

Wangi Wangi Public School

'Quality, Care & Commitment'

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Organisation

Persistence

Confidence

Getting Along

Resilience



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 1 2011

Week 8

Wed 16 Mar

School photos

Fri 18 Mar

Show Day – no school

Week 9

Mon 21 Mar

Kinder Parent/Teacher interviews

Fri 25 Mar

4/5 Parent/Teacher interviews

Week 10

Mon 28 Mar

National Young Leaders Conference Darling Harbour

Tues 29 Mar

1/2 Parent/Teacher interviews

Wed 30 Mar

2/3 Parent/Teacher interviews

Oz Tag Dora Creek

Thur 31 Mar

2/3 Parent/Teacher interviews

Fri 1 Apr

4/5 Parent/Teacher interviews

Cross Country

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The beginning of the year has seen children and community adjust with many new changes to the school day-to-day timetable, processes and programs. These changes have been met with a level of resilience that is to be applauded. These changes have definitely shown an improvement in student engagement, participation and a defining moment in the schools improvement.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce during this time of smooth sailing that I was recently offered the promotional appointment as Principal of Edgeworth Heights Public School, a merit selection process that involved selection to the position by my peers. The position begins on 21st March 2011, less than a week and a half away. I will be involved in delivering some Regional Principal training sessions at the Annual Principals conference next Wednesday and Thursday, which means that my last day as Principal of Wangi Wangi Public School will be Tuesday next week.

Mr Marcus Walker a young casual teacher will be taking the class in the interim period until the Department of Education are able to appoint a Principal. The appointment of a

principal will be based on a lateral transfer (a current principal transferring across schools) or merit selection (advertised position whereby Assistant Principals can apply). Casual teachers and permanent teachers are unable to apply.

During this interim period Mrs Di Murphy will take on the Relieving Principal's position. She will be well supported by Mrs Pam Tarrant who will relieve as Assistant Principal. The school is geared to continue on its improvement of quality teaching and learning and quality learning environments. It is expected that all students continue to be safe, respectful and responsible.

Our school has achieved some outstanding results and changed significantly in such a short period of time thanks to the strengthened partnerships between students, staff and community. Our school is a fantastic school that will continue to improve with continued community partnerships and support. Thank you for such a wonderful experience!

Barry Croft

PRINCIPAL

Providing "Quality, Care & Commitment"

KINDER

About 4 weeks of 1st Term left! Your little angels are coming on in leaps and bounds! They have learnt so many things so far with lots more to go.

A BIG thank you to those who hear their child say his/her sounds EACH night. It is so important that the sounds are committed to memory, not just for this year, but for next year as well, when their use is further consolidated. The sounds that have been learnt so far can now be blended to make words eg. a-t = at; s-a-t = sat; p-a-t = pat; i-t = it; p-i-t = pit; s-i-t = sit; t-a-p = tap; t-a-n = tan; and many more.

If you would like to know how you can support your child's learning please come and see Mrs. Standen or Mrs. Paver before or after school.

Mrs Standen

YEAR 1/ 2

Mrs Tarrant will be conducting interviews on 29 March & 5 April. Look out for a note early next week for preferred time slots. Also look out for forth coming note about Easter Hat craft and Hat Parade.

Mrs Tarrant

YEAR 2/3

Parent/teacher interviews for 2/3 will be held on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March from 1.15pm onwards. Interview request forms will be sent home this week. If the dates or times are not suitable please contact Mrs Murphy so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

The children in 2/3 have been introduced to a new reading resource that is being used in our reading session. The resource is a box filled with comprehension cards that are designed for independent learning where the children move through the different levels at their own pace. All children have been matched to an appropriate colour card at which to begin. The children have responded enthusiastically to this resource and have been thoroughly engaged when working on the cards.

In numeracy we have been investigating 2D shapes. The children have been introduced to regular and irregular shapes and the terms the more unfamiliar terms of rhombus, trapezium and polygon.

We have started to familiarize ourselves with the three times tables, firstly by counting by threes and then looking at the patterns that these numbers make on the hundreds chart. Diagrams were then drawn to represent the different multiplication facts.

Mrs Murphy

YEAR 4/5

Mr O'Brien will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on 25 March & 1 April. Please complete and return the form sent home earlier this week with your preferred interview times.

Regards Mr O'Brien

YEAR 5/6

Mr Marcus Walker will be team teaching with myself on Monday and will then be on class on Wednesday and Thursday, leading into his 'block' work. He has a very good understanding of where each child is at, those who are working on an Individual Education Program and those who may have a Behaviour management plan. Mr Walker will take on the PE teaching role and also Coach the Rugby League and Oz Tag teams.

Thank you for a wonderful beginning to the year. I wish each and every one of you all the very best. Remain well organised, focussed and you will achieve great things.

Mr Croft

ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Well done to Jye, Tristan, Jonty and Marchello who represented our school at the Zone Rugby League Trials today. Congratulations to Tristan and Marchello who have been selected to try out for the Regional Team to be held on 25 March at Raymond Terrace.

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WED

Our school photos will be taken on Wed 16th March. Order envelopes were sent home earlier this week. Please ensure orders and payments are returned to school by **next Monday 14th March** and students are in full school uniform (school shirt, black shorts/skorts and black shoes) on photo day.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that Book Club closes Monday 21 March. Please have orders in by this date

Mrs Bayfield

UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Wangi will be providing students with the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the University of NSW. These competitions are an excellent way of preparing your child for future departmental tests in a fun, non-threatening way. The competitions offered are writing, spelling, science, maths, English and computer skills. There is a nominal fee for each competition and every child who enters receives a certificate regardless of results. These certificates can also be counted towards Bronze Awards. Payments are due by Mon 21 March.

INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Students interested in learning an instrument are welcome to collect a permission form from the office. Instruments available are: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tuba and saxophone,

Flute To be advised

Drum, Clarinet & Saxophone lessons with John are on Mondays

Guitar lessons with Dan are on Tuesdays

SPORT SHIRTS

Unfortunately we are still having problems with our supply of size 12, 14,&16 sport shirts. In the school's original order these shirts were stained and had to be returned. The replacement stock arrived this week and they were also stained! We are very disappointed with the situation and have made the supplier aware of this. We thank you for your patience and endeavour to have this resolved before the end of term.

HUNTER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Audition information for years 2-11 in 2012 is now available on the school's website:

www.hspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing dates are:

Years 7-11 16 March

Years 2-6 15 June

GATS ENRICHMENT DAY

(Gifted And Talented)

Will be held at Biraban Public School on Thursday 31 March 9am – 3pm for interested year 4 students. Cost is \$15.

Registration forms available at office. (Max of 5 students can attend.)

SCHOOL SECURITY

Please make 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



“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

Enquires call Sempai Chris

0458014484 or visit our website

Krmas.com.au

Wed nights in the school hall

WANGI FIRST PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held each Monday in the school hall from 930-1130am.

0-5yr olds. First 2 visits free.

Contact Mel 0404 141 469

WANGI WANGI CUBS

Meet each Tuesday at Wangi Scout Hall (221a Watkins Rd) 6.30-8pm during the school term.

Boys and girls aged 7 ½ to 10 ½ yrs welcome.

Enquiries Cathy 4975 5360

KIDS CLUB

Every second Tuesday of the school term at Wangi Uniting Church from

4 - 6pm

Next one 22nd March

YMCA VACATION CARE

Timetable for the April school holidays is available at WWPS office or by contacting

Toronto OOSH 4959 4444 or

www.lakwmacquarie.ymca.org.au

HUNTER ANIMAL RESCUE

PETS PICNIC

10am – 3pm Saturday 19 March

Speers Point Park

Details: www.hunteranimalrescue.com.au

**PARENTING SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN
WITH A DISABILITY**

Work shop for Parents/Carers

Thurs 3 May 2011

Cardiff RSL

9.30am – 1pm

RSVP Educare 49214895

Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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Rathmines Community Hall

Mon & Wed 5.30 - 6.30pm

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