

Wangi Wangi Public School

'Quality, Care & Commitment'

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School Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 1 2011

Week 11

Fri 8 Apr

Out of uniform day – theme “Jelly Bean Colours”

Easter Hat Parade 1:30pm

Last day of Term

TERM 2 2011

Week 1

Wed 27 Apr

Staff Training & Development – no students

Thurs 28 Apr

Students return to school

Week 2

Wed 4 Apr

P&C Mothers Day Stall

Fri 6 Apr

Crazy Hair Day

Week 3

10-12 May

NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Week 4

Tues 17 May

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Fri 20 May

Zone Cross Country

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday 28th March I had the pleasure of accompanying our six school leaders to the National Young Leaders Day, held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. This is an annual event held in the capital city of each state and is an initiative of the Halogen Foundation, which exists to inspire and influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well. Guest speakers provide inspiration and motivation by bringing their unique life experience to the event, sharing insightful and encouraging stories, instilling the message that despite challenging circumstances, anyone can overcome to be a good leader and make a difference in the world. This year's speakers included:

JESSICA WATSON – 2011 Young Australian of the Year and youngest to sail solo and unassisted around the world. Inspired by Kay Cottee and Jesse Martin, Jessica departed on 18 October 2009 from Sydney Harbour on her

210 day journey. She sailed over 24,000 nautical miles crossing the equator.

KURT FEARNLEY- World Champion wheelchair athlete with a can do attitude that makes the impossible possible. In 2010 Kurt Fearnley competed in his fifth consecutive New York marathon. As if that were not enough, Kurt's most gruelling challenge for the year was to crawl the Kakoda Trail. His infectious energy and passion for life inspires and motivates audiences across age groups and industries.

TALIA FOWLER – Winner 2009 So You Think You Can Dance. At 15, Talia competed in the internationally acclaimed Prix de Lausanne dance competition in Switzerland and earned her position as one of the top 23 classical dancers in the world in her age group.

GREG MULLINS - Commissioner of the NSW Fire Brigades. Greg holds a Masters Degree in Management and Fire Engineering Diplomas. He is a Graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the United States National Fire Academy and the Oxford Strategic Leadership Program.

MIKE MARTIN - General Manager, Halogen Foundation Mike Martin is a former Outdoor educator, corporate trainer and Officer in the Australian Army. During his career he has studied leadership intently from many different angles. As the General Manager of the Halogen Foundation, he brings leadership expertise to the event.

PHLY DANCE CREW - Choreographers James Barry and Neale Whittaker have earned Nation wide recognition, winning Looze Controls Australia's Best Dance Crew and representing Sydney in the Australian hip hop championships. In high demand, they regularly teach open workshops and classes around Australia.

FUN RUN/CROSS COUNTRY

What a fantastic effort Wangi! You have raised an extraordinary amount of money for the school. The exact amount will be published when we have finalized the prize order. Thankyou to those parents who helped on the day of the cross country – supervising on the course, encouraging participants and distributing “smooze”.

ARRIVAL OF STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

There are an increasing number of students who are arriving at school before there is adequate teacher supervision. Morning supervision begins at 9.00am. Children should not be at school any earlier than this.

STAFF CARPARK

I have been made aware that there are a number of parents who are using the staff carpark when they are dropping their children off at school or picking them up of an afternoon. This creates a safety issue for children who have to walk their bikes out of the school via the double gates. The school carpark is for use by staff only.

SCOOTER ETIQUETTE

A number of children are choosing to ride scooters to school. While there is no issue with this, I am asking parents to talk to their children about riding carefully and showing courtesy to pedestrians as the school soon hears about behaviour that is uncomplimentary.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Everyone is invited to attend the Easter Hat Parade which will commence at 1.30pm tomorrow Friday 8th April.

The Year 6 children are also holding an out of uniform day in conjunction with the parade. The theme is “Jelly Bean Colours” and they are asking for a gold coin donation.

ANZAC DAY PARADE

The school will be marching in the annual Wangi Anzac Parade on Monday 25th April. Those children who would like to march as part of the school will need to meet at Puna Road at 9.15am wearing full school uniform.

NAPLAN

Naplan Tests begin in Week 3 of Term 2. The dates are:

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 11th May – Reading

Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

There will be a FREE Naplan breakfast for children in Years 3 and 5 each morning before the test.

Finally, on behalf of the staff at Wangi School, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Students return on Thursday 28th April.

Di Murphy
Relieving Principal

KINDER

We have all worked really hard this term and your little ones deserve a lovely holiday. Please hear them say their sounds so that progress is maintained during the break. Have a great holiday, stay safe and we look forward to seeing those bright, happy faces next term!

Mrs Standen

YEAR 1/ 2

Any parents who missed at on having a Parent/ Teacher interview with Mrs Tarrant can make arrangements to see her next term

Mrs Tarrant

YEAR 2/3

On Wednesday the 30th March Year 2/3 visited Wangi Point for a talk and walk with a National Parks Officer. A very positive experience and one the children enjoyed immensely. Thankyou to Bernadette Dilley, Cathy Hardes, Sophie Poole and Mrs Smith for their transport and company on the walk.

Mrs Rayfield

Here are some accounts of our walk:

On Wednesday 30th March Year 2/3 went on an excursion to Wangi Point. Lyn was the ranger and she told us about the Reserve. We saw a lorikeet in its hole. We saw an Aboriginal midden. We saw giant trees and one even shaped like a UFO. We saw a big termites nest. I had an awesome day.

by Kobe

On Wednesday 30th March Year 2/3 went on an excursion to Wangi Point Reserve. Lyn was the Ranger and she told us about the Reserve. We saw big trees and an ants nest and we saw lorikeets. I saw beautiful flowers. I had a beautiful time.

by Rose

On Wednesday 30th March Year 2/3 went on an excursion to Wangi Point Reserve. I saw a big termite nest and also some tree sap. I saw two rainbow lorikeets and half of a puffer fish. I really enjoyed it and learnt lots.

by Finn

On Wednesday 30th March Year 2/3 went on an excursion to Wangi Point Reserve. Lyn was the Ranger and told us about the Reserve. We saw a fifty year old tree on the first trail. When we walked to the end of the first trail we came to a clearing. We walked up a path that was a long walk and we saw a tree with a hole in the middle. When we finished that track we turned to the right, after twenty minutes we came to the water. We walked over one thousand year old shell grit. After ten metres we came into the bush again and saw two trees kissing then we walked back to the clearing. Carl took a photo of me and Finn and then all of us. I had a great day and wish I could go again.

by Callum

YEAR 4/5

I would like to wish everyone a well deserved safe & happy break, ready to return for more hard work. Yr 5s remember we have NAPLAN early next term so make sure you are well rested and ready to give it your best work

Mr O'Bie

YEAR 5/6

The last 2 weeks have been busy ones for Yr 5/6. In class we have been focussing on expositions with many students showing great skill in arguing and debating certain topics. Students are also showing great confidence & understanding with Time Zones in our mathematics lessons. Big thanks to the students for helping me settle into Wangi Wangi PS.

Mr Walker

LIBRARY

There is no borrowing this week leading into the holidays so please return all books by Friday 8th April.

Congratulations to Kindergarten who have been the Champion Borrowers this term. Remember to keep reading through the holidays and where possible support our local Wangi Library.

Mrs Rayfield

READING PROGRAM

Thankyou to all our parents who have helped with Reading this term, your assistance has been invaluable and it is great to see the progress students are making. Looking forward to seeing you again next term.

Mrs Rayfield

YOUNG LEADERS DAY CONFERENCE

On the 28th of March 6 of our student leaders went to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day Conference. We got there a little bit late and sat down while everyone was listening to Mike Martin talking about good leadership. We listened to 4 other speakers, such as Greg Mullen the leader of the fire department, Kurt Fearnley the world champion wheelchair racer,

Jessica Watson the girl who sailed solo around the world and Talia Fowler who won "So You Think You Can Dance".

They all spoke about how to be a good leader and their inspiring stories.

One of the stories I liked the most was Kurt Fernley's story. It was absolutely inspirational. It was about how he crawled the Kakoda Track it made me think about what I could do as a leader of my school so everyone could look up to me and think the same thing I thought when I heard Kurt Fearnley's story.

Abby

The day inspired me because I learnt that even when times get tough if you keep on trying and never give up you can achieve things you never thought were possible.

Brodie

Young leaders day inspired me because every one of the speakers had dreams and even when they were teased or made a mistake they still pushed themselves further to make their dreams a reality.

Gabby

Young Leaders Day was extremely inspiring to me because the speakers were teased and had not many friends and they kept going on trying to achieve their goal and now they're living their dream.

Brody

For me the people of the National Young Leaders Day were truly inspirational even though they were teased and their friends either walked away or never talked to them

again. They helped me believe in myself and learn to co-operate and get along with others.

Felicity

On the 28th of March 6 of our school leaders went to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day conference. We got to listen to some famous leaders say some things about good leadership these include Mike Martin, Greg Mullen, Kurt Fearnley, Jessica Watson and Talia Fowler we also got to see Caprice. We played some games, did a treasure hunt and learnt a lot of important things about being a good leader. We had two lunch breaks and got to watch some bits of movies that showed good leadership.

Lily

THERE'S A JELLY BEAN COMPETITION IN TOWN!

Tomorrow is your last chance to guess how many jelly beans are in the jar! - 20c a guess!! Whoever guesses the correct number or the closest number to the amount will get the whole jar of Jelly Beans - the winner will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade. See Abby & Lily at lunch to place your guess.

OZ TAG

Last Wednesday the 30 of March, 20 students from the school attended an Oz Tag gala day held at Dora Creek sporting fields. Schools from Toronto, Morisset, Arcadia Vale, Rathmines and Wyee all took part in the day. The 20 students represented the school extremely well. The students showed great sportsmanship and managed to finish the day winning 8 of their 10 matches. A great day was had by all with a special thanks to the families who came out to support our two teams.

Mr Walker

SPORT SHIRTS

Today sport shirts were given to those students who were waiting on their replacement shirt. Sport shirts are available from the P&C Uniform shop for \$17.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Mrs Harges who volunteered all of her Monday morning to count our Fun Run money. Greatly appreciated. THANK YOU

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

For those families interested in applying for Year 7 2012 enrolment please find details on HSHS website www.huntersports.com.au Applications close 25 April.

OUR WEBSITE

Have you seen our website?
Take the opportunity to visit our website where you can find details of upcoming events, newsletters and notes sent home from school. The address is:

www.wangiwangi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

There is a calendar (click on "more events") which shows all events happening at our school. You will also find applicable permission notes attached to the calendar entry if you require a replacement.

All newsletters are posted on the site for reference and there is a "Notes Sent Home" page to source any "missing" notes.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY LIBRARY

School Holiday Fun

Bookings 4921 0447

"Recycled Craft"

Make a desk caddy using recycled materials

5-12yrs. Tues 12 April 10am \$2

Wangi Library

"JD's Magic Circus Workshop"

Welcome to the wonderful world of the Circus.

6-12yrs. Tues 19 Apr 10am \$7

Toronto Library

Wangi Lions Club

KIDS CATERPILLATHON

Part of the Dobell Arts & Craft Festival

Rathmines Community Hall

10:30am to 12md

Sunday 1st May

Paint/decorate a box to produce a segment of the giant caterpillar.

Paints, boxes and decorations will be provided and parade to follow after 12 noon.

YMCA VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Details of this program are available from the office or by contacting Toronto OOSH

4959 4444

www.lakemacquarie.ymca.org.au

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.

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