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.

Gossip
Please do not spread playground gossip. The stories
become richer in the retelling. Have a look at this moral
tale:
A-Pillow-Full-of-Feathers.htm

Confidentiality For Parent Volunteers
We are blessed with many parents who help in the
classrooms, particularly in the K - 2 years. This makes the
world of difference. In working in the classrooms these
parents can find out part of the picture about other
people’s children. As the saying goes ‘a little knowledge is
dangerous thing,’ Don’t talk to other parents about the
children. If you do, you are breaking the compact we have
with our volunteers. It is often wrong and hurtful. Contact
me if you have any concerns.

MID YEAR STUDENT REPORTS
We will be sending home mid-year student reports on
Wednesday 24 June 2015, except for 3H. Students should
bring the reports home still sealed in the envelopes we
provide. It is up to parents to decide if, and when, to share
the reports with their children.
In cases where parents do not live at the same address the
parent who does not have custody that day can send in an
addressed A4 envelope so that we make an extra copy for
that parent. We can also provide an extra copy after the
24 June 2015 upon request to parents and carers where
there is a particular need. We do not send home reports

COMING EVENTS

Next Week
• Life Education begins
• Band eisteddfods M-W
• No Assembly
See assembly timetable

Coming Soon
• Great Book Swap
• ICAS Writing Yrs3-6
• Musica Viva concerts
• NAIDOC concerts

Carnival Dates
• 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

PREMIER’S READING
CHALLENGE:
Who has completed the 2015 challenge?
early for the few students who don’t attend in the last week of term.

**Head Lice**
Please inspect your child for head lice and treat appropriately if found. Here is a useful link to information about head lice.

**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.

**CALCULATORS IN THE CLASSROOM**
Research shows students who regularly use calculators in learning maths are better at mathematics; perform better in tests and like maths more. I agree with this research as it has also been my experience in classrooms.

**Journal Of Research In Mathematics Education**
A Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Calculators on Students’ Achievement and Attitude Levels in Precollege Mathematics Classes "Results revealed that students' operational skills and problem-solving skills improved when calculators were an integral part of testing and instruction." Aimee J. Ellington November 2003, Volume 34, Issue 5, Page 433 Abstract: The findings of 54 research studies were integrated through meta-analysis to determine the effects of calculators on student achievement and attitude levels. Effect sizes were generated through Glassian techniques of meta-analysis, and Hedges and Olkin’s (1985) inferential statistical methods were used to test the significance of effect size data. Results revealed that students’ operational skills and problem-solving skills improved when calculators were an integral part of testing and instruction.

The results for both skill types were mixed when calculators were not part of assessment, but in all cases, calculator use did not hinder the development of mathematical skills. Students using calculators had better attitudes toward mathematics than their non-calculator counterparts.

We are increasing the use of calculators and making the tasks calculator aware. Australia needs more workers who are skilled in mathematics. We need senior students to be better at maths and feel more confident in their mathematics abilities so they study more and are prepared to tackle harder maths courses. Teachers are
becoming more skilled in using these as an effective instructional tool but this does take time.

**The New Principal**

This week the position of Principal of Wahroonga PS is being advertised this week and next week. Nick Fiennes, President of the Wahroonga Public School P&C, is a member of the panel that will select the new principal. I expect this person will be in place at the beginning of Term 3 if a suitable candidate applies.

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

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**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:**

**Great Book Swap**

As part of our NAIDOC celebrations, our school is supporting the [Indigenous Literacy Foundation](http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=76f5a43016ab5e3a1a937479c&id=1dfe6acdf... by holding a Great Book Swap on Tuesday 23 June. In week 8, students may bring along an owned book from home and a $2.00 donation to choose a “new” book. The book should be in good condition and age-appropriate for the student that is donating to make sure all grades have sufficient choice i.e. Year 6 students should donate books appropriate for Year 6 students. There is a limit of two books per child and only those students who bring a book may be part of the Book Swap.

The Great Book Swap is a wonderful opportunity to share books you love, find some new favourites and raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which works to put books into the hands of children and families in remote Indigenous communities. Last year, our school raised $800 to assist with the distribution of more than 100,000 new, high quality books to over 230 remote communities. During library lessons, the students will be provided with specific information.

**Sydney North Dance Festival**

The Intermediate and Senior Dance Groups have been rehearsing all year and were successful in their auditions to perform at three spectacular concerts at Glen Street Theatre. Following the dance rehearsal on Monday 22 June both Dance Groups will then perform that night at 7:30pm and on Thursday 25 June at 5.00pm. Their matinee performance will be on Thursday 26 June at 1.15pm. Tickets go on sale on Monday 1 June for online customers from 6:00am, at the box office from 8:30am or by phone 9975 1455 from 10:00am. For the performances adult tickets $29.00, concession $20.00 and children $15.00 or $7.00 (matinee only).

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**NEXT P & C MEETING:**

**NEXT WEEK**

- 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
**Life Education**
From weeks 7 to 9 as part of the PD/Health/PE curriculum a lesson will be delivered by Life Education NSW. Life Education is a community-based, independent organisation at the front line of positive and preventative drug and health education. Approximately 350,000 students and 30,000 families take part in the program each year. Its aim is to help young people make informed decisions about drugs and their health. Lessons will take place in the Life Education van.

**Assemblies**
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 on sale at the canteen following the assembly. 3H’s assembly item has been re-scheduled to Thursday 23 July.

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

**BAND NEWS:**

**The New Band Room**
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.

**Ryde East Eisteddfod:**
Congratulations to Concert and Intermediate Bands on each winning 1st Place in their respective categories at the Ryde East Eisteddfod last Sunday.
Both bands performed brilliantly! The adjudicator commented that both Wahroonga’s bands stood out as being a cut above every other band. Congratulations to all the children on their wonderful behaviour and for putting in the extra practice required leading into the competition.

**BAND CAMP**
Our band children are enjoying a wonderful opportunity to learn from some of Sydney’s top musicians at Crusaders Camp in Galston. They will come home with renewed enthusiasm for their music and will see a huge improvement in the bands performances. Thank you so much to Mr Edwards, Miss Spillane, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Flynn and Miss Wilcock for accompanying us and to all the teachers at school for putting an alternate program in place.

**DANCE PRACTICE:**
- Junior: Tuesday
- Intermediate: Monday
- Senior Girls: Wednesday
- Primary Boys: Thursday

**'AROUND THE WORLD' SCHOOL CONCERTS:**
15 WEEKS TO GO
- K-2 Matinee & Evening: 8 Sept
- 3-6 Matinee & Evening: 10 Sept

**UNIFORM SHOP:**
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McDONALD’S SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD
Concert, Intermediate and Stage Bands will perform in this prestigious event at The Concourse on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, next week. All permission notes must have been returned prior to the event.

SPECIAL RECORDER DAY Friday 29th May
Recorder children will have the opportunity to have a special recorder session between recess and lunch tomorrow, Friday. All forms should have been returned this week.

WAHROONGA MUSIC FESTIVAL: Sunday 14 June For All Bands And Recorders
All families are asked to assist for at least 1 hour. Please refer to email from your band parent advising of volunteer website to register. Please go online to choose your preferred time – first-in, best-dressed.

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

Band Festival Tea Garden
We are planning a lovely Tea Garden for everyone to enjoy. The Festival program is completely full, so we are expecting a lot of people to attend the School on the day. All band families are asked to contribute by baking cakes or muffins or perhaps a yummy slice. Cake packaging will be sent home with your child next week.
If there are any problems or if you require more packaging, please call
Jo: 0415 451 808
Thank you for your efforts. Jo Jeffcoat

SRC NEWS:
World Environment Day
The Environment Representative Council have voted to raise awareness of the plight of the Great Barrier Reef as their focus this semester. We will be holding a mufti fundraiser next Thursday June 4th to coincide with Friday the 5th’s World Environment Day. Students are to wear bright colours.

The Great Barrier Reef is of global importance. It’s a World Heritage site because it’s home to so many species of sea flora and fauna, many of which are rare or endangered. It’s of enormous natural beauty and extraordinary biodiversity and is recognised by the international community for its Outstanding Universal

• Tuesdays: 2-3pm
• Thursdays: 8:30-10am
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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
mil@bigpond.net.au

SPRING FAIR - 5 SEP 2015:
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Money raised will go to the Australian Marine Conservation Society to help campaign, raise awareness and fund scientific reports and economic data to ensure the reef is not destroyed.

For further information see: http://www.marineconservation.org.au/pages/great-barrier-reef.html

YEAR 6 FAREWELL MEETING

Monday 1 June: 8:30am In 6F

Dear Year 5 & 6 Parents.
All Year 5 & 6 parents are invited to a meeting to discuss the organisation of the end of year dance.
Please come along to 6F on next Monday 1 June 2015 at 8:30 AM to hear the theme for this year’s Year 6 Farewell. We will be asking for parent help for the decoration of the hall, providing supper and organising the cake.

Jennifer Flynn
Assistant Principal, Stage 3.

P & C NEWS: NEXT MEETING 3 JUNE 7PM

Spring Fair Saturday 5 September
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
SPORTS NEWS

Zone Cross Country
On Monday, 47 students competed at the Hornsby Zone Cross Country Carnival. The Bush School did extremely well and narrowly missed out on placing 1st overall. We won the 8/9 years girls, 11 years girls and 10 years girls age groups.

Congratulations to James C and Alice W who were the Zone Age Champions in their age group.
The following students will be representing the Zone at the Area Cross Country Championships in Gosford in June: James C, Kendal H, Alice W, Elyana M, Alyssa P, Emma C, Peyton H and Ella K. Well done!

For all notable placings, go to our website page.

Alissa Wilcock, Sue Campbell and Val Lombard
(Team Managers)
**Sydney North Netball**
Congrats to Ella K who has been selected for the Sydney North Netball Team. Ella will compete in July at the NSW PSSA Netball Championships. We wish Ella good luck and look forward to hearing about her successes at the championships.

*Alissa Wilcock*
*Sports Coordinator*

**Soccer Team Unites**
Our school soccer team is waiting for a sunny Friday to put all their amazing footy skills into action. Fingers crossed we get to play this week!
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