



# WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 15 November 2012

## Principal's Report

Dear parents/caregivers,

### Canberra Excursion

Last week we had an extremely quiet school with Year 5 and 6 visiting Canberra. A special thanks to Mrs Witt, Ms Deane and Mr Longbottom for accompanying the students. I had many positive reports on the way the students represented our school. Well done Wangi students!

### Connected Classroom

Over the past two weeks students have been exposed to video conferencing, some virtual excursions are free and for others there is a small fee. We visited the Australian Museum to learn about dinosaurs and this week Years 2 and 3 found a suitable environment in one of our trees for the positioning of a nesting box for birds.

Staff will continue to expose students to this form of learning which engages all students. At Wangi we are fortunate to have two connected classrooms.

As another part of our initiatives in technology, Miss Ashleigh Golden is working with all classes and teachers in the computer room to expose students to computer skills and concepts.

### Staff News

On Saturday 17 November, staff will be spending the day developing teaching and learning skills in Focus on Reading, curriculum differentiation and programming. As well as this we also are running after school training and development sessions on Focus on Reading and road safety.

Teachers are working hard on student reports that will be sent home on Friday 7 December.

Mrs Murphy is on leave from Monday 26 November until Friday 14 December, Mrs Tisdell will be taking the class.

Miss Golden will be working with Year 2 and Year 4 on NAPLAN skills in preparation for 2013.

Jenni Langford

Principal

*Learning is about the joy of discovery and the mastery of meeting challenges.*

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



## Merit Awards

**Kinder** Delaney Burgin, Mali Denne, Bae Kelly, Shakira Yates, Jack James, Ethan Vlaich, Ryvrr-Lee Alo.

**Yr 2/3/4** Ella Geach, Jorja Walsh, Riley Hardes, Georgie-Rose Connors.

**Yr 4/5** Erin Goodwin, Siena Johnson, Kellie Mallaby, Nakita Yates, Kobe Noble, Conor Plows, Cody Shutz-Relf,.

**Yr 5/6** Enola Noble, Jaden Laver-Bennett, Tyson McCalman, Shannan Cameron.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Our 2013 Kinders have enjoyed their special visits to their new classroom. Parents have been exposed to information on Best Start Literacy and Numeracy. Last week, Kieran Egan, TEN consultant, showed parents a range of learning experiences to assist their child in preparation for Kindergarten. Parents worked with their child on the TEN resources that we have recently purchased to support students' early arithmetical strategies.



## Yr7 2014 Selective High School

A reminder to those interested parents of Year 5 students wanting to apply for entry to selective high schools for Year 7 in 2014, that applications close this **Monday 19 November 2012**. Parents need to apply online at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) (Please see Mrs Langford if you do not have internet access.)

## Remembrance Day

Yr 2/3/4 had a special time working on Remembrance Day activities on Friday 9 November. Have a look at the quality work we completed on the book "Quest for Courage"



## Canberra Excursion

Canberra was one of the best memories I have of my primary school life! The top three activities were probably Questacon, the Dinosaur Museum and CSIRO Discovery. The bottom three activities were the National Art Gallery, Parliament House and the War Memorial. The meals served at the motel were to die for, but the sandwiches we had on the second day were to want to die. We didn't get much time at each of the attractions and I don't know why the Canberra trip had to be chosen on the week of the Big Brother 2012 Grand Finale, but what I do know is that I'm going to be nagging Mum to go back there until she agrees!

By Gina Lawrence

Last week 5/6 went to Canberra for 4 days. First we went to the National Australian Museum. It was full of facts and things you wouldn't expect. My favourite dinner was chicken and chips and breakfast was Coco Pops. I also found someone from my family on the wall at the War Memorial. My favourite event was Questacon.

By Tyson McCalman



## Canberra Excursion



## What's on at WWPS:

### Week 6

Fri 16 Nov *Jets Womens League visit*

### Week 7

Tues 20 Nov *Yr 6 Transition Program @ THS*

*P&C Meeting*

Wed 21 Nov *Yr 6 GATS Challenge @MHS*

Thurs 22 Nov *Kinder 2013 Transition*

*Yr 5 GATS Maths workshop @Cardiff PS*

Fri 23 Nov *Cricket Gala Day Yrs 3&4*

### Week 8

Tues 27 Nov *Choir performing @ Wangi Waters*

*Parent Info Night @ THS 6pm*

### Week 9

Tues 4 Dec *Yr 4 GATS Writing Workshop @ Biraban PS*

Wed 5 Dec *Yr 6 Orientation Day @ MHS & THS*

### Week 10

Tues 11 Dec *Presentation Day @ WWC*

Wed 12 Dec *Yr 6 Excursion to Tree Tops*

Thurs 13 Dec *Yr 6 Farewell Dinner @ RSL*

### Week 11

Mon 17 Dec *Picnic Day @ Myuna Bay*

Wed 19 Dec *Last day of term for students*

### Term 1 2013

Wed 30 Jan *Yrs 1-6 students return*

Please refer to our website's calendar for up-to-date details.

[www.wangiwangi-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wangiwangi-p.school.nsw.edu.au)

## Canberra Excursion

I loved Canberra, it was an experience. Canberra is a very pretty place, filled with tourist attractions and beautiful scenery. My favourite thing about our trip to Canberra was Cockington Green, an amazing village filled with little people, cars, houses and animals. The cabins were awesome!!!! I loved them. Our food was cooked to perfection. I loved the breakfast out of all of the meals. Every meal was different. We didn't watch that much T.V, well not in my cabin. We met lots of new friends and some we already knew.

By Emily Burgin

My favourite experience while we were in Canberra was Questacon because there were so many interactive activities that were interesting and scientific. We got to see lightning strike and experience a slight earthquake while inside a room designed as a kitchen. The fridge opened and the wall fell apart. We got to experience scientific experiments, and go on a vertical slide. You hold onto a bar and fall vertically down a slope. I skipped a heartbeat. Questacon taught us a lot while we were having fun.

By Eva Fraser



## LMCC Sustainable Neighbourhoods Events

Bookings: 4921 0333 Info: [www.lakwmac.com.au](http://www.lakwmac.com.au)

### Charlestown Sustainable Film Night – Fri 16 Nov

@ Charlestown Pool, Dickinson St. Entry 6:30pm, films from 7:30pm. Bring a picnic blanket and join in a free evening of film & entertainment. Films include: "The Story of Stuff" & "An Inconvenient Truth".

### Lake Macquarie Community Garden Tour – Sat 17 Nov

LMCC admin building carpark, Main Rd, Speers Point @ 8:15am. A tour of community gardens in our local area. Targeted at volunteers involved in community garden projects. Bookings essential.

### Family Cycle Skills Workshop- Sun 18 Nov

10am – 12 noon @ Swansea's Men's Shed 74 Pacific Hwy Blacksmiths. Aim: Develop the skills and confidence of bicycle riders of all ages so they may ride for recreation, health and for commuting. Participants need to be able to ride unassisted & without training wheels. Workshop followed by BBQ. Bookings essential.

### Seed Workshop – Sat 24 Nov

Landcare Resource Centre, Teralba @ 9am-12noon  
Learn about seed collection, storage, record-keeping and propagation. Morning tea & lunch provided.  
Bookings essential. 4921 0392

### Marine Debris Initiative - Tues 27 Nov

The Place, Charlestown Square 6:30-9pm  
Discover the impact marine debris has on our local coastline and some practical solutions.  
Bookings preferred: 4352 5100.

## Community Notices

### Wangi Library

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The only way to keep our public library open is to use it.  
Visit the library and find out about its many facilities.  
If we use it, we will keep it functioning. Make a difference.



### Wangi Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood

...invites residents and friends of Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Buttaba & Myuna Bay to get involved!

Do you want a say in the future of **your** neighbourhood?

Have fun working with your community to build a **sustainable future!**



Supported by Lake Macquarie City Council  
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