

# WILLOUGHBY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10



A wonderful day for a Sausage Sizzle! Thank you WPS P&C Netball Club volunteers!

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

At Willoughby Public School we aim to cultivate socially-aware learners who are critical and creative thinkers, within a safe, respectful and responsible learning community.

**Willoughby Public School**  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent-Teacher meetings

Many parents have expressed a big thank you for our two very successful parent/teacher evenings this week. The set up in the hall felt professional, warm and community focused.

I would like to thank the teachers for the time and effort they put into personalising every conversation, so each parent left feeling confident that their child is known and cared for at WPS.

### Netball Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

A heartfelt congratulations to the P&C netball committee for the 650 sausages they managed to serve to hungry children today. It was welcome treat for a long, wet Friday spent indoors. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support of the fundraiser.

### Easter Celebrations

In week 10 WPS enjoyed celebrations that brought a wonderful sense of community spirit. For students in Years 3-6, our three bands and strings ensemble proved they are the gold standard in primary school music at our Easter morning concert. The program showcased the talent of our musicians, acknowledged student's individual efforts and demonstrated the skill progression over four years of band. The grand finale of *Sweet Caroline* had the whole audience rocking along! I would like to thank our dedicated P&C band committee for organising this special community event.

The next day children in K-2 proudly paraded their decorated bonnets at our Easter Hat Parade. The music was vibrant, the hats colourful and the audience was in a festive mood. The children showed a mix of delight, enjoyment, and shyness. I would like to thank Mrs McConnell and Mrs Clements for organising this valued community celebration.

### Sydney FC Reward

The Stage 2 boys soccer team enjoyed their reward of attending a Sydney FC training session on Friday 22 March. The boys were excited to see some familiar faces from watching the team play on television. After the training session, they managed to get players' signatures on t-shirts, hats, soccer balls, scarves, and drink bottles. Afterwards the boys played their own games on a nearby oval while they waited for the bus. My highlight was the special moment of watching a lovely group of friends enjoying an afternoon game of soccer together. A gallery of photos from the day is included in this newsletter.

### Leaving at 3pm

You may be aware there is a 20-minute difference between WPS and Willoughby Girls High School at the end of the day. We ask our families to please walk through the high school quietly on the way home and refrain from spending time in the grounds. We are proud of the relationship we enjoy with Willoughby Girls High School and children playing during this time is a distraction and affecting the girl's learning.

### Anzac Assembly invitation - Thursday 11 April 9:00am for 9:15am start

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all our families to attend our ANZAC assembly on Thursday 11 April at 9 am in the hall. All are welcome.

### Happy Holidays!

We have one more week of Term 1. I would like to thank the community for their warm welcome and positive support for my leadership at this time. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to lead this beautiful school for 8 weeks. I wish you all a restful, safe, and fun school holiday. We look forward to hearing all the exciting holiday stories when students return on Tuesday 30 April.

**Kylie Davidson** - Rel. Principal



# SYDNEY FC TRAINING DAY GALLERY



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thu 11 April - ANZAC Assembly
- Fri 12 April - End of Term 1
- Mon 29 April - Staff Development Day (pupil-free day)
- Tue 30 April - Students return to school

## WPS P&C BAND PROGRAM UPDATE



Special congratulations to all members of the three bands and the string ensemble for an amazing performance last Wednesday at the Band Easter Welcome Concert. Everyone performed extremely well, and the audience was thoroughly entertained.

Performing Band will be also performing at the school ANZAC Day service on Thursday 11 April.

Please see the flyer below from the Northridge Community Annual Fireworks where Performing Band will present some of their repertoire. Saturday May 4th. All families are welcome.



**Saturday May the 4th !!**

Gates open 2:30pm Fireworks 7:00pm

Tickets on sale early April

**Bigger & Better than Ever !**

Food, Entertainment, Rides, huge Mothers' Day Raffle



**Early Bird Ticketing:** Families with an adult \$45

Adults \$17 Children \$7  
(book online before 3rd May 8:00pm)

**On the Day Ticketing:** Families with an adult \$50  
Adults \$20 Children \$10



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# LIBRARY NEWS

## End of Term

The end of term is nearly upon us! Your children will be borrowing books to take home over the school holidays in the next few days. Make sure your child can take advantage of this special chance to borrow by ensuring they have no books that are currently overdue with us. Anything that is borrowed over the holidays is due back to the Library in Week 1 of next term.

## Books that Educate and Celebrate

We love our School Library – it really is the hub of the school and we are so proud of it! Libraries, at their best, have something for everyone, and include everyone. Libraries belong to and serve their communities - we are here for our students, our teachers and to support our parent community as well.

Did you know we have books that can support your family, as well as your child? For example, we have a growing number of books that celebrate and educate on neurodivergence. There are some very natural differences in the way our brains work and develop as we grow and this can affect the way we learn, our interests, behaviours and individual strengths. You may have heard of the terms 'neurodiverse' and 'neurotypical'. The books pictured below delve into these topics, and related ones and explain and offer strategies and support for Attention Deficit Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety, thinking in monologue vs pictures, growing and training your brain and many others! We also have many children's picture books and novels on these themes.

If you would like to find out what we have to support you on a particular topic please call in and ask. You will be able to borrow something under your child's name.

Please email me on [deborah.desilva@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.desilva@det.nsw.edu.au) if I can be of any assistance, or you have a particular question of interest.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday period with your children!

See you in Term 2!

**Mrs Debbie de Silva**  
Teacher Librarian



# EASTER HAT PARADE GALLERY



# PARENT WORKING BEE – 24 MARCH

On Sunday 24 March, a group of green-thumbed WPS parents and students worked hard around the school grounds weeding, mulching, and replanting.

Over 12 bin loads of overgrown plants and weeds were removed, 100 new gardenia plants were planted in the rose garden - and you may have noticed the new Tuckeroo tree in Area 1.

Thank you, to those families that helped on the day and the P&C, for purchasing the plants and mulch.

A special mention to the group of boys and girls that shovelled mulch! You were amazing!



## Always was, always will be

Willoughby Public School stands on Cammeraygal land. We acknowledge the traditional owners and recognise their continuing connection to land, sky, waters and culture.

Just as we learn and play here at Willoughby Public School today, we know that for many tens thousands of years, Aboriginal families learned and played on the very ground our school now stands on.

We value the way the traditional owners looked after and cared for this land, and we hope to continue to care for and respect this land, so that it is here for generations to come.

We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



## Our Community - March 24 - Flipbook - Page 1

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Community Advertising your community  
Who, What & Where in Willoughby broug...  
[emag.vigour.media](http://emag.vigour.media)

## JOIN AN OPEN REHEARSAL with Warringah Youth Brass Band

Bring your instrument along and have a play!

Members of Warringah's A-grade band will be there to offer mentoring.



[facebook.com/warringahconcertbrass](https://facebook.com/warringahconcertbrass)

Sun 28 April, 2-5pm

Terrey Hills Public School  
School Hall, off Myoora Rd  
NSW 2084



Perfect for brass and  
percussion players  
[AMEB Grade 4 and above]



\$20 at door (includes afternoon tea)

Register at  
[warringahbrassband@gmail.com](mailto:warringahbrassband@gmail.com)



## Let's Go4Fun!

- Go4Fun is a FREE 10-week program to support your family to make healthy lifestyle changes.
- Term 2 programs coming to Chatswood and Dee Why!

To register visit [www.go4fun.com.au/register](http://www.go4fun.com.au/register) or call 1800 780 900.



## Willoughby Public School - Photography Dates: 27/05/2024 & 04/06/2024

School photography days are coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased via the link below. More information about photo day coming soon.

Visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter online order code: **Y3H VW9 FJ4**

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# What's on at Willoughby City Library

Autumn school holidays 2024



Teddy Bear Hospital (For ages 5-7 years). A cute and cuddly introduction to healthcare for children at Chatswood Library.



Nutty native crafts! (8-13 years) at Artarmon, Northbridge, Castle Cove and West Chatswood Libraries.



Stamp collecting workshop for kids (ages 9+ years) at Chatswood Library



Sunny and Penny's Energy Saver Show (4-7 years) at Chatswood and Northbridge Libraries.

Visit our website to register,  
and for more information on upcoming events.

[libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

