



WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 6

Thursday 23 August 2012

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a whirlwind of a week for Wangi Wangi! We are certainly on the map now! Our town has been acknowledged by many people through phone calls, at my principal meeting, contractors visiting our school, we have had wonderful support from everyone as we are now classified as a gold medal town! As we bathe in the glory, our sporting programs at Wangi Wangi are assisting students' with development of many varied skills. We have the Knights running three sessions on football skills, as well as Cricket, League and Soccer Gala Days for primary students, with parents offering their coaching expertise. Zone Athletics has also shown Wangi students shining in their preferred events. Surf lifesavers presented their program 'A Matter of Seconds' to Kindergarten, 3/4 and 5/6 students.

Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN).

This term K-2 staff will attend a rigorous three day professional development training program in early numeracy strategies with Kieran Egan, a mathematics consultant with the Department of Education and Communities. The TEN program is aligned closely with BEST START and provides the tools and strategies for teachers to learn more about where their students are on the numeracy continuum and where to take them in their learning. Staff will be involved in the making of resources to assist with students' learning.

A parent information session run by Mr Kieran Egan will be held on Wednesday 29th August at 2.30pm in the Library. I encourage all K-2 parents to attend as Kieran will outline the program and also share vital resources and websites that parents can utilise at home.

Book Week – 'Champions Read'

As part of our Book Week celebrations we were lucky enough to have a visiting author.

Last Monday, Christine Gregory, author of Alison's Camel's, visited our school to promote her new book. Christine's inspiration for her new book came when she first saw camels on Stockton Beach, Port Stephens, where she lives. She knew she wanted to write about them. The book as well as a screenplay is the result. Our school has three copies of the book; I know students will enjoy reading the story as I did on the weekend.

Our continued Peer Reading afternoons are a huge success with students reading narrative texts. Classes will also access the online library, Big Universe, to encourage and support them in their reading endeavours. As part of our Focus on Reading students will be exposed to picture books to analyse the text and discuss visual techniques that the author has used. Mrs Rayfield has competitions running for the students with a book prize incentive. The culmination of Book Week activities will be the Book Parade.

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

Jenni Langford
Principal

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



Merit Awards

- Kinder** Ella Bretreger, Shakira Yates, Finn Miller
Yr 2/3 Samson Miller, Jessie Castle, Jorja Walsh, Jacob Keillor, Georgie–Rose Connors
Yr 4/5 Destiny Hoppe, Siena Johnson, Alicia Nipperess, Abbey Bullock, Josie Hurst, Caitlin Longbottom, Caitlin Stroinec
Yr 5/6 Emily Burgin, Eva Fraser, Jaden Bennett, Mitchell Mulroy, Mikaela Andrews, Paris Southee, Holly Tracey, Blake Eastwood,

Monthly Maths Awards

- Kinder** Jayden Skelly
Yr 1/2 Jazmine Nipperess
Yr 2/3 Ella Geach
Yr 4/5 Siena Johnson
Yr 5/6 Mikaela Andrews

50 Nights Reading Awards



Paul Marks Gray

Maggie Carr

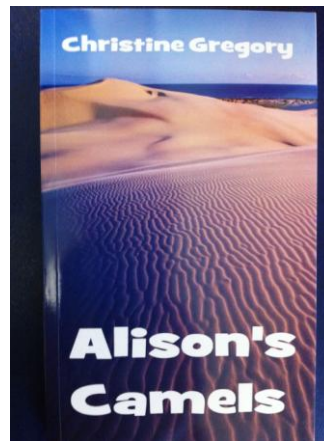
10 Banking Deposits Awards



Kellie Mallaby and Jazmine Nipperess

Our First Big Savers!

Congratulations to Kellie Mallaby and Jazmine Nipperess (above) they have made 10 deposits in the school banking program.



Author's visit



Knights Rugby League Clinic



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Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all our families who are helping Year 6 with their fundraising by selling chocolates. We have already had full boxes sold by students! Please return money raised and any unsold chocolates by **Thurs 6 Sept.**

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Field and Track Athletics Carnivals were held at Glendale Athletics Centre, on Friday August 17 and Monday August 20. Seventeen children competed in field events and twenty three children competed in track events. Denise Spencer was our team manager on both days and was delighted with the children's achievements, attitude and cooperation. We extend a big thankyou to Denise and our parents who attended on the day for the enthusiasm and support they provided.

As with all Zone Carnivals there was fierce competition, but our Wangi children did very well. Many of our children placed in heats or very narrowly missed out on doing so. As in the Olympics, fractions of a second make a difference! Emily Burgin was placed three events: 3rd in 11yrs 800m, 3rd in 11yrs 200m and 2nd in the 11yrs Shotput. Kiri Garnett placed 3rd in the Junior girls 800m. Emily and Kiri will compete in the Regional Carnival at Glendale next Friday. We wish them all the best!

Coles Vouchers

Year 5/6 were very busy yesterday counting 20,500 Coles vouchers. Special thanks to Shannan & Marchello who had previously counted 2,700 vouchers. Yr 4/5 will take on the counting challenge today. Thank you everyone who support our school by sending in their vouchers.



School Uniform Reminder

As the weather is getting warmer students need to wear the correct school summer uniform. We hope that parents will support us in getting all students in the correct uniform from head to toe.

Boys /Girls Uniform:

Red school shirt, school logo jacket, black school hat (which are purchased from the school office). Boys will be required to wear plain black cargo shorts (available from Big W, BestnLess, Kmart, Lowes or Target stores). Girls will be required to wear black skorts which are also available from the above listed stores. (NO BIKE PANTS OR TIGHTS). Black shoes are also required.

Wangi Wangi Public School would like to take a unified approach in the consistent wearing of full school uniform and raise the image and the profile of the school in the wider community. The colour of socks will be decided by parents (please see P&C Newsletter and have your say). If you have any concerns please contact the school or talk to a friendly P&C member.

We have the ongoing support of our P&C; we hope all parents will join us in this initiative. If you have any concerns please contact the School.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program

The NSW Government is offering families with children aged 3 to 8 years free parenting advice and training through the Triple P Positive Parenting Program. Triple P programs can help parents with a specific problem, provide parenting tips and help them understand their child's development and behaviour.

Local Triple P courses and more information about Triple P can be found at: www.families.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 789 123

Pamphlets are available at the office.

What's on at WWPS:

Week 7

Mon 27 Aug Yrs4/5/6 CARES excursion 8:15am
Tues 28 Aug 5-a-side soccer day @ Finnan Oval
Wed 29 Aug Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Parent TEN Meeting-2.30pm Library
Thurs 30 Aug P&C school disco
P&C Father's Day stall
Fri 31 Aug Regional Athletics
P&C Father's Day stall

Week 8

Mon 3 Sept Waste workshop K-2
Tues 4 Sept Focus on Reading lesson for parents 2.00pm Library

Week 9

Tues 11 Sept Rehearsals for Concert @ WWC
Wed 12 Sept Soccer Gala Day 5/6 girls @ Rathmines Oval
Thurs 13 Sept Regional Public Speaking
Concert @ WWC 6pm for 6:30

Week 10

Tues 18 Sept Spelling Bee Yrs 3-6
Wed 19 Sept Yr 6 Pizza day fundraiser
Fri 21 Sept Soccer Gala Day 4/5/6 boys
Last day of Term 3

Week 1

Mon 8 Oct Students return for Term 4

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

Health & Safety

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.

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

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

P&C News

P&C School Disco

Thursday 30 August in the school hall.
\$5 per child (includes drink & packet of chips)
K-2 5:30pm – 6:45pm
Yrs 3-6 7pm – 8:30pm
\$4 glowsticks available for sale

Student Banking

Remember, School Banking day is every **TUESDAY**
Taking part in School Banking is easy.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Simply log on as usual, click 'offers and apply' tab, then select 'Accounts' and 'Youthsaver'. Please have your child's birth certificate handy for either of these options.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

P&C Father's Day Stall

Thurs 30 & Fri 31 Aug.
Gifts range from 50c to \$10

Community Notices

Kids Club

At Wangi Wangi Uniting Church 4-6pm every second Tuesday
for stories, music and craft.
Dates for this term: 4 Sep, 18 Sep

Westlakes Athletics

Registration Fri 31 Aug & Tues 4 Sept. @ Wangi Oval
from 5 – 7pm
Competition held every Friday night at 6pm from 7
September

Morris Gleitzman @ Kids Comedy Festival

Hear one of Australia's best loved children's author on Tues
4 Sept @ 6pm Newcastle Region Library (Laman St) \$5.
Bookings 4974 5300

Dora Cricket Cricket Club

Registration days Sat 25 & Sun 26 Aug and Sat 1 & Sun 2 Sept
12-4pm @ Dora Creek Workers Club auditorium.



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