

# Wangi Wangi Public School

'Quality, Care & Commitment'

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# School Newsletter

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Organisation

Persistence

Confidence

Getting Along

Resilience



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM 2 2011

#### Week 4

Fri 20 May Zone Cross Country - F Jetty Rathmines 9:30am

#### Week 5

Tues 24 May International Competition – Computer Skills

Thurs 26 May Athletics Carnival – Wangi Oval

Fri 27 May Public Speaking - Assembly

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Marcus Walker who has done an outstanding job of teaching the 5/6 class over the last couple of months. Mr Walker has the opportunity to secure permanent work in another area and will finish up at Wangi on Friday. The staff and I wish him the best in his future teaching career. Thank you Mr Walker.

I would like to welcome Mrs Karen Chiles who will join us as the RFF/STLA teacher until the end of term.

### ANTI-BULLYING

The school has just reviewed and updated our Anti-Bullying Policy. It now includes cyber-bullying and a copy of the updated policy accompanies this newsletter. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour. Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying.

Excerpt from "Bullying, Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy":

### Responsibilities and delegation

#### 4.2

#### School staff

##### 4.2.1

School staff have a responsibility to:

- respect and support students
- model and promote appropriate behaviour
- have knowledge of school and departmental policies relating to bullying behaviour
- respond in a timely manner to incidents of bullying according to the school's Anti-bullying Plan.

In addition, teachers have a responsibility to:

- provide curriculum and pedagogy that supports students to develop an understanding of bullying and its impact on individuals and the broader community.

## Students

### 4.3.1

Students have a responsibility to:

- behave appropriately, respecting individual differences and diversity
- behave as responsible digital citizens follow the school Anti-bullying Plan behave as responsible bystanders
- report incidents of bullying according to their school Anti-bullying Plan.

## 4.4

### Parents and caregivers

#### 4.4.1

Parents and caregivers have a responsibility to:

- support their children to become responsible citizens and to develop responsible on-line behaviour
- be aware of the school Anti-bullying Plan and assist their children in understanding bullying behaviour
- support their children in developing positive responses to incidents of bullying consistent with the school Anti-bullying Plan
- report incidents of school related bullying behaviour to the school
- work collaboratively with the school to resolve incidents of bullying when they occur.

As a result of looking at our Anti-Bullying Policy every class will participate in the “Debug” program. “Debug” consists of a series of lessons aimed at helping children of all ages identify bullying behaviours and strategies that can be used to prevent it.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 20 May is “Walk Safely to School Day”

The aim of this day is to:

- Encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they need as they become mature pedestrians.

Study Ladder has just released interactive road safety activities to coincide with “Walk Safely to School” day. See [www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au) (students sign on with their passwords).

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential.

Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children. Please refer to information regarding attendance in this newsletter.

Di Murphy  
Relieving Principal

### CONFIDENCE.

*“Be yourself, everyone else is already taken”*

Oscar Wilde

## MERIT AWARDS

**Kinder** – Gracie, Jemimah, Bailey, Jose, Jayden, Chloe, Maggie, Oliver

**1/2**- Dylan, Nathan, Courtney, Sam

**2/3** – Conor, Liam, Kiri, Jonny

**4/5** – Kaitlyn, Keigan, Tyler, Jye, Liam, Natahlia, Abbey

**5/6** – Jordan, Miranda x2, Molly, Lily, Abby, Molly

### KINDER

Thank you for ensuring your child's new jackets are labelled - it's the first time in many years that there are no unclaimed jumpers and jackets lying around in the classroom!

The children who have presented their talk to the class, so far, have done a great job! Those who have not presented their talk will be able to do so next Tuesday afternoon. We will send a note home when the next presentations will be held.

Thank you to those parents who advise us of changes to their child's routine - it is easier for your children and us if we are aware of changes.

Mrs Standen

### YEAR 1/ 2

Well done to those students who have presented their speeches. There are still 3 days next week for those students who still need to present their speech to the class.

Mrs Tarrant

### YEAR 2/3

Mrs Rayfield will be taking over the teaching role of 2/3 on Monday 23 May. Mrs Rayfield currently has the class one day a week and is familiar with the class program, routines and expectations.

We have begun looking at a new text type in writing – procedures. The children are already quite familiar with this type of writing and will only spend a couple of weeks revising it before moving on to another text type.

Some children are coming to school without their own pencils, sharpeners, rubbers etc. Could all parents please check that their child has adequate stationary supplies as valuable class time is being wasted trying to find replacements.

Mrs Murphy

## **YEAR 4/5**

**T**ogether

**E**veryone

**A**chieves

**M**ore

Team smart has been having so much fun doing speeches and procedures. In speeches we have some key goals like eye contact, loud and clear, body language and humour.

Mr O'Bie

## **YEAR 5/6**

5/6 have been busy starting work on Procedures in class and fine tuning their graphing skills in Maths. A big thank you to all the students in 5/6 for helping to make my time at Wangi an enjoyable one. Thanks

Mr Walker

## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Will be held next Thursday 26 May at Wangi Oval. Students will leave school after roll call and walk via the waterfront to the oval. Students will then return to school once all events are completed. All students K-6 are involved. Students are to wear their house colours.

## **ATTENDANCE**

**ABSENCE NOTES** - A reminder to parents/carers that a note explaining why your child was absent from school is required when they return. The note needs to state dates, reason and parents/carers signature.

Absence notes are to be handed directly to the **classroom teacher** so details can be recorded on the class roll.

Please be aware that if an explanation is not provided within **7 days** than the absence is automatically recorded as **"unjustified"** on your child's attendance records.

Please find absence notes attached to this newsletter. After any absence just fill in the details and ask your child to hand to their teacher.

**HOLIDAYS** - Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. If this is necessary parents should discuss these absences with the principal in advance and may be requested to apply for a Certificate of Exemption from attendance at school. This will ensure that these absences are not permanently recorded as unjustified.

**SPORT CARNIVALS** - Sport and other physical activities help the healthy physical and mental development of children. Sports and sports carnivals are normal school activities and students must attend.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** - Students are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction. School hours are 9:25am to 3:25pm.

Students who are involved in 'out of school' events such as carnivals, performances, excursions, are required to attend school prior to and/or after the event.

Students are required to attend school after special events held on school grounds such as assemblies, parades, performances.

Absences will be recorded as unjustified.

## **A REMINDER ON BUS PROCEDURES**

- At the end of the day students are to line up in their correct bus line to have their names marked off and wait for their bus to be called by the teacher on duty.
- Students will be escorted to the bus by the teacher on duty who will remain until all students have boarded the bus. (The teacher on duty will inform bus driver of bus stop details for any new students.)
- Students are to sit at the front of the bus and remain seated at all times.
- The bus will stop at designated stops along the bus route and students need to be aware of when they need to get off.

Students are required to know the following:

- Their address (or aware of where to locate details ie bus pass)
- Their designated bus stop.
- Home phone number or contact number for parent

If your child misses their stop:

- Student is to notify the bus driver as soon as they are aware they have missed their stop
- The bus driver will contact the bus depot who will contact the school with details of student and suggestion for alternate meeting point.
- The school will contact parent with details of where to meet bus and will continue to liaise with bus depot and parent until student is in company of parent.
- If at any time you have concerns about your child you can contact the school who can speak to the bus driver via the bus depot. Or alternatively you can contact Hunter Valley Buses directly on 49591233

## **ANAPHYLAXIS**

A reminder to all families that we have several students at our school who suffer severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to certain allergens. One of those allergens is nuts. Therefore we ask all families to refrain from bringing any nut products to school eg peanut butter, Nutella, snack bars containing nuts.

## HEAD LICE

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:

- start treatment
- 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.

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

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

More information available at:

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

## 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

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### 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

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### KIDS CLUB

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

4 - 6pm

Next one: 31 May

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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

Enquires call Sempai Chris

0458014484 or visit our website

Krmas.com.au

Mon & Wed nights in the school hall

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## BUSINESS SPONSORS

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### WANGI FAMILY DAY CARE

Mon –Fri 7am – 6pm

Newborns, toddlers, preschoolers

Registered with LMFDC

Child Care Benefit CCB available

Info Julie Wilson 0438 753 031 or 4975 3031

Or LMFDC 4921 0156

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