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## **Bush Telegraph T4W10**

### **Principal's News**

Below are snippets. Read more about each article on the website.

### **School Tennis Tournament**

I am delighted to include this report of sporting success from one of our parents, Karen Champion: Wahroonga Public School recently entered a tennis team into the Pennant Hills Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Competition held in November. There were 101 schools entered into this competition and each school took part in singles, doubles and mixed doubles events. Our team of four; Nick, James, Elyana and Georgia, played some really fantastic tennis and finished in 3rd place overall which is a great achievement. We reached the semi-finals in each event entered with Georgia winning the 10 year girls' singles competition, and Elyana and Georgia winning the Year 5 girls' doubles event. Congratulations to all four players!

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### Thank You P&C

This Wednesday teachers completed their professional learning program for the year with an evening meeting. It is testament to the professionalism of our staff that they have maintained their own learning momentum all year. The P&C provided a generous and delicious spread of afternoon tea which was gratefully received. Thank you from all of our teachers.

### **Congratulations Mrs Evans**

Good 'Evans! Many of you are aware that Mrs Evans has received a promotion to the position of Principal at Bondi Beach Public School. Debbie is so incredibly deserving of this acknowledgement of her educational leadership and we wish her well. Here is my notice from earlier in the week.

### **Ku-Ring-Gai High School Presentation**

I immensely enjoyed the Ku-ring-gai High School presentation assembly on Wednesday. Principal Terri-Anne Kamasz spoke of the school's achievements in establishing a burgeoning community full of happy, resilient students supported in a warm and safe environment. Watching the students perform a range of musical items, and listening to the long list of achievements was a privilege. Well done Ku-ring-gai!

### **Year 6 Farerwell**

The year 5 & 6 disco on Tuesday night was an enjoyable evening showcasing the wonderful volunteer spirit of our parents, and the incredible dance moves of our students and staff. The dance floor was indeed alight with action! Congratulations to our year 6 cohort on

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with fondness, as we will remember you.

### **Holiday Security**

Schools often become targets for theft and vandalism in holiday periods. If you live in close proximity to the school, I would very much appreciate your diligence in reporting any suspicious activity to the School Security Unit and to me via email. School Security can be reached on 1800 811 523.

### **Holiday Works**

Please be reminded that school grounds are <u>Inclosed Land</u> and therefore should not be accessed without permission. It is not safe to be on school grounds during the holidays and no insurance covers any injury that may occur as the result of an accident on school grounds. There will be some minor tree works and general maintenance being completed in the holidays.

### School Map 2017

Attached here you will find a map of classrooms for 2017. This may assist in picking up students early in the term. Most grades are grouped together, as best as possible, with consideration given to disability access for some students, room size and locality. Note that this map is a guide only at this stage and subject to change based on staffing movement or changed enrolment figures.

### **Keeping Up To Date**

Throughout the holidays you can keep up-to-date with the school by following our Twitter feed @wpsbushschool or ensuring you have installed School Stream on your smart device. This week we notched our 700<sup>th</sup> download!!

Merry Christmas to our amazing community. Together we have achieved a lot in 2016, and I am so blessed to be the principal of this school. Stay safe over the break. I look forward to welcoming all of our students and families back in 2017.

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## **Deputy Principals' News**

### **Important Dates for 2017**

Term 1 Week 1
Friday 27 January
Teachers return to school
Staff Development Day

### Term 1 Week 2 Monday 30 January

Students return to school

9am: New enrolments go to Hall

Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten begin

Canteen opens today

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### Wednesday 1 February

Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten continue

### **Thursday 2 February**

Kindergarten's first day at school



### **Friday 3 February**

Stage 3 Dance lessons begin

# Term 1 Week 3 Wednesday 8 February

Leadership Camp for school leaders

### **Thursday 9 February**

Leadership Camp for school leaders

### Friday 10 February

Leadership Camp for school leaders School Swimming Carnival at Knox Grammar



Debbie Evans and Kris Graham: Deputy Principals

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**Year 6 Farewell Disco** 









**Tree Giving Service** 

# Passing on the Bush School Spirit

On Wednesday afternoon our Kindergarten children were presented with a small tree from our outgoing Year 6 students. This tradition involves the "passing on of the Bush School spirit".

The students went for a walk to the 'classroom in the bush' and 'the wishing log'. The three trees on the school symbol are the three large trees behind the pool and after

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### Tree hugging time

It was wonderful to see the Year 6 students embrace this final time with the Kindergarten students.

Many Year 6 students remember receiving their tree back in Kindergarten, saying their tree is still growing strongly in the garden at home.

One student shared how theirs had to be transplanted when the family moved house.

The Kindergarten students cherish their gifts and nurture and care for their trees with a loving passion.

More photos can be seen here.

## **Party Day**

### **Stage 2 Party Day**

Yesterday the students enjoyed the end of year festivities at the stage party days, even in the rain. Thank you teachers for planning exciting Subscribe Share ▼ Past Issues

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## **Premiers Reading Challenge**



240 Wahroonga Public School students participated in this years Premier's Reading Challenge. If you would like some reading over the holidays, consider starting on your 2017 Challenge. Book lists for K-2 and 3-4 and 5-6 can be found here.

### Kindergarten 2017





An opportunity for the children and parents to meet before starting school is on Tuesday January 24 at Wahroonga Park. Meet at the rotunda and bring a picnic rug, afternoon tea and something to play.

Best Start times have been sent by post last week. If you have not received your letter please contact the school office by Tuesday Dec 20.

# Best Start Interviews and av January 30 to Wednesda

Monday January 30 to Wednesday February 1 2017

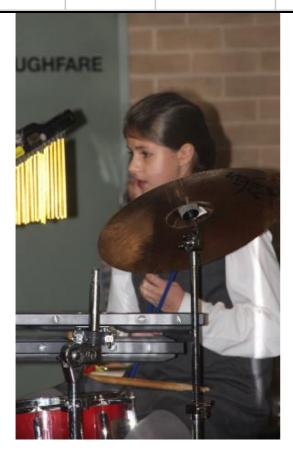
> Kindergarten's First Day Thursday February 2 2017

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If your child has been playing an instrument for a while, or have been in the band at another school, we can offer an audition for one of our bands at the beginning of next year.

Please contact our Band Coordinator, Anne Seage at <a href="mailto:anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au">anne.j.seage@det.nsw.edu.au</a>. Enrolment forms can be found on our Wahroonga Public School website. <a href="mailto:Click">Click</a> here...

Recorder ensembles are available for Years 1 and 2. Enrolments will take place early next year.

Anne Seage Band Coordinator

# 2017 Interschools Snowsports

If your child would like to try skiing or snowboarding in the Nth NSW Interschools championships, the 2017 information has been released in preparation for next year. Read more...

### **Uniform Shop Message**

### **First Opening for 2017**

Opening Day for 2017 will be Tuesday 31 January 2017. NB: children return to school on Monday 30 January

Please note, both sessions will be extremely busy and there will be long queues. Please avoid coming to the Shop at those times and come now instead!

Jane Ford Uniform Shop Manager

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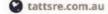
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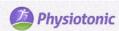
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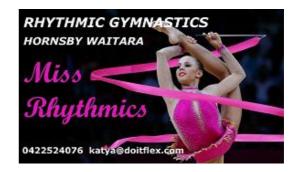
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