FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Thank You
It would be no exaggeration to state that the last week has been one of the most enjoyable of my career. To visit classroom after classroom and witness engaged and happy students working hard to better themselves; to see passionate, skilled and resourceful teachers deliver quality lessons; and to meet with a number of parents in both the playground and in my office has provided a wonderful orientation to this great school.

Last week I made mention of the students, teachers and parents who had so warmly welcomed me to the school. It was remiss of me to not recognise the incredible School Administrative and Support Staff including Mrs Faber, Mrs McCabe, Mrs Nemati and Mrs O’Connor who service the front office, Mr Palisi our General Assistant, and the many School Learning and Support Officers who work in classrooms alongside students with learning needs. Together this group provides a crucial link between families and the school and I am already appreciating working as part of this team.

Invoices
This week semester 2 invoices will be sent home, outlining the fee structure for the remainder of the year. Parents who are experiencing difficulty meeting these payments are encouraged to speak with me confidentially. Some support, although limited, may be accessible. See invoices

Staffing Update
3H has been blessed to have had Ms Buckle relieve for Mrs Hall who is currently on sick leave. From next week, Mr McGregor will take up the relieving position on 3H for three weeks. Mr McGregor is known to the students and both he and Ms Buckle have been working together to ensure class programs remain uninterrupted during this time.

COMING EVENTS

T3W3
Mon: ICAS English (3-6)
Tues: P&C Mufti-Day
Wed: Athletics Carnival
Thurs: Education Week Assembly
• Book Fair in Library
• Classroom Visits 10.30-11.15
• Morning Tea 11.15-noon
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
Arrival Before 8:50am
Each morning, members of the teaching staff supervise the playground from 8:50 am, enabling students who arrive early to school an opportunity to socialise before beginning their day of learning. It has been reported to me that a number of students have been arriving before 8:50 am. As supervision is not provided, parents are encouraged to make appropriate care arrangements to ensure the wellbeing of their children. I understand that places are available in Before School Care, located adjacent to the swimming pools.

Week 3 Events
Next week our Athletics Carnival will be run and won on Wednesday, while on Thursday we celebrate Education Week. I am looking forward to these special school events as they are both further opportunities to come together to celebrate the achievements of our students and public education.

Tom Moth thomas.moth@det.nsw.edu.au (Principal)
9489 3086

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Education Week
Parents and Grandparents are invited to an Education Week assembly next Thursday from 9:30am. Following the assembly, our guests may visit classrooms, as well as the music, ICT, library and enrichment rooms. We hope to see many parents, grandparents and friends at school throughout this year's Education Week. The library will be open for the Annual Book Fair from 9.00am until noon. Each book donated to the library will have your child’s name displayed on the book plate.

Concert Tickets
Each child has now received a note regarding tickets for the concerts. The Concert Committee requires one note per family to be returned by Monday 3 August so that the selling of the additional tickets can take place. See note

Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 29 July
Next Wednesday, our Athletics Carnival will take place at Bannockburn Oval. Students competing in the 800m and discus will go directly to the oval in the morning. The students in the 800m event need to race consistently at a competitive pace to qualify for the zone carnival. Any student walking will be asked to not continue the event. All of the remaining students will be travelling by bus from 9.15am and returning at 2.30pm. All year 2 competitors are to meet Ms Dean and Miss Mayne outside their building at 9:15am. Students who have asthma must

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:
Who has completed the 2015 challenge?
How to register on-line.

Gold, Silver & Bronze:
- View current award winners

SPORT:
- PSSA Soccer, Netball and AFL Draw
  T2 Lunchtime Practice
  • Tues: Netball
  • Tues: Soccer
  • Wed: Senior AFL
  • Thurs: Junior AFL

NEXT P & C MEETING:
- 5 August- 7pm in Library
bring their puffer and take the medication as prescribed by their Doctor. We have employed the services of St. John’s Ambulance. Parents may take their children home after competing by signing the class roll at the announcing table.

**Kindergarten Celebrates 100 Days At School**

Today, the Kindergarten students celebrated 100 days at ‘big’ school. The students rotated around the kindergarten classes to complete activities associated with 100. The students were able to share their exciting day by showing their parents at home their 100 Day hat and 100 Day artwork.

**International Competition And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)**

Next Monday, Years 3 to 6 students will participate in the ICAS English test. ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The texts will increase in complexity from grade to grade moving from simple texts dealing with familiar subjects and topics to complex texts incorporating abstract concepts and sophisticated language structures.

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Debbie Evans: deborah.evans2@det.nsw.edu.au
(Deputy Principals)

**LIBRARY NEWS: BOOK FAIR**

As part of Education Week we will be having our Annual Book Fair in the library on Thurs 30th July. This is our most important week of the year. It is a wonderful opportunity for our library to receive a lot of lovely, new, shiny books that will appeal to the students
and enrich their reading.

We hope that you will visit the library and choose a book to donate to our collection. There will be many books on display suitable for different ages and interests. We have chosen titles which will appeal to the students and will be very welcome additions to our library.

Once a book has been chosen and paid for, we proceed with the processing. The name of the student for whom a book has been donated is recorded on a donation label and put inside the book. These students are the first to borrow the books as soon as they are processed. They get a thrill when other students borrow their donation. If they find their book a year or so later, they are still proud of it.

Please will you help us maintain and increase our library? The students get much pleasure browsing and borrowing during class time visits and at lunchtime. They love to find new books and we love to see their pleasure. The library will be open from 9am until lunchtime. Purchases can be paid for by card or cash.

We hope you will visit us and make our Book Fair successful.

Kate Justelius-Wright & Crys Mills - Teacher-Librarians

ETHICS CLASSES:

Last week Ethics classes started for Years 3-6. Years 1-2 classes will start mid-term. There are class limits and due to demand in Years 1/2, another teacher is being trained. Hopefully they will start at the beginning of Term 4. It is envisaged one of the 1/2 teachers will take a Kindergarten class sometime in Term 3 or at the beginning of Term 4. If you have any enquiries regarding Ethics please contact louise.ord@gmail.com.

Alissa Wilcock: alissa.wilcock@det.nsw.edu.au
Scripture Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS:

Diving
Claudia M (5G) recently competed at the Elite Junior National Diving Championships. Claudia placed 5th in Australia in her individual event and 2nd in Australia in her synchro event. Well done Claudia!!

Softball
Congrats to Peyton H (6G) who was successful in gaining selection in the Sydney North Softball Team. Peyton will compete at the NSW PSSA Softball Championships in

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
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.
Wagga at the end of August. We look forward to hearing about Peyton’s success at the championships.

**NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships**

Last Friday Alice W (3/4W) competed at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships. Alice experienced a “true cross country course” running in, (at times), knee deep mud and running with pelting rain and gusts of wind. Despite all this, Alice placed 44 overall. A fantastic result and great run!!

Alissa Wilcock alissa.wilcock@det.nsw.edu.au
Sports Coordinator

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**P & C NEWS:**

**Athletics Carnival Volunteers – Coordinator Needed**

Coming up on the 29th July is the Athletics Carnival. A big thank you to those of you who have returned a volunteer form. However, we need someone to coordinate the volunteers and run the canteen at the sports field. If you are willing please put a note in the P&C pigeon hole at the school office or send me an email at wpspandc@gmail.com

**Interrelate Family Evening**

The P&C will be hosting an evening with a presenter from Interrelate on Wednesday 12th August. There will be two sessions.

Session 1: 6pm - Where did I come from? 
This session is suitable for children in years 3 to 6

Session 2: 7:15pm Preparing for Puberty.
This session is suitable for children in years 5 to 6, although if you have a child in years 3 or 4 who you think would benefit from attending, they are very welcome.
Cost is $25 per family for one session and $30 per family for two sessions.

A booking form has been sent through the class parent network. If you haven’t received yours please ask your class parent.

**Spring Fair - Mufti Day**

The P&C have arranged a MUFTI DAY for Tuesday 28 July.
Students are asked to please bring in items for the Tombola Stall for the Carnival Spring Fair being held on Saturday 5th September 2015. We need every child / family in the school to please help with prize donations.

The collection will take place on the Boardwalk and Water Street entrance from 8:45am - 9:15am or please deliver your item(s) at Before School Care on this morning.

Suggestions for NEW prizes are:

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**CANTEEN NEWS:**

**Bush Tuckshop: 30 July**

Coffee, Tea & Cakes Available
The tuckshop will be open for parents to purchase refreshments after Education Week Assembly / Book Fair. Freshly Brewed Coffee $4
Tea $3, Cakes $2, Anzac Cookies $1

Marilyn Powell
cateringforschools@gmail.com

If anyone would like to volunteer this 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

**MUSIC MATTERS:**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for the link last week.
We have such an exciting, musical term coming up AGAIN for our whole school! Here’s the correct link to read more on our webpage
• Books, comics, DVDs & CDs
• Games and puzzles (new and sealed)
• Kids toys
• Hand creams, fragrances, and cosmetics
• Hampers
• Chocolates
• Wine
• Anything that you think someone would love to win!
We appreciate your support in helping make our Fair a huge success! Thank you in advance.
Students are reminded that they should wear sensible shoes with closed-in toes please.

Diary Dates
P&C Mufti Day – Tuesday 28th July
Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 29th July
P&C General Meeting – Wednesday 5th August at 7pm in the staffroom.
Interrelate Family Evening – Wednesday 12th August from 6pm in the School Hall.
School Fair – Saturday 5th September

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

BAND NEWS:
Welcome back to another wonderful term of Band and Recorder.

NSW Band Festival – Sunday 9 August.
University of NSW, Kensington.
This is the only competition for Beginner and Junior Bands and the final competition for the more senior bands, so please mark the date in your diary now.
For more news, go to our webpage here

STUDENT SHOWCASE: YICTE
The Young ICT Explorer submissions were submitted this week. In the end, from a start of some 16 teams, we ended up with 6 submissions, which is similar to last year.
The participants are:
Yr 3 - Sequoia: a project making a musical instrument using an Arduino and self-recorded musical samples.
Yr 4 - Alex, Daniel, Oliver, Riley: a series of games designed to make maths more fun.
Yr 5 - Dawson, Jasper, Massimo, Aidan: a project to do with programming in Java and Minecraft.
Yr 6 - Veronica, Micki, Madeline, Year 6 with a project to create a website teaching Mandarin, Cantonese and French, and (potentially) utilising some online collaborative tools.
Felix: a stop motion Lego animation designed to teach students about the perils of Global Warming.
Thilara: a project using a Raspberry Pi and sensors to keep track of goals scored in a game of netball.

I expect all 6 teams will be invited to the finals event on Sat August 21. Good luck everyone!
Edwin Tomlins (YICTE organiser).

**Doodle 4 Google**
Doodle 4 Google is on again this year. Your mission is to create a fantastic doodle on this year's theme..."If I could travel back in time I would..."

Students from Year 1 upwards can see Mr Tomlins to get a Doodle template, and one entry per student can be submitted into the competition before August 21. If you have the best Doodle in Australia, you could win a fantastic prize! [Find out more here...](http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=76f5a43016ab5e3a1a937479c&id=dcef9bda78...)
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- Card cell size (290x107) - $100.00 per Term
- Half page size (590x400) - $30.00 week or $250 Term
- Full page size (590x800) - $50.00 (only one per Term)

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.
WAHROONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER  10AM TO 4PM

BREAKING NEWS

Former Wallaby Captain and legendary halfback George Gregan will be joining us at our Spring Fair. Watch this space for more information soon!!

DEVONSHIRE TEA  LOLLY

YUMMY CAKES  STALL

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WE NEED BOOKS

We would like your old DVDs, children’s movies and music!

As the books and DVDs will be for sale, please make sure that the books and DVDs are complete (no missing pages) and not damaged (e.g. with scribbles, scratches, etc.). Books/DVDs suitable for young children, primary and early secondary school age preferable.

Unsold books will be sent to the Philippines to a disadvantaged school. So donating your old books will not only help the Bush School kids but bring a smile to many more!

A box labelled with “BOOK STALL” will be placed in the office and library. Feel free to leave your books there when convenient. Help us make the fair a success.

Many thanks, Book Stall Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT

We will have some great entertainment on the day of the fair including all our school bands, Dance Max and NSYO. Program will be out soon.

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KIDZ ZONE 2-6YRS

Come and have fun in the Kidz Zone especially for kids 2-6yrs.

- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Kindy Farm
- Fun Games
- Photo Booth

RIDES  ROCK

POP CORN  CLIMBING

FAIRY FLOSS
**INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALLS**

Come and taste a dish from one of our International Food Stalls

- SOUTH AFRICAN
- INDIAN
- KOREAN
- AUSTRALIAN
- VIETNAMESE
- CHINESE
- NEW ZEALAND

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**TOMBOLA**

Our Multi Day for the Tombola is next

**Tuesday 28th July.**

ALL CHILDREN are asked to bring a NEW item to win on the day of the fair.

Some ideas are

- chocolates
- wine
- ladies pamper items
- books
- new unopened toys
- craft items
- sporting items - golf or tennis balls
- BBQ items - utensils
- homewares - candles, lanterns,
- condiments - home made jams etc
- gourmet foods - pls check use by date

Boxes will be provided on the boardwalk, Before School Care and at the Water Street entrance for children to put their items in.

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**Plants**

Do you have a Green Thumb? Have you got any plants you could donate for our plant stall?

If you do please contact Fiona

fiona.howard@novartis.com

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**CRAZY HAIR**

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**BBQ**

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**FRESH JUCIE**

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**LUCKY DIPS**

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**RIDES**

We will have some fabulous rides at the Fair. **Unlimited ride wristbands** will be available for purchase on Flexischools soon. Rides will be $25 per child or you can purchase a wristband on the day for $30.

Individual ride tickets will be $4 each

Rides will be open from 11am to 3pm.

We will also have a Rock Climbing Wall this is not included in the wristband.
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Year 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Wednesday, 12th August 2015
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
ACOUSTIC GUITAR LESSONS
Learn to play the acoustic guitar in a friendly environment. Learn to play your favourite songs. Beginners and intermediates are welcome. Please contact Bernadette Palmer on: 0400 364 064.

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(Comenarra Parkway)
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PHONE JAN 94840469

German Intern At WPS Oct-Dec
Hello, my name is Sarah Hall and I am a 21 year old student from Germany. I am studying elementary school education and I am going to do an internship at Wahroonga Public School from 6 October until 4 December this year.
For this time I am looking for an accommodation in a host family. I would characterise myself as an open-minded and tidy person. I’d like to help your child/children doing their homework and watch them in the afternoons or evenings. I have experience in working with children as I have been tutoring children at different ages for six years now.
If I have piqued your interest, please contact me by e-mail: sarah.hall93@web.de
I’m looking forward to hearing from you.
Sarah Hall
BIG FACTS:

Did You Know?
• that 47% of all parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email last week.
• that 52% of year 5 parents read the Bush Telegraph from their email this week.