PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:

Tax Time Donation Drive
Have you had a good financial year? Can you afford a $5 donation? a $50 donation? a $500 donation? a $5000 donation? The School operates the Library Fund. Donations to this fund are tax deductible. We would like the library to have more books and more computers. Mark your donation to indicate its purpose and/or make cheques out to Wahroonga Public School Library Fund.

Coughs And Colds
Please don’t send your child to school when they are sick. In winter the students are in-doors more and the chances of passing on infection is much greater. Simple things can help. Regular hand-washing is the number one strategy. Please reinforce our messages about washing hands after blowing your nose, before eating and, of course, after toileting.

Class Novels
If you have a novel belonging to a class set at home for more than three-weeks please have your child return it to school as soon as possible. Many of our class set novels for senior school are missing four or five copies.

Spelling - Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check
Many students do not apply this method correctly, especially leaving out the cover step. They think if they cover and then get the word wrong it is bad when in fact that is helpful to know. Please go over this method with your children. When helping your child to learn to spell an unknown word, first talk about what the word means, then have your child try learning to spell it using the following technique:
• look carefully at the word
• say the word
• cover the word
• write it from memory
• uncover and check your attempt against the correct word

COMING EVENTS

Next Week
• Zone X Country 25 May
• Band camp 27-29 May
• Stage 1 Recorder 29 May
• No Assembly
• No Scripture due to Band camp and Yr 2 excursion
See assembly timetable

Coming Soon
• Life Education
• Eisteddfods
• Book Swap

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
Website
Check Catchment Area
It is better to do this once each day for four days rather than four times on one day. Students often leave out the 'cover' step and simply copy the word even though the cover and write step is central to this method. Please go over this with your child.

Other Spelling Strategies
Students who are avid readers are better spellers so encouraging students to read is an important way of improving spelling. The main strategies are simple
- Visit libraries and book stores
- Encourage all sorts of reading, fiction, non-fiction, comics, magazines, e-books
- Talk about your favourite books and authors
- Swap books with friends
- Stop everything and read as a family at least once a week
The more students know about morphemic strategies the better their spelling is. Discuss the roots of particular words and word groups. For example, the words decimal, decade, decagon, December, decathlons are related to the Latin root word DECI for ten or a tenth.
Playing word games such as scrabble, words and letters and hang man can be useful too.

Walk Safely To School Day Tomorrow
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
Last night we held our annual information night for parents who have never had a child here and want to enrol their children in 2016. Around 70 parents attended nearly all of whom had no association with the school and found the evening useful. I want to thank Mrs Carlos who co-presented the evening with me and made it so successful.

Is This Good Parking?
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Stage 2 And 3 Public Speaking Speeches

The Stage 3 final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition was held last Monday before an interested and excited audience. The competition, which is an initiative of the DEC Arts Unit, aims to heighten awareness of multicultural issues while developing an interest in public speaking and improving confidence and speech-writing skills.

The following students did a wonderful job representing their classes at the final: Tara F, Peyton H, Graham P, Iris P, Imogen B, Aiden K, Gabi C, Katelyn C, Katherine A-S and India C-C.

The speeches were based on a wide variety of topics set by the Arts Unit. From our list of eleven speakers, a group of five were selected to present impromptu speeches using the topic, ‘A picture paints a thousand words’, as the basis for their speech.

Congratulations to Gabi C and Tara F whose speeches impressed all the judges with their content and delivery. They will go on to speak at the area finals on Wednesday.

NEXT P & C MEETING:
• 3 June - 7pm in Library

MUSIC MATTERS:
• Uke Club: Tues 1:30pm
• Junior Choir: Wed 8:30am
• Intermediate: Thurs 8:00am
• Senior Choir: Fri 8:00am

DANCE PRACTICE:
• Junior: Tuesday
• Intermediate: Monday
• Senior Girls: Wednesday
• Primary Boys: Thursday
24 June at Hornsby South Public School. Congratulations are also extended to Lexi H who was asked to be our reserve speaker in the event that one of our other speakers is unable to attend.

On Thursday 15 May, the top two speakers from each Year 3 and 4 class presented their Multicultural speeches to a very enthusiastic and well-behaved Middle school audience. Each speaker should be commended for their efforts and delivery. The finalists were Myra M, Claudia S, Kendal H, Maggie K, Jackson P, Parker L, Tomas D, Daniel S, Shea K, Elyana M, Harry C, Cameron L, Sequoia A, Chandre C, Laura N, Trisha W and Alicia H.

Jackson P and Parker L will be presenting their speeches along with an impromptu at the Northern Region Public Speaking Finals in June. We wish both boys good luck.

Zone Carnival
We wish our Zone Cross country competitors next Monday the very best. Miss Wilcock, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lombard will accompany the students by bus to Rofe Park at Hornsby Heights.

Band Camp Organisation For Years 3 To 6
Band Camp is an outstanding opportunity for the students to spend time with experienced tutors and our highly regarded conductors. Next week, students from all bands will be attending ‘The Crusaders Centre’ at Galston. On Wednesday, the Stage and Concert Band members may come to school in mufti and place their travel bags and instruments near your allocated bus sign in the hall. Students will be dismissed from their classes at 2:15pm and will then gather in the hall with Mrs Seage, Miss Spillane and Mr Edwards. Buses will be expected to leave the school at 3.00pm. On Thursday, students from Years 3-6 in the other bands are asked to be at the hall at 8:40am. These students will be accompanied by Mrs Flynn, Miss Wilcock and Mrs Gilchrist. Parents are asked to be on time for the 6:30pm pick-up at Galston.

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

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For details about Winter uniform, see the school webpage.

CAINTEEN NEWS:
Sport For Next Week
We have fewer teachers at school during band camp. Our Friday sport programs will continue at Macquarie University and school with reduced options. AFL will continue with three teams playing. The netball PSSA teams competition against Cowan will play at Wahroonga PS and only the junior soccer team will play at Eastern Rd. Seniors will still train at the oval.

Special Assembly
We would like to invite parents to a special farewell/retirement assembly for Mr Benton on the last day of term, Friday 26 June at 9:30am. Tea and coffee will be available at the canteen following the assembly.

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

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, go to the Band webpage here.

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

P & C NEWS: NEXT MEETING 3 JUNE 7PM

Spring Fair - Saturday 5th September 2015
The next fair meeting is on Monday 1 June at 730pm. Address available on request.

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

POLICE TO VISIT STAGE 3: DATE TBC
We have invited Hornsby Police to visit WPS and speak to all Stage 3 students about online safety, privacy and the use of social media. At the risk of being repetitive, I
remind you that no primary child should be using Instagram, facebook or any other application where the Terms of Use clearly state that the user must be over 13.

These applications cannot be accessed by students at school for a good reason. Your support is greatly appreciated with this, because it will help to minimise the collateral damage that we at school often have to deal with.

**Wahroonga Band Festival:**
**14 June**
See Band website page

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**
Please visit our website for Community Notices.

**STUDENT SHOWCASE: YEAR 4 CAMP**
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