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?
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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.

Band Eisteddfod
Thanks to everyone involved in the Inaugural Wahroonga Public School Band Committee Eisteddfod. I understand it was a major success. Well done. The Band Committee will have a full report and Mrs Zorian, who came along for part of the day, also has a comment on the event.

Last Week Of Term 3, 2015
Next week will be a great week at school with two world class performances for the students. Musica Viva is performing on Monday. Sean Chooiburra is performing on Wednesday. Sean has developed into one of Australia’s finest Aboriginal cultural ambassadors. He’s DEADLY! He is a captivating comedian and cultural performer. Sean is a huge inspiration to the youth of Australia. He is in constant demand as an MC, comedian, dancer, didge player & traditional workshop performer.

Mr Benton Is Retiring
This is my second last newsletter as Principal of Wahroonga PS. I have received so many lovely messages about my retirement I want to thank all those who have been kind enough to do this. I will have more to say next week. I am looking forward to my new career as an

COMING EVENTS

Next Week
• K-2 Assembly
• 2MI Assembly item
• Mon: Sydney North Dance Festival
• Mon: Musica Viva concerts
• Tues: Great Book Swap
• Wed: NAIDOC concert
• Thurs: Sydney North Dance Festival
• Fri: 9:30am - Mr Benton’s assembly
See assembly timetable

Coming Soon
• SDD: 13 July

Carnival Dates
• 29 July: School Athletics
• 20 Aug: Zone Athletics
• 7 Sept: Area Athletics

For All Events:
• See school calendar

SPRING FAIR - SAT 5 SEPTEMBER:

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:
educational consultant which I think will be a more manageable work load in my sixties.

**MID YEAR STUDENT REPORTS**

We will be sending home mid-year student reports on Wednesday 24 June 2015, except for 3H. 3H reports will be given out in the first week of Term 3 if they are not ready this term. 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**

It’s looking like the response to ethics classes during scripture time is positive and we are in a position to begin classes in Term 3. Shivaun Tijou has completed the ethics volunteer training and is happy to begin teaching Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) and Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) next term. Louise Ord, the Ethics Class Coordinator, needs another volunteer to undertake the training so the K -2 non-scripture students can have the option of the ethics class. The training is provided free of charge and it would only need one or two more volunteers for us to be meeting the demand for classes in each stage. Contact Louise Ord louise.ord@gmail.com if you are interested.

**Positive Approach To Learning**

It is essential we all develop a positive approach to ourselves as learners. We need to approach learning with a positive attitude. We need to assume we will make progress. We need to believe we can learn and that mistakes are learning opportunities. We need to think about what we are doing. Modern research tells us the brain is more like a muscle than we ever thought. By using it and developing good learning habits it works better. Even IQ is not set in concrete but can be improved by engagement. The more we learn the more we can learn. Controlling our thoughts and learning processes is an important step in this. The questions we need to ask ourselves as we approach problems are

- Which are the given numbers or clues?
- Which are the key words?
- Do I understand all the words?
- What do I already know about this problem?
- What am I being asked to do?
- What is the missing part?
What could I try to help solve the problem? - Will guess and check help? Will drawing a diagram help? Is there a pattern I can look for? Can I write it as a number sentence?

It is really important to read problems carefully as 50% of all student errors are made at this stage. Spending time ensuring you understand what is being asked is time well spent.

Learners who are flexible are also more successful. If the strategy I am using is not working than I need to go back and read the problem carefully. Learners who ask themselves if the answer is right, any why I am sure it is right, also do better.

If you are helping with homework don’t accept “I can’t do it.” Ask your child to read the problem aloud. Ask them what the problem is asking. What numbers or clues are given? What numbers are missing? You can model how to solve the problem by thinking out loud. For example, “First I ask myself if this is really a subtraction question. It has the word difference and that is often a clue to use subtraction. Subtraction will give me the difference between the numbers so I will use that operation.” Instead of telling students if they are right or wrong ask them if they think they are right and to explain why. This way the responsibility for learning is gradually transferred to the student where it ultimately only can be.

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Book Swap Reminder
Next Tuesday, The Great Book Swap to support The Indigenous Literacy Foundation will take place in the library. We are hoping to exceed our $800 donation in 2014. Throughout the day, grades will be attending the library to choose their 'new' book.

Mr Benton’s Farewell And Education Week Assemblies
A special retirement/farewell assembly for Mr Benton will take place at 9:30am next Friday 26 June. The concert band, intermediate and senior choirs, and the Junior and Intermediate Dance groups will be performing along with special presentations from the parents, students and teachers. In Term 3 during Education week we will be holding a special assembly on Thursday 30 July from 9:30am. Following this, parents, grandparents and friends may visit classrooms and spend recess with their children. The Enrichment, library, computer and music rooms will all be open for visitors.

Music Festival At Wahroonga PS

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
On Sunday, our Band Committee hosted the inaugural Wahroonga Public School Music Festival. Thirty-eight bands performed with judging by experienced adjudicator, Ms Deitz. This events attracted hundreds of parents to our school and showcased our Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, Concert and Stage Bands. Thank you to Mrs Seage and her dedicated team of parents who devoted all of their Sunday to the smooth running of this event. A special thank you to Mrs Fogarty, the Festival Manager and to Mrs Hunter, Mrs Pascoe, Mrs Jeffcoat, Mr Bain, Mrs Hofmeyr, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Russell, Mrs Lee, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Stevens and Mr Fogarty. Please refer to band report.

Sport
The Friday sporting program will continue next term. The Macquarie Sports program of swimming, martial arts, squash, basketball, fitness and gymnastics and the Sports in Schools Australia, AFL, netball and soccer options offers K-6 students a diverse range of engaging activities.

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

BAND NEWS:

Wahroonga Music Festival
Wahroonga Band Program hosted the inaugural Wahroonga Music Festival, a major band eisteddfod last Sunday, with over 1,000 visiting children participating. Due to months of meticulous organisation from a wonderful, hard–working committee headed by Mel Fogarty, and assistance from almost every band family on the day, the event was a huge success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from visiting conductors, band coordinators and parents. 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:
Like many of you, I visited the WPS Band Eisteddfod on Sunday. There was a terrific turn out and everything appeared to be running extremely well. In addition, I have heard nothing but praise for the event and I congratulate the organisers and their volunteer helpers.

Spring Fair
Our next big event is the Spring Fair. As I’ve mentioned previously, one way to help is to donate an item or service

UNIFORM SHOP:
WINTER STOCK IS NOW AVAILABLE!
Opening Hours:
• Tuesdays: 2-3pm
• Thursdays: 8:30-10am
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Jane Ford
Uniform shop Manager
Email: Bush Uniform Shop

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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
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.

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.

Diary Dates
P&C General meeting – Wednesday 5th August at 7:00pm 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

CHESS NEWS:

Interschool Chess Report Round 7
We experienced a day of fierce competition last Friday, June 21, with two draws and one narrow loss.

Team A took on Lindfield D, who are running a clear second in the division. We were very pleased to end the day with a 2-2 draw. Craig Hargreaves really rallied after a tough match last week and played with an exemplary mixture of patience and flair to score a great win at board 1. Anousheh Moonen, undefeated thus far, faced a similarly undefeated opponent at board 2 and won in a text-book display of flawless defence and aggressive attack to keep her winning streak intact.
Read more...

2015 NSW INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS

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

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

wahroonga music festival 2015
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-Caetlin 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

SPORTS NEWS

Area Cross Country

Last Thursday, 8 students, participated in the Sydney North Cross Country Championships. All The Bush School runners ran extremely well with many of them placing in the top 10.

James C-7th (reserve for NSW PSSA Championships )

Alissa Wilcock
Sport Coordinator

Wahroonga Band Festival:
14 June
See Band website page

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
Please visit our website for Community Notices.
Boori (Monty) Pryor Visits WPS:
 Semester 1 is coming to a close and the students have participated in a variety of learning tasks and experiences.
This week Boori (Monty) Pryor visited the Years 5 and 6 Language and Expression session and shared his expertise in the process of planning, writing and having his books illustrated. He demonstrated the importance of making connections with past experiences and developing themes through writing. His books have received many awards including the Prime Minister's Literary Award for his book entitled Shake a Leg. Boori played his didgeridoo and the students expressed their feelings through dance. It proved to be a very worthwhile experience and Boori commented on how he thoroughly enjoys interacting with our students. We were very proud of the students’ thoughtful and interesting responses to the underlying messages that they identified in the stories he told.

Our program, guided by the needs of gifted learners, encompasses cognitive, affective, social and aesthetic areas of the curriculum experiences. We focus on strategies that will help your child develop as a creative, independent, motivated and cooperative learner remaining open to continuous learning. Read more

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If you are interested in participating, please contact our Challis Kids Co-ordinator, Carolyn 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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- that 51% of year 5 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email.

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