

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 1 2012

Week 9

Fri 23 Mar Cross Country Carnival 12:30-1:45
Assembly 2:15

Sat 24 Mar Seed Planting/Working Bee 2pm

Week 10

Mon 26 Mar Cricket Yrs 3-6

Tues 27 Mar 2/3/4 & 5/6 Parent/Teacher interviews

Wed 28 Mar 4/5 & 1/2 & 5/6 Parent/Teacher interviews

Thurs 29 Mar Sunshine Day

Week 11

Mon 2 Apr Cricket Yrs 3-6
Yr 6 Leadship Day @ Myuna Bay
Cyber Safety Talk for students
Cyber Safety Parent Workshop 3:30pm
Tues 3 Apr 2/3/4 Parent/Teacher interviews
Thurs 5 Apr Easter Hat Parade 1pm
Last day Term1

TERM 2 2012

Week 1

Mon 23 Apr **Staff Development Day**
Tues 24 Apr Students return
Wed 25 Apr Anzac Day Parade

NB: For up-to-date details of events please refer to our website's calendar @:
www.wangiwangi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
The term is flying and there are many events happening before the last newsletter of the term is sent home, please check the calendar updates either on the newsletter or on the website.

Education should be a Partnership

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.

You as parents can help this home/school partnership by becoming a P&C member and attending the meetings which are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

PSP Survey

A big thanks to all parents who returned the survey, the response was outstanding and we now wait until Term 3 for the announcement.

Focus on Reading

Last week staff attended a two hour professional learning session after school to learn the components of the “Super Six” comprehension strategies.

Mrs Witt and Mr O’Brien also visited Tenambit Public School on Friday to view two lessons on Focus on Reading and they have bought back some wonderful teaching resources, staff can now begin to implement comprehension strategies into their classroom.

Home Reading

It is great to see students who have already completed 25 nights Home Reading, they have received their first reward of an Assistant Principal’s Award and they are well on their way to receiving the Super Reader Cape for 50 nights Home Reading.

It takes only ten minutes of reading a day to ensure children have the tools to reach their full potential. Make reading a priority at home.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

A note went home last week to inform parents when teachers will hold their interviews, remember to return the note as soon as possible to get your first time choice. The interviews are being held in RFF time and after school. All parents will have the opportunity to speak with the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you in Weeks 10 and 11.

Sport

Josie Hurst is our first State representative in Swimming, this is an amazing feat, we wish her well when she competes in Homebush on 4th and 5th April. **A big congratulations!**

Cyber Safety- Social Media

Don’t forget we have a parent cyber bullying / cyber safety workshop on Monday 2nd April at 3.30 pm in the Library. Senior Constable Ell will be working with Year 4 to Year 6 at 3.00pm.

Kinder Meet and Greet

A small group of Kinder parents and P&C members braved the weather and enjoyed the yummy afternoon tea provided by Jenni Stroinec and Heather Hamilton.

*Education is the power to think clearly,
The power to act well
in the world’s work,
and the power to appreciate life.*

Jenni Langford
Principal



Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea for Kinder parents.

MERIT AWARDS

K: Shakira Yates, Jack James, Jackson Clement

1/2: Tahlia Webber, Claire Dilley, Tim Bennett, Oliver Tabone, Nicholas Mills, Gracie Rush, Hayley Wooldridge, Jose Laguna, Bede Garnett

2/3/4: Dylan Tracey, Jorja Walsh, Jayden James, Jayden Hamilton, Jessie Castle, Courtney Mulroy

4/5: Josie Hurst, Caitlin Stroinec, Abbey Bullock, Callum Prescott, Cody Shutz- Relf

5/6: Shannon Cameron, Kaitlyn Moraghan, Jonty Moore, Tom Masters, Marchello Laguna, Maggie Garnett

SPORT

Brooke Tatton, Gina Lawrence, Emily Burgin, Cassidy Laguna and Josie Hurst all proudly represented our school in the Zone Netball trials. The girls enjoyed the competition and gave it their best shot.

Marchello Laguna, Shannan Cameron, Tristan Miller and Jonty Moore participated in the Zone Selection trials for Rugby League. Jonty, Tristan and Marchello were all selected in the Zone Team to participate in the Regional trials this Friday. We wish them all the best! Maddison Hindmarsh, Enola Noble, Bridie Gardner, Zac Wiles and Liam Spencer will participate in the Zone Football (previously known as Soccer) trials today. We look forward to hearing about their experience.

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held tomorrow. We will select our School Cross Country team from the results. The children are encouraged to wear a green or yellow t-shirt to represent their house team. Please feel free to join us.

GIFTED & TALENTED ENRICHMENT DAY

Callum Prescott, Emily Burgin and Eva Fraser from Years 4 and 5 have been selected to participate in an Enrichment Day at Biraban Public School. The children have nominated two preferred workshops from: Art With a Twist, Thinking Challenge, Super Science and Amazing Art. We are sure they will have a very stimulating and enjoyable experience.

DEBATING

We have nominated two debating teams to participate in a Regional Stage 3 Debating Competition. Our Year 6 team members are Brooke Tatton, Blake Eastwood, Marchello Laguna and Gina Lawrence. Our Year 5 team consists of Bridie Gardner, Emily Burgin, Eva Fraser and Josie Hurst. The children are very excited by this opportunity to further develop their public speaking skills. The competition will be held throughout next term and begins with the students attending a full day debating workshop with other teams from our Region. I am very keen to find an interested parent /grandparent or community member who would like to work with the children and assist with preparation for upcoming debates. I will provide as much or as little guidance and support as required. If that person is you, or you know of someone please let me know – I would love to hear from you!

Mrs Witt

STUDENT WORK SAMPLES

Year 1-2

Our class are currently investigating Wet and Dry Environments.

This is a response to a text, "There's a Sea in My Bedroom".

David was scared of the sea. Then he found a conch shell on the sand. He put it against his ear and heard the growly, friendly sea. How could the sea get in a small shell? He let the sea out of it. He back-stroked in his room and his toys were everywhere. He finally stood up in the ocean and then he splashed around. He was just pretending and he was all dry. He was not scared anymore.

Gracie Rush



K, Yr 1-2 & Yr 2/3/4 had a great time on their walking excursion yesterday. The students saw many interesting things out on the jetty.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS

Please note: All permission notes and payments will now be collected by the classroom teacher each morning during rollcall. Students will no longer need to go to the office and can now hand any notes or money to the classroom teacher when they arrive in class. Please ensure all money is in a sealed labelled envelope or bag.

HEAD LICE

It's that time again! We have had 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.

More information available at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

ANAPHYLAXIS

Wangi Wangi Public School is a Nut Aware school.

A reminder to refrain from bringing peanut butter, nutella or products containing nuts to school as we have students who have severe allergic reactions to nuts.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

Have a look at our website for up to date information of events happening in our school. There is a calendar where you can access details of upcoming events (from the homepage click on "Calendar"). You also have the option to print the calendar for easy reference.

Copies of our Newsletters are also posted on the website.

You will also find a page called "Notes & Forms" here you can access copies of recent notes which were sent home and other forms such as absence notes & change of contact details which may be of use.

BIKE SAFETY

Students must be 10 years of age to be able to ride their bike to school.

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

SUPPORT CONTACTS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Parentline – Ph: 1300 1300 52 or www.parentline.org.au Counsellors available 24hr with advice and information.

Lifeline – Ph: 131 114 or www.lifeline.org.au 24hr telephone counselling service.

Kids Helpline – Ph: 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelp.com.au 24hr counselling service for kids.

Kids Matter – Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative.

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL

I hope that this week finds everyone well and gearing up for the Easter Break! This week we have just received back the results of the ESSA test. This is a state wide Science test for Year 8, held annually in November. Last year was the first year it was interactive. The students sat at computers at the school and completed the interactive 45 minute test. The test is three extended response questions, 80 multiple choice questions and short response items. All the questions ask students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in science, how they plan and conduct experiments and their skills in researching and processing information from a variety of sources.

Compared to the schools in our Local group, our results were above average. Our best performing area was in the section on Working Scientifically. Great results for our students and the Science faculty. Our Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations being next week because the Year 12 academic year begins in term 4 with Year 11 ending at the end of term 3. I

wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck. Year 9 are currently having their Laptops commissioned through the federal DER Program. The new computers are a more slim-line model with a larger screen and a faster processor. Our Student Representative Council raised \$400 for the Stewart House Program last week to support two students from one of our Partner Primary Schools to attend house through a Cake Stall. A big thank you to Miss Harding and the SRC team. Enjoy the rest of your week and have a great weekend.

Mark Snedden

Principal Morisset High School

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Size 4 school shirts have arrived this week and are available for purchase from the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS CLUB

At Wangi Uniting Church 4pm - 6pm every second Tuesday for stories, music and craft.

Next date: Tues 27th March

NETBALL4LIFE

School holiday netball clinic Tues 17th April 10-3pm at PCYC Morisset, Kahibah St.

Designed to cater for beginners through to more experienced players 8 to 13 yrs.

Cost \$38. More info: Amber Cross before
Tues 10 April 0407 415 969

WEST WALLSEND INDOOR POOL

School holiday intensive Learn to Swim Program

Wk 1 Apr 10th -13th

Wk 2 Apr 16th -20th

Enquiries 4953 2299

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY LIBRARY

School Holiday Fun

"JD's World of Magic" Tues 10 Apr 10:30am
Toronto Library \$7

"Choose Your Own Adventure" Wed 11 Apr
10am Morisset Library

"Storytime at your Library" Wed 11 Apr
10:30am Toronto Library &

Wed 18 Apr 11am Wangi Library
Bookings essential: 4921 0447

WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL'S P & C NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

We welcome the opportunity for WWPS to participate in the Commonwealth Bank, **school banking program**. Details to follow, but there will be fun saving incentives. Take this opportunity to get your kids to develop good savings habits and keep an eye out for more detailed information in the near future. **Thanks to Heather Hamilton** for coordinating this opportunity. \$\$\$

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mel Walsh for a great design of the P & C permanent sign and to Denise Spencer for all her organisation. ☺

P & C Annual General Meeting

The P & C had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday and a big congratulation goes to our newly elected P & C Officers for 2012.

President: Dean Plows

Vice President: Scott Fraser

Vice President: Cathy Hurst

Secretary: Paula Laguna

Treasurer: Jenni Stroinec

Fundraiser Coordinators: Heather Hamilton and Denise Spencer

A Big Thank you to the 2011 out going committee, whose time and ideas have been invaluable to our WWPS!

Mother's Day Stall

The P & C are re-stocking for Mother's Day. New fresh and fun items ranging in price from \$1-\$10. Support the P & C and take advantage of some easy shopping with the Mother's day Stall. You never know, the kids may even find something there for Nan too.

ANZAC DAY

The P & C are supportive of WWPS's participation in ANZAC day. The School Leader's will look great and represent us proudly in their new blazers. ANZAC biscuits and certificates will be given to all students who participate. The new banners will also be on parade. Let's march !

Congratulations to the Wangi Wangi School Community, for all your efforts in participating in so many different extra curricula activities!! Netball, Gifted and Talented day, Choral Fest, Debating, Football, Rugby League, and Swimming, just to name a few. **The Community is feeling very proud** with everyone's efforts. ☺

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AROUND ROADS NEAR WWPS

The P & C regularly visit the topic of road safety and continually look at options to keep our children safer. The school will be approaching the RTA for a barrier on Beach Road, to help with safety. In the mean time remember the 40 km/h zone around our school, slow down and keep an eye on traffic and children in our circuit zone.

Wangi Wangi Public School is now a **Sun Smart School**. There will be some sun smart changes made in 2013, but for now, keep wearing black or school hats. Let's all be sun smart and look after our skin and eyes!

The P & C are loving the new focus on Reading.....Has anyone worn the cape yet?

The next P & C meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday in May. We hope everyone enjoys the holidays.

WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL – STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

STUDENT'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

DATE OF ABSENCE _____

REASON FOR ABSENCE _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____



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