PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:

School Budget
I have been overly ambitious in my program of improvements and resourcing of the school in the last two years. Our current budget projection is very tight and we need to rein in spending over the next 12 months. Although I don’t regret any of the spending I am feeling uneasy about our budget situation. We spend a lot on the basics such as power, gas, water, waste, printing, management, grounds maintenance and building maintenance.

You can help, if you have had a good financial year, by making a tax-deductible donation to our library fund.

Church At School
C3 church has signed a 12 months rental agreement with us for the Hall, Library and two class spaces each Sunday. This will bring us $12,000 a year in rent and provide another place of worship in the community. I have included a clause where we can have the hall back for up to four Sundays in the 12 months for school activities. The first of these will be Sunday 14 June 2015 for the Band Festival.

NAPLAN
This week Year 3 and Year 5 students are completing the national state-mandated testing program called NAPLAN. The tests are a snapshot of students’ progress at school in literacy and numeracy and are often used to judge the school’s effectiveness. Over the time these tests have been going Australia’s international testing results for 15 year-olds has slipped slightly. It is difficult to say this slip is a result of the narrowing-of-the-curriculum effect of NAPLAN but one can say with certainty these tests have done nothing to improve student performance contrary to government and popular opinion. It doesn’t matter how many times you weigh a pig it won’t get fatter. It is the feeding that does that!

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.

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

Marking And Editing

I have told my teachers to be more focussed in their marking and editing, especially of writing. I want the teachers to provide quality feedback to enhance learning. I have asked teachers:
- To have a goal or focus for marking and feedback
- Not to mark every mistake but to concentrate on the particular goal at hand, e.g. paragraphing.
- To ensure positive, constructive and targeted feedback.
- To help students know and answer these key questions,-what is my goal
  -how well am I doing at present in relation to this goal
  -what do I need to do next.

Too many corrections dilute the message and discourage students. I want the students to learn one point at a time and concentrate on the next step. Teachers tell me if every error is not marked parents are concerned. So I hope by informing you I can encourage my teachers to follow this system which is used around the world. You might like to

Check Catchment Area

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
employ your search engine to explore the work of John Hattie in quality feedback and his detailed research analysis on this approach.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Is Your Child Making Friends At School?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:
How friendships boost your child's learning

Mastering Spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Year 10 Subject Selection
In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well:

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Kindergarten Excursion - Wednesday 20 May
Our first excursion for our youngest students will occur next Wednesday when all of Kindergarten attend an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. Students are asked to be at school by 8.50a.m. for a 9.00a.m. departure and to wear their sports uniform. If your child is sick on the day of the excursion, please ring the office to inform the school of his/her absence. We look forward to listening to and reading about their excursion.

Student Welfare Committee
Thank you to Ingrid Van Loon-Howes for her involvement as the parent representative in revising the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy. Details will be published later in the term.
Parents Taking Photographs On Excursions
We need to inform parents that photos of students (other than their own) must not be taken while volunteering to supervise at school excursions. There are privacy reasons for this. We ask that parents do not put any images of other children on social media sites such as facebook, Instagram or flickr.

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

YR 5 & 6 END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS
To The Parents Of Year 5 And 6 Students
On Monday 1 June at 8:30am in 6F there will be a meeting for all interested parents to discuss plans for the end-of-year activities for our senior students. In previous years, parents have assisted with hall decorations and catering for the dance. Teachers assist and coordinate with parents.  
The dates for these celebrations are the dance on Thursday 10 December and the graduation on Wednesday 16 December. If you would like to offer your help but are unable to make it to the meeting please send your details to your child’s teacher. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Thank you  
Stage 3 teachers

SHACKLETON: ESCAPE FROM ANTARCTICA
The Australian National Maritime Museum
This beautiful museum at Darling Harbour often has interesting exhibitions that would be wonderful opportunities.  
Until November there is Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica. Highlights include photographs by Frank Hurley, dioramas, rare artefacts and equipment, historical huts and the ‘James Caird’ lifeboat.  
The Stage 3 students will be studying Antarctica in Semester 2 as part of our ‘Living Lands’ unit. The teachers made inquiries but we couldn’t fit a visit in with our day at the IMAXC theatre where we will be seeing two movies—both wonderful.  
If this is something that your family might enjoy please go on to the website to find out more information.  

Jennifer Flynn  
Assistant Principal

'AROUND THE WORLD' SCHOOL CONCERTS:
• K-2 Matinee & Evening: 8 Sept  
• 3-6 Matinee & Evening: 10 Sept

UNIFORM SHOP:  
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• Tuesdays: 2-3pm  
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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:
BAND NEWS:
The band program is now using both the existing band room and the new band room. Please refer to timetable and location. For band news refer here

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

INTERSCHOOL CHESS REPORT: ROUND 2
Following a brilliant first round, last Friday proved to be a sobering reality check and a major test of character for all three teams.

Team A took on near-perpetual zone champions Sydney Grammar A and lost 1-3. Despite the one-sided scoreline, the result was encouraging for a number of reasons: firstly, very few teams have managed to score even a single point against Sydney Grammar A; secondly, whilst three of our players suffered losses, these games were played with strong application and excellent spirit; and, finally, Anousheh Moonen’s win was a wonderful example of persistent concentration, technical insight and unflinching resolve. To put her achievement into context, Anousheh is one of only two Wahroonga players to have won matches against Grammar A over the last eleven seasons.

Team B faced up to a very strong Lindfield East B and struggled to find the rich form of the previous week, losing 1-3. There were periods of optimism for many of our players, but only debutant Manus Bansal was able to trouble the scorers, managing an excellent win on debut.

Team C, a little rusty in their first match of the season, faced up to Sacred Heart and lost 0-4. I was impressed with the composure of all four players, but especially debutants Felix Staas and Daniel Huskic, who played extremely long matches and fought hard to the (bitter) end.

I was extremely proud of the way all our players remained positive throughout the afternoon, throughout the stresses of tough matches and adverse results, and by

SCHOOL BANKING:
• Tuesdays

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

SPRING FAIR - 5 SEP 2015:
The organisers need help:
• Kerri Cooley: 0413 019 985
• Ghretta Smith: 0497 376 491

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:
Phone: 02 9489 3086
Check Catchment Area

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.
their exemplary conduct towards their opponents. I congratulate them all on a wonderful all-round effort.

Evan Jones
Chess Master

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

Wahroonga Band Festival:
14 June
See Band website page

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
Please visit our website for Community Notices.

Year One Pioneer Village Excursion:
Go to our Year One gallery to see images from the excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village.

CAN ANYONE GUESS WHO IS BEHIND THESE MASKS?

Next week's Student Showcase will feature our Year 4 camp. Go to our website to see the Year 4 Camp gallery.
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- Community Service notices are published on our website.
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BIG FACTS:
Did You Know?
- that 38% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week?
- that 43% of Year 5 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email.
- the industry average is 15% so we are well-above.
- that there were a total of 1517 views of the school website this week.

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