



WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 7 February 2013

Principal's Report

Dear parents/caregivers,

A warm welcome to all new families and in particular our Kindergarten students for 2013. Our Kindergarten children have had a wonderful start and I congratulate parents for preparing them so well. I would like to acknowledge the comprehensive transition program to support both parents and children in readiness and commend our Year 6 buddies in assisting our Kindergarten students.

Staffing and classes for 2013.

The new teacher on 4/5 is Miss Clare Carpenter. We are extremely fortunate to have Miss Carpenter working at Wangi Wangi Public School. Clare brings a wealth of expertise in all key learning areas especially Literacy and Maths. She has worked in Special Education and has outstanding behaviour management skills. The staff are looking forward to Miss Carpenter being part of our teaching and learning team.

Classes are:

Kinder Mrs Murphy

1/2 Mrs Standen (3 days), Mrs Tarrant (2 days)

2/3 Mrs Langford

4/5 Miss Clare Carpenter

5/6 Mrs Witt

Additional Staff:

RFF & Library Mrs Rayfield

Principal Release Day (Thursday) Mrs Janelle Bartrom

STLA Mrs Tarrant

Counsellor Mrs Barb Pagett

Admin Manager Ms Julie Deane

Admin Officer Mrs Louise Skinner

SLSO Mrs Nicola Smith, Mrs Brooke Marriott, Mrs Jenni Stroinec

General Assistant Mr Nigel Wilson

Cleaner Mrs Annette Lawson

School Leaders

Captains: Emily Burgin, Caitlin Stroinec

Councillors: Abbey Bullock, Bridie Gardner, Tom Masters

I would like to congratulate these students elected into leadership positions for 2013. It is an honour to represent the school in the various roles and our leaders are worthy candidates.

The school newsletter is sent home every fortnight with the youngest child in each family. Please make sure you read this publication as it contains valuable information. The newsletter can also be accessed through our website www.wangi.wangi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



New Initiatives

Focus on Reading

This program supports teachers to explicitly teach the key aspects of reading in the middle and upper primary years. The program is divided into two phases:

Phase 1 – Comprehension

Staff will continue to consolidate this effective program during 2013.

Phase 2 – Vocabulary and reading text fluency

Mrs Witt will be trained as the facilitator and she will deliver the program at a series of staff meetings throughout the year.

L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy)

This is a highly effective Kindergarten classroom intervention program, targeting text reading and writing. Mrs Murphy will be trained throughout the year in 12 half day sessions.

Communication Training for the Classroom (CTC)

This program is a partnership between Hunter New England Health and the Department of Education. It is a collaborative team approach which builds a teacher's capacity to address/promote language development in the classroom. A speech pathologist will be working in our school.

TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) will continue K-2 with student benchmarks being recorded at state level.

Numeracy Activities at Home

This numeracy based homework program is designed to engage children and parents/caregivers and encourage family members to have fun while supporting classroom learning. The numeracy activities include board games, card games, Dice games, match stick puzzles, dominoes and working mathematically.

During Term 1 we will ask for parent helpers to assist with the making of the games.

Wangi Wangi Public School has an extremely busy year ahead, with many new teaching and learning programs.

School Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday, and what a great way to begin the year! The children were delightful, they displayed great enthusiasm, team spirit and willingness to get in and have a go!

As we have come to expect there were some excellent performances by some of our children who regularly train and enjoy swimming competitively. The children, who have made the qualifying time for zone, will be informed this Friday at our assembly. The Zone Carnival will be held at Speers Point Pool on Tuesday February 19.

The 25m events are a special part of our carnival. These events allow all children to have a go, with Lanes 1 and 7 providing the opportunity for children to stop and grab the side if they need to. Our life guard Jake, didn't even have to get wet! It was encouraging to see so many children participating in these events. Many of the children were both surprised and impressed by their performance. I have to give special mention to some of our younger competitors – Sam Woolnough, Jose Laguna, Finn Miller, Yolanda Laguna and Shakira Yates – who were amazing! No doubt they will be some of our champions in the future.

The staff at Morisset pool could not speak highly enough of the children's behaviour. Bruce informed us he has fourteen schools use the pool and Wangi Wangi together with Coal Point are by far the most co-operative. Way to go Wangi Wangi!

Thank you to all of our parents who assisted on the day. There was a lovely sense of community and we couldn't run days like this without your support. Special thanks to Heather, Jake, Linda and Lorry who participated in the parent's race. We loved it.

Our Swimming Assembly will be next Friday. At this assembly we will distribute ribbons, announce age champions and the winning house team. You are most welcome to join us.

Kim Witt

Merit Awards

Yr 1/2 Delaney Burgin, Jackson Clement, Saxon Hogan

Yr 2/3 Maggir Carr, Chloe Vane, Ryan Kosky, Bailey Jones, James White, Holly Marks Gray, Dylan Eastwood, Jayden Hamilton

Yr 4/5 Jessie Castle, Jorja Walsh, Sam Masters, Jonny Middleby,

Yr 5/6 Kellie Mallaby, Cody Schutz-Relf, Charli Hill, Jaden Laver-Bennett

Home Readers

Students will be using Home Reader Diaries again this year. These are available for purchase \$5.

Coles Environmental Grant

We are in the process of applying for a \$1000 grant from Coles. This grant will be used to build up our school vegetable gardens and develop our School Environmental Program. We have lots of great things planned. Keep your fingers crossed, that we are successful with our submission.

We will be on the look-out for community members who would like to be part of this initiative. We will keep you posted.

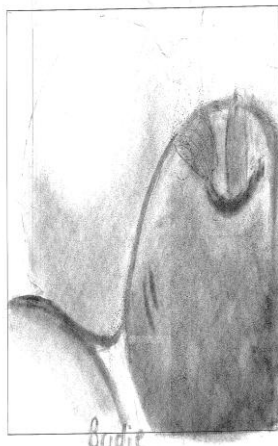
Art Classes

Year 5/6 enjoyed the first of our art classes yesterday. The focus for our five week block is drawing. The children are being encouraged to draw with their whole arm, hold their pencil with an artist's grip and create 3 dimensional perspective in their drawing. The children experimented with shading techniques using charcoal, 6B and 2B lead pencils. It was a fantastic learning experience. We are looking forward to next week.

Take a look at a couple of our creations.



Callum



Bridie

K-2 Sport



What's on at WWPS:

Week 2

Wed 6 Feb *Art classes for Yr 5/6 commence*

Week 3

Fri 15 Feb *School photos*

Week 4

Thurs 14 Feb *Communication training commences*

Tues 19 Feb *P&C Meeting*

Zone Swim carnival Speers Pt

Thurs 21 Feb *Afternoon tea for all kinder parents and new families 3pm in staffroom.*

Week 6

Wed 6 Mar *"Bin Less Day"*

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

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

Yr 2/3 Swimming Carnival Recounts

Yesterday I went to the swimming carnival. I arrived there by bus.

First I unpacked my bag then went in the 100m freestyle and I had 50m freestyle straight after it and I won. I was so proud of myself.

So next we had a lunch break and then the medley and the relays came up. Green had good swimmers and loud cheers when we won.

Then we had a canteen break. I had an ice-cream and a can of green solo. Then the kickboard and noodle races started. I won every one except my second noodle race I lost. I had great fun there.

Jayden

On Tuesday 5th February Wangi Wangi school went to Morisset pool for the swimming carnival. We arrived at the pool in a bus. It was sunny and cloudy.

Firstly I went in a 50m freestyle race. Next I went in a noodle race. I came last but it did not matter. Next I did the novelty events. In the novelty events year 1/2 played over under. On the second novelty events Year 1/2/3 only played. Next Year 1/2/3 played catch the bottle tops and I got the most bottle tops and Jessica got the most bottle tops too. I had a fantastic day and I wish I could go there again.

Chloe

On Tuesday 5th February Wangi Wangi school went to Morisset pool for the swimming carnival. We arrived at the pool in a bus. It was both a sunny and cloudy day.

Firstly I unpacked my towels to sit on. Then a race started. I started to cheer "Go Green". I went into the pool unfortunately I came last. "Well it was 50 metres".

At the end we got to do novelty events. The novelty events were really fun. The first one was catch the ball. Next was free time, last of all was catch the corks.

I had a great time in fact I had the best time. I would absolutely love to go there again.

Holly

P&C News

New red shirts now available. Cost \$22

Anyone who missed out on ordering the 2012 Tea Towels there are a few available for purchase from the canteen for \$10 each

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Karate at Wangi Saining Club

Every Tuesday

4:30-5:30pm children class

5:30-7:00pm 13yrs and over

Enquiries: B Koh 0412 243 900

Community Notices

Wangi Arcadia Netball Club

Registration Days

Saturday 9 & 16 February

10am to 1pm at the Wangi Netball Courts

Birth certificate needs to be sighted for new players

Westlakes Wildcats Junior FC

Online registration for 2013 season is available @

www.westlakeswildcats.com.au

Free school holiday coaching clinic

All new players receive free shorts and socks

Staying Home Leaving Violence

Educational & information seminars on:

Leaving Violent Relationships in the Past

Each Tuesday for 6 weeks beginning 5 Feb

10:30am – 1pm @ Morisset Multipurpose Centre

Bookings essential: Michelle or Roz 4943 9255

Morning tea and child minding will be provided

Ovarian Cancer Australia Fundraisers

Girls night out @ the movies to see:

"The Impossible" \$15

RSVP Kylie (Charlotte's mum) 0407 068 560

&

Morning Teal (Tea) @ Blackalls Park Cake Shop

26 Feb 9:30-11:30am

\$15 = cuppa, cake, Teal ribbon, lucky door prizes



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