



WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 29 November 2012

Principal's Report

Dear parents/caregivers,

Wangi Wangi Public School is holding the Parent Feedback session on Tuesday, 4th December at 2.15pm in the Library.

The role of parents in school education is vital. The voices of parents matter. All research shows that students are more settled at school and learning outcomes improve when their parents/carers are involved in their school lives and their learning.

Schools have the capacity to be significant learning centres for all members of the school community, including staff, parents and students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small, hardworking group of parents that have taken on this partnership role to jointly steer our school towards achieving its goals. We appreciate their support and input into the many new initiatives that have been implemented at Wangi this year.

Leaders for the Future

On Friday, 30 November our Year 5 students will be presenting their school leader speeches at the Assembly. The Assembly will be at 12.30pm in the school hall. Students are aware of the responsibilities and challenges associated with student leadership. Please come along and support our future leaders.

Thank You Morning Tea

We are very fortunate at Wangi Public to have parents, grandparents and mentors who give of their time to assist at the school in a variety of ways. All students and members of staff appreciate the contributions of parents during 2012 and we are holding a "Thank You Morning Tea" on Thursday 13 Decembers at 11.30am in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you on this special occasion.

Jenni Langford

Principal

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



Merit Awards

- Kinder** Sarah Bullock, Yolanda Laguna, Riley Benson, Jackson Clement, Dylan Gobbo, Paul Marks Gray,
- Yr ½** Emily Kent, Jazmine Nipperess, Jemimah Wilson, Bede Garnett, Lawson Latham, Nicholas Mills, Samuel Woolnough, Olivia Irwin, Lachlan Hill
- Yr 2/3/4** Shannon Wiles, Jayden Hamilton, Samson Miller, Jessica Campbell, Jessie Castle, Phoebe Puller, Jayden James, Jacob Keillor, Sam Masters, Jesse Moore, Tui Earl, Mack Hill
- Yr 4/5** Destiny Hoppe, Tahlia Linton, Nicola Harges,
- Yr 5/6** Eva Fraser, Tom Masters, Amber Adam, Maggie Garnett, Madi Hindmarch, Gina Lawrence,

School Leaders 2013

We are delighted with the number of Year 5 children who have nominated themselves for school leadership positions next year.

Our school leadership team will consist of 2 School Captains and three councillors. The children who have nominated for these positions are: Abbey Bullock, Tom Masters, Caitlin Stroinec, Jaden Bennett, Charli Hill, Cassidy Laguna, Josie Hurst, Bridie Gardner, Enola Noble, Eva Fraser and Emily Burgin.

Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will vote on Friday immediately after the assembly. We will employ a preferential voting system.

We also have lots of nominations for the positions of Sports Captains and Vice Captains for Wattle and Waratah. We intend to share the leadership positions around, so the children who are part of the school leadership team will not be eligible for these positions.

Nominations for Wattle are: Nicola Harges, Eva Fraser, Jaden Bennett, Charli Hill, Cassidy Laguna and Bridie Gardner.

Nominations for Waratah are: Josie Hurst, Emily Burgin, Caitlin Stroinec, Tom Masters and Enola Noble.

School A to Z (website & app)

Produced by DEC this website and app brings together a wealth of resources to help parents to understand and support their child's homework: Hundreds of definitions for Maths & English terms, Spelling Bee & Maths Times Tables games and "assignment starters". Take a look.

www.schoolatoz.com.au

Home Readers

Home Reading finishes on Wednesday 4 December, please return all home readers to the class teacher. This is also the last day for Home Reading Diaries to be returned for the reading rewards.

We encourage all students to continue reading during the holidays.

Kinder Transition 2013

Last Thursday saw the last of our six transition sessions. Our transition is extensive and caters specifically for successful transition for both children and parents at the beginning of the 2013 school year. Last week, students participated in art/craft activities. They were extremely proud of their creations.



Newcastle Permanent Building Society Maths Competition

Congratulations to Emily Burgin, Enola Noble and Eva Fraser for achieving Distinction and Bridie Gardiner for achieving Credit in this Maths Competition that we enter in each year. We are extremely proud of the maths results that our students received this year.

Milo Cricket Gala Day

On Friday 23 November Yr 3 & 4 students visited Finnan Oval at Blackalls Park to play Milo Cricket. There were four schools with teams of boys and girls and students were taught how to bowl overarm or underarm.

The teams then played their games and had lots of fun. Each team had 3 games with a bye. Lunch was yummy yummy!

We all had great games of cricket. The players each received a Milo Cricket showbag.

The girls were successful in winning all their games and the boys won one.

We all had a great, fun day.

By Kellie & Cody

Bottle Tops

Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our collection of bottle tops. At this stage we have enough bottle tops to complete our artworks. Keep your eyes open for the masterpieces to appear very soon.

WWPS Road Safety Tips: Pedestrian Safety



Help your child to **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK** anytime they must cross a road - **STOP** one step away from the kerb, **LOOK** both ways, **LISTEN** for any cars, and **THINK** about the safest time to cross.

Children need to be closely supervised when travelling on or near roads until they are 10 years old.

Children need an adult to hold their hand when crossing the road until they are at least 8 years old.

Dobell Drive can be a dangerous street to cross. The childrens crossing is a safe place to cross this busy road. Always **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK** before crossing the road.

The flagged children's crossing in Dobell Drive is the safest place for your child to cross when walking to and from school. When the flags are out, cars must stop for pedestrians.

Parked cars and carpark, like the IGA carpark, can be dangerous places for young children. Always hold your child's hand when walking through a carpark or between parked cars.

Never call to your children from across a road – teach them to wait until you cross and come to them.

What's on at WWPS:

Week 8

Tues 27 Nov *Parent Info Night @ THS 6pm*
Fri 30 Nov *Leaders 2013 speeches*

Week 9

Tues 4 Dec *Yr 4 GATS Writing Workshop @ Biraban PS*
Parent Feedback session 2:15pm
Wed 5 Dec *Yr 6 Orientation Day @ MHS & THS*
Fri 7 Dec *Choir performing @ Wangi Shores*

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

Week 1

Wed 30 Jan *Yrs 1-6 students return*

Week 2

Tues 5 Feb *Kinder photos*
Swim Carnival @ Morisset pool

Week 3

Fri 15 Feb *School photos*

Please refer to our website's calendar for up-to-date details.
www.wangiwangi-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Christmas Giving Tree

As the Christmas season approaches there is a sense of excitement and anticipation for the children. However there are many families in the community that struggle to cope with the extra financial demands that come at this time of the year. We would like to introduce a "Giving Tree" where students from all classes will be invited to purchase a gift to be placed under our "Giving Tree" in the office foyer. Gifts will be passed on to a local charity at the end of the year. There is a lot to be gained from children helping to focus on the "giving" aspect of Christmas. If you decide to support this initiative you are asked not to wrap gifts as they will need to be unwrapped and checked. This will be of assistance to those who are distributing the gifts. I thank everyone for their support of this initiative.



MHS Principal's Message

Hello everyone I hope that the heat is being kind to you all! Last week for Morisset High School has been a hot one, but mainly to do with how busy we are at this time of the year. As stated last week our Showcase Evening is on this week and I need to acknowledge all of the work put in to this project by students and staff alike. This week was the beginning of an Aboriginal Culture Celebration in year ten. This is a unit of work delivered in HSIE, focussing upon Aboriginal Education and art work, and is being supported by community members who are coming in to our school and delivering lessons and workshops. This is a fantastic initiative and I need to thank Mr Davies and Selina Archibald for their leadership in developing this program as well as the amazing community support from Ms Chedsie. Last week our incoming year seven students came up to the high school as part of the Middle Schooling Initiative and all of the students had a great day. Incidentally, they were also fortunate enough to see a dress rehearsal of the Showcase evening. At this point in the term we are into our report writing phase with printing deadlines looming over the next few weeks. It is always a busy time, meeting these deadlines and ensuring that our reporting schedules are being met.

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

Jobe Wheelhouse Football Clinic

3 Jan 2013 2-6pm @ Finnan Oval Blackalls Park
6-14yrs cost is \$80
Participants receive a T-shirt. Drinks & BBQ dinner
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Community Notices

Wangi Library

ONLY YOU CAN SAVE OUR LIBRARY.

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.

Carols in Dobell Park

Sunday 16 December at 7pm

Jumping castle, sausage sizzle, face painting & Santa
Presented by Powerhouse Church & Community Business

Hunter Sports Centre

Vacation Care Programs approved for Child Care Rebate &
Benefit Vacation Care.

Thurs 20 Dec – Tues 29 Jan 7:30am to 6pm – meals included
Craft, science, cooking, sports programs, gymnastics, mission
impossible, foam wars, balance basics.
49 536366 or www.hsc.org.au

Southlakes Community Services

Community Christmas Celebration

Friday 7 December 4-8pm

Morisset Multipurpose Centre, 143 Dora St, Morisset
Free event for the whole family.
Jumping castle, Petting zoo, Magician, Balloon animals, face
painting, BBQ, Performances, carols and a visit from Santa



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