



Wahroonga Public School's Newsletter

THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

Thursday 24 November 2011

Term 4, Week 7

PRINCIPAL'S PROSE

BAMFORD FAMILY TRUST

There are various ways to help and support this family after the recent death of husband and young father, Andrew. These are being organised through Pymble –Turramurra Pre-School as the lead agency. Bush School families are welcome to join in these strategies that include financial and practical assistance. The preschool has set up the fund and you can bring any cash/cheques donations to our school office and we will pass these along. Donations can be made electronically too.

Please find the details below regarding the Trust Fund details for Fiona's family:

Payable to: Pymble Turramurra Kindergarten

BSB: 633000 Account number: 134822931

* Can those donating please specify payment details as: Bamford Family Trust

New toys for Christmas can also be donated and left at the school office, clearly marked for the Bamford family. Alison Kennett (MOBILE 0409992530) is helping to coordinate parent rosters to help with meals and home maintenance.

PARENT SURVEY (repeat)

There have only been a small number of responses so far to the parent survey and the School Council would like a larger number of parents to respond. We seek your input. It is important as many parents as possible respond so our data reflects the views of the community. The survey is confidential and is now online and can be anonymous if you wish. I have extended the survey close to Wednesday 30 November 2011. Here is the address <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DFCVRSVVF>

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Please see the report from the School Council President in this edition of the Bush Telegraph. Welcome to the new parent representative, Louise Pascoe and the new staff representatives, Pip Wilson and Judi Gilchrist. I want to especially mention the retiring parent representative, Christie Charlin, who has been a very active parent volunteer in many roles over the past seven years. Christie made an outstanding contribution to the life of the school and is a delightful person to work with. On behalf of the entire school community I thank you for your exceptional contribution and work on the School Council and the P&C.

ABSENCES

A number of parents will receive reminder letters this week and next that no written explanation has been received for more than one absence of your child this semester. Please ensure you send a note to school within seven days of an absence.

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EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Thursday 24 November

Band Committee AGM. 8:00pm in the Band room.

Friday 25 November

Yr 6 Surf Life Saving

Wednesday 30 November

Band private tutorial 2012 applications due

Thursday 1 December

No Assembly;
Scripture Service;
End-of-Year Band and Recorder Concert
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Last day for Reverse Christmas Tree

Friday 2 December

Principal's Lunch for Banner Award Winners

PRINCIPAL'S PROSE Continued/...

Rarely notes can go astray so I apologise if you have already sent a note but our records do not show that a written note was received.

P&C AGM

The P&C are holding their AGM at 7:00 PM Thursday 8 December 2011 in the staff room. All parents and friends of the school are welcome.

KINDER 2012

We have 100 new kindergarten students on our list for 2012 and most attended the two-part orientation program. Thanks again to everyone involved especially this year's kinder parents who put on a lovely welcome morning tea for our new parents.

SCHOOL FACILITIES STANDARDS REVIEW

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28. www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent

SAFE PARTYING

Final exams are over and many students will want to let off steam. Whether your teen parties are at home or on the Gold Coast, you will want them to have fun yet stay safe. Being approachable and knowledgeable about the potential risks is a good start. Some good information for parents can be found at: School A to Z:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/time-to-party>

My Nite: www.mynite.com.au/

Drug Education Network: www.den.org.au/resources/parent-info/

John Benton, Principal
john.benton@det.nsw.edu.au

HELP NEEDED

We would like to set up a table at the upcoming Wahroonga Fair to sell our wonderful school cookbooks. Would anyone be available for the morning? We are looking to fill 3 one hour shifts from 9am – 12 noon. Please contact Kerry Silver on gkmts@bigpond.com if you are able to help. Thanks in advance.

If you send in your email address to wahroonga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au we can email the newsletter directly to you.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2012 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On Tuesday the second of our Kindergarten Orientation Days was held. Whilst the parents were being informed of all aspects of school life our current Kindergarten teachers introduced our 2012 intake to the "Bush School." The 2011 Kindergarten students spent the morning in other classes and I would like to thank all the teachers for accommodating these children.

As many parents will remember, enrolling your children in school in Kindergarten is quite an involved process. There has been a tremendous administrative workload for our administration staff and an enormous amount of planning by the Kinder 2012 coordinators, Mrs Wendy Hogben and Mrs Pip Wilson and the kindergarten teachers. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the many current parents who have assisted with various aspects of the Kindergarten 2012 enrolment process. I would also like to thank our current Kindergarten parents for providing morning tea at this year's orientation day.

As a result of detailed planning, streamlined enrolment procedures and effective information sessions I'm sure our youngest students in 2012 will settle into school comfortably.

Mrs Hogben is sending letters to inform parents of the individual "Best Start" interview times and classes for children to attend on Monday 30 January, Tuesday 31 January or Wednesday 1 February. Kindergarten enrolment times for Thursday 2 February 2012 will also be included in the letter.

BAND TOUR

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the concert band performed at a number of schools in the Newcastle district. The children behaved flawlessly, performed magnificently and proved to be outstanding ambassadors for our school. I have received many messages from parents about the outstanding benefits to the children and our school that the tour provided. I would like to thank Mrs Anne Seage, Mr Wayne Edwards and Mr Mark Barnsley for orchestrating this unique experience for the children.

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE PRESENTATION

Next Thursday there will be a special assembly in the Hall for the SRC to present the many gifts donated through our 'Reverse Christmas Tree' to the Salvation Army. The generosity shown by the families of 'The Bush School' instills in the boys and girls a wonderful sense of giving, rather than receiving, at this special time of year. I would like to thank Mrs Flynn for organising the collection and presentation of the gifts.

COMBINED SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Today the students took part in their final class scripture lessons for 2011. Next Thursday the children who attend scripture classes will participate in a special combined Christmas scripture service in the hall at 10:30am. Non-scripture students and the Islamic scripture group will be in classrooms and the ethics group will have a special celebration under the COLA. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our scripture coordinator, Mrs Kristin Griffith. Mrs Griffith has liaised regularly with the SRE coordinator Mrs Suzanne Cain, the Catholic coordinator, Mrs Cecilia Kean and the ethics coordinator, Ms Alison Franks to ensure the smooth running of scripture classes throughout 2011.

BANNER WINNERS' LUNCH

Next Friday 2 December Mr Benton and I will be hosting the Annual Banner Winners' lunch. Students who received a school banner at any time during 2011 will receive their invitations tomorrow. This small gesture is a way of recognising the outstanding efforts of these students over many years at 'The Bush School'.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Andrea Milner as our crossing supervisor. Andrea knows many students by name and is concerned for every child's safety. It is disappointing when Andrea has to inform me of the dangerous actions of parents when dropping off or collecting their children on Burns Road. The council rangers patrol regularly to ensure that our school zones are safe. Please keep this in mind when driving and parking around our school.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents are asked to check with their children to ensure that all library books are returned as soon as possible. If you are aware that your child has borrowed a book and it cannot be located, please contact our teacher/librarian, Mrs Mills, as a matter of urgency.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is always a concern for students, teachers and parents. Every day jackets, jumpers, hats, lunchboxes, lunch bags, water bottles, pencil cases, swimming costumes, towels and a myriad of miscellaneous items are left around the school. The teachers do their best to ensure that all lost property is returned to its owners if the item is clearly labelled. All lost property will be cleared in the next two weeks. Please ask your children to check for lost items.

STUDENT WELFARE FOCUS – ‘The Values We Teach’

This week, all students K-6 are focusing on an aspect of student welfare that relates to respect. The children are reminded of their responsibility to **“be respectful of property and the natural environment”**. This means to keep all areas at school clean, tidy and litter-free. Children should learn to conserve, respect and protect our natural environment.

UNIFORM AWARDS THIS WEEK

The following classes achieved perfect scores in the weekly uniform check: KB, K/1H, 1M, 2K, 3J, 5G, 6F and 6W.

Congratulations are extended to the students of these classes.

ASSEMBLY

Today was our final Thursday afternoon assembly for 2011. Congratulations to class 6W and Miss Wilcock for the fantastic item.

The following students were presented with or acknowledged for their banner and star awards:

SCHOOL BANNER

6F - Callum Mahon, Macy Chong, Justin Dale, Emily Ha; **6A** - Madeleine Staas, Chelsea Cambridge, Andy Liu, Bevan Uzun; **6W** - Andrew McHarg, Morgan Ridley-Smith, Jonathon Stenning, Jaclyn Clark, Shayla Davies, Ethan Hoile

GOLD STAR AWARDS

4E – Nate Cross, Georgia Thomas, Amin Habibi, Kai Monaghan, Adele Goozee; **4G** – Catherine Bui, Ben Franco, Michael Heng, Daniel Fulton; **4H** – Emma Board, Jack Ireland, Robbie Leung, Tessa Honeysett, Juliet Savage; **6A** – Madeleine Staas, Chelsea Cambridge, Andy Liu, Bevan Uzun; **6F** – Callum Mahon, Macy Chong, Justin Dale, Emily Ha; **6W** – Jonathon Stenning, Andrew McHarg, Morgan Ridley Smith (x3), Jaclyn Clark, Shayla Davies, Ethan Hoile

SILVER STAR AWARDS

3M – Alexander Pozorski-Pascoe; **3J** – Mitchell Barker, Jessica Barwell, Thomas Burke, Vikram Ananda, Hugh Jordan, Julian Carson; **3Q** – Jay Cornwall, Lara Gee; **3/4W** – Elizabeth Kleemeyer, Rose McDonnell; **4E** – Nate Cross (x2), Georgia Thomas, Jessica Hocker, Amin Habibi, Kai Monaghan, Lachlan Hincks, Jessie Pratt, Adele Goozee; **4G** – Hannah Guy, Andrew Thompson, Georgina Bayliss, Michael Heng, Daniel Fulton; **4H** – Emma Board, Jack Ireland, Robbie Leung, Jamie Boyd, Xinya Wu, Tessa Honeysett x 2, Juliet Savage x 2; **5O** – Pavin Arunchaiyaporn, Ben Yu, Nirathanan Krishnan, Sanveer Singh; **6A** – Madeleine Staas, Chelsea Cambridge, Andy Liu, Bevan Uzun; **6F** – Callum Mahon, Justin Dale, Emily Ha; **6W** – Jonathon Stenning, Andrew Mc Harg, Morgan Ridley Smith (x5), Jaclyn Clark, Shayla Davies, Ethan Hoile, Sascha Jacobs

GOLD STAR AWARDS

1M - Oliver Delapena; **2A** –Max Ryan, Aaryan Jerath, Lehan Kulatunga; **2K** – Abbie Gates, Jessica Cormack, Ignatius Astono, Alice Bayliss

SILVER STAR AWARDS

1D – Lexie Cornwall, Steven Ther, Lachlan Xu; **1F** – William Elliott; **1O** - Lachlan Carson, Justin Hirsch, Benjamin Gray-Witney; **2C**–Ben Dale; **2A** –Max Ryan, Aaryan Jerath; **2K** – Amrittha Krishnan, Jeyanth Goringe, Abbie Gates, Ignatius Astono, Ryan Agnew, Caroline van Es; Jessica Cormack, Scarlett Quinn, Alice Bayliss, Libby Bicknell, Lucy Franco; **2T** – Maggie Messenger

Leonie Hibbert, Relieving Deputy Principal
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REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas is just around the corner and it is the season where many engage in the spirit of giving. The Salvation Army would like to help our community celebrate this season with donations to our needy families so they too can have a joyous Christmas.

Without these donations many families will go without.

It has been a long tradition at The Bush School to think about giving rather than the receiving of gifts and as a school we make a collection to give to the Salvation Army at Hornsby who will distribute these gifts to children in our area who are less fortunate than us.

Gifts are to be **not wrapped** as it is easier for the Salvation Army to distribute the gifts appropriately.

Please no second-hand toys.

Collection points are: the school office, 6F, KW

The gifts will be presented to an officer from the Salvation Army in the hall prior to the combined scripture service on Thursday 1 December, 2011.

Please send gifts before this date.

Jennifer Flynn, Coordinator

P & C NEWS

You still have time to pay your membership fee for the P & C so that you are able to vote or be nominated for a position at the upcoming AGM. The \$0.50c fee needs to be paid by 1st December. Please place in an envelope with your name and hand it in to the Office.

Absentee votes or proxy votes are not permitted so you need to attend the meeting to vote or be nominated for a position.

There will be a note in the P & C Noticeboard tomorrow detailing the positions on the P & C and advising who currently holds them, and whether they will be seeking nomination for the 2012 Committee.

There will also be several Fact Sheets and additional information detailing the various roles and responsibilities.

If you need any further information, please email the P & C.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 8 December, 7pm

P & C Annual General Meeting

Susan Stenning, P & C President
wpspandc@gmail.com

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council met last night for the final general meeting of the year and AGM.

2011 IN REVIEW

The challenge at the beginning of the year for Council was to maintain some continuity whilst transitioning new parent representatives and a new President. Under the guidance of Christie Charlin and John Benton, the new team quickly found our feet and got down to business.

Over the course of the year many items were discussed, some new and some recurring. We revised and updated the strategic plan and agreed the following focus for the next five years; environment, pastoral care, student retention and financial oversight. This is a working document and I envisage that we will review and update on an annual basis.

PARKING, DROP OFF AND SAFETY ISSUES

continue to warrant attention and will remain a priority for Council next year. Sadly, there are those in our community who continue to contravene the road rules around our school and in doing so endanger our children. I recently witnessed an incident in Pool Rd at 9.10am when a car, that was not authorised to be there, reversed to move away (after dropping a child off) and narrowly missed hitting an unaccompanied child walking behind it. This blatant disregard of the rules and inflated sense of their own importance is thankfully limited to a few but it will only take one of them to cause an accident or injury that will have repercussions for all of us. The unaccompanied child was a year 1 child. Please, please do not allow your child to walk up Pool Rd unaccompanied. As this incident demonstrates, it is extremely dangerous. It is only an extra few meters to walk to the main gate where they can enter the school safely and without risk of being run over.

WATER STREET DEVELOPMENT

maintained Council focus throughout the year and I am pleased to report that at the time of writing it is highly likely that this issue will be resolved shortly and permanently. The developer has agreed to sell the land to a private family who intend to restore and live in the house and grounds. A small subdivision is proposed and is in keeping with the purpose to which the property is to be used. However, the deal is not yet finalised and we will continue to monitor the situation until the sale is concluded. In the meantime a caretaker is living on the property and is undertaking some maintenance. Overall, a solution we could hardly have hoped for when this process started. Congratulations to the John Williams neighbourhood group who have been instrumental in driving this outcome. A great result for the bush school and the community in general.

THE BER PROJECT

was finally signed off and an official opening ceremony conducted. The new adventure playground was also opened and is currently enjoyed by all students. Congratulations to those involved in driving the various initiatives that came under BER.

SPORT STORAGE

a solution to the ongoing issue of sports equipment storage has been agreed and implementation is under way.

BAND ROOM EXTENSION

Jonathan Helps has been working with the band committee to progress their plan for a much needed extension to the band room. This will remain a focus for Council next year.

Other items discussed during the year include:

- ◆ School Uniform proposals
- ◆ Student well being and school discipline, especially restorative justice.
- ◆ School image and presentation
- ◆ Financial oversight
- ◆ Website redevelopment
- ◆ Building master plan

Thanks to John and Christie for their help and guidance this year and to the team in the office, especially Vahideh who waits very patiently for my newsletter submissions after our meetings!

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS *Continued/...*

AGM

Congratulations to our newly elected teacher and parent representatives who will join the School Council in 2012. Pip Wilson and Judi Gilchrist are the new teacher representatives and Louise Pascoe is our new parent representative. I was re-elected as President and the role of Secretary is yet to be confirmed.

Finally, thanks to our retiring Council members Julie Carr, Alissa Wilcock and Christie Charlin. Council last night noted a special minute of thanks and acknowledged the contribution that the retiring Councillors have made to the Council and the school during their tenure.

With Caitlin about to finish year 6, Christie Charlin is not just retiring from Council but is also leaving the school. With a remarkable history of involvement at the school, the departure of the Charlin family warrants a special mention.

During her 7 years at the school Christie has been a power house, involved with P&C and School Council and running the school disco. Those who have worked closely with Christie attest to her leadership and collaborative style particularly when focusing on issues for the good of the school. Christie has on so many occasions placed the school before her own interests, continuing to run events for P&C even when she wasn't on the committee. Not just occasionally but for the past six years!

Wahroonga Public School has been very fortunate to have had the Charlin family as part of our school community for the past seven years and School Council for the past six years. Christie's generosity of spirit, time and effort has been felt widely across the school community and its absence will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Council and the school, I would like to thank Christie and her family for their dedication to the school and wish them health and happiness in their lives after the Bush School.

Orla Egan, Council President
orla.m.egan@gmail.com

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

I am constantly being reminded by other parents how important this service is in supporting families at the school. My family could not operate as it does without Wahroonga After School Care (WOOSH) and for me, the most important aspect of this support has been the high quality staff working at the centre.

Our exceptional staff take care to develop and implement enthralling programs each and every day. WOOSH is always looking for feedback and programming ideas so if there is anything of particular interest – please make a suggestion.

VACATION CARE – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

WOOSH will be providing Vacation Care for two weeks from 16 January 2012. Bookings are being taken now. The Centre is usually booked solid in these weeks by the number of forms already being returned it looks like another bumper program. You can pick up an enrolment form from the WOOSH buildings. Bookings are only accepted with full payment.

Jill Gatland, WASC Parent Committee

WPS WRITING WALL

MISSING IN VENICE

It was a stormy day in December, an ocean liner, the Elizabeth III, was sailing across London. The liner suddenly went off track. It sailed and bumped into Venice. Elizabeth III crashed into a canal. The sides of the buildings crashed and fell onto the liner. You could hear people screaming, babies crying, and children desperately looking for cover. It smelt dusty and sooty. Windows crashed and the edges of glass cut the people's faces. The scene was horrifying. But, even with her mighty engines in reverse, the ocean liner was pulled further and further into the canal. The large engine was hooting like a cat scratching a blackboard. Steam clouds were evaporating and polluting the air. The captain told everyone to glue themselves to their seats until it was over. But it wasn't over yet... It went on for ages and ages. The buildings collapsed and scratched the ship's paintwork. There was a hole in the luggage cabin. Water came flooding in non-stop. The Elizabeth III sank little by little. After three hours, the ship was completely underwater. Everyone drowned. Only a few bodies were found in Venice. All the buildings, and the bridge, collapsed and went underwater. But we still don't know one thing. How did the ship get pulled in? Well, it remains a mystery!

By Yi Zhao 4G



KU-RING-GAI LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB

During the holidays the local public libraries are funning a fun program for all ages. The theme is The Amazing Read. It will will promote reading as an enjoyable experience and encourage children to extend their reading to new interests, as well as celebrating favourites.

It runs from 1 December to 13 February. Children can register free at any branch library. Their names will go into a lucky draw to win an iPod from Encyclopedia Britannica.

There will be a variety of activities, including live web chats with Morris Gleitzman, Andy Griffiths and Oliver Phommavanh. A blog from Visual Monkeys on how to to draw Manga , and Wacky fairy Tales will be among other entertainments.

More details can be obtained from the libraries. We encourage use of public libraries at all times, but particularly when our own (lovely!) school library is not accessible.

Crys Mills, Teacher-Librarian

BAND NEWS

BAND COMMITTEE AGM TONIGHT

The success of the Bush School's wonderful band program is due to the support of many enthusiastic parents over many years. Please consider how you may be able to help on next year's committee. No roles require large amounts of work. **The AGM will be held tonight, 24 November, at 8.00pm in the Band Room.**

2012 BAND

For children in Years 3 to 6, there are still limited vacancies on trombone, trumpet, keyboard and clarinet. If your child is interested in joining Beginner Band in 2012 please send an email to anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au for a band enrolment form. Applications will be on a first-in, first-served basis. If you would like more information, please contact Anne Seage.

Recorder enrolments for Years 1 and 2 will be conducted at the beginning of 2012.

BAND TOUR

Congratulations to Concert and Stage Bands on their extremely successful tour to the Port Stephens and Newcastle regions last week. They entertained hundreds of children with seven brilliant performances. One principal commented that our performance was far more entertaining and more informative than the professional Musica Viva concert that their children had seen the week before. A workshop with a community band at Tighes Hill was also a great success, with their children thrilled to join ours to perform a couple of pieces. Wahroonga children's behaviour was outstanding, with all of them pitching in to help load and unload all the equipment without a single complaint. The manager of Shoal Bay Holiday Park complimented the children on their exemplary behaviour. Unfortunately the proposed sand boarding activity was washed out on Thursday afternoon, but ten-pin bowling was a great alternative. Thank you to all the parents who made lovely cakes and biscuits. A special thank you to Mr Edwards for so kindly accompanying us.

CAKE AND MUFTI DAY

Thank you to all the families who supported the Band cake and mufti day, in particular to those who baked cakes etc and who kindly donated their time to sell at recess.

WAHROONGA FAIR

Stage Band is performing at Wahroonga Fair at 11:00 am. Children should meet at the stage at 10:30 am. Parents are required to transport equipment.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENING: Tuesday 6 December

LAST CHANCE: orders must be received by tomorrow, Friday morning. Come along for a fun evening making fabulous gingerbread houses. The cost of the evening is \$35 and includes the gingerbread house, icing, base, lollies and wrapping. If you would prefer a lovely Christmas activity to do with your children, take home kits are also available. Please fill in the order form below:

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Please place this form with your payment into the Music box in the foyer or hand to Anne Seage. Payments can be made by either cash or cheques made payable to WPS Music Committee.

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

I wish to book _____ place/s @ for the Gingerbread House evening on Tuesday 6th December.

AND / OR (Circle)

I _____ wish to order _____ take home kit/kits.

I enclose \$ _____

NORTH SYDNEY REGIONAL BAND 2012

Applications to join the North Sydney Regional Band are now open. There is one primary school band and one secondary school band. The bands rehearse weekly at Belrose Public School. Please contact the Northern Sydney Regional Arts Coordinator, Jennifer Gregory on jennifer.gregory2@det.nsw.edu.au for more information or Anne Seage if you would like an application form.

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BAND NEWS Continued/...

DIARY DATES:

- Band Committee AGM: Thursday 24 November 8:00pm.
- Private tutorial 2012 applications due by Wednesday 30 November.
- End-of-Year Concert – Thursday 1 December: All bands and Recorder.
- Wahroonga Fair – Sunday 4 December at 11.00am: Stage Band performing.
- Instrument Return - Monday 5, Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December.
- K-2 Presentation Day – Tuesday 6 December – Intermediate Band performing.
- Gingerbread House Evening – Tuesday 6 December.
- 3-4 Presentation Day – Wednesday 7 December – Concert and Stage Bands performing.

All enquiries, contact Anne Seage, on 0413 622142 – before 6.00 pm, unless it is urgent, please.

anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au

BANKING NEWS

ROSTER REMINDER

29/11/2011	Pippa M, Russel E
06/12/2011	Ingrid v L, Fay Ford
13/12/2011	Vanessa G, Pippa M

For those students who would like to redeem a reward item, please include a reward coupon by tearing the pictured item from the Redemption Card and write your name and class on the back of the coupon. Place this coupon with your 10 silver tokens in your deposit wallet and that item will be presented to you together with a Gold Token for you to keep. Please remember that the School Banking Rewards Program is designed to reward individual savings behaviour and tokens can only be distributed when banking through the school.

How the Rewards Program works

The purpose of the Rewards Program is to reward students for their weekly deposits into their savings account. The emphasis is on regularity, not the dollar value, so that all children have the same opportunity to participate. For every deposit made, students receive a silver Dollarmites token which they can collect and exchange for fun rewards items.

The following Dollarmites rewards items are valued at 10 tokens each :

- Money box (choose your favourite Dollarmites character)
- Wallet
- Drink Bottle
- Lunch Box
- Watch

If there are any queries please contact me via e-mail.

Michelle Lightfoot, Banking Convenor
mjl@bigpond.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Prayer Group

meets in the Before and After Care building, on Thursdays. Come and pray for the school 9.15-10.15am.

Rachel Ridley-Smith 9980 2380
Rachel@hashbang.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen days are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

As my last Canteen News Item, I would like to introduce Kate O'Keeffe as our new Canteen Manager. Kate comes with a bag full of passion for food and experience and she will be an asset to our school community. I am sure that she will receive the kind assistance and support given to me during the year.

On another matter....Please remember that our **Christmas Packs Menu is starting on Week 9.**

ROSTER REMINDER

Friday 25 November (week 7)

Sally Quinn, Julie Iyanger (AM), Holly Floyd, Rosie Merrigan(PM), Michelle Henderson (FD)

Monday 28 November (week 8)

Leigh Audette, Anne Wild (AM) Alison Franks(PM) Tanya Sandoe (FD)

Wednesday 30 November (week 8)

Rhona Barker (AM)Jodie Playford, Cindy Pan(PM) Debbie Cameron (FD)

Friday 2 December (week 8)

Rosie Merrigan, Cassidy Pashai(AM),Alix Helps (PM)Nilu Habibi(FD) **Please Give Assistance in the PM shift between 12-1pm**

Kate O'Keeffe, Canteen Manager
thebushschoolcanteen@gmail.com

0412 825 343

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are open this week Thurs, 2-3pm and Fri morning 8.30-10am.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

We are in need of good quality second hand summer uniforms. These are greatly appreciated and proceeds go straight back to the school. Thank You.

DR SHOE

Anyone wishing to purchase good quality shoes or runners for school, Dr Shoe can be contacted on 0414 912 838. Max is happy to come to you for a free home fitting. The P & C receive a donation for every pair sold. Next at school on Nov 24th 2.45-3.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS

If anyone would like to help out in the Uniform shop once or twice a term, just let me know and you will be made to feel very welcome.

ROSTER

Fri Nov 25	Nancy, Haley
Thurs Dec 1	Kim, Haley
Fri Dec 2	Debbie H

Jo Nickson, Uniform Shop Manager
0411 019 394
nicksonfamily@bigpond.com

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting your area again soon:

Hornsby war Memorial Hall
2 High Street

Wednesday 7 December
10:00am-3:00 pm
Every blood donation saves three lives

BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming lessons for children
4 years to 12 years (Year 6, 2011) taught by our qualified and experienced instructors at the Bush School pools on Saturdays, November – March

Season Cost: 30 min lesson

\$95 for 1 child,

\$140 for 2 children,

\$170 for 3 or more children (plus \$15.00 insurance per child)

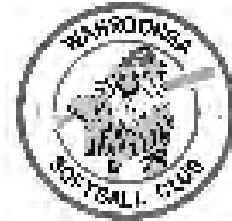
Enquiries:

Frances Simpson-Lee 9489 1579

Carolyn Cross 9489 2415

Liz Wright - bushschoolts@gmail.com

Website: www.bushschoolts.org



WAHROONGA
TBall, Modball, Softball

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!!

REGISTRATION

(2012 season)

Wed 8th Feb – 5-7pm

Sat 11th Feb – 11-4pm

Turrumurra North Public School
Bobbin Head Road

Andrew Cooper, President 0425 304 140

Valerie Cooper, Registrar 0425 320 389

www.wahroonga.softball.org.au

Cut out & keep
SCHOOL TERMS 2012/2013

2011

- Term 4 Students & Staff return Monday 10 October
Last day for students – Friday 16 December
School Development Days – Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December

2012

- Term 1 School Development Day Friday 27 January
Classes commence for all students in Years 1-6 2012– Monday 30 January
Term ends – Thursday 5 April
- Term 2 School Development Day Monday 23 April
Classes commence for all students - Tuesday 24 April
Term ends - Friday 29 June
- Term 3 School Development Day Monday 16 July
Classes commence for all students – Tuesday 17 July
Term ends – Friday 21 September
- Term 4 Students & Staff return Monday 8 October
Last day for students – Wednesday 19 December
School Development Days – Thursday 20 & Friday 21 December

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- Term 1 School Development Day Tuesday 23 January
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08:00	Circuits (Ivy)	Core Stability (Marty)	Circuits (Marty)	Core Stability (Louise)	Circuits (Aka)	Boxing for Fitness (Aka)
09:00	Circuits (Ivy)	Circuits (Marty)		Circuits (Louise)	Circuits (Aka)	Circuits (Aka)
09:30			Yoga* (Franceska)			
12:30				Pilates* (Carol)		
17:00	Circuits (Louise)	Core Stability (Marty)	Core Stability (Marty)	Circuits (Marty)		
18:00	Power Circuits (Louise)	Boxing for Fitness (Marty)	Circuits (Marty)	Boxing for Fitness (Marty)		
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