



WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 7 March 2013

Principal's Report

Dear parents/caregivers,

Parent Information Sessions

I trust that the parent information sessions conducted last week have proved to be beneficial for parents and carers. Overviews of the content covered in the meetings were sent home with students of parents who were unable to attend due to other commitments. I take this opportunity to stress once again that the meetings should be seen as a "first step" in developing a relationship of shared responsibility with class teachers for your child's education. As the school year progresses I encourage you not to hesitate to contact class teachers regarding an appointment if you wish to discuss any matters of concern.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 8th March is 'Wangi School Clean Up Day'. The classes in the K-2 area will be cleaning the school grounds especially around the fence line and the gardens where the rubbish accumulates. The primary classes will be cleaning the school boundary.

The school will supply gloves however all students will be required to wear a hat. We encourage all students to take pride in their school as well as develop a caring attitude for our environment. The cleanup will begin at 2.15pm.

Easter Hat Parade/Cross Country

This year we are combining the two events due and we will run them both on **Thursday 28 March**. Students will be making their Easter hats at school in the prior to the parade. All decorations for the hats need to be sent to school by Friday 15 March.

Parents are welcome to assist with hat making, please see your class teacher for the scheduling of this event.

The Cross Country will be held after the Easter Hat Parade followed by a sausage sizzle. Please come along and support this special day.

Jenni Langford

Principal

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



Merit Awards

- Yr 1/2** Jazmine Nipperess, Lawson Latham,
Yr 2/3 Bede Garnett, Jose Laguna, Oliver Tabone,
Jesse Earl, Timmy Laver-Bennett, Samson Miller,
Dylan Tracey
Yr 4/5 Jessica Campbell, Tui Earl, Courtney Mulroy,
Hayley Pickering, Jacob Keillor, Jarrod Spencer,
Tahlia Linton, Georgie-Rose Connors
Yr 5/6 Siena Johnson, Rhiannon McKay, Kobe Noble, Eva
Fraser, Nicola Hardes, Caitlin Longbottom, Enola
Noble, Mitchell Mulroy

Maths Awards for February

Kinder

Liam Slatyer - excellent recognition of numbers 1-20.

Yr 1/2

Paul Marks Gray – great role model in maths groups.

Yr 2/3

Dylan Eastwood – engagement in daily number sense

Yr 4/5

Jonny Middleby – mental maths computation skills.

Yr 5/6

Mitchell Mulroy – great perseverance with maths tasks.

Anaphylaxis

We have several students at our school who may suffer a severe allergic reaction if exposed to certain foods. These foods are currently identified as **nuts and seafood**.

We ask that parents be aware of this and refrain from sending any nuts, Nutella, peanut butter or products containing nuts as well as any seafood products including tuna & salmon.

Thank you for your support.

Library/Premier's Reading Challenge

All students are encouraged to borrow and return Library books from our School Library on a regular basis. We are also taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year (see information sheet attached to this newsletter). Kindergarten and Year 1 / 2 will read these books in class with their teacher. Year 2/3, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 will have books in their classroom available to read as well as in the Library. Primary students will be able to log onto the PRC site, using their DEC username & password and keep their own record of books read

Tuesday - Year 5/6 and Year 2/3

Wednesday - Kindergarten and Year 1 / 2

Friday - Year 4/5

Home Readers

Home Readers are available for purchase at the office. \$5.00.

2/3 Literacy

This week, 2/3 have continued their work on the Focus on Reading skill of predicting. The text we used this week was The Very Blue Thingamajig. Students drew each of their predictions on individual whiteboards, the results were amazing. Students really enjoy checking if their predictions are correct. It was an amazing lesson and students responded well to the use of different media to record their predictions.



World Down Syndrome Day & Harmony Day

World Down Syndrome Day & Harmony Day will be celebrated on Thursday March 21st to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Students are invited to wear & use socks creatively. Multi coloured socks, odd socks, football socks - any kind of socks. Wear them on your feet, hands, in your hair, be creative. As we are also celebrating Harmony Day, wear something that is orange if possible. There will be a gold coin donation on this day.

Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea



A small but enthusiastic group of Kinder parents and members of the P&C enjoyed the 'Meet and Greet' afternoon tea on Thursday 21 February. The food and chit-chat was enjoyed by all.

School Maintenance

Wang Wangi Public School received a small allocation of funding to upgrade pathways in the school grounds. Due to Work Health and Safety procedures, the pavers in the garden will be replaced with a cement path as well as the upgrading of the path and drain leading to the school hall. These areas will be fenced off for a period of time for safety of all personnel on site. Thank you for your patience in regard to this matter.



Scripture 2013

K-2 students are participating in religious instruction every Monday. At this stage there are no available teachers for the primary classes.

Music Lessons

Wangi Public School runs instrumental music lessons for any interested students. The lessons are available during school time and are run by local musicians.

We have a variety of instruments available for students to hire. Interested students can request an information sheet from the office. Cost of lessons is \$10-\$20.

Flute

Each Wednesday with Doug Treloar

Drums, Clarinet, Saxophone

Each Monday with John Lock

Guitar

Each Tuesday with Dan Huish

(Private lessons & own guitar needed)

What's on at WWPS:

Week 6

Fri 8 Mar *Clean Up Australia Day*

Week 7

Mon 11 Mar *Kinder stay till 3:25pm*

Wed 13 Mar *Bin Less Day*

4/5 start art classes

Fri 15 Mar *School Photos*

Week 8

Tues 19 Mar *P&C AGM*

Thurs 21 Mar *Harmony & Down Syndrome Day (socks)*

Fri 22 Mar *EOIs Yr 7 2014 due back to school*

Week 9

Mon 25 Mar *Young Leaders Conference Yr 6*

Thurs 28 Mar *Easter Hat Parade 10:30am*

Cross Country 11:30am

Week 11

Thurs 11 April *School Leaders @ ANZAC ceremony*

Fri 12 April *School ANZAC Service*

Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 29 Apr *Staff Development Day*

Tues 30 Apr *Staff Development Day*

Wed 1 May *Students return to school for Term 2*

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

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

MHS Principal's Message

Hello everyone, I am sure that you have all settled in to the school year for 2013! I am sorry that I haven't made an entry for a few weeks but things have been very busy at Morisset High School. Two weeks ago our school came second at the Zone Swimming Carnival with a number of students qualifying for the regional carnival. We had a morning tea to celebrate our high achievers for 2012, celebrating excellent HSC results from last year. Ten of our Aboriginal students have begun a TAFE Course where they are gaining a qualification in Landscape and Design as well as cultural learning and leadership from an elder. The students are really enjoying this course that is being delivered through Wyong TAFE every Monday and Wednesday this term. Our Peer Tutoring Program has started up again for 2013. This program utilises older students within our school mentoring younger students who are having difficulties with reading and it takes place during roll call. This has been a very successful program at Morisset High School run by Mrs Balancoire. Our Starstruck team have started to work on their pieces this year and we are again looking forward to seeing our students involved in this amazing event. Finally, our Lifeskills Students begin their Work Experience program this week moving out into industry as of Wednesday and then each Wednesday for the next ten weeks. Take care and have a great week!

Mark Snedden

P&C News

P&C Uniform Shop Price List

(NB: new price for red school and green sport shirts)
Red shirts \$25, Green Shirts \$25, Hats \$10 and Jackets \$32.

Business Sponsors

Singing Lessons

Offering private singing lessons, specialising in vocal technique, audition preparation and performance skills.

Friendly and experienced teacher based in the local area.

For enquiries call Alison Hodge on 0420 528 868 or

Email: hodge.ali@gmail.com

Community Notices

1st Wangi Scouts

Held in Wangi Scout Hall.

Cubs (boys/girls 7-11 yrs) meet Tuesdays 6-7:30pm

Scouts (boys/girls 11+yrs) meet Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

More info: Cathy 0407 489 968

Before & After School Care

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