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BUSH TELEGRAPH TERM 1, WEEK 11, 2017

[Principal's News](#)

Missed some Mr Moth messages? Previous entries are logged on the website.

THANK YOU IGA

IGA East Wahroonga is a continued supporter of our school. Recently a cheque was presented to the school to assist us in our day-to-day operations. Thank you to Jag and his team! Please support our supporters.



ALASKAN FRIENDS

I recently entertained a former Bush School student who attended here in the 1960s (with my Aunt!). My visitor now lives in Alaska. She was amazed to see the school's transformation over the

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childhood. Upon returning to Alaska, she donated \$10,000 to the school to be put aside for future work on the amphitheatre. What a remarkable gesture! I hope to invite my guest back in time when we have been able to see her donation and request come to fruition.

P&C UPDATE

At this week's special meeting the Treasurer was heavily supported in continuing in his role and the membership determined an auditing pathway. I am pleased that these matters have been resolved.

STAFFING UPDATE

This term many staff members have performed higher duties in the absence of substantive personnel. I would like to thank and acknowledge the excellent work of Kris Graham, Jennifer Flynn, Leonie Hibbert and Felicity van't Wel who each shared the relieving Deputy Principal role. Likewise, Emma Bent has relieved as Assistant Principal taking care of some aspects of Year 1 and our STEAM initiatives. Cynthia Groves has been working in the role of Deputy Principal and will continue in that capacity next term. I thank her for her support and dedication throughout the term to the staff, students, community and me. Today we say 'goodbye and goodluck' to Laura Dean (1D) who enters a period of maternity leave. We wish her and her handsome husband Tom well as they commence parenthood.

In Term 2 we welcome to Wahroonga Ms Chantal Fernandes, commencing as our full time permanent Deputy Principal. Chantal joins us from Balgowlah Heights Public School and is very much looking forward to making a valuable contribution to our community. Mrs Philippa Fox will commence in the role of Learning and Support Teacher from Clovelly Public School, and Miss Tash Dang will take over the full time teaching duties on 1D.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

I would like to wish the entire school community a happy and safe Easter holiday. Relax and spend plenty of family time together. I take this opportunity to remind the community that schools are [Inclosed Land](#), meaning that there should be no visitors on site without permission. This is especially relevant during the upcoming school holidays. There will be some minor works carried out at the school, which are always scheduled for the holidays to minimise risk to bystanders. If you notice any vandalism throughout the break, please contact the school security unit directly on 1300 880 021 and also send me an email.

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traveling and unable to correspond over the holiday period. Please email the school's account if you have queries and they will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

Tom Moth Principal

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Deputy Principal's News

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs for senior citizens. Your generous donations will be appreciated.



WINTER UNIFORMS

As the weather can be quite unpredictable, for the first two weeks of Term 2, students may wear either their Summer or Winter uniform. Full winter uniforms will be expected to be worn from the beginning of Week 3.

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school community supports the correct wearing of the school tie as part of the winter uniform.

With the changeover to winter uniform it might be opportune to develop a simple procedure at home for the children, particularly those in the junior classes, to ensure that the tie can be easily knotted and worn each day. The support of parents in relation to these issues is appreciated.

CROSS COUNTRY

The School's Cross Country Carnival has been organised for Tuesday 2 May (Term 2 Week 2). Students attending the carnival need to come to school in their sports uniform. Parents who can assist as marshals on the day would be greatly appreciated. A permission note outlining all details has gone home to all students in Years 3 to 6. Year 2 students who are aged 8 or are turning 8 this year may participate in the carnival where they will be running against 8, 9 and 10 year olds from the Primary years. They would have had to be training regularly to run non-stop for 2km.

[Click here for Permission note](#)

Correct birth years for age categories are:

- 8/9 years born in 2009 and 2008
- 10 years born in 2007
- 11 years born in 2006
- 12/13 years born in 2005 and 2004

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all students who received a Kooki Pin for consistently upholding the school values. Congratulations also to all students who were awarded Silver and Gold Awards, and School Banners.

The SILVER STAR AWARDS are awarded to:

1C - Keagan S

1H- Shreya M, Zane H, Oliver O, Ian K

2C - Samuel B, Sam L, Eve L, NeveP, Elysia F, Stirling C, Jack H

2F - Henry G, Sean D, Baidyn M, Sophie M, Kevin G

2P - Josh D, Kate M, Gracie R

2V - Jessica C, Alec B, Clare F, Savannah M, Henry P, Darshan Ln, Ashleigh O, Alfred W, Phoebe M, Alexis W

3C - Arki J, Jack H, Tegan

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4G - Mary O, James B, Annabel C, Dylan K

4OV - Anouk vW, Sahara B, Mackenzie G, Sarah B, Louise L,
Jessica W

5C - Mila S, Hayley W, Alicia H

5S - Irlanda B

6F - Courtney L, Alaiya M, Maggie K, Alyssa P, Elliot K, Charlie H, Julia K, Tully U

The GOLD STAR AWARDS are awarded to:

2C - Samuel B, Eve L, Sam L, Quinlan H, Neve P, Elysia F, Jack H, Stirling C

2F - Baidyn M, Lily G, Elsie O, Sophie M, Henry G, Kevin

2P - Josh D, Gracie R, Sara L, Kate M

2V - Alec B, Clare F, Savannah M, Phoebe M, Henry P, Jessica C, Alfred W

3/4H - Rhys H, Savannah S

4G - Annabel C

4OV - Freye H

5C - Cameron L, Jesse S

5W - Myra M

6F - Maggie K, Alyssa P, Elliot K

6G - Emma C

6T - Tom F, Stella M

The SCHOOL BANNER is awarded to:

Maggie K, Alyssa P, Elliot K, Abigail K, Myra M, Mila S, Stella M



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Wahroonga Public School will hold an ANZAC Day Assembly on Wednesday 26 April, 2017, the first day back at school in term 2. Parents and community members are invited to our ANZAC Day commemoration assembly to be held at 10.30am in the school hall. George Moscos, from Legacy, will be joining us to answer questions led by our SRC students about the meaning of ANZAC and the ANZAC spirit, and why we remember. The Prefects will be presenting the ceremony and Izaak vW from 6T will be playing 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2, WEEK 1

Monday 24 April

- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 25 April

- ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

- First day of Term 2 for Students
- ANZAC Day Assembly in Hall at 10:30am
- Senior Dance Group Rehearsal in Hall at first lunch
- Junior Netball training at the Netball Court at 1:20pm

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Thursday 27 April

- Intermediate Choir Rehearsal in Music Room at 8:00am
- ARTIFY in the Old Music Room at first lunch
- Ukulele Club in Music Room at lunch
- Intermediate Dance Group Rehearsal in Hall at second lunch

Friday 28 April

- Senior Choir Rehearsal in Music Room at 8:00am
- Intermediate Drama Groups Meeting in 3K at first lunch
- Gardening Club at the Bush Patch at second lunch

Tuesday 2 May

- Cross Country Carnival (3-6, and some Year 2)
- 2018 Kindergarten Information Evening in Library 7:00 - 8:00pm

Wednesday 3 May

- Creative Expression Visual Art Camp at Brookvale (nominated Year 5 students)
- Mindz Brainplay Stage 3 Incursion in Hall
- Spring Fair Parent Meeting in Staffroom 7:00 - 9:00pm

Thursday 4 May

- Creative Expression Visual Art Camp at Brookvale (nominated Year 5 students)
- Mindz Brainplay Stage 3 Incursion in Hall

Cynthia Groves: Deputy Principal

Cynthia.white2@det.nsw.edu.au

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Music Matters

Congratulations to the **Junior Choir** who sang so beautifully at Wednesday's K-6 assembly. Next term the Junior Choir will relocate to the school library (renovations permitting) and will be run by Mrs Gifford, assisted by Miss Cannon. The **Senior** and **Intermediate Choirs** are working very hard in rehearsals and will perform again for you in week 5 next term.

[Read more important information](#) about choirs , ukulele club, Musica Viva and music RFF.



Tennis Primary school Challenge Term 1

Last Saturday evening (1st April) 14 students from Wahroonga Public participated in the first Primary School Challenge for 2017. We have a very young team this year, and for some, it was their first ever tennis competition. Our players show maturity and confidence, and played extremely well. Unfortunately due to an electrical issue the lights went out early and the competition could not be completed. Many pairs were looking good for Runners Up trophies and some even Winners trophies! Regardless, it was a good experience for future PSC competitions.

Congratulations to all players - Joe H, Toby L, Benji C, Broden M, Ben H, Alex B, Aidan H, Percy H, Jack K, Flynn W, Maggie K, Alice W, Anton H, Baxter M.



Donate ICT Gear

Every year, I ask for some donations to our collection of ICT equipment. If you have been recently upgraded some devices, it would be great if you could donate the old ones to the school's ICT programme. Most useful are any Android devices, an Xbox Kinect bar, or old webcams. If you think you have something to donate, and you wish to check it with Mr Tomlins, please email him on edwin.tomlins2@det.nsw.edu.au



Free adobe Software for home use

In Term 2, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be learning to make and edit videos. The main piece of software we will be using for this is **Adobe Premiere Elements 13 or 15**. Some students have

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This section links to the school website.

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Band News

Band Camp: 24 – 26 May, 2017

This is an extremely important event in the Band calendar. This year all children in Junior, Intermediate and Concert bands will attend from Wednesday afternoon until Friday lunchtime. When you see how much the children progress in one afternoon, you can imagine the improvement over a full day or two. Year 3's do not sleep over, but attend until after dinner on Thursday 25 May. Comprehensive notes will go home early next term.

[Read More](#) about band, Band Camp and WPS Band Festival.

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ARTIFY

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to ARTIFY this term. Unfortunately, we have had many wet weather days in Term 1 which has meant we have not been able to meet very often. We are looking forward to starting up again in Term 2 and getting going on our CD installation and painting around the school to brighten up our playground.

ARTIFY Teachers



Library

The school holidays are the perfect time for children to relax and read for enjoyment. All students at Wahroonga PS are encouraged to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge; it's a great way to discover new books and authors and to read for pleasure. All public school students are automatically registered for the Challenge. If your child is new to the Bush School this year and previously completed the PRC at a non-government school, please contact Kate Justelius-Wright in the Library as soon as possible so we can request the PRC to transfer their reading records. [Read More](#)

Booklists and more information can be found on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



2017 NSW Interschools Snowsports

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Do you love to ski as a family? Can your children ski or snowboard? Please consider joining our school snowsports team in the July school holidays this year. Northern NSW Regionals will be held in Perisher this year. The primary school events are held on Wednesday 5th (snowboard and moguls) Thursday 6th and Friday 7th (Slalom and Skier X).

Children compete against the clock individually against many other schools in divisions.

Division 6 – Kindy to Year 2 (Slalom and NEW in 2017 Skier X)

Division 5 – Years 3 and 4

Division 4 – Years 5 and 6

Applications to compete in the ski and snowboarding events will open in May. Information is available on the website -

<http://www.nswinterschools.com.au/about-interschools> Please

contact Kris Graham with any questions.

Kristine.graham@det.nsw.edu.au

[Click here to watch a video about the championships](#)

P & C News

Diary Dates for 2017

Barefoot Bowls - Friday 31 March (to be confirmed)

Mother's day stall - Thursday 11 May

Spring Fair - Saturday 9 Sept

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Uniform Shop News

It opens weekly during the school term on Tuesday between 2.00pm & 3.00pm and Thursday 8.30am & 10.00am. The uniform shop must close at 3.00pm on Tuesdays so that the parent volunteers can collect their children at bell time, so please allow plenty of time to complete your order. [Read more](#)

In addition to school uniforms, the shop sells backpacks, library bags, hooded raincoats, art smocks and various school mementos.

Jane Ford bush.uniformshop@gmail.com



Canteen Update

The Bush Tuck Shop is open from Monday to Friday for Recess and Lunch. It provides a delicious and nutritious lunch for our children. The Canteen is independently run by an external business. On canteen days, paid staff and parent volunteers assist with the operation of the canteen. [Read More](#)
cateringforschools@gmail.com



Banking News

Our next School Banking day for Term 2 is Tuesday, 2 May 2017. Please remember to visit your local branch and make a deposit

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Hi my name is Georgia Degotardi,
I finished at the Bush school in 2015 and I am now in year 8 at PLC, Pymble.
I have experience in babysitting children aged 3 years and up which included bathing,
preparing dinner and putting them to bed.

I am available Fridays after school, Saturday and Sunday.

Georgia Degotardi

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