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 be have more books and more computers. Mark your donation to indicate its purpose and/or make cheques out to Wahroonga Public School Library Fund.

It Will Soon Be Time For Me To Say Goodbye
I have only two more newsletters left and in my last newsletter column I plan to be more self-indulgent in looking back over the past five years here. I became a teacher with a conviction that schools did not have to be the brutal places of my youth and I am proud over the past 40 years I have helped in my small way to reform our system. Nevertheless bigger changes are on the horizon and we need to seize these opportunities. The more we give students a chance to think, be self-directed and creative the better off we will be as a community and ultimately as a nation. The current emphasis on the narrow data of tests is anti-educational. But it is partly our fault as teachers for not being open and accountable enough. We need to welcome scrutiny of our work by other educators as well as parents.

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 early for the few students who don’t attend in the last week of term.

**Ethics Classes**

Ethics classes will be commencing in Term 3 during scripture lesson time. Non-scripture can choose to attend these classes run by trained volunteers. A note has been given to non-scripture students today and copies are available in the office. You can read more about ethics classes at this web-site http://www.primaryethics.com.au/

**School A – Z Online**

Parents can support their child's learning with a purpose-built resource that includes a website, mobile applications and social media channels. The School A to Z online school community, developed by the education department, provides practical advice about homework, tips on learning, wellbeing, technology and resources to help parents and carers support their child's social, physical and mental development. It includes a free mobile application for iPad and smartphones that features hundreds of definitions about maths and English terms, illustrated examples and instructional videos, information on common assignment topics, educational maths and spelling games.

School A to Z also includes:
- printable homework help sheets
- A-Z lists of English, maths and technology definitions
- assignment starters on popular classroom topics.

The site offers information on technology and resources, on how to keep kids safe online, along with nutritious lunch box recipes and a section on health and wellbeing. The concept was developed in response to parent concerns about not being able to confidently support their child’s learning at home.

Visit the School A to Z website. www.schoolatoz.com.au

**It Is OK To Make Mistakes**

Having a go at new and hard learning tasks is a very important strategy for learning at a good rate. All novice learners make mistakes and that is a part of learning. Developing an attitude of having a go, trying and learning from making mistakes is important. Too often a significant minority of students stop themselves from working because they are afraid to get anything wrong. We can encourage the value of learning from mistakes by:

- Concentrating on what you got right. If I a young
students misspelt the word ‘write’ as ‘rite’ the first response should be – you have most letters correct except the silent letter.
• Correcting one mistake at a time. If a student makes multiple errors point out only one error – the most important one – you can only learn one thing at a time.
• Value the work – All reasonable attempts need to be acknowledged.
• Value errors – Remind student everyone makes mistakes. Talk about learning from errors. Use examples of errors that help you to learn how to do something the next time.

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

The Student Welfare Committee

The Student Welfare Committee is currently reviewing the Discipline Policy. Tuesday’s Professional Development session confirmed the rules, school settings and expected behaviours. Further details will be available next term.

The International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS) Writing Yrs 3 - 6

Next Monday, the students will complete the ICAS Writing task. The competition will assess a form of persuasive writing in one of these areas:

• a review such as a book review
• an advertisement
• a letter to a council
• a formal argument
• an opinion piece for a newspaper

Life Education Merchandise

The students will have the opportunity to purchase items on Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June. Students may bring money to purchase:

• Tattoo - 50c
• Harold Sticky Note Pad - $1.50
• Harold Keyring - $3.00
• Harold handball - $3.00
• Harold Stationery set - $3.00
• Small Harold Soft Toy - $8.00
• Large Harold Soft Toy - $15.00
• Activity Bags - $1.50

Parents of younger students may wish to write on an envelope the items their children wish to purchase.

Musica Viva Concert

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

‘AROUND THE WORLD’ SCHOOL CONCERTS:

13 WEEKS TO GO

• K-2 Matinee & Evening: 8 Sept
• 3-6 Matinee & Evening: 10 Sept
Jacana, a quartet of piano, viola, clarinet and cello will be performing four concerts for the students on Monday 22 June. The quartet will play music which will evoke distinct periods of Australian history inspired by jazz, classical and contemporary styles. Various instrumental techniques will be used to paint a picture of contemporary Australia and its history.

**Great Book Swap For The Indigenous Literacy Foundation Reminder**

Do you want to own a ‘new’ book and also donate to a worthwhile cause? We are now asking for students to be part of this worthwhile program by bringing to school an ‘owned’ book and a $2.00 donation to choose a “new” book for the Great Book Swap on Tuesday 23 June. Students may donate up to two books each, with each book being a $2.00 donation. Refer here to website.

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

**BAND NEWS:**

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**

As you know the biannual spring fair is to be held on Saturday 5th September. I attended the most recent committee meeting and would like to acknowledge the work that has been done so far. It is a huge endeavour and the only thing that will make it a success is if the school community help.

One way to help is to donate an item or service to be used as a prize in our raffle, chocolate wheel, etc. This can be done either as an individual or a business. All donors will be acknowledged, unless they choose not to be.

**New Principal**

As John mentioned last week, I am on the selection panel for our next principal. The position has been advertised and the selection process will commence shortly. Please do not ask me to comment on the process as any comment made can jeopardise the process.

**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

**UNIFORM SHOP:**

**WINTER STOCK IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Opening Hours:
- Tuesdays: 2-3pm
- Thursdays: 8:30-10am

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

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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.

Diary Dates
WPS Band Eisteddfod – Sunday 14th June
P&C General meeting – Wednesday 5th August at 700pm in the staff room
School Fair – Saturday 5th September

Nicholas Fiennes
President: wpspandc@gmail.com
For more information, please visit the P&C website page

BEAUTIFUL NATURE
This enormous, gorgeous kookaburra was sitting on the railings of the walkway at school on Friday afternoon. I couldn’t resist getting up close to admire him. How lucky we are at the Bush School and how lucky he is to have an environment like this in a city!

Mrs Voysey

INTERSCHOOL CHESS REPORT
Interschool Chess Report Round 6
We had a weird and wonderful round last Friday, with a win, a loss and a no-show.

Team A travelled to Lindfield to face Lindfield B, the top all-girl team in NSW by rating, and had a nail-biting 1.5-2.5 loss. Anousheh Moonen continued her amazing form with a very fine win whilst Torsten Junius scored a draw in an extremely tense end-game. The Lindfield supervisor complemented the team’s composure and exceptional behaviour.

Team B, with much trepidation, faced Knox C at Knox and came home with an impressive 3-1 victory. Wins were available and I will include you in the roster.

SCHOOL BANKING:
• Tuesdays

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

Save Our Great Barrier Reef

Healthy Harold Is Here

Wahroonga Band Festival: 14 June
See Band website page
scored by Jackson Parker, Oscar Yip and Manas Bansal in a fine team performance.

Team C were left wondering as West Pymble B failed to turn up. We will chase up West Pymble for a reschedule.

A big congratulations to our teams on their continued effort and exemplary behaviour, and a massive “thank you” to the Hargreaves and Parker families for helping out with transport.

Evan Jones
Chess Coordinator

STUDENT SHOWCASE: WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

For more images, go to the World Environment Day gallery of photos on our webpage.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our World Environment Day activities last Thursday. We raised more than $1048 but I also wanted to add that the Australian Marine Conservation Society were so impressed with our efforts and touched that they printed off photos I sent them of the work students did on the Great Barrier Reef and put them up on the walls of their office!

Mrs Voysey and Mrs van’t Wel

Here’s what they said:

Thank you for this incredible donation and all the efforts of the Environment Committee at your school. I have put in the post enough stickers and information booklets for the environment committee. We’ve printed some of your pictures too and will post them up in our office if you’d like to tell your students. We’re all very impressed! We really appreciate your support!

Gemma Plesman
Great Barrier Reef Campaigner
Bush Telegraph T2W8

**Australian Marine Conservation Society**

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Wahroonga Public School

**Spring Fair**

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Other sizes and format details for finished art available.

NOTE: The school does not provide a graphic design or image processing service - Incorrect size/format images cannot be published.
- Community Service notices are published on our website.
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
For more info, pls call Poyraz 0424132813 or (02) 9745 1170
Email: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

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9 & 10 July 2015

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- Small group tutorials
- Challenging and motivating repertoire
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- Additional fun music activities
- Concert on final day

*Actual number of bands and ensembles will depend on number and ability of participants

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School Holiday Groups

Join us for our groups in the July school holidays where we focus on handwriting and fine motor skills – the children have great fun whilst learning at the same time...

Kids Korner Kindergarten
For children who are in kindergarten. This group consolidates all the fine motor and handwriting concepts that are being learnt in school.
Week 1: 29th June – 3rd July, 9am – 1pm Balgowlah Clinic
Week 2: 6th July – 10th July, 9am – 10am Balgowlah and Lindfield Clinics

Funky Fingers
For school aged children in Years 1-2. This group is especially designed to give your child the help they need with handwriting and story writing.
Week 1: 29th June – 3rd July, 10.30am – 11.30am Balgowlah Clinic
Week 2: 6th July – 10th July, 10.30am – 11.30am Balgowlah and Lindfield Clinics

BOOK NOW by calling Occupational Therapy Helping Children 02 9913 3823 or email mail@occupationaltherapy.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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★ Moving Bodies Centre ★
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Gymnastics Holiday Program 9:00am – 3:00pm
A day packed full of fun using all of our gymnastics equipment including foam pit, trampoline, fun climbing wall, sprung floor, bars, beams, rebounders, floor work, softplay playground and more!

Week 1 Monday 29 June / Tuesday 30 June / Wednesday 1 July
Thursday 2 July / Friday 3 July

Week 2 Monday 6 July / Tuesday 7 July / Wednesday 8 July / Friday 10 July

Softplay playground open Monday – Friday 9:00am -3:00pm except Thursday 9 July as closed for scheduled maintenance.

For information and enrolment forms please visit,
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