PRINCIPAL’S PROSE:

Tax Time Donation Drive
Be self-interested and make a donation to your child’s school.
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.
One family, who wish their donation to be confidential, have given $500 and this is a wonderful gift. You know who you are and I thank you so much.

Happy Holidays
I wish everyone a safe and happy Winter School Vacation. Please drive carefully.
I want to thank all my staff for their hard work over this term. We have had a great Semester and the school is humming along. I appreciate all the positive feedback we have been receiving of late.
Students return to school on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Thanks
I want to thank the staff, students and parents at Wahroonga Public School for all your support over the past five years. It has been a wonderful experience for me to work with such a dedicated team. We have done many things together over the past five years. Many projects owe their success to the parents, students and staff working together.
Here is a list of things we have achieved together:
• Completed the BER projects of the new library and new classrooms
• Construction of two sport store sheds
• Updated the computer infra-structure
• Installed new playground equipment

COMING EVENTS

T3W1
• Mon: Staff Dev. Day
• Tues: Students return
• No Assembly
See assembly timetable

Carnival Dates
• School Athletics 29 July
• Zone Athletics 20 Aug
• Area Athletics 7 Sept
• Permission notes here

For All Events:
• See school calendar

SPRING FAIR - SAT 5 SEPTEMBER:

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:
71 Burns Rd Wahroonga
Phone: 02 9489 3086
Website
Check Catchment Area
• New Front Fence
• Boom-gate into Pool Road
• Better fencing and new gate around the pool
• Refurbished the basketball court the netball-tennis court and the cricket nets
• Improved the grounds and gardens
• Art Show and Concert cycle of arts events
• Equipped the school and the library with many good teaching materials
• Out-sourced the canteen
• Dissolved the School Council
• Conducted an extensive review of the Band Program
• Improved learning support
• Constructed a new band room
• New AV control booth and sound system
• Managed the growing enrolments well
• Built community and team work
• Improved sport and physical fitness for all students
• Improved the financial transparency of the school
• Met our improvement goals
• Refurbished the pool change rooms
• Re-roofed three buildings.

I also believe the teaching, student welfare, inclusiveness and professional development of the staff has improved greatly over the past five years.

**My Recommendations For The Future**
I am being bold enough to make suggestions for the future.

• A community development plan be written
• The band should be completed funded by fees
• Fund raising should have much bigger targets
• The work on financial transparency should continue
• A grounds committee should be established
• The Enrichment Program should be abandoned

Another project on my wish list is to have a double storey veranda built and bolted onto L block as these 8 classrooms become much more usable as modern learning spaces.

I wish the new Principal all the best and I look forward to finding out who has been chosen and meeting him or her.

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

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:**

**Sydney North Dance Festival**
The Intermediate and Senior Dance Groups have been rehearsing all year and performed at Glenn Street Theatre. Their teachers, Miss Spillane and Miss Bent were very proud of the students’ entertaining routine and

**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

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exceptional behaviour. Both groups will perform this afternoon and the Intermediate and Junior Dance groups will perform at tomorrow’s assembly for Mr Benton.

Athletics Carnival

Years 3 to 6 students and Year 2 students turning 8 will participate in our annual athletics carnival on Wednesday 29 July. Payment will be via our semester 2 curriculum levies. Parents have been asked to assist in areas such as carnival officials or canteen helpers.

The Great Book Swap

The Book Swap generated over $1033.00 for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the swapping of over 516 books for our many students to enjoy. Thank you for your generous donations of books and money.

Raincoats Required

It is surprising to see how many students are not coming to school with raincoats. The staff expect ALL students to have a raincoat in their bags each day. Umbrellas are not to be brought to school due to safety concerns.

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

BAND NEWS:

Wahroonga Band Festival

Thank you to all the parents who helped out in a myriad of ways to make the Band Festival run so smoothly. We have had a huge amount of positive feedback from schools visiting our inaugural Festival. The hard working Band Festival Committee members, convened by Mel Fogarty were just amazing and the support from Band parents

• Tues: Netball
• Tues: Soccer
• Wed: Senior AFL
• Thurs: Junior AFL

NEXT P & C MEETING:
• 5 August- 7pm in Library

SPRING FAIR

click here to find out more

MUSIC MATTERS:
• Uke Club: Tues 1:30pm
• Junior Choir: Wed 8:30am
• Intermediate: Thurs 8:00am
• Senior Choir: Fri 8:00am
overwhelming. The committee is finalising the financial details of the wonderfully successful day and are thrilled to report the Festival made approximately $8500.00. Read more....

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:

Spring Fair
10 weeks and 2 days until our Spring Fair! Some of the exciting activities are listed below.
• Fun Fair Rides including mini-jeeps, bungee blast, a rock climbing wall and more! Fun Carnival Games!
• Lots of attractions for younger children such as an exclusive jumping castle, an animal farm, plus Bricks 4 Kidz are coming with a LEGO play area!
• Lots of yummo food from our School community, including “make your own pavlova”
• Balloon Artist Show & balloon shaping
• Fun Photo Booth
• The famous cake stall, and you can catch your breath while having a cuppa at our Devonshire Tea
• We have more things up our sleeve....watch this space!!

Mr Benton
I hope to see as many of you as are able to make it to the final assembly for our retiring Principal. During his time at Wahroonga, John has achieved a range of wonderful improvements and additions for our school and it is fitting we, as a school community, are present to show our appreciation.

Building Fund
As the current tax year draws to a close please keep in mind the P&C Building Fund. All donations over $2 are tax deductible and all proceeds are used by the P&C to improve the structural assets of the school. Previous examples include the covered learning areas on the mulch and the recent band room.

Winter Break
I wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to you joining me in term two in the sprint to the spring fair finish line.

Diary Dates
P&C General meeting – Wednesday 5th August at 700pm in the staff room
School Fair – Saturday 5th September

AROUND THE WORLD’
SCHOOL CONCERTS:
12 WEEKS TO GO
• K-2 Matinee & Evening: 8 Sept
• 3-6 Matinee & Evening: 10 Sept

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

UNIFORM SHOP:
WINTER STOCK IS NOW AVAILABLE!
Opening Hours:
• Tuesdays: 2-3pm
• Thursdays: 8:30-10am
**MUSIC MATTERS:**

**Musica Viva**

On Monday this week we enjoyed a wonderful performance by the group Jacana, presented by Musica Viva. Jacana is a quartet comprising of Viola, Cello, Electric Piano and Clarinet. They play music written by Australian composers who are still alive. Read more...

Heidi Piper

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**2015 NSW INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS**

Wahroonga Public School will be competing at Persisher Valley in the Northern NSW Regional Snowsports Interschools for Wahroonga Public School in the upcoming school holidays.

The following students will be in 6 events of Alpine, Skier X and Moguls on Thursday July 2 and Friday July 3, 2015: 1B-Anton H, 2C-Flynn G, 2MI- Myles A, 4OV- Daniel S, 4E-Lachlan S, KG-Caeltin A, 2D-Sarah L, 2C- Louise L, 5K-Kate L, 6S-Elise G

If you are holidaying in the Snowy Mountains please come to watch and support the teams. Please join me in wishing them the very best of luck.

Thank you to their parents for their time assisting with managing teams and volunteering on course and supporting their children’s participation in the competition during their family holidays.

Kris Graham
Assistant Principal / Coordinator

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**ERG NEWS:**

**View our Hours & Roster**

**Jane Ford**
Uniform shop Manager
Email: Bush Uniform Shop

**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

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**FAREWELL MR. BENTON**
The current ERC had its last meeting this Monday. We had our lunch in the outdoor classroom and discussed its potential uses. Each member received some stickers and a brochure from the Australian Marine Conservation Society as a thank you for their wonderful fundraising efforts. They have been a great team, collaborating on energy saving and rubbish issues, and we feel sure they will continue to be mindful and caring of the environment. Thanks team!

Mrs Voysey and Mrs Van Twel

can we look at the other pics. I think there were some without all the shadows.

**BASKETBALL STARS WIN GRAND FINAL**

Two of our WPS basketball teams played in a basketball grand final this week at Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association. The WPS Bush Turkeys (pictured below) won the Grand Final of the grade 1/2 Red Competition. Congratulations!

The WPS Flames (pictured opposite) came runners up in the grade 3/4 boys Premier competition. Well done!
STUDENT SHOWCASE: SYDNEY NORTH DANCE FESTIVAL
Our gorgeous Intermediate and Senior Dance groups represented Wahroonga Public School in the Sydney North Dance Festival this week at Glenn Street Theatre. Here's a taste of how beautiful they were. There will be more photos on our website soon.
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SINGERS WANTED!
The Challis Singers, a local community choir made up of parents from schools in and around Turramurra and Pymble, is looking for children aged 6-12 to join us for a Celtic-themed concert on August 8th and 14th. Children will need to attend three Sunday afternoon rehearsals and one dress rehearsal and will learn three songs to sing in the concert.
If you are interested in participating, please contact our Challis Kids Co-ordinator, Carollyn Nathan, on carollyn.nathan@optusnet.com.au or 0413 734 664.

HORNSBY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB
Intermediate & Advanced Chess Lessons - Mondays 4:30PM – 6:00PM
Coach: Poyraz Kucukarslan (Fide Instructor)
Location: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby
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Did You Know?

- that 43% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week.
- that 46% of year 4 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email this week.