**Term 1 2013**

**Week 10 - April**
- Fri. 5<sup>th</sup>  ES1 & S1 Assembly – 2.30 pm Host 2M
- Week 11 – April
  - Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>  P & C Meeting 10.00 am – in Hall
  - Fri. 12<sup>th</sup>  ANZAC Ceremony

‘Excuse Me I Was Here First’  $6.00 each
- St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50pm Host 6M

**Term 2 2013**

**Week 1 - April**
- Mon. 29<sup>th</sup>  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Tues. 30<sup>th</sup>  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Wed. 31<sup>st</sup>  Students return for Term 2
  - Dance2bfit – free trial session
- Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup>  St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50pm Host TBA

**Week 2 – May**
- Wed. 8<sup>th</sup>  Dance2bfit
- Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>  Mothers’ Day Stall
  - Regional Cross Country
  - ES1 & S1 Assembly – 2.30 pm Host 1/2K

**Week 3 – May**
- Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN – Language & Conventions & Writing
  - Dance 2bfit
- Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN - Reading
- Thur. 16<sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN – Numeracy
- Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN – Catch up day
  - St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50 pm Host TBA

**Week 4 – May**
- Mon. 20<sup>th</sup>  ‘A Swag of Tales’ performance K-6
- Tues. 21<sup>st</sup>  ICAS Computer competition
  - Dance 2bfit
- Thur. 23<sup>rd</sup>  Yr 5 Interviews 9.00 – 12.00
  - GATS Science at Irrawang High
- Fri. 24<sup>th</sup>  Walk Safely to School Day
  - Athletics Carnival
  - ES1 & S1 Assembly – 2.30 pm Host 1L

**Week 5 – May**
- Thur 30<sup>th</sup>  Disco
- Frid. 31<sup>st</sup>  Zone Union
  - St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50 pm Host TBA

**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents, I trust all families had a lovely Easter break, it is hard to believe this is the last newsletter for the term.

Staffing Update: Recently we filled the two vacant Assistant Principal positions through merit selection. I am now able to congratulate Mrs Kathie Colley on her appointment as Assistant Principal, leading Stage 2 and Mrs Kris Carey who will be leading Stage 3. Mrs Carey is currently teaching in Albury and will make the move to the area during the holidays.

In a letter to 4C it was announced that Mr Jason Cook has a permanent position at Shortland PS and will commence there next term. We congratulate Jason on his appointment and thank him for the commitment he has shown to the students of Wirreanda over the past term. The staffing operation is still underway for a permanent teacher for 4C.

This week we re-launched WirreBanda with the support of the P&C, Allan Ward and Michelle Sciberras. Students in yrs 3-6 had an instrument demonstration today and will now fill in an expression of interest to try out instruments on Monday. I look forward to the rebuilding of our band.

I would like to make mention of Mr John Gallagher as he heads towards retirement at the end of this term. John is a highly respected member of our staff and school community who will be greatly missed. John’s passion for teaching, his dedication and commitment to the learning of his students and staff under his leadership is exemplary. These qualities along with his professionalism and ongoing support of school priorities, improvement and student achievement are just some of the aspects we will miss.

I would like to thank John for his service to public education over a long and distinguished career and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Regards

Philippa Young

Principal
**Merit Awards**

**Bronze Awards**

Bailey Bryce, Andie Archer, Simone Maslen, Connor Stott-Lucas, Ryan Trappel, Nickolas Patten, Liam Turner, Kyara Darcy, Callan Clarke

**Silver Awards**

Ashlee Slapp, Isabelle Delafontaine, Claire Howell, Hannah Papworth, Lachlan Oliver, Lachlan Reddon, Rhiley Latimer

**Gold Awards**

Reyanna Rankin, Isabella Moxey, Cody Eden, Jakob Paul

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**Payment Due Date Reminders – periodic payments will be accepted.**

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**No late payments will be accepted**

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**Stage Pack Payments Reminder**

A reminder to families that have not yet paid for their stage packs. It would be appreciated if you could pay the outstanding amounts to the office by the end of this term. Maths books have now arrived at school and teachers are keen to put them to use. The payment also covers the use of the Mathletics program, both at school and at home. Please be aware that the free trial of the Mathletics program will finish at the end of this term for those students who have not paid and they will no longer be able to access the program.

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**All parents of Catholic children**

This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in July 2013 will commence with an information evening for parents in St Brigid’s School Hall, William Street, Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm. All parents, who would like their child/children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please contact St Brigid’s parish office on 49871888 or Bernadette Stellenberg on 49321875 if needing further information.

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**Canteen News**

Attached to this Whisper you will find an order form for the Pizza Day that the canteen is holding on Thursday 11th April. Orders are to be handed in to the canteen by next Tuesday 9th April.

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**Weekly Roster**

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**‘Excuse Me I Was Here First’ Performance**

Permission notes went home last week for the above performance which will be held on Friday 12th April. The cost of the performance is $6 per student and will need to be paid by Wednesday 10th April.

The performance will teach children about sharing and conflict resolution in a high energy, funny
The performance which is suitable for all ages which is delivered by enthusiastic, talented professionals.

**Class of the Week**

Congratulations to the students of 3/4A (and Mrs Allen of course) for winning the Class of the Week award for week 9. 3/4A was awarded the trophy for keeping the area outside their classroom neat and litter-free.

This week the trophy will be awarded to the class that line up outside their classroom safely and ordery.

**Easter Egg Raffle**

A big thank you to the students, parents, caregivers and visitors who bought tickets in the Easter Egg Raffle that was drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. Close to $500 was raised to go towards the Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Dance, a fantastic effort, thank you.

**ANZAC Day Service**

Parents, caregivers and school community members are invited to attend the school’s ANZAC Service on Friday 12th April at 9:30 am in the COLA.

The service will be conducted by the school leaders and guests from the RAAF and Medowie RSL sub-branch will be attending.

**Debating Workshop**

On Tuesday 26th March 2013, Olivia, Jacob, Caitlan, Alice, Tahla, Hannah, Charlotte and I attended the debating workshop held at Kahibah Public School.

The day was split up into 3 sessions. In the morning we were taught how to use the three M’s (Method, Manner and Matter). We also learnt what the ‘speaker’ roles are, which I thought was interesting.

After a short recess we came in for the middle session, where we were taught how to use PEEEL (Point – Elaborate- Example- Link) and SEEL (Summarise – Explain - Example – Link), techniques for writing strong arguments and rebuttals. I took lots of notes.

Straight after lunch we broke into smaller groups and started planning our debates. WPS’s topic was “Every Child Should Have a Pet”. Both teams had strong arguments for and against, and received great feedback from the adjudicators. We all had a great day and special thanks go to Ms Hubbard for organising to take us.

Writer: Luke Trindorfer

**Library News**

Well done to those students that are well on their way to completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). Remember to access the PRC website to view a complete list of all books that make up the PRC.

Overdue notices were sent home yesterday. Please return/ renew any books that are overdue. Students are encouraged to borrow over the April holidays.

The library is looking for volunteers to assist with book covering. Covering can be completed at home and returned to the library when finished. Please see me if you are interested in helping.

Rachel Crossing - Teacher Librarian

**Kindergarten Events**

**Wednesday 10th April** is our culminating activity for the CAPA unit on nursery rhymes. On this day students need to come to school dressed as a nursery rhyme character. They need to be able to identify themselves and the rhyme they are from. Eg Jack from Jack and Jill, the boy from Wee Willy Winky, Mary from Mary, Mary quite contrary. If your child’s costume is difficult to wear all day they can get changed after our parade. Please keep in mind our sun safe policy requiring shoulders are covered, no mid-riff tops and no thongs. Removable costume pieces such as tails, ears, noses, etc can be kept in their trays until the end of the day.

The children will show us a little bit of work they have
been doing in CAPA with Mrs Harvey and Mrs Ehmann, identify their character and nursery rhyme and then parade around the COLA to show off their wonderful costumes. This will begin at approximately 9:30am and will be finished by 10:15 am.

**Thursday 11th April** is an opportunity for you to visit your child’s kindergarten classroom and be amazed at the work they have done and the progress they have made in such a short period of time. The children are very excited about showing you their work and taking you for a guided tour of their classroom. Classrooms will be open from 3:00 pm until approximately 3:45 pm, so please come along, even if it is only for a short period of time and share in the learning that your child has experienced this term.

**Friday 12th April** begins at 9:30 am with our ANZAC Day ceremony. Parents are welcome to stay and be part of this very special assembly. Please be aware that the stage area will be in use so please be seated or stand towards the sides or back of the assembly.

After morning tea, students who have paid for the performance ‘Excuse me, I was here first’ will attend in the MPC.

**Stage 2 Culminating Day**
Thursday 11th April is the Stage 2 Culminating Day. You are invited to come and celebrate the learning that has taken place over the term. Culminating Day activities will commence at 11.50am in the MPC.

The assembly will feature:
- performances by the Stage 2 Choir and Class 4C
- Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition
- an exhibition of the student’s Solar System models.

The students, parents and teachers are encouraged to dress in accordance with the theme - ‘Understanding Ourselves and the Solar System’. Looking forward to an out of this world, fun day.

Stage 2 Teachers

**Sports News**

**Cross Country**
On Friday 22nd March, our school had the school Cross Country carnival. Thank you to our students for their sportsmanship and excellent behaviour on the day.

Also a big thank you to the parents who helped with the setup, pack up and course marshalling on the day.

The following students are attending the zone cross country Carnival on Friday 5th April:-

**Active After School**
This term, Active After School was involved in a junior AFL program. As part of the program, students from Wirreanda attended a combined hub day at Ferodale Oval. Three other schools also attended the AFL Hub Day. Thank you to Ros Hann and Lisa Monk who supervised the students on the day.

**Cricket**
The PSSA knockout competitions have commenced this year with the cricket boys competing in their first round. Unfortunately they did not win, however, a fun day was had by all. Thank you to Mr Lewis, who trained and accompanied our cricket boys.

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**Hair & Beauty Services**
Shop 6/37 Ferodale Road
Welcome to Headz Up Medowie Hair & Beauty. We are offering you an indulgent, rejuvenating experience with our **Autumn Packages**.
We are offering pampering packages specifically designed for busy women!

- **Package One**
  - Deluxe Facial with HEADZ UP MEDOWIE
  - Microdermabrasion & Shampoo Head
  - Massage with Blow Dry
  - Your skin will be left feeling refreshed & rejuvenated & your hair left shiny & styled.
  - Included is an eyebrow wax, eyelash tint & hand massage.
  - (Please allow 2hrs)
  - $170**Now $125**

- **Package Two**
- Therapeutic Massage, Deluxe Pedicure & Shampoo, Cut & Blow Wave
- Relax & unwind during a 1 hr full body massage followed by a deluxe pedicure with a buff & polish.
- Included is shampoo, styled cut & blow wave.
- (Please allow 3hrs)
- $175**Now $130**

For an appointment, please call: 4982 8439
Blackbutt bush rangers!

The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. This school holidays kids will build a shelter, paint a boomerang, hunt for animals, and have a photo with a reptile for a take home bookmark!

**Dates:** 15 - 19 April 2013  
**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30am  
**Location:** Richley Reserve

Fees apply and bookings are essential.

For further information please contact:  
Blackbutt Reserve Office - 4904 3344 or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

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**CAFÉ DE COLA PIZZA (RED) DAY**

As a treat for the children, the canteen will be offering pizza and a drink for lunch on Thursday 11th April 2013  
**NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

Please complete the following order form/s and return to the canteen no later than Tuesday 9th April.

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Raymond Terrace Market  
Saturday 20th of April

Riverside Park  
Hunter Street Raymond Terrace

**Baby and Toddlers Expo**

There is a Prettiest Baby photo Competition at 11.00am  
**Teddy’s Bear Picnic** for Toddlers and other children  
Starts at 12.00  
New and Preloved toys and clothes for sale  
Our Regular Stalls  
Come on down  
And enjoy the day

For information call Liz 0422144441 or Jennifer on 0412721723