Term 1 2014

Week 4 - February
Thur. 20th  Interrelate Yr 5 & 6
Fri. 21st   St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50pm House Captains – Swimming Awards

Week 5 – February - March
Mon. 24th  Kindergarten Vision Screening
Thurs. 27th Scripture starts Interrelate Yr 5 & 6
Fri. 28th   Clean up Australia day Zone Swimming ES1 & St1 Assembly–2.30pm Host 2S Data forms due

Week 6 – March
Mon. 3rd   iPad mini draw at our assembly
Tues. 4th   Irrawang High open night
Thur. 6th   Interrelate Yr 6
Fri. 7th    St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50pm Host 6S
            St 1 Numeracy Day

Week 7 – March
Wed. 12th  Selective High School test
Thur. 13th  Interrelate Yr 6
Fri. 14th   Athletics Carnival Zone Netball trials ES1 & St1 Assembly–2.30pm Host 2W

Week 8 - March
Fri. 21st   Hunter Netball trials Harmony Day & National day against bullying
            St 2 & 3 Assembly – 2.50pm Host 6M

NOTES SENT HOME THIS FORTNIGHT
Copies of these notes can be found on our website
• Year 6 Souvenir Shirt order form
• Clean Up Australia Day
• Sports In School Program
• Updating Family Information request
• Active After School Term 1
• Kindergarten Vision Screening
• Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Deposit

Principal’s Message

We are now into our fourth week of the school term. Your children have settled in beautifully to school routines, with most of those nerves disappearing. I would like to thank all parents and care-givers for ensuring our new pick up and drop off routines are followed. Please understand we have your child’s safety in mind when we make our rules.

After week 5 we will start asking K-2 parents to drop children in the COLA for the day and depart. Children can place their bags outside classrooms either before or after they are dropped in the COLA. We respect and understand that some parents like to remain with their child in the COLA. We encourage you to depart as soon as possible, this helps your child to gain independence and to understand that school is a safe and happy place to be.

We had a very successful swimming carnival last week - my congratulations to Miss O’Brien and Mrs Carey in their organisation and running of the carnival. We had many parent volunteers to assist – Thank you , we cannot run these events without you.

Thank you to all the parents that made time to meet with teachers at the Parent Information evening. This really helps ensure open communication between home and school to provide a positive start to the year.

COLA – Take your last look!
Take your last look at our COLA, over the next 5 days it will be upgraded and out of bounds at all times. The next time you see it, it should be covered in lush green synthetic grass! This is a large financial commitment by the school; however one we feel will benefit all children.

Philippa Young
Principal

Attached to today’s newsletter is an important form requesting updated information. Please read this information and return to school by the 28th of February for your family's chance to win an iPad mini.

School Fees
School Fees and contributions are now payable.
School Fees / contributions
$30.00 per child/ $55 per family

Parents and care-givers will be required to contribute to their child’s education through payment for specific items and activities, e.g. performances, excursions, etc.

Where such payment may impose a financial burden on families or care-givers they are urged to apply for support from Student Assistance funds. Applications will be considered individually, in confidence, by the principal.

Support may be an arrangement of programmed payment over a period of time, partial supplementation from Student Assistance funds or full assistance from Student Assistance funds.

Deputy Principal’s Report

Seasons for Growth
This term we are once again holding the highly successful program Seasons for Growth. This program caters for students who have experienced change in their family. Children of all ages benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making and effective communication. The program runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 35-40 minutes long.

If you think that your child/children would benefit from Seasons for Growth program, or you would like more information regarding the program, please contact me at school.

Class of the Week
Congratulations to 3M for having the overall tidiest classroom area in the school and winning the Class of the Week trophy. Keeping our school tidy demonstrates pride in our school and has long term benefits for the environment. Well done.

This week the judges are looking for the classes where all students are dressed in the school uniform.

Sports in Schools
Next term, Sports in Schools will be operating their program in our school every Tuesday. Students will have access to modern equipment and specialist PE teachers for the 10 week program. The cost of the program is $45 per child for 2 children and free for any other family members. Families who are experiencing financial hardship are eligible to apply for assistance from Sports in Schools.

Times Tables
When visiting 4G last week a challenge was set down by some students who clearly have an outstanding knowledge of times tables. Selman Hassan and Olivia Gordon both achieved the winning time of 27 seconds for their 5 times tables. Congratulations to these students. Can any students in other classes beat this?

Sue Wilson
Deputy Principal

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No late payments will be accepted

Claymation Workshop
Last Wednesday a group of students from Years 3 to 6 participated in a Claymation workshop as part of Wirreanda's enrichment program. Prior to the workshop the students worked in pairs to plan an imaginative text and then adapt their text to a storyboard. They planned and created backgrounds and sourced sounds and music to use on the day. At the workshop the students brought their texts to life.
by animating them using clay. They creatively sculptured characters and scenery from clay then photographed them changing actions in minor ways to produce the animation. Five photographic frames produced 1 second of animation so you can see why it took a full day of cooperative work to create 30 seconds of animation. The end products created by the students were amazing! Some of the students' work will be published on Facebook so enjoy their clever creations.

**Sports News**

**Swimming Carnival**

On Monday 10th February, the primary students at Wirreanda travelled to Tomaree Aquatic Centre to participate in our annual school swimming carnival. The students rotated through a range of activities including relays, novelties, races and the fantastic slide. Congratulations to the students for their exceptional behaviour. A huge thankyou goes out to all the parents who assisted or encouraged students on the day.

The following students will go to the zone swimming carnival this Friday 21st February - Samuel Gordon, Olivia Gordon, Sarah Maidorn, Nakittah Leard and Shannon Bohan. We wish them all the best!

**SRC News**

We would like to congratulate the new SRC representatives for Semester 1 2014. It is such a wonderful honour to be elected by your classmates. We look forward to working with all of them:

- 2A - Josh Bohan & Maddison Cunningham
- 3S – Isabelle Mead & Lucas Morgan
- 2J – Alyssa Hogan & Brandon Dennett
- 4F – Ella Burns & Oliver Biscan
- 2S – Jorjia Arnts & Noah Thomas
- 4G – Olivia Gordon & Harrison Biscan
- 2W – Ella Clayden & Samuel Rainbow
- 5O – Andrew Howell & Trinity Spelt
- 3B – Ryan Trappel & Imogen Mehonoshen
- 5H – Cameron Deslardins & Laurell Newman
- 3/4C – Telia Dolstra & Travis Lamborn
- 5/6H – Holly Morschel & Jayden Focic
- 3M – Nickolas Patten & Crystal Taylor
- 6M – David Gray & Hayley Doonar
- 6S – Hayley Moore & Matthew Beasley

We would also like to inform you that Wirreanda has two HeartKids, Joel Cunningham and Nicolas Breed, who are currently in Year 4. They are both raising funds for HeartKids and their goal together is to reach $1000 by 28th February. Please donate and share this link: http://heartkidsnsw.gofundraise.com.au/page/BreedL#.Uo2VlannkVI.email

Kysey Tyson & Lachlan Freer – 2014 School Captains

**Library News**

Congratulations to all the 2013 students that received a Principal’s Reading Challenge certificate. These certificates will now be presented at the Friday Infants and Primary assemblies. To receive a certificate, students need to read and record a certain number of books. K-2 students need to read 60 books, recorded via their home reading log. 3-6 students need to read 20 age appropriate books. Those primary students interested in completing the 2014 challenge can collect a Principal’s Reading Challenge log from me in the library.

Rachel Crossing
Teacher Librarian
Canteen News

We would like to thank all of those who have stepped up to volunteer in the canteen but as you can see from the roster below the Canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers. If you are able to help please come into the school and visit our canteen and meet Carolyn our new supervisor and choose the days that you can help, eg once a week, once a fortnight, once a month etc. **Without volunteers the canteen will not be able to function to provide lunches and snacks for your children.**

**HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**

Canteen roster

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[Image of Dance in Dazzle Studio]