Term 4 Week 8 Thursday 2 December 2010 Principal: **Barry Croft**

# Wangi Wangi Public School

**School Newsletter**

## ‘Quality, Care & Commitment’

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**TERM 4 2010**

**Week 8**

Fri 3 Dec K-3 Movies Excursion

**Week 9**

Tues 7 Dec Presentation Day 10am WWC

Wed 8 Dec Toronto HS Orientation Day 10.45am-2pm

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner RSL

Thurs 9 Dec Yr 4-6 Movies Excursion

Fri 10 Dec School Reports go home

**Week 10**

Tues 14 Dec Picnic Day Myuna Bay

Wed 15 Dec Last day of term for all students

**TERM 1 2011**

**Week 1**

Fri 28 Jan Staff Development Day

**Week 2**

Mon 31 Jan Yr 1 to Yr 6 Students return

Mon 31 Jan Kinder Best Start Testing

Tue 1 Feb Kinder Best Start Testing

Wed 2 Feb Kindergarten Students Start

**A Few Words from Mrs Lilliss**

This is the final newsletter for 2010 but it is the final one for me as I will be taking leave during the first half of 2011 and then retiring from my position at Wangi Wangi Public School during Term 3. It is hard to believe I have been teaching at Wangi for 6 years!

I would like to sincerely thank the dedicated, caring, committed and professional staff I have had the pleasure of working with at Wangi for their friendship and support; the parents who have supported me during these years BUT most of all, the students I have had the pleasure of knowing and teaching during this time. It is those happy, smiling faces that have made my job so rewarding, enjoyable and memorable.

I would like to wish all students at Wangi Wangi Public School every success in their future education and endeavours.

Aim high, follow your dreams, work hard to achieve your potential and take every opportunity life offers!

Anne Lilliss

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

Everything your child is asked to learn at school is important and is linked into developing their capacity to improve outcome achievement, their self esteem and social skills.

At any given time throughout the day your child may have had other people in assisting them in consolidating concepts, developing their confidence in specific skill areas or simply providing social skill guidance. This is generally during small group learning sessions but may be in a one-to-one support role. Those adults assisting your child will be either another Classroom Teacher, one of the School Learning Support Officers (SLSO), the Support Teacher Learning Assistant (STLA), the Aboriginal Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO), Itinerant Support Teacher Behaviour (ISTB), District School Counsellor (DSC) and/or Mentors. The students at Wangi Wangi Public School have had and will continue to have access to a variety of support services designed to meet individual complex and dynamic needs.

Teachers are constantly reviewing children’s progress, through observation, assessment and learning support meetings. This regular and ongoing process allows staff to make necessary adjustments to meet student needs. The system and structure for these forums and review procedures will be enhanced in 2011.

Currently teachers and SLSO’s are meeting with parents to develop Individual Education Programs (IEP) and Personal Learning Plans (PLP) for targeted students. This strategic planning process will allow the Classroom Teacher for 2011 to best meet the specific needs of those children whilst providing quality implementation of Syllabus outcomes to all students.

Our student population has increased from 104 students mid-2010 to what will be 125 students in 2011. As a result the school will run a straight kindergarten class and maintain the Assistant Principal allocation.

**Staffing for 2011 will be:**

Kindergarten Jane Standen (Mon- Wed), Jill Paver (Thurs. & Fri.)

Yr 1/2 Pam Tarrant

Yr 2/3 (Rel. AP) Di Murphy

Yr 4/5 Ian O’Brien

Yr 5/6 (Principal) Barry Croft

Library/RFF/STLA Nerida Rayfield

SLSO’s Kerrie Maher

Nicola Smith

Nathan Wilkinson

ISTB Russell Garstang

DSC Barbara Pagett

During 2011 the school will run a specific STLA and Parent Reading Program in the Reading Resource Room, every Monday to Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. During this time Parent volunteer helpers will work specifically with targeted students, under the supervision of the STLA teacher, supporting student knowledge/understanding and application of phonetics, spelling and decoding, reading and comprehension skills. Before the commission of this program parents and community members will be provided specific training so that they may support outcome improvement in literacy.

In an effort to create a more systematic, structured environment where student and teachers can focus on quality teaching and learning of spelling, reading/comprehension, writing/grammar and mathematics, the morning and middle sessions between 9.30am and 1.00pm will be an uninterrupted learning time. To ensure that we are able to effectively meet student needs, SLSO’s and the ISTB will work alongside the Classroom Teachers to support quality implementation of teaching programs.

During the Staff Development Days at the end of this term the teaching and support staff will work on class formations, IEP and PLP program and resources, collaborative planning on systems improvement K-6 and a dedicated focus to learning more effective ways to cater for students with Learning Difficulties, Behavioural Disorders, Developmental Delay Disorders, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Autism and Downs Syndrome. This will be lead by staff from Strengthening Families Special Education Centre Newcastle University, DET Regional Student Services Officers and interagency personnel.

Your invaluable response on your surveys has ensured a tighter quality system and structure in place for 2011. Staff will be professionally developed, supported and ready to meet the complex and dynamic needs of students. Parents will be provided leadership/capacity building opportunities – this will come hand in hand with training and development and its own explicit systematic program for implementation.

Student reports will soon be sent home. The report will reflect upon what your child is able to consistently demonstrate and the areas for further development and focus.

At the end of this year we say farewell to the students of Year 6 and wish them all the very best in their future schooling and career pursuits. We also say farewell to two wonderful staff; Barry Lang (SLSO) and Anne Lillis (AP/CRT). Barry has been a wonderful addition to the school and has provided much needed assistance in working with the male students, developing their social skills, conflict resolution strategies and self confidence, not to mention providing invaluable support to staff. Anne has had a remarkable career and has served her final years at Wangi Wangi providing invaluable support to students K-6, co-ordinating, organising and running star struck, public speaking, choir, school productions and formal presentation days. She has provided invaluable support to community members in their time of need, assisted students in resolving conflicts, provided staff with professional guidance and committed herself tirelessly to Public Education. Anne is an excellent example of quality teaching and leadership. We wish you both a wonderful and relaxing retirement.

Barry Croft

**PRINCIPAL**

**K/1/2**

If you have not already done so, would you please send in a binder containing plastic sleeves so that we can begin to collate your child’s work samples. These will be sent home during Week 10.

ALL HOME READERSshould be returned to school by the end of next week, please. Thank you for supporting your child’s learning in this area.

**PIANO FOR SALE** – $100 (kindergarten piano)

Mrs Standen

**YEAR 1/ 2**

This is our last newsletter for 2010 and I would like to thank all parents who have assisted with reading throughout the year.

Don’t forget our excursion to see “Cats & Dogs” at Boolaroo Lake Theatre on Friday 3rd December (tomorrow). We will be leaving promptly at 9.30am so children need to be at school **on time.** Wear your school uniform and bring your lovely listening manners. We will have late lunch when we return to school.

Wishing all families a Happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year and holiday.

Mrs Lilliss

**YEAR 2/3**

In our unit on communication we have looked at the invention of the telephone and the history of television.

We have investigated sign language and had a go at spelling our names using the deaf alphabet and have just started looking at the Braille alphabet. We are having fun trying to decode messages written in Braille.

Mrs Murphy

**YEAR 4/5**

Thank you to 4/5 for a great year of fun and excitement and knuckling down to work. It was great to hear the students when we discussed their achievements throughout the year and how much better they felt they were compared to when they started. It was great to see the efforts of many that fuelled their assignments and created fantastic functional products that were purposeful and meaningful to the students. We are all looking forward to starting 2011 and wish everyone all the best in the new year.

Mr O’Brien

**YEAR 5/6**

Whilst students are busy finishing up work for the year, it is an exciting time for both Year 5 and Year 6 students. Our Year 5’s look towards the leadership privileges of 2011, whilst our Year 6 reflect upon their time here and look with excitement and nervousness at starting High School. It has been a pleasure working with everyone in the class. To Year 6 I wish you all the very best and hope that you continue to apply yourselves in the diligent fashion you have displayed all year. To the Year 5’s, enjoy the well deserved break – you return next year as seniors of the school with not only the challenges of leadership and role modelling, but the workload associated with being in Year 6.

Let’s celebrate Yr6 farewell next Wednesday night 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Have a great Christmas!

Mr Croft

**PRESENTATION DAY**

A reminder to all families that Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 7th December at Wangi Workers Club. It will begin at 10am.

ALL children will be walking to the club, leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 11.45am for continuation of the school day. Children are to wear full school uniform. Children receiving awards have received a letter advising parents of this fact.

**MUSICAL**

Thank you to Staff, Students, P&C and Parents for your support with our fantastic musical ‘Kids in Paradise’. Thank you also to Wangi District Workers Club, Silhouette Sound, Morisset Nursery and Miss Deb for their contributions and support. It is wonderful to see the amount of talent we have in a BIG small school.

Many Thanks, Mrs Rayfield

**LIBRARY**

Thank you to everyone for returning books to the library. Stocktake is underway and hopefully finished next week. Library borrowing resumes next year (2011) so get those library bags ready.

Mrs Rayfield

**MC900438237[1]HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Callum, Declan

Erin, Jayden

Kobe, Madison

Bailey, Nic

**HEAD LICE**

It’s that time again! We have had more reported cases of head lice over the last fortnight.

To prevent getting head lice:

-Tie your child’s hair back.

-Tell your child not to share hats or clothes.

-Check your child’s hair regularly.

If your child has head lice:

-continue to send your child to school

-Inform the school so we can inform others to check their children’s hair – your child will not be identified.

-**Do not** use household chemicals (such as kerosene or methylated spirits) to treat head lice.

-Safe/non-irritable treatment is comb and conditioner method.

More information available at:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice)

**SCHOOL SECURITY**

Pleasemake an anonymous call if you see anything that looks wrong going on in the school outside school hours.

Phone: 1300 880 021

**SUN SAFETY**

BE SAFE – is our number 1 school rule so…

Remember: NO HAT = NO PLAY

NO SPORT

NO P.E

(No thongs at anytime – this includes Discos)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**“Making Good People Better”**

Little Ninja’s club ages 4-12 years

Adult Martial Arts

Muay Thai Kickboxing all ages

Realistic Self Defence

The opportunity for you to become

A member of Kumiai-Ryu and improve

Your life starts in Term 4.

Enquires call Sempai Chris

0458014484 or visit our website

Krmas.com.au

Wed nights in the school hall

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SOUTHLAKES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Christmas Party

Carols, games, sausage sizzle, santa

Fri 10 Dec

Morisset Multi Purpose Centre

4pm to 7:30pm

Free Community event

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M.A.D DANCE

Enrolment Day 2011

Sat 29 Jan 10am – 1pm

Morisset Memorial Hall (Dora St)

Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Ballet.

All ages, male/female, no uniform.

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WANGI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

SAVE OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday 9 Dec 7.30pm at Wangi RSL

Come to the meeting and see how you can help.

Let’s show council how important our library is to us by showing up.

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