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Principal's News

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Sport at The Bush School

In 2017 there will be some changes to the sports and PD/H/PE programs at the school. The overall aim is to increase student physical activity and create a sense of inclusivity where participation is celebrated. You can [read about the changes in detail here.](#)

Thank You P&C

On Wednesday the final P&C meeting of the year was held. We reflected a little on all of the remarkable community achievements throughout 2016. I'd like to again publicly thank all members of the P&C association, particularly the executive team who have been able to affect positive change in their short time in office.

Also at this week's meeting, I was thrilled to present Nick Fiennes and

celebrated a long list of achievements and hours upon hours, years upon years of service and dedication to the school. Nick navigated the P&C through in a period where others chose not to take a forward step; he did so admirably, with great humour, compassion and diligence. Linda has been an active parent for years, but her most notable achievement has probably been the coordination and leadership of the Wahroonga Music Festival for the past two years, netting the P&C over \$25,000 in fundraising.



Celebration & Presentation Assemblies

This week's end-of-year assemblies showcased the wonderful talents of our students so aptly. Thank you to all of our parents, carers and friends of Wahroonga who gave up their time to attend. Particular acknowledgement should go to our deputy principals Kris Graham and Debbie Evans who coordinated these events.

Library Returns

There are currently 180 overdue books on loan to students, worth a combined value of \$2000. Please search high and low at home for any books that may still be in your child's possession and return them to the library as soon as possible.

Chess Report from Mr Jones

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Schools One Day Competition, Our Intrepid A Team headed off to North Sydney Boys High on Sunday, November 27 to take on the best interschool chess players from across the state. >> [read more](#)

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Deputy Principals' News

Important Dates for Week 10

Monday 12 December

Library Stocktake

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

Tuesday 13 December

5:45pm: Stage 3 Disco

Wednesday 14 December

Kindergarten Tree Giving Service

Thursday 15 December

Class Party Day

No Assembly

Friday 16 December

Last day for students

9:30am Talent Quest

2pm Year 6 Graduation in the hall

3pm Year 6 Guard of Honour



Photographs

Group photograph orders are currently being distributed. Please direct all queries to MSP Photography 9499 6555.



2017 Dates

Term 1 Week 1

Friday 27 January

Teachers return to school

Staff Development Day

Term 1 Week 2

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9am: New enrolments go to Hall

Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten begin

Canteen opens today

Tuesday 31 January

Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten continue

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



Debbie Evans and Kris Graham: Deputy Principals

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Tuesday 13 December

With only one more week 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 starting at 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

Year 6 parents are invited to our Graduation Ceremony on Friday 16 December at 2pm in the Hall. The Guard of Honour will follow from 3pm, ending at the school bell. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you.

Kindergarten Party Day

Kindergarten Party Day 15 December

Kindergarten students may wear party clothes (mufti) with appropriate footwear. They may also bring a party in their own lunchbox: a healthy lunch with an extra treat. We will be having a Kindergarten picnic together.

We will carefully monitor students with allergies and will make sure all students eat their own lunch and treats. They will not be sharing food. The teachers will be providing ice blocks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the class teacher.

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participating in a K-2 disco in the hall then a movie afternoon. There will be a number of different movies shown, all G or appropriate PG. If children wish to bring in Christmas cards for their classmates, please send them in on party day.

Stage 1 Party Day



Stage 1 Party Day 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

Stage 2 Party Day



Stage 2 Party Day 15 December

Stage 2 classes will have their end of year party day at Fagan Park, Galston. The students will participate in sporting activities and party games arranged by the teachers.

Lunch will be provided for them: Pizza, ice block and drink provided. Children bring own nibbles, fruit and water for recess. A large water bottle is best as drinking facilities are limited.

Bus departs: 10am
Arrive back at school: 2:45pm

Clothing: Mufti, shoes suitable for sporting activities, hat, sunscreen and raincoat (if necessary) in a small backpack.

Stage 3 Party Day

Stage 3 Party Day 15 December

On Thursday 15 December all students in Year 5 and 6 will remain at school for the end-of-year celebrations. Students are allowed to wear suitable mufti clothes, including a hat, and will need to bring in swimmers and towels. The morning session will be a quiz in the hall for all, then a DVD and swimming session in Year 5 and Year 6 rotations.

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scrumptious food. Hopefully some healthy choices will be included! If parents are happy to bring either hot or cold food, lunch will be around 12:45pm in the brown seat area.

National Home Reader Amnesty



Home Reader Amnesty

Home reading is coming to a close for 2016 and we will shortly be looking to organise our home reader boxes for 2017. K-2 teachers are asking for your assistance to locate any home readers which may inadvertently still be hiding in Bush School homes.

Over the next few days we would love it if you could please take the time to look for any school readers: under the bed, in the bookcase, behind the lounge...these are just some of the sneaky places that home readers love to hide!

Please return them asap to your class teacher (no questions asked) so that we can best organise our home reader boxes for 2017.



Stage 3 design Global Advocacy projects

This term, Stage 3 has been learning all about global advocacy. We have heard from aid organisations such as ShelterBox, taken part in the global project Solar Buddies and studied many natural disasters and the reasons a country may ask the international community for help.

But just reading about advocacy is not enough - Year 6 students formed small groups to research, create and promote their own advocacy campaigns, designed to assist someone in need following a natural disaster.

Teams have devised campaigns related to homelessness, trauma, hope, hunger, education, water saving and so much more. They have created digital products such as websites, apps and games, and learnt how to promote and evaluate the effectiveness of their campaigns.

In terms of receiving “donations” the top 5 campaigns were: [Read more...](#)



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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 Interschools championships, the 2017 information has been released in preparation for next year. [Read more...](#)

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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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