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**Term 2 Week 4**  
Wednesday 21st May 2014

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**Thursday 29th May - P&C DISCO – Pre purchased tickets only! Available from the office.**
The 5 Keys to success we promote at Wirreanda are:

- Organisation
- Persistence
- Getting Along
- Confidence
- Resilience

You will have seen these on our large coloured pencils out the front of the school.

As we are mid-way through Term 2, we ask you to help us in developing some of these foundations of success in our children. A simple way to start this, particularly for kindergarten, is to gradually give your children organisation and confidence skills and independence in allowing them to place their bags and lunch bags in the right spots each morning.

Over time students will build these skills, you can expect them to put their bag in the right area without you having to go to the classroom yourself. We are aware for some students this is a big step.

We would ask the same of our stage 2 and 3 students, with mum and or dad selecting a drop off point either in the NOLA or at a gate, rather than accompanying children to the classrooms and waiting with them during the morning play period.

**Parents should not be on the playground for extended periods during the morning, recess or lunch break.**

The development of these organisational and confidence skills will set a foundation for success for students as they grow.

**Toddlers at school**

This week we have had two incidents of toddlers being involved in incidents that have caused damage to school gardens and a very near road incident. Schools, as you know, can be very busy around drop off and pick up times. Please keep your toddlers with you at all times to ensure we keep everyone safe.

**Regards**

Philippa Young

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

Well done to KG for being awarded the Cup of the Week after Stage 3 held it for week 3. KG were awarded the cup for being extremely well-organised at the beginning of the school day.

**Lazy Town**

The Lazy Town performance for years K-2 will be on Monday 26th May. This promises to be a fun-filled performance while delivering positive, healthy lifestyle messages to students.

**Walk Safely to School Day**

A reminder to all families that this Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. We hope that the weather is kind to us and that as many students and families participate as possible. This is a great opportunity to promote healthy lifestyle habits while revisiting road safety rules. Teachers will be at their designated points ready to walk with families to school at 8:45am.

**School Gates**

It is important that parents and carers collecting or delivering their children to school use the gates that lead out onto crosswalks. Some parents are using the bike gate or gates that can only be accessed by going through car parks.

The area around our school is particularly busy at drop-off and pick-up times and as the safety of our students is paramount we ask that parents and carers observe the safety measure of using the appropriate exit points.

Sue Wilson

Deputy Principal

**NOTES SENT HOME THIS FORTNIGHT**

- Walk Safely to School Day 23rd May
- K-2 “Lazy Town” Performance (Yrs K – 2 only)
- Prattler
- Stage 3 Canberra update
- Andy Jones performance (Yrs 3 – 6 only)

**Enrichment Groups Term 2**

Congratulations to the The Newspaper Herald group who had their work published in the newspaper on 13th May. We wish them all the best in the competition.

All other enrichment groups are continuing to run from Term 1.

In addition, new enrichment groups commencing this term include; Year 4 bridge building, Year 6 engineering straw tower competition and a Stage 2 science group. Your child has taken home a note notifying you if they were selected for these groups.

Kathie Colley

Assistant Principal
UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Round 2

English and Mathematics

Your child is invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English and Mathematics Competitions. These competitions are open to students in Years 3-6 who feel they have the ability and interest to participate in either or both of these competitions. Your child/children may elect to participate in whichever competition is of interest to them.

The competitions aim to:

- Engender confidence and competence
- Provide information that will assist teachers and parents in the assessment and diagnosis of student ability.

These competitions are recognised by panels deciding selective high school placement or GATS initiatives. All students who participate in these competitions will receive a comprehensive analysis of their performance and a certificate.

Entries forms for English and Mathematics Competitions will be available at the front office as of next week, Monday 26th May.

Entries close on Friday 13th June. Students wishing to enter one or both of these competitions will be required to pay the entry fees by this date.

Focus on Reading Workshop for Parent Helpers

On Thursday 29th May a Focus on Reading workshop will be run for parents who help in the classroom with reading groups. The workshop will be held in the library commencing at 9:20am and will be finished by 10:00 am.

The workshop will cover the Super Six reading strategies and some of the teaching ideas associated that are currently being used in classrooms.

If you are able to attend please leave your name at the office. Any questions regarding the workshop can be directed to Mrs Colley.

Silver Awards

Nicholas Zhang, Jayden Campbell, Cale Flesser, Caleb Saxby, Mary Clark, Alyssa Hogan, Brodie Eade, Jacob Pyne, Arlie Williams, Nicolas Breed

Gold Awards

Hayley Gentle, Holly Boatswain

Taronga Zoo report

Last Friday all of stage 1 travelled by bus to Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. First we got to school at 6.45am. When we got off the bus we had recess and we had fun. The best animal was the snow leopard and also the lions. The people in my group were Chloe, Chelsea, Alexis, Crystal, me and Mrs Petty. My favourite was the ring tail possum. At the end we went on the sky rail and I had fun on the sky rail. Then we got out of the Taronga Zoo and we had chips and a poppa. The last one was an apple. The lion was sleeping when we got there. Then we all went home.

Written by Lilly Morrison-Rumbel – 1D

Last Friday all of Stage 1 travelled by bus to Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. First I liked the zoo. I saw zebras and lions and we also went to see the tigers. Lilly, Crystal, Chloe and I loved the lions because they were asleep. Then we saw snow leopards. They were cute. The tigers scared me. I loved the kangaroos. I loved Taronga Zoo. I hope I can go again.

Written by Chelsea Curds – 1D

1D’s Favourite parts of the excursion:-

- Riding the sky rail
- Visiting the seal show
- Visiting the classroom
- Patting a snake
- Seeing the ring tail possum
- Getting wet at the seal show
- Visiting the giraffes

Bronze Awards

Kathleen Winter, Emily Boatswain, Kayla Bell, Charlotte Dawe, Samuel Rainbow, Talon Warne, Miya Boyes, Rhianna Brkich, Lily Foster, Hollie Maher, Claire Maidorn, Sophie Szarkun, Hally Thompson, Lilliannah Westrup, Keira Williamson, Thomas Briars, Edward Dolstra, Lucas Morgan, Liam Salerno, Riley Williams, Dylan Yowanowski, Selman Hassan, Hayley Tenbosch, Corey Lawson, Benjamin Morris, Michael Stapleton, Jayden Focic, Kiara MacKersey, Bailey Curtis, Harry Fraser, Hayley Doonar, Jade Keher, Kasey Tyson
• Watching the elephants kick a soccer ball
• Watching Frozen on the way down
• Looking at the great view of Sydney
• Looking at the stripey zebras

Wirreanda will soon be getting new football/soccer/union jerseys thanks to the very generous $600 donation by the Mehonoshen family. The donation is gratefully accepted. We approached the P&C who agreed to pay the balance ($500) of the jerseys. Not only will we shine with our skill and sportsmanship, we will also look fantastic.

Girls & Boys Soccer
On Thursday the 8th May, the WPS girls and boys soccer teams travelled to Yulong Oval to compete against Medowie Public School. Our girls’ team, coached by Tony Moore, had a fabulous game scoring 7 goals to Medowie 0. The boys’ team, coached by Mick Salerno, had an excellent game and just missed out on going through to the next round. Miss Hubbard commented that, ”Both teams showed persistence, confidence and great sportsmanship”. The girls’ team will compete against Tea Gardens Public School at Yulong Oval on the 29th May at 10am. A big thanks to our coaches and Miss Hubbard for coordinating the day.

Hannah Andric (5H) and Dylan Borg (5H)

Infants Cross Country
Below are the winners of the Infants Cross Country which was run last term, they were presented with their winner’s ribbons at last Friday’s assembly.
Kinder Boys – 1st Cooper McKenna, 2nd Hayden Reddon & 3rd Caleb Humphrey
Kinder Girls – 1st Maddison Foster, 2nd Eden Lennox & 3rd Paige Jones
Year 1 Boys – 1st Justin Blair, 2nd Dominic Eaton & 3rd Liam Nolan
Year 1 Girls – 1st Clara Bryce, 2nd Crystal Storey & 3rd Jemma McGorey-Clarke
Year 2 Boys – = 1st Joshua Bohan & Cameron Jones, 2nd Djuandet Kalischer & 3rd Bailey Bryce
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Year 2 Girls – = 1st Ashleigh Whitla & Dakota Auld, 2nd Sienna Denholm & 3rd Ella Clayden

Netball
Great shot! Keep trying! Hands up! Were some of the encouraging calls of the WPS Netball Team in the game against Irrawang Public School on the 20th May. We played at Medowie Netball Courts with enthusiasm and persistence. The final score was 18-2 to WPS. We would like to thank Cherie Edwards for umpiring, Miss Hubbard for coordinating the day and our supporters who came to cheer us on. We are up against Tomaree in round 2 and can’t wait!

P & C DISCO
The first Disco for the year will be held on Thursday 29th May. To try and make the disco easier the P&C are trialling a new system with pre-purchasing of all tickets. The cost for the Disco is $5.00 for everyone and this includes entry, a sausage sizzle and a drink (popper or water).
Tickets are to be purchased from the office and students will be given a wristband on Thursday that they must wear to the disco to enter. Please place correct money in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front and drop it in to the school office where the names will be marked off and the money passed on to the P&C. Students who attend other schools or siblings not at school are not permitted to attend.
Parents of Kindergarten children are permitted to stay for the first disco. Unfortunately other parents are only permitted to stay if they are helping out. So if anyone is available to help at the disco, please contact Belinda on 0419 905 487.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

Canteen roster

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you are looking to purchase the 2014 Entertainment Book or the new Entertainment Digital Membership please contact Renee Allison of the Medowie Tennis Club on 0427 790 176.