

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 2012

Week 4

Fri 18 May Stop Work – Industrial Action 9:30-11:30 (minimum supervision)
“Walk Safely To School Day” from 11:30

Week 5

Tues 22 May UNSW International Comp - Computer Skills

Week 7

Mon 4 Jun Excursion to Reptile park

Wed 6 Jun UNSW International Comp – Science Skills

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students worked extremely hard this week completing three days of testing. Catch up tests will be done tomorrow if any child was absent.

Public Speaking

All students should be preparing their speeches in preparation for the week commencing 21st May. A comprehensive guide was sent home last week, if you have any questions please see your class teacher as soon as possible. Students can choose their own topics or choose from the list given on the handout. **Remember a confident speaker is a well prepared speaker.**

Focus on Reading

Last Monday Mrs Witt, Mr O'Brien and myself were trained in module 2 of the leader training workshop. Next Tuesday, all staff will complete teacher professional learning in Focus on Reading

with personnel from the Department of Education and Communities.

Comprehension strategies covered so far this term are Predicting, Questioning and Visualising.

Focus on Reading has had a positive impact in our school, students are engaged and excited about our new program and a common language has been introduced across the grades.

Professional Learning

Mrs Murphy and Mrs Standen have attended Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 courses this week to further upgrade their skills within the classroom. I will be attending a Principal's meeting tomorrow which addresses leading and managing our school through the new change processes that are coming to all schools – Every Student/Every School and Local Schools, Local decisions.

Walk Safely to School

Don't forget to walk to school tomorrow morning and receive fruit and water when you arrive. (11:30am due to Industrial Action).

Staffing

A fond farewell to Mr Ross Crawley our General Assistant for the past 8 years. Ross has received a full time appointment at Kotara South. We welcome Mr Nigel Wilson who has been appointed to our school.

Student Welfare Policy.

Mrs Witt and Mrs Tarrant have worked extremely hard on revising the new Student Welfare Policy. The new policy was presented to the P&C on Tuesday night for ratification.

Parent Support

Many thanks to all parents who volunteer their time and who support our school, systems and procedures.

*The important thing is
not so much that every
child should be taught,
as that every child
should be given
the wish to learn.*

Jenni Langford
Principal

MERIT AWARDS

Kinder Ella Bretreger, Sarah Bullock, Dylan Gobbo, Paul Marks Gray, Finn Miller, Jayden Skelly

Yr 1/2 Jazmine Nipperess, Jose Laguna, Lawson Latham, Samuel Woolnough, Holly Marks Gray, Tigerlily Watson, Timmy Bennett

Yr 2/3/4 Samson Miller, Dylan Tracey, Conor Grimes, Shannon Wiles, Phoebe Puller, Jayden James, Jesse Moore, Damon Verrier

Yr 4/5 Caitlin Longbottom, Caitlin Stroinec, Abbey Bullock, Alicia Nipperess, Stuart Curtis

Yr 5/6 Shannan Cameron, Brooke Tatton, Jaden Bennett, Eva Fraser, Gina Lawrence, Paris Southee, Tristan Miller, Liam Spencer

ACTS OF KINDNESS AWARDS

Enola Noble, Caitlin Stroinec, Bede Garnett, Caitlin Longbottom

STUDENT WORK SAMPLES

Yr 2/3/4

Senses Charts

"BEACH"

Looks like: water, rocky, sandy, hot

Tastes like: salty, wet, water, yucky

Sounds like: whoosh, bang, ssss!!, sharp

Feels like: wet, sands, hand, sharp

Smells like: salty, cold, fresh

By Damon Verrier

Looks like: wavy, sandy, wet, sunny

Tastes like: salty, crunchy, gritty

Sounds like: wavy, windy, shell sounds

Feels like: sandy, wavy, bubbly, slimy, hard

Smells like: salty, rough, fresh

By Ella Geach

Looks like: hot, wavy, wet, nice

Tastes like: salty, crunchy, gritty, hard, disgusting, horrible

Sounds like: noisy, windy, loud

Feels like: cold, hot, sand is soft, waves are hard, water is cold

Smells like: salty, healthy, fresh

By Riley Hardes

Looks like: sandy, wavy, wet,

Tastes like: salty, crunchy, gritty

Sounds like: wavy, windy, splashy, thunder

Feels like: sand is soft, waves are hard, rocks are hard

Smells like: salty, fresh

By Codey Chapman

SUNSHINE DAY



Last term our school held a fundraising day for Down Syndrom NSW called "Sunshine Day". Our school's donation was accepted by Georgie-Rose at assembly.

50 NIGHTS SUPER READERS

Congratulations to our 50 Nights Super Readers.



Morgan Vlaich



Mali Denne



Shakira Yates



Caitlin Stroeinec



Nathan Flynn

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Kiri Garnett on an excellent performance at Broadmeadow Race Course last Friday. Kiri was placed 30th and was the 2nd Westlakes runner home.

Kim Witt

Applications for Opportunity Class
Placement Year 5 2013
close tomorrow.
Apply online:
schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Lake Macquarie City Council is partnering with local communities to actively plan and implement actions to reduce the city's ecological footprint in our neighbourhoods. Our school community has been invited to attend "Wangi Sustainable Neighbourhood Group Workshop" on Tues 26 June, 6-8pm at the Bowling Club. Further information can be found at:

www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au

Please speak to Mrs Witt if you are interested in joining this group.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Just a reminder that all notes sent home are also available for download from our website. No more lost or missing notes – they are always at your fingertips.

JUST A REMINDER

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Dance fees: \$24 due Mon 21 May

Reptile Park Excursion: \$20 Mon 28 May

Canberra Excursion deposit: \$50 Wed 30 May

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.

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 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone, I am sure that NAPLAN is the focus for a lot of people this week as we have our year 7 and year 9 students sitting for their respective examinations at the same time, but this week my newsletter entry has a Creative Arts angle. Morisset High School is very fortunate to offer a number of subjects within the creative arts – Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music – and our school consistently performs within Starstruck and also competes within the Rock Eisteddfod. Over 50 students from years 11 and 12 attended a 2 hour workshop with the Belvior theatre company as an introduction to playmaking last week. This was an interactive workshop exploring and experimenting with playbuilding and theme and ritual within performance. This exercise is being supported this week when they will travel to Sydney to Belvior Theatre to watch a staged performance of the play *Strange Interludes*. Students were really involved and engaged within the activities and are looking forward to their trip to the theatre. This coming Friday the 18th both our Senior and Junior Drama students are taking part in a Theatresports competition held at Wyong Christian Community School from 7pm, showcasing our talented and inspirational performers. I am also very proud to announce and share with our parents that one of our 2011, H.S.C. Visual Arts students, Emily Kirby, was a successful applicant in the Visual Art Band 6, HSC student, art exhibition at Lake Macquarie Gallery. This exhibition opens on Sunday 20th May and finishes on the 8th of July. To finish off though, I will balance my article with a mention of our Athletics Carnival that took place at school last week. Morisset High School is one of the only high schools within our region who hold school based carnivals, and what I witnessed last week, beyond sporting achievements, was a real sense of school pride and camaraderie, something that seems to be lost at venue based carnivals. It was a great two days and an event that I will look forward to seeing next year and also taking part (teachers versus students tug-of-war....if I remember my shorts and sneakers?)

Mark Snedden

Principal Morisset High School

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS CLUB

At Wangi Uniting Church 4pm - 6pm every second Tuesday for stories, music and craft.
Dates for this Term: 29 May, 12 Jun & 26 Jun

MORISSET COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The Festival will be held on Sunday May 20, 9am to 3pm at the Morisset showground. Great entertainment from the local community, stalls from local businesses, food stalls, rides and lots more. Ride tickets are \$6.00 per person unlimited rides all day. We will have something for everyone!!

Entry fees cost: \$2 Adult, \$1 Child and \$5 Family.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.morissetcommunityfestival.net

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