!

Happy Strumming!
Heidi Piper and Angie Bosman

NEPAL FUNDRAISER: A MOUNTAIN OF MONEY
From The SRC
On Tuesday 5 May our school held a fundraiser for Nepal to help those who suffered in the recent earthquake. It was a fantastic sight with 700 students in red, white and blue.

The goal was to raise $1000 which would cover the costs of one 'Shelter in a Box'. However we exceeded our expectations and raised almost four times that- $3882.55!

It was so rewarding to know that what we raised will change so many lives. This will provide much-needed shelters for several families in communities that were devastated or provide mobile health services.

Thank you also to Marissa who shared her stories with us. Her photos reflected the beauty of Nepal and seeing some of the children from small remote villages was very special. It's amazing to learn how other cultures live and we can easily now understand how it wouldn't take much to destroy homes and buildings- let alone a massive 7.9 earthquake.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING:
- Tuesdays

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

http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=76f5a43016ab5c3a1a937479c&id=d5e9bd299c... 7/05/2015
On behalf of the SRC thank you for pitching in to make 'a mountain of difference'.

By Aaron, Peyton, Graham, Gabi, James, Alice, Cameron, Jessica, Anton and Scarlett (school leaders)

If you would like to have more details on this project visit: http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/index.php

DANCE GROUPS SUCCESSFUL AT AUDITIONS FOR DANCE FESTIVAL

Great News
Both the Intermediate dance group "Proud Mary" and the Senior dance group "Rise Above" auditioned successfully for the North Sydney Regional Dance Festival on Monday. The festival will be at the end of this term (late June). See calendar.
This is great news for all the girls and one boy (Thabo) who were involved.

Emma Bent and Alix Spillane (Dance teachers)

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

INTERCHOOL CHESS
The Interschool Chess season began last Friday, and our A and B teams played were in action, playing Knox A and Pymble A respectively. We went into these matches with a little dread, given Knox is one of the strongest Chess Schools in the state and that Pymble Public has an excellent record and a very deep pool of players. Any misgivings were dispelled as Team A drew 2-2 with Knox A and Team B defeated Pymble A 3-1, in what proved to be an excellent round for new players.

Team A owed their points to wins by Anousheh Moonen (on debut) and Ashton Barker (grizzled veteran). This was a huge achievement in an away game and our equal best performance against Knox A in eleven years. Team B ‘s achievement was at least as impressive, with wins to Oscar Yip, Jason Lee and Rian Mistry (all on debut) resulting in Wahroonga’s first triumph over Pymble A for several years.

Many thanks to the Moonen and Mistry families for assisting with transport, and congratulations to all our players on a wonderful start to the season.

Wahroonga Band Festival: 14 June
See Band website page

Year 1 Excursion To Pioneer Village

SRC Fundraiser
P & C NEWS: NEXT MEETING 3 JUNE 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

- 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

A Massive Thank You!

To all the wonderful parents who have helped over the last few weeks of madness in the Uniform Shop, including the ones who have stepped out of the queue to lend a hand when we’ve been overwhelmed with customers and orders.

You’ve been a fantastic help to the school, and a great role model to the kids.

Well Done!

Jane Ford
Uniform Shop Manager

STUDENT SHOWCASE: JUNIOR CHOIR AT PRACTICE

The junior choir came to practice on Wednesday morning. Some of them looked like they are living in the past! But all of them looked like they were having fun!

To see more of the incredible work of our Performing Arts groups, go to the WPS Performing Arts blog. Don’t forget to Follow.
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Did You Know?
• that 42% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week?
• that 44% of Kindergarten parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email...
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• All our efforts to make sure that our website stays up to date are paying off.
• It's a work-in-progress.