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Principal's News

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Year 5 Leadership Speeches

On Wednesday a group of Year 5 students presented very polished speeches to their peers stating why they would make an appropriate choice for leadership positions of prefect in 2017. The standard was immensely high and we now anxiously await the results. I'd like to commend both the students who presented speeches and those who nominated for leadership positions but were unable to present speeches. Student leadership and self-responsibility are contributors to highly effective schools. I am confident that all of our Year 6 grade of 2017 will set a very high benchmark.

2017 Enrichment & Extension Class Nominations

teachers and parents as having needs superior to most in terms of academic functioning in literacy and numeracy. I now invite parents to nominate their child for consideration into an enrichment withdrawal class for 2017. If successful, your child would be removed from their normal class for 80 minutes once a week to work with other very high achieving students. I take this opportunity to remind parents that this kind of delivery is not suited for most children and only the upper echelon of students will be considered. For the majority of students, the best place to receive quality differentiated instruction is in the general classroom. [Nomination form](#).

School Attendance

I was visited by the Department's Home School Liaison Officer this week whose responsibility it is to monitor student attendance at school under the NSW Education Act for the Northern Sydney Region. In running a report of students whose attendance is below 85%, I was astonished at the large volume of children on this list. Please be reminded that attendance at school is mandatory, as well as explanatory notes in the event of absence. Student absence should only be in cases of sick leave or domestic necessity in which case the principal grants 'leave'. Shortly the Home School Liaison Officer will be contacting families where attendance is below 85% and where explanatory notes have not been provided to the school. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring student attendance.

Thumbs Up To Our Volunteers

This Wednesday our school staff said "thank you" to our dozens of community volunteers. Parents/carers and friends of Wahroonga joined the staff in the hall for a morning tea which was very well attended. I acknowledge that we often lean on the community for support, and am thrilled that each and every time it is forthcoming.



Roseville Remembrance Service

Last Friday the school captains Lauren and Aiden represented Wahroonga at the Roseville RSL Remembrance Day Service. It was a touching ceremony with many local community members present.

Chim Family Fiji Tour

A message from the Chim family who recently visited Fiji with donations of toothbrushes from the school community: We would like to thank all families that donated toothpaste, toothbrushes and school supplies. We were able to pack over 300 toothbrush kits and gave them out to every primary school student in the first village we visited, to dental patients and to a year 5 class in the settlement we went to. Over the 2 week outreach to villages with little access to medical/dental care, we saw a total of 517 patients with 2 doctors and 2 dentists - 302 for primary health and 215 for dentistry. The school supplies were donated to a school that had lost parts of their roof to Cyclone Winston earlier this year. Thank you for your generosity. [View pictures of our work here.](#)

Staffing Update

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment to Wahroonga PS of Ruby Kerr. Ruby will commence at Wahroonga in 2017 as a permanent classroom teacher. She is a graduate recruit, meaning that she has been identified as an extremely high quality beginning teacher. We are looking forward to welcoming her in January. Ruby replaces Miss

Thank You Mrs Webber

I've recently learned of the imminent retirement of Waitara Public School's much-loved and highly-respected principal, Julie Webber. While it is unusual to discuss matters relevant to other schools in the Bush Telegraph, I would like to express my gratitude towards Julie in this public forum for her support and guidance in the beginning of my principalship at Wahroonga. As an experienced and expert principal, Julie not only leads an outstanding school with high achieving students and professional staff, but she contributes to the broader educational environment in many ways. This has included acting as mentor and support for me, and in doing so, a mentor and support for our school. Wahroonga PS is a proud member of a local Community of Schools consisting of Hornsby South, Normanhurst, Normanhurst West, Clarke Road and Waitara Public Schools. I look forward to working with Waitara's new principal in 2017 for the betterment of all students within our local area, and once again congratulate Julie on a career defined at each step by excellence.

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T4W7: No Assembly

Here's the [roster for the rest of 2016](#)



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Deputy Principals' News

Important Dates for Week 7

Monday 21 November

One week to go for Reverse Christmas Tree (collection day: 30 Nov)

Last week for Kindergarten library borrowing

Swimming lessons continue for Term 4

Tuesday 22 November

Band Tour Day 1

Kindergarten Incursion - KC, KO & KCD

Wednesday 23 November

Band Tour Day 2

Schools Spectacular

Thursday 24 November

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9:15am: P&C Social Group Meeting

Last day for Scripture

No Assembly

Friday 25 November

Schools Spectacular

Stage 1 Science Incursion - [The Great Big Science Show](#)

K-2 Celebration Day and 3-6 Presentation Day Assemblies

Tuesday 6 December 9:30am: K-2 Celebration Day

Wednesday 7 December 9:30am: 3-6 Presentation Day

3-6 Swim Survival Strategies this week

Years 3-6 practised their Swim Survival Strategies in swimming classes this week.

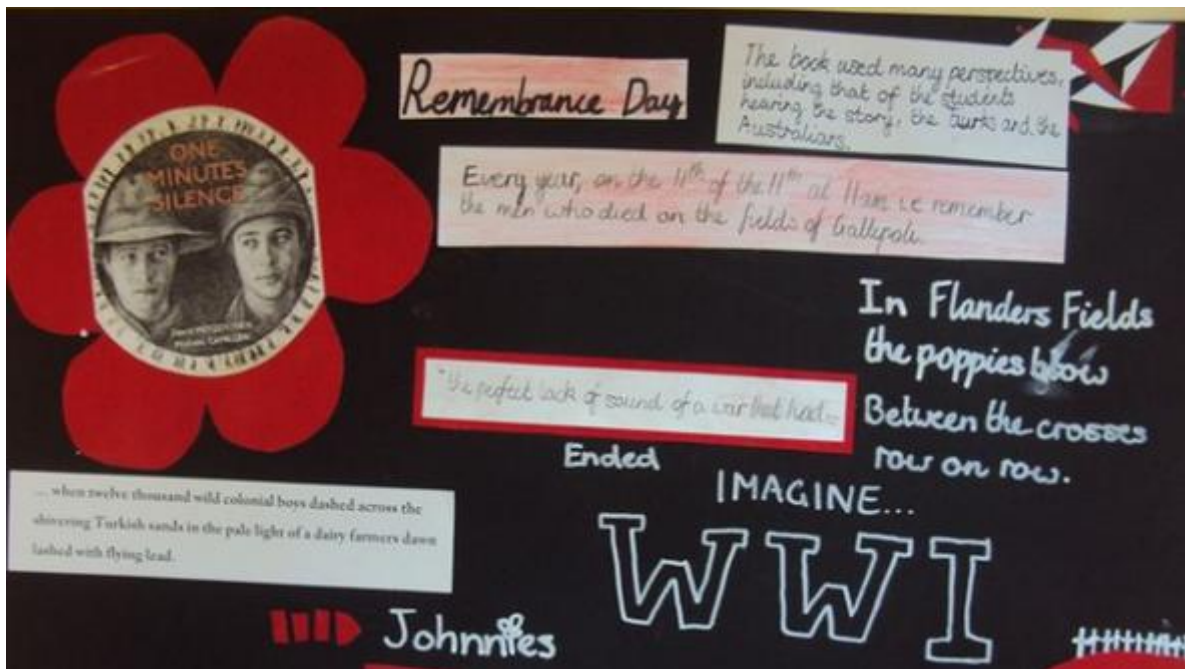
It wasn't pretty but everyone survived!



Remembrance Day

Last Friday at 11am the school came together to remember and pay our respects to those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all the wars and conflicts. This significant service was conducted by the school prefects and flag bearers. The 'Last Post' was sounded by Harriet M and a minute silence was observed, followed by the sounding of the 'Reveille'. Prefects James C and Aerin D laid a wreath at the base of our school flag pole. This wreath was then taken to Wahroonga Cenotaph

[Click here](#) or on the images below to see the gallery of pics.



Reverse Christmas Tree

It has been a long tradition at The Bush School to think about giving rather than receiving gifts. 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.

Please DO NOT wrap the gifts, and no second-hand toys will be accepted.

Collection points are at the school office, in 6F and in KC. These donations will be collected by the Salvation Army on **by Wednesday 30 November**. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.



Upcoming events

Week 8

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30 Nov: Kindergarten Incursion Field of Mars KL KW KB; Last day for Reverse Christmas Tree; P&C meeting

1 Dec: Last day for swimming lessons; 10:15am Christmas Gifts to the Salvation Army; 10:30 -11:15 Scripture Christmas Service; Morning Tea for Scripture & Ethics teachers; K-6 Assembly - 5W & KW item; Kookaburra Pin

2 Dec: Principal Banner Award lunch; Christmas Band / Dance Night

Week 9

Last week for Band Tutorials

Library Stocktake

Dec 5: 11:40am 3-6 Presentation Day practice; 2pm: K-2 Celebration Day practice

Dec 6: 9:30am K-2 Celebration Day - Intermediate Band, Junior Choir, Junior Dance Group

Dec 7: 9:30am: 3-6 Presentation Day - Senior Band, Senior Choir; Reports home

Dec 8: No Assembly

Debbie Evans and Kris Graham: Deputy Principals

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Student Showcase



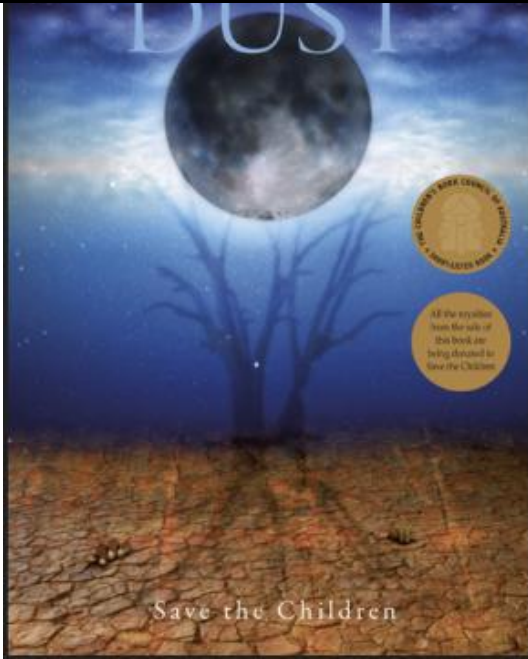
Kindergarten Love School

This video was shown at last week's Kindergarten Orientation Day. Click on the image to hear about their favourite times in Kindergarten this year.



Olivia makes Milo for News

Last week Olivia made Milo in class for News. Click on the image to watch what happens. It might surprise you!



The book *Dust* written by Colin Thompson was very deep and extremely well written. Right from the very first sentence it touched everyone in 5C's emotions and convincingly made them pay attention to the words in the book.

Hearing, 'I died last night', the first sentence, made everyone stop doing what they were doing and made them wonder what was going to happen next. I personally thought that the title page of *Dust* indicated that the book would be about the world and how it works.

[Read more...](#)



Trust: a film by Alaiya

In response to the book "*Dust*" by Colin Thompson, 5C created short films about "Trust". Click on the image to watch Alaiya's film.





Wear the hex hat? Part 1



Chess Club celebrates



Another year for the Chess Club concluded today with an end-of-year presentation and party. Once again Mr Jones provided awards and trophies for various recipients: challenge winners, problem solvers, most improved and best and fairest. Congratulations to all. A big thank you to Mr Jackson for his assistance with the running of the Chess Club and to the many parents who have supported the teams with supervision and driving throughout the year.

The students are very fortunate to have such a passionate and encouraging coordinator. Mr Jones has continued to guide and provide wonderful opportunities for students to participate in interschool competition, learn more skills and, most importantly, have fun.

Kindergarten

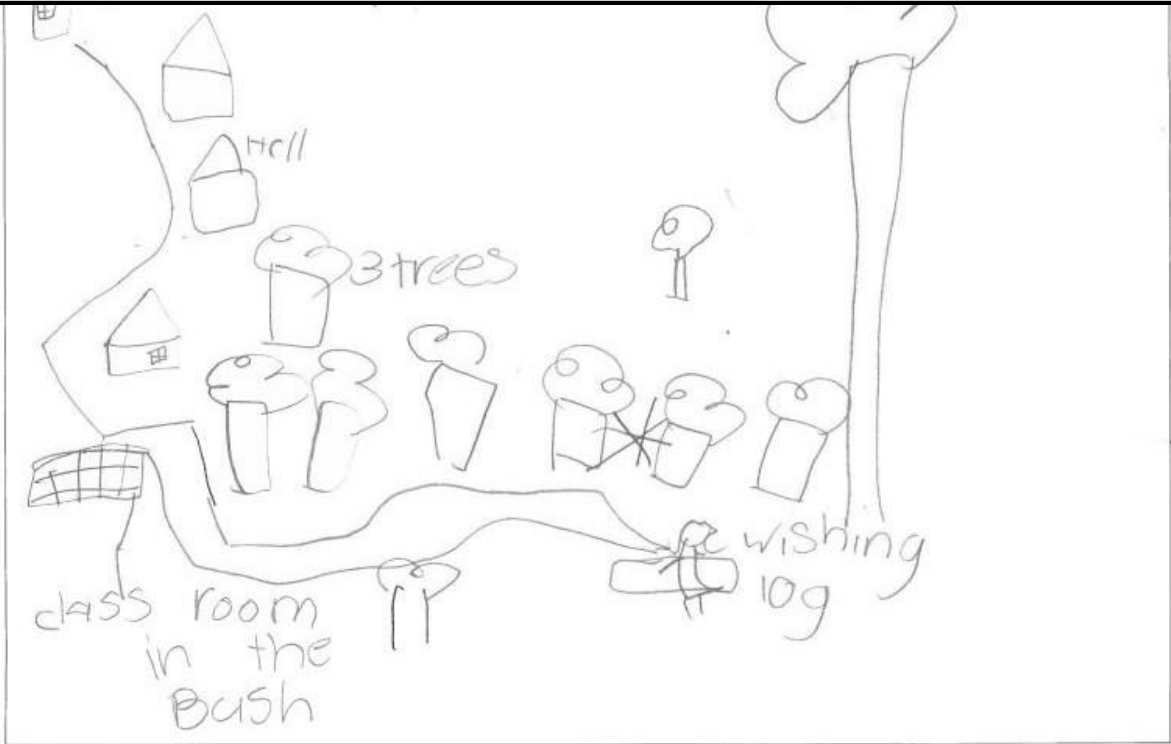


Kindergarten explore the school grounds

This term Kindergarten are learning all about the environment through their geography unit. All Kindergarten classes are travelling to Field Of Mars Environmental Education Centre for an excursion over the coming weeks.

There are also some special places in our school grounds which are historically and environmentally specific to 'The Bush School'.

Today Mrs Graham took KO and Ms Olieric on an expedition to find them. We visited the three trees that feature on school crest and gave the largest one a HUGE tree hug. We then followed the track down through Blue Gum High Forest behind the pool to the 'Wishing Log' to make a wish to the bush fairies. Let's hope they come true. We continued on to 'The Classroom in the Bush' to work on a map of our expedition. Below you will see a map drawn by Izzy W and some photos on our adventure



Mrs Graham and Ms Olieric

Talent Quest

Talent quest preparations are well underway for this year and we are very excited to give students an opportunity to showcase their skills. This year there will be 3

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- Dance
- Comedy/Skit/Magic

Students will need to see their classroom teacher to collect an audition form. Please see below for your child's allocated audition day. Those wishing to audition will need to come to the audition with:

- Music on either a USB or CD (max. 3min)
- A completed audition form

Students without these will not be permitted to audition. Students will only be required to perform a short excerpt for the auditions. Please tell your child not to be disheartened if the teachers cut off his/her performance and be reminded that all music must be age appropriate and should not contain course language.

Audition Dates

Week 6 - Year 5 & 6 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Week 7 - Year 3 & 4 Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes.

Week 8 - Year K-2 Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

All auditions will be held in the Enrichment Room. Good luck and happy practising!
The Talent Quest Committee



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Sue Campbell - Netball coach



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