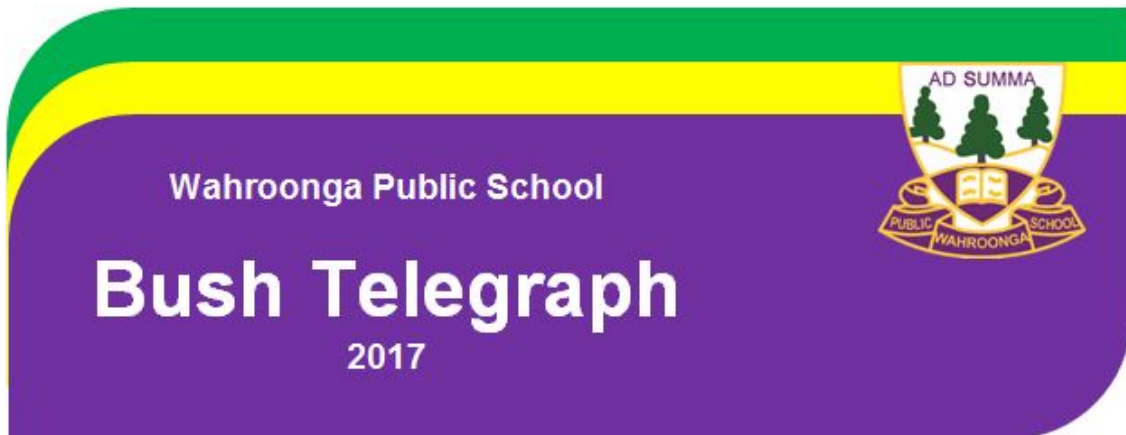


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BUSH TELEGRAPH TERM 2, WEEK 2, 2017

[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.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Each term we publish an overview of intended learning for each grade in a document called the Areas of Focus. These documents are made available to parents and carers in the hope that they are helpful in talking to your child about their learning. [Click to access.](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHERS

Following the success of years past, we are again partnering with the University of Karlsruhe in Germany to offer two of their pre-service teacher a practice teaching experience at Wahroonga Public School. To enable Miriam and Alexandra the opportunity to link with our school, I am searching for two families willing to play host. It is ideal if volunteer families live within walking

during their stay and contribute as appropriate to consumable expenses such as food and other groceries. Dates are not yet confirmed, however one student will spend most of Term 3 with us and the other will spend most of Term 4 with us. Please contact me directly by email if you would like to know more.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT 2018

Current Year 4 students are able to apply for a place in a Year 5 Opportunity Class for 2018. Opportunity classes provide an alternative educational setting based on academic merit and aim to meet the sometimes unique needs of gifted and talented students. Wahroonga Public School does not have an Opportunity Class, so a successful application would mean that the student moves school. Our nearest OC centre is located at Waitara Public School, though students may apply for any centre within the state. The timeline for placement is as follows:

- **Wednesday 26 April 2017**: Online applications open
- **Friday 12 May 2017**: Online applications close
- **Wednesday 26 July 2017**: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents access the online application at [here](#).

CROSS COUNTRY THANK YOU

Our annual cross country was run and won on Tuesday against a glorious Autumn backdrop. I'd like to extend my thanks to the staff, parents, community members and students involved in the event.

NAPLAN NEXT WEEK

Our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the National Assessment Program next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are asked to please ensure students arrive on time at school as the papers will be administered shortly after the 9:15 morning bell. Students who miss exams due to misadventure are able to catch up on Friday only. No papers can be administered outside of the school or caught up any other day. Please help your children by not overstating the importance of NAPLAN. Your children are beautiful, amazing individuals with plenty to offer the world no matter how they perform next week.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Due to timetable changes necessary because of NAPLAN, students in 6F, 6G and 6T may wear

spread over both days.

LIBRARY UPGRADE

Our library upgrade commenced over the holidays with delivery of new touch screen computers, bench-style and grandstand seating and new display shelf. Further deliveries will occur throughout the term with a view that the library flexible learning space will be ready for full utilisation in Term 3.



P&C NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

The next general P&C general meeting will occur at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th May. The agenda and previous minutes are [here](#). I am looking forward to introducing Ms Fernandes and presenting the school's self-evaluation results.

WELCOME PHIL

Please say g'day to our new RMS crossing supervisor, Phil, who commences full time next week.

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that the winter uniform requires their shirts be tucked in at all times. The 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.

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van will be visiting the school from Monday 15 May until Monday 29 May. Life Education is a community-based program that promotes positive and preventative drug and health education. Sessions are conducted by specialist educators, and the lessons are age specific. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in a lesson. The lessons help students develop knowledge and skills to identify risks and make informed decisions about their health.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Wahroonga Public School held an ANZAC Day Assembly on Wednesday 26 April, 2017. It was lovely to see parents and community members attending our ANZAC Day commemoration assembly. We would like to thank George Moscos, from Legacy, who joined us and shared his knowledge and experiences with students about why we commemorate ANZAC Day. School Prefects and Year 5 SRC members led the assembly and question time with confidence and respect.



Creative Arts Camp

Some of our talented artists attended a Years 5 & 6 Art Extension Camp in Brookvale this week. They spent two days learning new techniques in sculpture, drawing and painting from experienced tutors, with students from other schools across Sydney.



WHAT'S ON - TERM 2, WEEK 3

Monday 8 May

- ERC and SRC in 3/4H at first lunch
- Gardening Club at Bush Patch at 1:30pm
- Junior Dance in Hall at 1:30pm

Tuesday 9 May

- NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
- Ukulele Club in Music Room at first lunch
- Chess Club in 6F at first lunch
- Senior Girls Netball Training on Netball Court at 1:20pm
- YICTE in ICT1 at 1:25pm
- Boys Dance in Hall at 1:30pm

Wednesday 10 May

- NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
- Junior Choir Rehearsals in Library at 8:20am
- Senior Dance Group Rehearsal in Hall at first lunch
- Junior Netball training at the Netball Court at 1:20pm
- Gardening Club at the Bush Patch at second lunch
- Stage 3 Sharing Time in Hall at 2:45pm
- P & C Meeting in Staffroom 7:00-9:30pm

- NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
- Intermediate Choir Rehearsal in Music Room at 8:00am
- ARTIFY in the Old Music Room at first lunch
- Debating Practice in 5S at first lunch
- Girls Soccer Training on Sportsfield at first lunch
- Intermediate Dance Group Rehearsal in Hall at second lunch

Friday 12 May

- Senior Choir Rehearsal in Music Room at 8:00am
- intermediate Drama Club in 3K at 11:20am
- Kindergarten Sharing Time in KL at 12:25pm
- Gardening Club at the Bush Patch at second lunch

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Cross Country

In rays of glorious sunshine the annual Bush School Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday at Memorial Oval, Turrumurra. There were so many tough battles on the track and as always tremendous house spirit and sportsmanship on display. It was great to see so many students challenging themselves by taking on the course. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for their assistance throughout the carnival.

The champion house on the day was Hughes. Well done!

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 10 of their event. The top 6 will now progress to the Hornsby Zone Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Monday, 29th May. For photos click [here](#)

BOYS

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2nd	Baxter M	Lucas H	Benji C	Tony N	
3rd	Josh J	Daniel W	Billy P	Rex C	
4th	Anton H	Jack B	Julian M	Nathan D	
5th	Kevin G	Edward K	Aidan C	James G	
6th	Jamison U	Michael M	Eamon H	Kegan H	
7th	Tom C	Marcus S	Broden M	Charlie H	
8th	Jack P	James B	Gavin H	Alex L	
9th	Paris L	Alex H	James B	Izaak v	
10th	Daniel S	Percy S	Leo J	Hamish P	

GIRLS

	8/9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12/13 Years
1st	Georgia W	Sarah L	Kendal H	Alice W
2nd	Claire F	Grace M	Georgia B	Alyssa P
3rd	Eve L	Summer S	Matilda B	Alexandra Y
4th	Charlotte K	Louise L	Marlena O	Emily M
5th	Maddison M	Eloise L	Georgia S	Emma C
6th	Tegan J	Olivia W	Kira P	Alice M
7th	Caitlin A	Freya L	Hannah P	Amelia B
8th	Jessie P	Abbey M	Ophelia S	Lucy M
9th	Holly J	Caitlin W	Chandre C	Lily A
10th	Sophie M	Sophie E	Alaiya M	Tiffany H





Hockey Success

A huge congratulations to Alice W, Maggie K, Kendal H and Broden M who were successful at the Sydney North Hockey trials. These students will now compete against the best primary school hockey players in the state at the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships. Alice, Maggie and Kendal will compete in July at Moorebank and Broden at Wyong in August. Good luck to all.



NSW PSSA Swimming

Our super swimmers finished the swimming season at the end of term 1 with some outstanding results. Aaron Z, Daniel L and junior relay members Saskia D, Freya L, Lousie L and Sarah L did us #wahroongaproud at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships.

Aaron finished 22nd in the 13years 50m freestyle. Daniel and the girls relay team all qualified for the finals. They swam their very hardest against the best in the state. Daniel finished 9th in the junior boys 50m butterfly and our junior girls relay finished 8th. This is a fantastic effort to finish in the top 10 of all primary school students NSW. Congratulations to these students on being wonderful representatives of our great school.



STEAM Club

Science Technology Engineering Art Maths

This term, Wahroonga Public School will be offering a new lunchtime club on Mondays, beginning in Week 4. The STEAM club will be run by a qualified scientist. Initially, in Term 2, the club will be

Some of the costs will be covered by the school with the cost of consumables to be covered by students (\$25 per student, invoiced in Semester 2). Permission notes can be found [here](#). If interested, students must return permission notes to Mrs Groves by Friday 12 May (Week 3). Students must commit to the entire program (5 weeks). Students will be selected on a first come first serve basis (with a waiting list being formed if necessary for future terms).

The purpose of the STEAM Club is to enhance science learning and engagement through activities and experiments. Students will learn to problem solve in a fun way which will increase self-esteem and perception of their ability in STEAM related areas. The aim of this club is to have a fun and informal environment to explore STEAM and to equip kids with STEAM skills that they will use for life.... they may even consider pursuing higher education and career paths in STEAM!

So come join us for some fun and interesting STEAM time at lunch on Mondays starting May 15. We will make things fly, explode and light up while learning science concepts. We will explore various STEM careers. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Music Matters

Choirs

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.

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

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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 expressed a desire to make and edit movies at home, or on their BYOD device. [Read More](#)

This section links to the school website.

[Go to our School Photo Gallery here](#)



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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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 library has recently purchased some new resources which are just waiting to get into the hands of eager readers. But we need your help to cover the books in contact first. If you are available to take some books home to cover, please see Kate Justelius-Wright in the library. We supply the contact; all you need to do is cover and return them to the library.

Congratulations to all the students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge within the last week, especially all the Year 4 students! What a lot of readers! Read more here:

<http://www.wahroonga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library>



2017 NSW Interschools Snowsports - Registration Open Now

JOIN THE WAHROONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL SNOWSPORTS TEAM

[Registration Form](#) - to be sent in by Friday 19 May

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).

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.

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



P & C News

NOT FOR MUM'S EYES!

There will be a mother's day stall at school on Thursday 11 May 2017

Lots of gifts to choose from for \$5 each.

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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.

Dr Shoe will be in school: Thursday 1 June, 9am to 9.45am, under the gazebos

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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](#)
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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 during the April school holidays to ensure your annual bonus interest is calculated. [Read more](#)

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