

Wangi Wangi Public School

'Quality, Care &amp; Commitment'

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# School Newsletter

Email: [wangiwangi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wangiwangi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**Organisation****Persistence****Confidence****Getting Along****Resilience**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Week 2**

Thur 28 Jul Interrelate Yrs 5 & 6 – Moving into the Teen Years  
 Fri 29 Jul Student reports Semester 1 go home

**Week 3 Education Week**

Tues 2 Aug English International Competition  
 Spelling Bee 2:15pm in the hall  
 Thurs 4 Aug Athletics Carnival at Wangi Oval  
 Fri 5 Aug Education Week Assembly 1pm

**Week 4**

Thurs 11 Aug P&C morning meeting in the hall 9:30am  
 Fri 12 Aug Water Safety Program

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

This is my first week as Principal at Wangi Wangi Public School and I am looking forward to meeting everyone over the next few weeks. I have taken over the teaching role on the 2/3 class.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Mrs Murphy as Relieving Principal and Mrs Tarrant as Relieving Assistant Principal in their roles in the interim period before I was appointed.

As this is my first Newsletter I would like to say how impressed I am with the students, staff and parents that I have met. Everyone has made me feel very welcome. Wangi Wangi has a fine reputation not only in its own community but also in the wider community as well. When I spoke to people about coming to Wangi Wangi they were very warm in their praise of the school.

At my first assembly the Zone Public Speakers presented their speech to the school Nakita Yates, Viv Jarrett, Lily Rafferty and Gina Lawrence spoke with expression, fluency and the use of gestures.

Maggie Garnett presented a recount of her week at Band Camp, what an exciting time for Maggie!

A Year 3 and Year 4/5 buddy group presented their models that they had worked on in Semester 1. The students focussed on Getting Along, Persistence, Resilience, Organisation and Confidence. The students were required to work as a team and they were required to follow instructions. This is such a wonderful program to have at our school. A special thanks to Mr Russell Garstang (Support Teacher Behaviour).

This was a fantastic introduction to the many programs that we have running at Wangi Wangi Public School.

Reports go home this Friday, if you would like an interview please contact the class teacher as soon as possible.

Jenni Langford  
Principal

*If you can dream it,  
 You can do it.  
 -Walt Disney*

## KINDER

Welcome back to Term 3! The weather is a bit damp but our spirits are high! The kids have returned refreshed and ready to build on last terms learning.

If the weather permits we will be visiting Wangi Library next Tuesday, 2nd August.

Notes will be sent home on Monday.

If you are not a member of Lake Macquarie Library we have some membership forms and library cards in our classroom. If you wish your child to have one for visits to the library come and see us before or after school and we can sign you up!

Mrs Standen

## YEAR 1/ 2

This term our unit is titled "Families, Past and Present". If you have any old items, toys, gramophones, household appliances etc that could be shown to the children by you, could you please see me and we can arrange a time when you could come and share these objects with the children. Since some of the items may be valuable, it is best that they are brought in by you and shown personally.

Just a reminder that homework contract books are handed in on Fridays. If you missed out on the spelling overview sheet for the term, I have spares. Keep an eye out for Reading fluency sheets that are sent home. These are typed copies of the readers your child is currently reading at school. Some Year 2 students will have copies of the Countdown magazine to practise at home. Please return them when you are finished reading them.

If you have any magazines at home that you are finished with they would be gratefully received by our class to use for craft. (Discretion in type of magazines sent would be appreciated!)

Thanking you.

Mrs Tarrant

## YEAR 2/3

2/3 have settled in well to their new routines and teacher. We will be working hard on producing Quality work at all times. Talking and Listening topics have been sent home and students will present a short presentation to the class each week.

This week the topic has been 'Delicious!'

There have been some very 'yummy' presentations!

The text type we will be working on this term is Narrative.

Mrs Langford

## YEAR 4 / 5 Team Smart

We have been having fun with some outdoor hands on Maths and looking forward to doing more. A reminder that homework is due every Wednesday for checking and questions.

## YEAR 5/6

5/6 have settled back into their normal routine. We have finished our novel "Rowan of Rin" but are still completing the activities that go with it. The children have written reviews about "Rowan of Rin", some of which are included in this newsletter. We have also commenced a study on the picture book "Old Riley" by Gary Crew & Marc McBride. We will be looking specifically at different aspects of grammar through this book.

In Maths we have been looking at Roman Numerals, adding and subtracting using estimation and describing rules for number patterns. I have started a unit with the 5/6 class called "Power Down". This unit looks at small screen recreation and the ways we can reduce it. Here are some tips for reducing Small Screen Recreation from the "Good For Kids" website: [www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au)

Mrs Murphy

## REDUCING SMALL SCREEN

### RECREATION: TIPS

**Turn off the Box!** A major influence on how much activity kids do is the amount of time they spend "in front of the screen". Non-educational small screen recreation includes television, video, DVDs, computers, computer games and electronic games.

Australian recommendations say that kids should **not spend more than two hours a day** in small screen recreation. Some tips to reduce small screen recreation (SSR) usage:

**1. Set some rules:** Negotiate with your child when they will watch TV e.g. only when their favourite shows are on, no TV during daylight hours, children need to ask permission to watch TV or use the computer.

**2. Set some limits:** Restrict the time they spend watching TV, playing computer games and surfing the internet to no more than 2hrs/day.

**3. Avoid TVs and computers in the bedroom:** Keep these in a common room in your house so that you can monitor your child's use.

**4. Look for fun active alternatives** to replace some of the time usually spent in SSR.

## "ROWAN OF RIN"

5/6 have read "Rowan of Rin". It is a puzzle and adventure book about a small village called Rin where animals similar to cows are called bukshah. They live on sweet water that flows from the mountain until one day the water stops flowing and if the bukshah die so will the villagers. Seven brave hearts set off on a journey to the top of the mountain, solving riddles and facing many dangers and thrills. Will they make it to the top? Will they find out what lies at the top of the mountain? Will they save the town from death? Find out by reading "Rowan of Rin".

Blake Eastwood

I thought "Rowan of Rin" by Emily Rodda was a very good book and I would recommend it for all children.

The first thing that happens is the bukshah's water runs out and seven heroic people set out to make the water run again. Everyone ends up going back to the city of Rin except for Rowan and strong John. They visited amazing and scary places all over the mountain far and wide. Rowan must make the stream flow again otherwise the bukshah will die. They face spiders, sinking swamps, pools and tiny tunnels. Even a dragon. Will the water run again? Well why don't you read "Rowan of Rin". It is an amazing book for everyone young and old.

Molly Rafferty

"Rowan of Rin" is a fictional story about a young boy named Rowan who lives in a small village called Rin. Rin relies on a stream to survive but one day the stream stopped flowing and the village had to find out what had happened and how to fix it. Seven brave, young adventurers were sent on a quest up the mountain to get the stream running again. The seven adventurers were relying on a map to lead their way. But the map wasn't an ordinary map, it was full of riddles and paths that help the adventurers find their way. The journey up the mountain wasn't easy; it was full of danger and heartbreak. As the party continued on with their quest it began falling apart, one by one members of the party began to turn around and go home, even the strongest and the bravest of them all. They faced spiders, mud, swamps, mist, deadly traps and much, much, much more! When they finally reached the top of the mountain and the dragon, there were only two left, Strong John and Rowan. They had to face the dragon ALONE! Will they complete the quest and save Rin? How about you read and find out.

Brodie Hackett-Umbers

### **LIBRARY**

Book Week is coming up in Week 6 (26th August) Theme this year is 'One World, Many Stories'.

We will be having a Book Week Parade where students can dress up as their favourite book character.

A number of students will also be receiving their Bronze Library Award. Keep the borrowing happening and keep reading.

Mrs R

### **READING SUPPORT**

Thank you to those parents who have helped with reading this year, the support program is still running so we look forward to seeing those who can still make it.

Mrs R

### **MERIT AWARDS**

**Kinder** Emily, Hayley, Bede & Jazmine.

**1/2** Conor, Courtney & Nathan

**2/3** Siena, Conor & Kiri

**4/5** Shannan, Abbey, Jye

**5/6** Lili, Georgia & Blake

**Library** Gina, Molly, Lili I

### **100% ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to the following students who achieve 100% attendance for Semester 1.

**Kinder** Nicholas, Chloe, Morgan

**1/2** Liam, Phoebe,

**2/3** Cody

**4/5** Eva, Bridie, Caitlin L, Justin

**5/6** Maddison, Brooke

### **MUSIC CAMP**

"On Saturday I went to Stanwell Tops for the State Junior Music Camp that went from the 16 to 21 July. Stanwell Tops is about 40 minutes south of Sydney. On Music Camp we had two groups. I was in vocal and music theatre – which is acting. Being in a group helps you learn independently. It also gives you a chance to have a say in group discussions. It was great at Music Camp because I got to do what I love – learn new songs and meet new people."

by Maggie

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Public Speaking at Zone was an exciting experience for Viv and myself. It was a privilege to compete with such talented speakers. Viv received a "highly commended" certificate and I received a participation certificate.

By Nakita Yates

### **DANCE**

A reminder that Dance classes have commenced for Term 3 and fees of \$27 are due by Mon 8 Aug.

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT THURSDAY**

(Weather permitting) Our re-scheduled Athletics Carnival will be held next week on Thurs 4 Aug at Wangi Oval. Students (K-6) will be walking to and from the oval along the waterfront. Students will leave school after roll call at 9:45am and return to school at the completion of events. Students are to wear house colours and a hat. All staff will be attending.

Students may bring their lunch/recess or purchase items from the canteen and sausage sizzle being run by the P&C.

We need parents to help with timekeeping and judging – please let the office know if you can assist.

### FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Boys in years 5 & 6 have been invited to participate in a football gala day at Dora Creek on Wednesday 10 August. Des Johnson has kindly offered to coach the boys at school. The aim of the day is "fun & participation". No scores will be kept. Notes were sent out on Tuesday and need to be back at school ASAP. Parents need to transport their own children.

### MHS YR 7 ENRICHMENT CLASS 2012

Applications are now available for the Year 7 enrichment class at Morisset High School for 2012.

Year 6 students have the opportunity to nominate themselves for inclusion in the Enrichment class.

If you are interested please see the office for an application form or visit MHS website.

### YEAR 6 PHOTOS

If anyone is interested in purchasing copies of Year 6 photos (class, muck-up, school leaders or sport captains photos) please have orders to the office by Friday 5 Aug.

### KINDER 2012

We are currently taking enrolments for next year's Kindergarten. If you know of any families with Kinder age children please ask them to contact the school so their child's name can be placed on the enrolment list.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to The Lions Club of Wangi who generously donated funds to purchase a "Yellow Reading Box" for our Infants students. This is a resource which will be utilised and enjoyed by our Infants students. This reading box now completes the set for our school. Thank you Lions Club.

### EARN & LEARN

Our school can earn extra dollars over the next 9 weeks which can be redeemed for a choice of items through Modern Teaching Aids.

DON'T FORGET TO DROP IN THE SLIP FOUND ON YOUR **WOOLIES DOCKETS** & PUT THEM IN THE BOX AT THE OFFICE..

### EDUCATION TAX REFUND

There have been changes to the Education Tax Refund as of 1 July 2011. Information can be obtained from:

[www.Educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.Educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### GUITAR LESSONS

There are still some vacancies for students wishing to learn guitar. Our guitar teacher, Dan, comes to the school each Tues after 1pm. Contact the office for more info.

### 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

## *P&C NEWS*

Donations of hand sanitizer and tissues for the classrooms would be greatly appreciated.

The canteen would really like to open another day a week if you are able to help out please contact Heather on 0401950870

We will holding a morning time P&C meeting on Thursday 11 August at 9:30am in the school hall – children welcome. We would love everyone to bring some great ideas with them. The school and P&C would like to get new air conditioners for all the classrooms so we need to have some great fundraisers to be able to do this. These morning meetings are designed for those who can't attend our night meetings, we want everyone to have a chance to participate.

Next week is our school sports carnival if the rain stays away. We will still be having canteen at the field. The canteen will sell chips, lollies, drinks, pies, sausage rolls and will be holding a BBQ as well.

Heather

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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### WANGI WANGI LIBRARY HELP! HELP!

Wangi Wangi Public Library needs YOUR HELP. Lake Macquarie Council wants to close the Library!

YOUR SIGNATURE AND HELP IS  
URGENTLY NEEDED!

Please drop in and sign the petition at the library as soon as possible so that the library can continue to operate successfully.

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## CANTEEN MENU (Updated July 2011)

### **HOT FOOD**

Chicken fingers (3 per pack)	2.00
Meat Pie	2.50
Chicken & Vegie Pie	2.50
Sausage Roll	2.00
Pizza (ham & pineapple)	2.00
Nachos	3.00
Macaroni Cheese	3.00
Cheese Roll (warm bread roll filled with melted cheese)	2.00
Sauce (tomato, bbq, sweet&sour)	0.40

### **SANDWICHES (white bread)**

Vegemite	1.70
Jam	1.70
Honey	1.70
Chicken	3.00
Chicken & cheese	3.40
Cheese	2.20
Salad (lettuce tomato beetroot cucumber)	2.50
Ham	3.00
Ham & cheese	3.40
Ham, cheese & tomato	3.80

Extras - add 40c

Toasted - add 50c

Mayonnaise - add 20c

### **FRUIT**

Apple	1.00
Fruit pieces (seasonal)	0.40

### **DRINKS**

Milk (chocolate, strawberry)	1.50
Juice (apple, orange)	1.50
Water	1.50
Play water	2.00

### **SNACKS**

Finger bun	1.60
Muffin (choc chip, blueberry)	1.60
Chips	1.00
Twisties	1.00
Jelly fruit	0.30

### **FROZEN TREATS**

Moosie	1.00
Icy Twist lemonade	0.80
Calippo Mini	0.70
Paddle Pop	1.20
Frozen Yoghurt	1.70
Jelly Fruit	0.30