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SCHOOL PURPOSE

To provide a learning environment in which students are given the opportunity to develop their individual potential and to acquire skills, attitudes and knowledge to enable them to become responsible members of a changing society.

COMING EVENTS

Mon	26 Oct	3.15 School Council meeting 7.00pm P & C meeting 3.00-4.15pm After School Sports Yrs P-3
Tues	27 Oct	Yr 6/7 Dancing lessons 3.00-4.15pm After School Sports Yrs 4-7
Wed	28 Oct	C3 excursion to Fremantle Prison
Thurs	29 Oct	C4 excursion to Alcoa
Mon	2 Nov	3.00-4.15pm After School Sports Yrs P-3
Tues	3 Nov	Yr 6/7 Dancing lessons 3.00-4.15pm After School Sports Yrs 4-7
Mon	9-13 Nov	Year 7 Camp at Logue Brook

Wirrabirra School is an **ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**. What does this mean? It means that we will respect the individual needs of students who have identified allergies (with care plans) to such products as nuts, kiwi fruit, milk and eggs to name a few. In particular, food products that have nuts or are made from nuts should **NOT** come to school - ie: peanut paste, Nutella and nut bars. Our canteen is "nut free" and "kiwi fruit free" to accommodate individual students with special needs.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school and Term Four for 2009. As you would have seen from the calendar sent home last week, it's going to be very busy.

Might I also acknowledge the excellent work and progress achieved last term by everyone under the guidance of Mrs Melvin as Principal. Special thanks also to Miss Armstrong who stepped in as Deputy. With the support and commitment of administrators, staff and students Wirrabirra continued to strive for excellence. Through our website it was lovely to stay

connected while away and follow the achievements at Wirrabirra.

★ CONGRATULATIONS MRS McDONALD AND A3 STUDENTS

Last Thursday the students from A3 hosted and presented the first assembly of Term 4. They narrated a musical tribute to their version of Cinderella called Cindy Bella. Their costumes, dramatisation and narration by the students were just wonderful. Thanks for being so prepared just two days into term and for being such confident and great performers.

★ COUNCILLORS

Today the Councillors hosted the assembly which, for timetabling reasons, meant back to back big assemblies. Classes shared the work done on the "Children's Manifesto" and the impact it has had on our school. We were treated to a "Drumbeat" performance from Mrs Manning's and Mrs Ivatts' latest drum group. We also acknowledged students who received certificates of participation, proficiency, credit and distinction in the Australian Maths Competition.

Thanks Councillors and Miss Armstrong for a well organized and informative assembly.

★ COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—MICHELLE SCOTT

On Monday Michelle Scott, the Commissioner for Children and Young People, visited our school to have discussion and see first hand the work our students and teachers have done around the development and implementation of our Student Manifesto. Mrs Melvin has been working with the Commissioner's Office, students and staff over some time to promote our Manifesto which the Commissioner has used in her latest publication 'Giving a Voice to Young Citizens' (www.cyp.wa.gov.au). This promotes the need to listen to and consider the views of our children and we are very proud to be acknowledged in this way. Our Manifesto is in all classes, the parent handbook and on our website if you would like to revisit it. Refer to page 4 for some feedback from Michelle.

★ SCHOOL REVIEW VISIT—DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Mr Ross Albones, Director of Schools, visited Wirrabirra on Tuesday to conduct a School Review visit. During his visit we held discussions on the educational programs at Wirrabirra, data analysis on students' academic progress and planning considerations for 2010. Mr Albones was very supportive of our school and will provide written feedback soon.

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY 2.30pm EVERY WEDNESDAY

★ FACTION SPORTS RESULTS

As this is the first newsletter this term and following our Faction Carnival, I have included the results from the day. Congratulations to all staff for their preparation of students, organisation and braving the not so special weather. In the end the day was very successful and students performed very well.

Overall results were as follows:

Factions:	Blue	2088
	Green	2078
	Gold	2058
	Red	1881

Spirit Cup: Green

<u>Pre-Primary</u>		
Champion	Cooper Mapstone	Krista Joynson
Runner up	Jean-Daniel Neveu	Sydney Murray
<u>Year 1</u>		
Champion	Blake Rodney	Mary Kollie
Runner up	Joe Craig	Kzarn Kingi
<u>Year 2</u>		
Champion	Douglas Farmer	Madison Froome
Runner up	Liam Robertson	Keeleigh Tamati
<u>Year 3</u>		
Champion	Corey Cullen	Rhianna Krans
Runner up	Stewart McConnell	Ella-Rose Masters
<u>Year 4</u>		
Champion	Luke Henry	Emily Wright
Runner up	Andrew Hernandez	Jasmine Bell
<u>Year 5</u>		
Champion	Shaun Robertson	Tahlea Martin
Runner up	Dylan Endersby	Rochelle Angwin
<u>Year 6</u>		
Champion	Nathan Madaus	Amber Winder
Runner up	Reece Stephenson	Michelle Butler
<u>Year 7</u>		
Champion	Jayden Watton	McKayla Stephenson
Runner up	Jordan Courcha	Angelique Stannett

★ ITALIAN DAY

Yesterday, following much planning and coordination, Signora Bibby drew together a really super day for all our students to celebrate the Italian culture in Italian Week. It's not often students have the opportunity to sit in and ask about Fiat Lancia, Alpha Romeo and Maserati cars, let alone get up close and personal to six or seven Ducati bikes and riders. Signora Bibby had negotiated with these car and bike clubs to share their pride and joy with our students. In addition, the Italian Consulate Education Principal also visited.

Special thanks to Gloria Whitehurst, our fantastic Canteen Manager, who has provided an Italian menu all week and fed all our visitors yesterday. The feeling of the day was captured so well in the roar of Ducati engines revved to the delight of students.

Thank you Flavia for providing such a great experience for our students and a look into the Italian culture of motoring.

★ TEEN TRIPLE P

Wirrabirra has, for a number of years, hosted "Positive Parenting" training targeted at young children. I am pleased to inform you that we are now able to offer "Teen Triple P":

Wondering what it will be like to have a teenager in the house? Like to learn some ways to manage your soon-to-be teenager in the years ahead? Coming to a TEEN TRIPLE P group might be the answer.

This program, which is similar to the version offered to the parents of children of pre-school age, is being offered to parents from the Gosnells area. The program runs over 4 weeks and parents need to attend a 2 hour group session each week. Follow-up will take place in Term 1, 2010.

Starting Date: Wednesday, 11 November at 9.30am.

Venue: Wirrabirra Kindergarten, 39 Otterden St, Gosnells.

Cost: \$25 for a workbook.

The facilitators of the group are School Psychologists in the Canning Education District and they have extensive experience with Triple P.

For further information and to register for the group, please contact Rhonda Wallman, District Liaison Officer for Triple P in the Canning District on 9311 0579.

★ SHORT AND SWEET

- Congratulations to Mrs Erin Svean, Year 5/6 teacher, who you will remember presented at an ICT Conference in Darwin recently. Following her presentation Erin has been selected to make a further presentation at an international conference in Singapore on the innovative ICT strategies being used at Wirrabirra.
- Congratulations also to Mrs Vivienne Woodmansey, who presented at an Early Childhood Forum recently. Her work on play based education was well received and she has been asked to speak again at a south west Early Childhood conference alongside other professionals.

Well done Vivienne and Erin. Your expertise reflects the calibre of our teachers and teaching at Wirrabirra.

Regards

Steve Richards, Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Honour Certificates were presented to:

15 October 2009

Domenic Sauer, Chea Reeve, Samwel Ntibesha, Syakira Ikhwan Nizam, Ebony Petriwsky, Kye-lee Trainer, Hamysh Brown, Elvis Lewis, Aaron Clark, Zachary Ivatts, Briony Cotte, Brock Muir, Rhiannon Malpass, Sebastian Wood, Eveleigh Arthur, Joshua Houston, Brittany Bull, Jake Carpenter, Tahlika Lewis, John Stirling, Talitha Suiter, Ruth D'Souza, Joenima Rico, Jaxon Crabbe, Siew-Bee Lim, Dawit Werede, Crystal Edgill

22 October 2009

Samara Day-Vidente, Syahidah Sumadi, Leah Little, Griffin Critchell, Brandon Corby, Reece Franklin, Kyle Hetherington, Nathan Carter, Connor Gale, Adalita Bell, Cordell Yappo, Corey Drake, Hayley Clark, Sean Buckley, Osman Mohamed, Ryan Nejmanowski, Rhiannon Johnson-McWilliam, Lachlan Anderson, C4, Holly Kovacevich, Seth Stagg, Andrew McDonagh

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Macayla Robinson, Hamysh Brown, Brock Fowler, Wendy Farmer

STUDENT COUNCILLORS' AWARDS

Uniform Award—C4, Library Award—A3, Environment Award—C6,

Excellence Awards—Britney Bashford

Congratulations and well done everyone.

Wirrabirra Budgies for Sale

Beautiful colours : Boys and Girls
Come and see Miss Anderson (A5)
Budgies make a great first pet for children. They have their own little personalities and can become quite affectionate.



They require a small cage or aviary, can live inside or outside and food is cheap and available from most supermarkets. Budgies enjoy a mix of seed and fresh greens.

Budgies can be kept by themselves or in pairs. They chatter constantly to themselves and can be taught to whistle or even talk.

At Wirrabirra Primary School we have a few baby budgies for sale. We will use the money raised to pay for their seed and toys.

If you are interested, please see Mrs Anderson in A5.

P&C PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome back. OH BOY last term!! So much to do.... First off a huge THANK YOU to Mrs Melvin for the wonderful job she did as Acting Principal last term and to Mr Richards—welcome back (sounds like you had a fantastic trip).

Coming up:

- **Monday 26th October 2009 – P & C Meeting 7 pm ALL WELCOME.** The last meeting for the year.
- **Interschool Athletics – Friday 6 November**
- **Major Fundraiser – Saturday 7 November/ Sunday 8 November 2009.**
- **BUNNINGS BBQ – Maddington.**
- **Year 7 Camp – 9-13 November 2009 – Logue Brook.**
- **Graduation – Year 7 Monday 14 December 2009.**
- **Xmas final assembly.**

Two flyers went home last Friday:

Volunteers for Bunnings BBQ 7th/8th

November 2009 – Need school parents help. Even for one hour would be fantastic. COME HELP OUT PLEASE!! Leave your name and times available in the office and one of the P & C committee will get back to you.

Volunteers for canteen. PLEASE PLEASE

we are desperate – Gloria cannot do it on her own. We have had a fantastic week this week with 105 lunches on Tuesday and 125 on Wednesday. The same wonderful people are having to be called in but are tired!! Remember you earn passport points. I have already claimed nearly \$70-00 which I have used for dancing fee and towards camp!!

What great weather we are having, summer sports has started and once again we are all busy. I hope see some new faces at the meeting, remember it will be finished by 8.30 pm at the latest.

Naomi.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri	23 Oct	Dana
Mon	26 Oct	Michelle, Dana
Tues	27 Oct	Caroline, Karen
Wed	28 Oct	Marcia, Priscilla
Thurs	29 Oct	Carol
Fri	30 Oct	Dana, Priscilla
Mon	2 Nov	Dana
Tues	3 Nov	Caroline, Kerri
Wed	4 Nov	Marcie, Priscilla
Thurs	5 Nov	Carol
Fri	6 Nov	Priscilla, Dana

MICHELLE SCOTT, COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Wirrabirra Primary School is leading the way in involving children and young people in key decisions.

The example of Wirrabirra's *Children's Manifesto* has been used as one of the key examples in 'Involving Children and Young People Participation Guidelines' prepared by the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott, as a means of encouraging organisations to involve children in decision making.

"We need to listen genuinely to children and young people, give careful consideration to their views and use their insights to inform our work in meaningful and respectful ways.

"By doing so, we will demonstrate our respect for them as valued members of our communities and gain important information that will make our work and activities more relevant to children and young people," Ms Scott said.

Wirrabirra students were surveyed on which values were important to them, including what makes a good school, teacher, student and class.

The school developed a *Children's Manifesto* based on the survey responses and involving all the children in the school. Class activities including recipes, booklets and posters were used to develop students' original ideas. Common ideas were turned into headings with Year 6 and 7 students developing explanatory statements.

Some of the changes that have occurred since the *Manifesto* was initiated are: construction of a vegetable garden, bird aviaries, a chicken coup, improved toilet facilities, new lunchtime activities, shaded areas with seating and duty teachers wearing bright vests so the children can see them easily. Students say having their ideas included in the *Manifesto* and seeing them acted on are how they know they were listened to.

The Participation Guidelines are available on the Commissioner for Children and Young People's website at www.ccyp.wa.gov.au

COMING HOME TODAY

- ☺ Summer uniform order form
- ☺ School Passport Scheme leaflet



PLANNING FOR 2010

Will your child/children **NOT** be attending Wirrabirra in 2010?

Please complete this slip and return to the office **before 27 November 2009**.

Child's/children's name/s: _____ Class/es _____

School your child/children will be attending in 2010: _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Looking for After School Activities for your child? Visit www.KeepKidsFit.com.au for more information.

Auditions—The Graduate College of Dance – Our annual Auditions are being held soon. The College offers a comprehensive eight year curriculum for students considering a career in dance and related vocations. Students are able to combine full time dance studies with TEE academic course-work. An Introductory Dance Performance Course is also available for younger students. Please contact Office Administrator on 9380 0551, fax 9381 3500, email gradcollege@perthmodern.wa.edu.au, website www.tgcd.com.au

Bring Home a Brother or a Sister –In January 2010, students aged 15-18 yrs from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact Student Exchange Australia on 1500 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

ICT at Wirrabirra



- On the school website <http://www.wirrabirra.wa.edu.au/> we have just put up new pictures of the Sports Carnival and the Italian Day.

Our website for the week is 'NASA for Kids'. If you enjoy looking up at the stars and wonder what's happening up there, then this is a great website for you! You can find it through our Kids Links page on the school webpage in the Space link.

Erin Svean