



# Wahroonga Public School's Newsletter

## THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

### Thursday 8 December 2011

### Term 4, Week 9

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#### EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

##### **Friday 9 December**

Yr 6 Farewell Dance

##### **Wednesday 14 December**

Service Awards Assembly;  
Kindergarten Tree giving Ceremony

##### **Thursday 15 December**

Party Day; No Assembly;  
Years 3 & 4 to Fagan Park

##### **Friday 16 December**

Canteen is Closed;  
Talent Quest;  
Last Day of Term 4 for students

##### **Monday 19 December**

Staff Development Day

##### **Tuesday 20 December**

Staff Development Day

## PRINCIPAL'S PROSE

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday 16 December 2011 is the last day for students. Returning students commence on Monday 30 January 2012. Please let us now if your child will not be here in the first week back to school.

### CELEBRATION DAY AND PRESENTATION DAY

Both of these special days were highly successful and suited the ages of the students involved.

The Celebration Day was more informal and inclusive. I want to thank Mrs Hogben and Mrs Hibbert for all the hard work they did behind the scenes in organising the event. Thanks to all the teachers for preparing the wonderful certificates.

The Presentation Day had an appropriate gravitas and was very well run. I want to thank all invited guests, especially Barry O'Farrell, Member for Kuring-gai. Mrs Hibbert worked tirelessly to ensure the Presentation Day was an outstanding success. It is always nerve-racking ensuring everyone's name is spelled correctly, trophies are engraved and the medals are ready. There is the program and the script for the presenters to prepare. The students needed to be prepared for the day. The teachers had a very hard time deciding on some of the awards while others were obvious. Thanks everyone for making these important days so successful.

Thanks to the choirs and the bands that provided the musical input for both occasions. They all did a splendid job. I am a very proud Principal today.

### STUDENT REPORTS

Student Reports were sent home yesterday. Please contact us if you did not get a copy of the Student Report. I hope you find these useful and interesting. The teachers work hard to make these reports valid, reliable and informative. These reports are written with parents as the intended audience inline with DEC policy. It is up to parents to decide when and if to share these with their children. We do try to ensure there are no unexpected surprises through our reporting mechanisms. Contact the school if you have any concerns.

### P&C MEETING

This evening at 7:00 PM the P&C is holding its AGM. The meeting is held in the School Library and every parent is welcome to attend. Office bearers are elected and various reports are presented.

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## ***PRINCIPAL'S PROSE Continued/...***

### **CANTEEN ORDERS ARE NOW ONLINE**

You can now order school lunches from the canteen online. See the information on the school website. We want everyone to order this way in 2012 to make the system efficient. You can order for the whole week in one transaction if you want to. You can order from your office, home or wherever you have net access. No need to search for cash or paper bags.

### **BAMFORD FAMILY FUND**

Thanks to everyone who has helped the Bamford family after the tragic death of Andrew Bamford, husband and father of four. Many people have offered either practical support or financial help. Over \$3 000 has been raised for the Bamford Family. You can make a donation using the following details or drop off a cheque or cash at the School Office if you wish to help.

Account Name	Bamford Family Fund
BSB	633 000
Account Number	144 572 161

The funds available in this account are being used to provide a Nanny to Fiona and the children, 2 days per week, to help her with 'peak hour' (bed, bath, dinner for four kids).

### **SUMMER FIRE SAFERY**

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02\\_bushfire\\_prep.pdf](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf)

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

### **STARTING HIGH SCHOOL**

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a vodcast you can watch together at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7> You can also download a handy high school checklist at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php)

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

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Today the Year 6 students celebrated with a special luncheon. The students exchanged wonderful memories of their time at the Bush School. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of the Senior School teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure this special time of year is truly memorable.

Tomorrow evening the Year 5 students have a social opportunity to say goodbye to their Year 6 friends at the Farewell Dance. This year we have a 'Beach Hawaii' Theme. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend from 6.30pm. Parents are welcome to join their children for the final dance at 8.45pm.



## **SERVICE AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

Following our fantastic Celebration Day and Presentation Day ceremonies this week, many of our students will be presented with Service Award Certificates for their varied roles and responsibilities undertaken at Wahroonga Public School throughout 2011. Our 2012 girl captain, vice captains and prefects will conduct this assembly on Wednesday 14 December. This assembly is for students and teachers only. The students at our school have responsibilities both within and beyond the classroom. All of our students take these responsibilities seriously and do their tasks with a high degree of reliability and efficiency. To all of those students who will receive service awards on Wednesday – congratulations and thank you for your work this year.

## **ENRICHMENT ROOM**

It was wonderful to see so many parents visiting the Enrichment Room after our Celebration Day and Presentation Day ceremonies. I would like to thank Mrs Hilary Hutchinson and Mrs Sharolyn Wright for providing parents with the opportunity to view the students' work and to answer any queries that parents may have regarding the program. There is a detailed report from these teachers in this week's newsletter.

## **KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 6 TREE GIVING CEREMONY**

On Wednesday 14 December our Kindergarten children will be presented with a small tree from our outgoing Year 6 students. This tradition involves the "passing on of the Bush School spirit". It is wonderful to see the Year 6 students embrace this final time with their Kindergarten buddies. The Kindergarten students cherish their gifts and nurture and care for their trees with a loving passion. It amazes me to hear so many students recall the adventures of these special trees that often have to be relocated when families move to a new address. Let's hope that these saplings arrive home in a healthy condition.

## **2012 PLANNING**

Teachers, under the supervision of our stage assistant principals, are in the final stages of planning classes for 2012. This process is extremely thorough taking into account issues relating to academic growth, friendship groups and special individual needs. The class lists may need to be restructured depending on the number of unexpected new enrolments that arrive early next year. We have approximately twenty children, excluding our Kindergarten children for 2012, who have enrolled at 'The Bush School' to begin next year.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Issue 8 Scholastic Book Club orders were distributed to the classes today. Thank you to the students and parents who have availed themselves of this service in 2011. Through bonus coupons and free picks the school has received wonderful resources for our classrooms and for the library.

## **UNIFORM AWARDS**

The following classes achieved perfect scores in the weekly uniform check: K/1H, KB, KJ, KS, KW, 1D, 1M, 1F, 1O, 2A, 2C, 2K, 2T, 3J, 3M, 3Q, 3/4W, 4E, 4G, 4H, 5G, 5M, 5OV, 6A, 6F and 6W. Congratulations are extended to all students for making the effort to wear the Wahroonga Public School uniform with pride this week.

## **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 our school's good name". The students are called upon to have exemplary behaviour during the end of year events and celebrations. The students of Wahroonga Public School know their behaviours reflect not only on themselves, but on their families and 'The Bush School'.

*Leonie Hibbert, Relieving Deputy Principal*  
leonie.hibbert@det.nsw.edu.au



## P & C NEWS

This week, I was lucky enough to attend both the K-2 Celebration Day and the 3-6 Presentation Day. The children were very well behaved and both ceremonies were extremely well organized. Thank you to all of the teachers who made both of these days so successful and enjoyable.

Both the Junior and Senior choirs performed as did the Intermediate, Concert and Stage Bands. We are lucky to have such wonderful performers at the school who are supported by enthusiastic teachers and conductors.

### Handyman wanted!!

We would like to know if any parent out there is able to provide us with a quote to repair and upgrade the storage cupboards in the canteen? If you are interested and would like further information, please email the P&C and we will provide further details.

Our AGM and final meeting of the year will be held tonight. If you have not paid your membership fee but would still like to attend, you are most welcome but only fully paid members are eligible to vote.

### DIARY DATES:

**TONIGHT** 7pm, LIBRARY P & C Annual General Meeting

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

## BANKING NEWS

### ROSTER REMINDER

**Tuesday, 13/12/2011** Vanessa G, Pippa M

Congratulations on a wonderful year of School Banking! It is great to see lots of students saving regularly and collecting their Dollarmite tokens. In addition to our current reward items the following new items will be available in Term 1, 2012.

- Pod Case (for pens)
- Book light for reading
- A USB
- Hand ball

All current reward items will continue to be available in 2012 or until stocks are exhausted. The 5 Dollarmite Money boxes will still be available as a standard item.

**Please remember to visit your local Commonwealth Bank during the Christmas Holidays and make a deposit in January 2012.** This will ensure you receive your bonus interest of 4.76% when you make at least one deposit and no withdrawals in a calendar month.

**There is only one more week of school banking remaining for this term, so please remember your deposit books on Tuesday, 13 December 2011.**

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped out this year. Student Banking is not possible without you. Please contact me if you would like to help out next year. Since there are some families leaving The Bush School at the end of this year, we have a few vacancies we need to fill. Banking is on a Tuesday from the school bell until around 10.15am. Toddlers are welcome. If you would like to help out, even just once or twice a term, please contact me on the email below.

If you would like to open an account for your child, please address an envelope to the Banking Convenor with your child's name and class on the back of the envelope. This can be left at the school office. An account opening kit will then be sent home with your child.

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

*Michelle Lightfoot, Banking Convenor*  
[mjl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mjl@bigpond.net.au)

## ENRICHMENT AND EXTENSION NEWS

Semester 2 has been an interesting time for us all and the students have completed some challenging and rewarding tasks. The students who attend the Enrichment and Extension program are encouraged to develop learning habits based on 'The Habits of Mind' by Arthur L. Costa and Bena Kallick. Developing these habits will contribute to their life-long love of learning. We provide a program that extends the classroom learning and is designed to motivate and develop higher-order thinking skills and strategies that will enable them to meet life's challenges.

In the Language and Expression program we have focussed on the wide variety of picture books that authors and artists produce. The students also investigated picture books without words, studying 'Mirror' by Jeannie Baker in detail. We looked at how this book could inspire us to complete a wide variety of learning tasks. The students identified their preferred learning styles and years 3-6 wrote their own unit of work that incorporated learning styles and thinking skills.

The students enjoyed the team challenges. Working in a co-operative team is an important learning experience where students brainstorm, prioritise and are given the opportunity to perform before an audience. Team challenges are designed to enhance creativity, divergent thinking and teamwork. The challenges were presented to students in the 'Language and Expression' and 'Solution Finding' sessions. They encourage fluency, develop flexibility, emphasise originality and inspire elaboration in the students' thinking. At the end of each challenge, students write a reflection on their involvement in the process. Students gain confidence in taking risks in a supportive environment and develop important team-building skills.

We live in a highly visual world so the use of graphic organisers as a teaching tool is effective. A graphic organiser is a visual tool that is used to organise ideas and information. This semester the students found the 'Pyramid' graphic organiser, amongst others, a very useful aid in analysing as well as planning a story.

Our visitors this semester were well received. Mark Greenwood, a well-known Australian author, entertained the students with his performance on 'Breathing Life into Myths and legends'. He inspired their natural curiosity about books. Mark's presentation provided ideas and strategies to enhance their creative writing. The 'Speech Snatchers' performance was an informative teaching tool for developing speech writing and speech making skills. The K-2 students enjoyed the shadow puppet play, 'The Mermaid's Daughter' – a journey into the shadows and music of West Africa. This performance demonstrated the creative process in telling stories.

The 'Solution Finding' program develops skill in applying problem solving strategies to a variety of situations. Robotics has a focus in all stages. Robotics encourages students to think creatively, analyse situations and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to real world problems. Robotics involves differentiating the curriculum at a high level and has proven to be a successful addition to the 'Solution Finding' program. The students have enjoyed developing their understanding and skills in technology, maths and science. The key facet of robotics promotes problem analysis, real world design and programming. This enables students to develop the design process and programming which involves logical thinking and consideration of options. All students in years 3 to 6 in Solution Finding during 2012 will be developing the skills in robotics that are essential for participation in the First Lego League (FLL) competition. A team of students will be formed for the competition at the end of semester 1.

SCAMPER is a creative teaching strategy for developing original and imaginative thinking.

Substitute

Combine

Adapt

Modify - Magnify - Minify

Put to other uses

Eliminate

Reverse - Rearrange

SCAMPER is also a strategy that can assist in an individual student's evaluation of a finished design task. Students have followed the design process to complete set tasks and then evaluated their design by using the components of SCAMPER.

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## ENRICHMENT AND EXTENSION NEWS *Continued/...*

The Visual Arts' program endeavours to challenge all students' minds and arouse feelings. Understanding art involves learning how to become aware of the special nature of objects through our senses. It is through practice and trial and error that we learn to understand art. Each new art experience increases the students' ability to express their ideas and feelings. Students learn by looking at the art of others. This develops their powers of creative thinking.

This semester we have been inspired by **Joan Miro, Andy Warhol, Leonardo da Vinci** and **Ramon Bracamonte** our artist in residence. We have also been inspired by various artists who have been successful entrants in the 'Archibald Prize'. Studying and being inspired by these artists and their artworks has been our main focus. As we study the artworks we learn how to express our ideas in a variety of ways. We devote a great deal of time to developing knowledge and skills in the 'Visual Arts' program and as the students' skills develop their artworks reflect this acquired knowledge and understanding.

The students in years 5 and 6 have progressed to the stage where they have made choices for their major artwork using a variety of artists' media:

sculptures using clay and wire,  
canvas artworks using acrylic and/or oil paint,  
watercolour artworks on paper using pencil and/or 'Inktense' pencils  
photographic representations of the elements of art and then using the 'Photoshop' program to create various, original visual effects.

In all sessions the students have learnt how to keep a journal as a record of their development in understanding the world of art. They use their journal as a place to experiment with a variety of media and then reflect on the success of their experiments. Students are taught how to reflect on their artworks and the artworks of others and in doing so, enhance their creativity.

We have enjoyed working with the students this year and we are looking forward to 2012.

*Hilary Hutchinson and Sharolyn Wright, Enrichment Coordinators*

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION SPEECH

### Top 10 tips

Live off your parents as long as possible.  
Pursue joy, not material things  
Be forgiving– you'll be happier  
Challenge the known and embrace the unknown.  
Play a non-contact sport.  
Continue to learn.  
Learn to like yourself and don't be afraid to change.  
Find something to like about everyone you work with.  
Treat everyone with respect  
Value your family and friends before they are gone.

**If you send in your email address to [wahroonga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wahroonga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) we can email the newsletter directly to you.**

# BAND NEWS



## 2012 BAND

For children in Years 3 to 6, there are limited vacancies on trombone, trumpet and keyboard. If your child is interested in joining Beginner Band in 2012 please send an email to [anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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 enrolment** for Years 1 and 2 will be conducted Monday 6 February 2012 in the Hall.

## INSTUMENT RETURN

All school instruments must now be returned to be serviced.

**Private tutorial 2012** applications were due on Wednesday 30 November. Please return asap if you haven't already done so.

## K-2 CELEBRATION DAY

Thank you to Intermediate Band for their wonderful performance at the K-2 Celebration Day on Tuesday. You certainly helped them celebrate their special day.

## 3-6 PRESENTATION DAY

Well done to Concert and Stage Bands on their fabulous performance at the 3-6 Presentation Day on Wednesday. I received many compliments from the official guests.

## WAHROONGA FAIR

Congratulations to Stage Band on their wonderful performance at Wahroonga Fair last Sunday. A man was listening from the adjacent café and, when he came out to the street, he said that he expected to see a professional band on stage. He was stunned when he saw it was primary school children. A huge thank you to the parents who transported gear, the band wouldn't have been able to perform without your help.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENING: Tuesday 6 December

What a wonderful response to our Gingerbread Houses! A group of parents had a lovely evening constructing their masterpieces on Tuesday night. **Take home kits are available from the Band Room for those who placed an order.** Please email Anne Seage to arrange a time to collect them. An enormous thank you to Rebecca Saunders for her wonderful organization!

## END-OF-YEAR CONCERT

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the end-of-year concert last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends there to listen to the wonderful achievements each of the bands and recorders have reached over the year. Thank you to everyone who helped make the concert such a success by decorating, setting up, baking cakes, selling cakes and sausages, cooking sausages and packing away. A particular thank you to Alix Helps who organised the sausage sizzle.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Instrument and Folder Hand-out: Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February, from 8.15 am.**

An instrument hire agreement must be signed by a parent or guardian.

**Recorder Enrolment:** Monday 6 February from 8:15 – 9:15 am in the hall.

**Junior Band** rehearsals commence Wednesday 8 February.

**Concert Band** rehearsals commence on Thursday 9 February.

**Intermediate Band** rehearsals commence Friday 10 February.

**Beginner Band Workshop and Orientation:** Saturday 11 February 2:30 pm in the Hall.

**Tutorials** commence: from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

*All enquiries, contact Anne Seage, on 0413 622142 – before 6.00 pm, unless it is urgent, please.*  
[anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au)



## CANTEEN NEWS



### Canteen days are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

The canteen will only be open on Mon 12 and Wed 14 with limited main meal options. No wraps, sandwiches or hamburgers will be available and the canteen will be **closed on Friday 16**.

I hope your children have enjoyed the Christmas Pack Menus this week (Week 9).

#### **ROSTER REMINDER – Term 4**

##### **Friday 9 December (week 9)**

Shireen Hegarty (AM), Jenny Tompkins, Stacey Solness (PM), Nilu Habibi (FD)

**Help needed in the AM!** Amanda Koster (AM) needs a replacement!!

##### **Monday 12 December (week 10)**

Celia Hunter (AM), Kate Cook(AM), Fiona Thomas (PM), Nilu Habibi(FD)

##### **Wednesday 7 December (week 9)**

Rhona Barker (AM) Farzaneh Keynejad, Tiare Holmes, Morag Montgomery (All PM) Pippa Manion (FD)

## Canteen closed on Friday 16 December

*Kate O’Keeffe, Canteen Manager*  
[thebushschoolcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:thebushschoolcanteen@gmail.com)

0412 825 343

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are open this week Thurs, 2-3pm and Fri morning 8.30-10am. OUR LAST DAY OF OPENING FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE THURS DEC 15.



#### **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.

#### **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**

<b>Thurs Dec 8</b>	Rachel, Jenny L
<b>Fri Dec 9</b>	Lisa
<b>Thurs Dec15</b>	Karen

*Jo Nickson, Uniform Shop Manager*  
0411 019 394  
[nicksonfamily@bigpond.com](mailto:nicksonfamily@bigpond.com)

# Road safety this Christmas



**Always supervise your children in the traffic environment.**

## Wishing all our families safe travels this holiday season

As the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for a holiday adventure. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over this time. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

## Driving tips that will help make sure your journey is a safe one

- Don't set off on a long trip at the end of a day's work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don't drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

For more information check the Transport Roads and Maritime Services website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au>

## Road safety tips to discuss with your children

- Click Clack Front 'n' Back when in the car.
- Use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Hold a grown-up's hand when on the footpath, in a car park or crossing the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! When crossing the road.
- Cross the road at a pedestrian crossing where possible.
- When getting off a bus, wait until the bus has gone before using a safe place to cross the road.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike and don't ride on busy roads.

**"Road crashes account for 58% of all accidental deaths among children aged 5-14 years."**



**Double demerit points apply over the holiday period.**

Primary School • Christmas holidays • Road safety

## 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

## 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



Looking for a great stocking filler?

Then don't go past the Bush School Cook Book.

This wonderful book is the creation of the school community and contains their favourite family recipes.

\$10 each or 2 for \$15.

All proceeds go back to the P&C for the benefit of your children.

Please order using attached form and place in the P&C box in the office. Attach cash or cheque made out to Wairoonga Public School P&C.

The book will be delivered to your child before the end of term.

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Childs name.....

Class.....

No of books required.....

Total cost \$.....

Any queries please contact Kerry Silver on [bushschoolcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:bushschoolcookbook@gmail.com)



### TERM 1/2012 EVENTS

**Friday 27 January** - Staff Development Day  
**Monday 30 January** - Classes commence for all students in Years 1-6; Kinder Best Start  
**Tuesday 31 January** - Kinder Best Start  
**Wednesday 1 February** - Kinder Best Start  
**Thursday 2 February** - Classes commence for all students in Kindergarten; 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Knox Aquatic Centre  
**Monday 13 February** - K-2 Meet the Teacher  
**Tuesday 14 February** - 3-6 Meet the Teacher  
**Wednesday 7 March** - Zone Swimming Gosford  
**Monday 12 March** - Area Swimming Homebush  
**Thursday 15 March** - Selective High School Tests  
**Monday 19 March** - Parent/teacher Interview Week  
**Friday 30 March** - Oz Opera (Hansel and Gretel)  
**Wednesday 4 April** - PSSA Swimming  
**Thursday 5 April** - PSSA Swimming; Last day of Term

### TERM 2/2012 EVENTS

**Monday 23 April** - Staff Development Day  
**Tuesday 24 April** - Classes commence  
**Wednesday 25 April** - Anzac Day  
**Thursday 3 May** - Cross Country  
**Thursday 10 May** - Cross Country Back-up  
**Friday 11 May** - Year 2 Little Diggers Excursion 2 classes  
**Tuesday 15 May** - NAPLAN-Language Conventions, Writing  
**Wednesday 16 May** - NAPLAN - Reading  
**Thursday 17 May** - NAPLAN - Numeracy  
**Friday 18 May** - NAPLAN - Make-up day; Year 2 Little Diggers Excursion 2 classes  
**Monday 28 May** - Zone Cross country  
**Thursday 31 May** - School Photographs Class & Individual; Life Education Van visits  
**Thursday 14 June** - Area Cross Country  
**Friday 15 June** - Last day of Life Education  
**Monday 18 June** - ICAS Writing  
**Tuesday 19 June** - ICAS Spelling  
**Friday 29 June** - Last day of Term

### TERM 3/2012 EVENTS

**Monday 16 July** - Staff Development Day  
**Tuesday 17 July** - Classes commence for all students  
**Wednesday 25 July** - OC Tests  
**Monday 30 July** - Education Week  
**Tuesday 31 July** - ICAS English  
**Thursday 9 August** - Athletics Carnival  
**Tuesday 14 August** - ICAS Mathematics  
**Thursday 16 August** - Athletics Carnival Back-up  
**Monday 20 August** - Book Week  
**Wednesday 22 August** - Years 5 & 6 Aussie Bush Camp  
**Thursday 23 August** - Years 5 & 6 Aussie Bush Camp  
**Friday 24 August** - Years 5 & 6 Aussie Bush Camp  
**Wednesday 29 August** - Zone Athletics Narrabeen  
**Friday 21 September** - Last day of Term

### TERM 4/2012 EVENTS

**Monday 8 October** - Students & Staff return  
**Friday 12 October** - Sports and Group Photos  
**Wednesday 17 October** - PSSA Athletics  
**Thursday 18 October** - PSSA Athletics  
**Friday 7 December** - Principal's Banner Winners Lunch  
**Tuesday 11 December** - Celebration Day  
**Wednesday 12 December** - Presentation Day  
**Thursday 13 December** - Year 6 Graduation Lunch  
**Friday 14 December** - Year 6 Farewell Dance  
**Wednesday 19 December** - Last day for students  
**Thursday 20 December** - School Development Day  
**Friday 21 December** - School Development Day

## Cut out & keep

### SCHOOL TERMS 2012/2013

#### 2013

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| Term 1 | School Development Day Tuesday 23 January<br>Classes commence for all students in Years 1-6 2013– Wednesday 24 January<br>Term ends – Friday 12 April    |
| Term 2 | School Development Day Monday 29 April<br>Classes commence for all students - Tuesday 30 April<br>Term ends - Friday 28 June                             |
| Term 3 | School Development Day Monday 15 July<br>Classes commence for all students – Tuesday 16 July<br>Term ends – Friday 20 September                          |
| Term 4 | Students & Staff return Tuesday 8 October<br>Last day for students – Wednesday 18 December<br>School Development Days – Thursday 19 & Friday 20 December |

# Living with Teenagers

## Parent/Carer Information Series

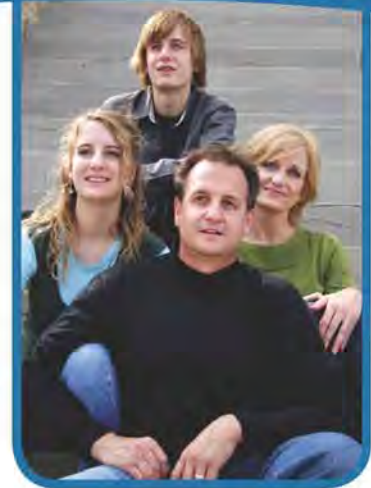
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SESSIONS

### Topics

#### ① Relationships, Risks and Resilience"

Guest Presenter: Michael Reed PhD

Michael is a consultant psychologist and clinical social worker in private practice at Crows Nest. Michael worked for many years with the Department of Adolescent Medicine at the Children's Hospitals in Camperdown and Westmead, where he was involved in establishing family-oriented adolescent services.



#### ② Positive Conversations with Your Teenager

#### ③ Strategies for Stress

Guest Presenter: Greg Powell MPsych (Clin), MTeach (Hons), BA (Psyc), MAPS

Child & Adolescent Psychologist, Greg Powell was a primary school teacher and is currently a practicing psychologist. He is an experienced presenter and has given seminars for both adolescent and adult groups in Northern Sydney across a variety of topics relating to parenting, education and mental health.

### Sessions are from 7.30pm–8.30pm at the following venues

#### Hornsby: Wednesdays

21 September – Topic ①

26 October – Topic ②

30 November – Topic ③

Mission Australia, Level 1,  
1 Coronation Street, Hornsby  
(enter via the Pacific Highway,  
next to Australia Post)

#### Galston: Tuesdays

4 October – Topic ①

25 October – Topic ②

29 November – Topic ③

Galston Community Health Centre,  
17 Arcadia Road, Galston

#### Brooklyn: Thursdays

20 October – Topic ②

17 November – Topic ①

8 December – Topic ③

Brooklyn Community Centre,  
2-4 Dangar Road, Brooklyn

Bookings are essential. Please call Nicola Hensler, Manager, Clifton Adolescent and Family Support (CAFS) on 9482 1366.





# 2012 SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS



**Running in January and July Holidays**

### Junior Group

Greetings & Eye-Contact  
Taking Turns & Sharing  
Listening/Attention  
Understanding Feelings  
Joining in  
Being Confident

### Basic Group

Greetings & Eye-Contact  
Conversational Skills  
Joining in  
Taking Turns & Sharing  
Listening/Attention  
Avoiding Bullying  
Making & Keeping Friends

### Advanced Group

Group Interaction Skills  
Being Confident  
Avoiding Bullying  
Problem Solving  
Giving Compliments  
Admitting Mistakes  
Making & Keeping Friends

- ⊗ Sessions tailored specifically to suit children's needs
- ⊗ Daily parent talk with strategies for home
- ⊗ Excellent resources are given for practicing the new skills at home & school
- ⊗ Individual progress reports are provided following the group

**All this is included in the cost of the group = \$550\***

**\*Refunds available through Private Health Insurance**

**Groups are now running in Chatswood**

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# Wahroonga Netball Club

Wahroonga Netball Club is a member of Ku-ring-gai Netball Association

The Club would like to invite **ALL** who have an interest in netball – players, coaches and umpires – to become a member of our Club

## Registration Day

**Saturday, 4 February 2012**

**1 pm to 4 pm**

**Wahroonga Public School**

**71 Burns Road**

**Wahroonga**

## Programs

**NetSetGo:** Caters to both girls and boys aged 5-10 years

**Netta:** Modified version of netball - caters to both girls and boys aged 7-8 years

**Netball:** Caters to both girls (9 years and up) and boys (9-12 years)

For further details, contact our Registrar, Karyn MacQuillan  
([registrar\\_wahroonganetballclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:registrar_wahroonganetballclub@yahoo.com.au)) or (0408 278 518)



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**When**

Holiday Clinic 1: Monday 16th- Thursday 19th January  
Montview Oval, Montview parade, Hornsby Heights

Holiday Clinic 2: Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th January  
Golden Jubilee Oval, Westbrook avenue, West Wahroonga

**Elite Holiday Clinic: Monday 23rd-Wednesday 26th January**  
LIMITED PLACES  
Golden Jubilee Oval, Westbrook avenue, West Wahroonga

[WWW.FOOTBALLSYDNEYGROUP.COM.AU](http://WWW.FOOTBALLSYDNEYGROUP.COM.AU)

**Time**

8.30am-11.30am  
8.30am-9.30am Elite Clinic

**Fees**

\$65 per player incl. GST  
\$50 siblings discount incl. GST  
\$30 elite clinic incl. GST

**ENQUIRIES**

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# JANUARY HOLIDAY FUN



## Pymble GympaROO

Ku-Ring-Gai Town Hall 1186 Pacific Hwy Pymble

**Play Sessions:** 9.30am Crawlers 10.30am 1-2 yrs  
11.30am 2-3 yrs 12.30pm 3-5 yrs

**MON 17th 23rd & TUES 18th 24th JANUARY**

Cost \$20 per child Bookings Essential

Please call **Catherine** 0418 123 966

Email [pymblegymparoo@gmail.com](mailto:pymblegymparoo@gmail.com)



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### Multi-Sport - Boys

Cricket, Soccer, Touch football, Softball, Aussie Rules (5 - 13 years)

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Netball, Softball, Cricket, Soccer, Touch football, Aussie Rules (5 - 13 years)

### Casual Daily Rates:

\$60 per day (9am - 1pm clinic)

\$100 per day (9am - 4pm clinic)

**Discounts:** \$20 off for each sibling & groups of 4 or more

## LOCATIONS & DATES

### Centennial Parklands **NEW VENUE**

19 - 22 December 2011

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

3 - 6 January 2012

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

### Turrumurra, Turrumurra Oval

21 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

10 - 13 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

### Nth Sydney, Nth Sydney Oval No. 2

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

9 - 12 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

### Lindfield, Lindfield Oval

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

17 - 20 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

### St. Ives, Hassell Park

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

### Baulkham Hills, Ted Horwood Reserve

23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

*\*Private cricket lesson\*Free for each player at Cricket clinic*

Book online or phone Geoff: 0401 382 409 or 9489 8187 Email: [geoff@cricketcoachingclinics.com.au](mailto:geoff@cricketcoachingclinics.com.au)

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# SPEAK OUT

education 

◆ **Step Up! Holiday Program (Yrs 5-6)** ◆

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**When:** 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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**Spring Sprint**  
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**10 Circuit Classes for \$99\***  
\*Wednesday 6am or 6pm class only, 10 week expiry

**10 Yoga Classes for \$169\***  
**+ One Complimentary 1 to 1 Yoga Session & Free Yoga Mat**  
\*10 week expiry

**10 Pilates Classes for \$159\***  
**+ One Complimentary 1 to 1 PT & Free Pilates Mat**  
\*10 week expiry

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
06:00			Circuits (Marty)			
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)		
19:00	Circuits (Louise)	Circuits (Marty)		Circuits (Marty)		



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