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Principal's News

Below are snippets. [Read more about each article on the website.](#)

Online Bus Transport Applications Available

Parents can now apply for subsidised bus travel for their children online. [This information](#) has been shared with me by transport.nsw. A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time, enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,

Movember Results

A heartfelt thanks to all community members who donated to the Movember cause; raising money and awareness of men's health issues, especially mental health. The tally at time of writing is \$2550. Congratulations! You can [donate by this link](#).

Tweet-a-thon

Thanks to the participants in last night's Tweet-a-thon. Some interesting topics were raised. As part of my commitment to community partnerships, Twitter is yet another avenue you can engage with the school (@wpsbushschool), me (@moth_t) and many staff members.

Schools Spectacular

I would like to offer a giant thank you and congratulations to our Schools Spectacular choir and their teachers Mrs Piper and Miss Bosman. I was enthralled throughout the concert last week. If you didn't attend in person, I strongly encourage you to watch the telecast on Saturday evening on Channel 7.

P&C Meeting

The final P&C meeting of the year will take place next Wednesday 7th December. It will commence at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Absence Tracking

My apologies and thanks to parents who have assisted us update our attendance records as we learn how to best manage the Department's new systems. For School Stream app users, the absence notification form has been updated. In the period 18 July to 11 November we HAD 600 absences unexplained. We have now halved that figure. Please help us halve it again by sending in notes when your child is absent.

Awards Ceremonies

I'm eagerly anticipating this year's Celebration (K-2) and Presentation (3-6) Assemblies that will occur next week. Mrs Evans and Mrs

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showcase our school and celebrate achievement, effort and values. I hope that you can join us at 9:30 on Tuesday (K-2) or Wednesday (3-6).

Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to all year 5 students who stood for election as student leaders for 2017. Our school captains and prefects for 2017 will be:

- Chandre C (captain)
- Alyssa P (vice captain)
- Alice W
- Emma C
- Elyana M
- Charlie H (captain)
- Jeremy P (vice captain)
- Elliot K
- Tully U
- Izaak V

Tom Moth

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T4W9: No Assembly
see below for details

P&C Meeting



Library News

Stocktake next week [Read more...](#)



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Deputy Principals' News

Important Dates for Week 9

Monday 5 December

Library Stocktake

Last week of Band Tutorials

11:40am: 3-6 Presentation Day practice

2:00pm: K-2 Celebration Day practice

Tuesday 6 December

9:30am: K-2 Celebration Day - Intermediate Band, Junior Choir, Junior Dance Groups

Wednesday 7 December

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

No Assembly

Friday 9 December

4pm: Sausage sizzle

5pm: Christmas Band / Dance Night



K-2 Celebration Day

All K-2 students will be participating in the Celebration Day Assembly next Tuesday 6 December at 9:30am in the Hall. The format has changed slightly from previous years. The Junior Choir, Junior Dance group and Intermediate Band will be performing at this assembly. All Welcome. We hope you enjoy it.

3-6 Presentation Day Assembly

All 3-6 students will be participating in the Presentation Day Assembly next Wednesday 7 December at 9:30am in the Hall. The Senior and Intermediate Choirs and the Senior Band will perform at this assembly. Doors will open at 8:50am. All welcome to join us.

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Upcoming events

Week 10

Library Stocktake

Monday 12 December

9:30am: Service Awards (Y1-6)

Tuesday 13 December

5:45pm: Stage 3 Disco

Wednesday 14 December

Tree Giving Day

Thursday 15 December

Party Day; No Assembly

Friday 16 December

Last day for students

9:30am: Talent Quest

2pm: Yr 6 Graduation in the Hall

3pm: Year 6 Guard of Honour

Debbie Evans and Kris Graham: Deputy Principals

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Year 6 Farewell Dance - Year 5 and Year 6

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With only two more weeks of school the Stage 3 students are being kept very busy.

Invitations were sent home to all Year 5 and Year 6 students with the necessary information for this spectacular night on Tuesday 13 December from 5:45pm.

Black and White Theme

It will be fun to see all the black and white costumes and we will welcome all parents back at the hall at 8:45pm for the final dance with their child.

Friday 16 December Year 6 Graduation

For Year 6 students, Graduation will be held from 2pm on the last day of the school year, Friday 16 December.

All parents are once again welcome to join us in the hall for this special occasion.

Stage 1 Party Day



Thursday 15 December

Stage 1 students will be participating in end of year party day celebrations on Thursday 15 December.

The students will remain at school and participate in fun activities throughout the day.

They will complete holiday themed craft activities in the morning session. During the middle session students will be treated to a disco in the hall. They will then return to their classrooms with their own teachers for the afternoon session.

Children are permitted to wear mufti. Please remember to wear sun safe clothing including a hat. Sensible footwear is also essential.

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If you have any questions please talk to your class teacher.

Thanking you,
Stage 1 teachers

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. [Read more...](#)



Student Showcase

Kindergarten Excursion

This term Kindergarten have been studying the Geography unit People Live in Places. We have been investigating our school grounds and have discussed

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our school grounds looking at the Bush Classroom, amphitheater and the natural environment that gives the Bush School its name.

Kindergarten have been on an excursion to the Field of Mars Reserve at Ryde and then staff from Field of Mars visited classrooms later. [Read more...](#)

To see the images gallery, [click here...](#) Mrs Carlos and Kindergarten Teachers





Ron Rutland talks to Stage 3

Stage 3 students were very fortunate to have a visit from Ron Rutland. What an inspiration!! Ron sold everything he owned and, with no experience, spent 841 days on a bike, travelling through every country in Africa (the first person to do this) and finally completing his trek in England - just in time to see the historic loss of the Springboks rugby team to Japan in the 2015 World Championships.

Ron inspired all the students, just like he has to many audiences around the world, with his wonderful recollection of the many highs and personal challenges he had to overcome.

What a life-changing experience! What next? He's planning to write a book and go on another adventure... in Mongolia.

Many thanks to Ron, for setting some students on their own adventure plan, and to James and Emma Champion's family for organising this fascinating visit.

'I want to do more with my life and achieve my goals'.

'Your talk inspired me to be more adventurous and more optimistic'.

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'You have given me another perspective of people.'

'...now I know that anything is possible if you put your heart into it'.

'...and be thankful for what I have'.

Sequoia makes it to YICTE National titles



And then she was approached at the Pearcey Awards and invited to attend the offices of a robotics company, RoboSpecs.

Did you know that Australia's largest robotics and engineering employer is right here in Sydney?

Simon Poole, the Australian Manager of Finisar, extended an invitation to my sister, Sequoia, and I to take a tour of their factory last week. Finisar employs over 300 engineers in Australia and have offices around the world. The head office is in Silicon Valley, California, USA.

[Read more from Jasper A...](#)



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 categories to encourage a variety of acts:

- Vocal/ Instrumental solo or ensemble
- 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

2017 Interschools Snowsports

If your child would like to try skiing or snowboarding in the Nth NSW

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Uniform Shop Message

Final Opening for 2016

Last day for the Uniform Shop this year will be Thursday 8 December, 8.30 to 10am.

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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