



WANGI WANGI PUBLIC SCHOOL

A proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance.

Term 1 Week 4

Thursday 19 February 2015

Principal's Report

Dear parents/caregivers,

PLAT (Powerful Learning Accountable Teaching)

This year Wangi Wangi PS is using Powerful Learning, Accountable Teaching (PLAT). PLAT is an education process based upon student performance against identified achievement benchmarks. Individual student performance is collected every five weeks and used to inform teaching practices. Students who are identified at risk are supported by 3 tiers of intervention. Staff and Student Support Learning Officers (SLSO) are provided with high quality professional learning. As a PLAT school WWPS is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that every student achieves all benchmarks. **A parent information session on PLAT will be held on Tuesday 24th February, at 2.30pm in the Library.**

Communication Training in the Classroom

Delys Deegan, speech pathologist, will commence Communication Training in the classroom next Tuesday, this is a Hunter New England Health program, that is funded by the school. Mrs Deegan will work in the Kinder/Year 1 classroom. Mrs Deegan will be working with staff and students for ten weeks. This is a program that the school has funded.

Outdoor Learning Area

This project is nearing completion, Jane Smith, our mosaic artist, worked tirelessly during the holidays as did members of the Wangi Wangi Lions Club. The mosaics look amazing on the planter boxes. A special thanks to all that have given up their valuable time.

Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO)

Nadene Johnson is our HSLO again this year. Nadene will be working in the school on a regular basis during 2015. Her role is to monitor student absences. All students are required to attend school each day it is open. Students are required to arrive at school and class on time. Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. Travel Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

Jenni Langford

Principal

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month



Merit Awards

- K/1** Abbie Gee, Jahzara Hovell, Khloe Thomas, Lukas Pallas, Claudia Black, Kaleb Hamilton.
- Yr 1/2** Aston Walsh, Brock Bennett, Jaylen Smith, Sophie Cohen, Shamara Edden, Kiara Gee, Hannah Kosky, Liam Slatyer .
- Yr 3/4** Sarah Bullock, Dylan Gobbo, Jack James, Paul Marks Gray, Finn Miller, Cooper Walsh, Margaret Carr, Chloe Vane, Lachlan Hill, Ryan Kosky, Oliver Tabone, Cameron Wheeler.
- Yr 5/6** Lili Izaguirre, Griffin Haines, Jayden Hamilton, Timothy Laver-Bennett, Samson Miller, Dylan Tracey, Ella Geach, Jorja Walsh, Jake Kosky, Jonathon Middleby, Cody Schutz-Relf, Jarrod Spencer.

Swimming Champions 2015

Junior Age Champion Girl – Charlotte Marsh

Junior Age Champion Boy - Jose Laguna

Senior Age Champion Girl – Zali Mertens

Senior Age Champion – Cody Schutz-Relf

World's Greatest Shave Thursday 12 March, 3.20 pm

One of our courageous Year 6 students, Riley Hardes, will be participating in this year's event to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Please support Riley in order for him to reach his goal of \$250. Monies raised go towards research to help find cures for leukaemia, lymphoma, and related blood disorders as well as free services to support Australian families.



School Fees

School fees (Annual Voluntary Contributions) assist the school to purchase extra resources for your child. Statements of Account were sent home this week showing this year's AVC calculated as \$40 per student – (3rd & 4th child no fee). AVCs are now due, please pay at the office or online. Thank you for your support.

Learn a Musical Instrument

Students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Lessons are held during the school hours and students have the choice of the following: flute, clarinet, drums, trumpet, trombone, tuba, bass guitar. Ask at the office for more details.

Yr 1/2 – I'm the Best

I'm the best at running because I started running when I was a baby. I'm the best at being a friend because I am funny.

By Ben

I'm the best at messing up my room because it's a mess and I never clean it up only when mum tells me to. I'm the best at being a friend because I'm nice.

By Kiara

I'm the best at washing the dishes because I can wash them as clean as an apple. I'm the best friend because I'm good at being a friend.

By Robbie

I'm the best at finding money because I have great eye sight.

I'm the best at being a friend because I am helpful.

By Charlie

I'm the best at being sneaky because I wake up early. I'm the best at being a friend because I'm helpful.

By Jayden

I'm the best at riding a motorbike because I have been practising at Richard's farm. I'm the best friend because I look after people when they are hurt.

By Lucy



Helping Your Kindy Kid Succeed at School

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech Problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Zone Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day our zone representatives had on Tuesday!

I was pretty busy recording events, but I could see the enthusiasm from all of our kids and parents on the day. I was very proud of all of our students, they represented Wangi with pride. Unfortunately, we didn't have any times fast enough to qualify for regionals.

However, we did have a few students who actually won ribbons on the day. Woohoo!!!

Special congratulations to:

Jose Laguna (2nd 10yr Boys Championship 50m)

Ryan Kosky (3rd 10yr Boys Championship 50m)

Zali Mertens (12/13 Girls 50m Breaststroke).

Our Zone Team-

Yolanda Laguna

Hannah Kosky

Charlotte Marsh

Holly Marks Gray

Jorja Walsh

Ella Geach

Zali Mertens

Dylan Gobbo

Finn Miller

Ryan Kosky

Jose Laguna

Samson Miller

Jake Kosky

Cody Schutz-Relf

Riley Hardes

Thank you to all the parents for your help on an awesome day.

Kind regards, Mr McSweeny



Headlice

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice.

Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

■ Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed

■ Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists

■ Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb

■ Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs

OR

■ Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.

■ Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.

■ Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.

■ The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

■ Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

What's on at WWPS:

Week 5

Mon 23 Feb Dance commences (fees due)

Kinder finish@ 3:25pm

Tues 24 Feb K/1 Speech Pathologist program

PLAT parent info session 2:30pm

Wed 25 Feb Clean Up Australia Day

Zone Rugby League

Week 6

Tues 3 Mar K/1 Speech pathologist program

Wed 4 Mar NRL visit

Week 7

Mon 9 Mar Yr 7 2016 EOI go home

Tues 10 Mar K/1 Speech pathologist program

Fri 13 Mar School photos

Week 8

Mon 16 Mar Yr 6 visit MHS

Tues 17 Mar K/1 Speech pathologist program

Fri 20 Mar Cross Country

Yr 7 2016 EOI due back

Week 9

Mon 23 Mar National Young Leaders conference

Tues 24 Mar K/1 Speech pathologist program

Week 10

Tues 31 Mar K/1 Speech pathologist program

Please refer to our website's calendar for more details.

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

Clean Up Australia Day

Wednesday 25th February 2.15pm

Please join us as we contribute to keeping Australia beautiful.

The staff and students will be 'doing their bit' by cleaning up our school next Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm. This year Clean Up Australia Day is celebrating 25 years of volunteer action across Australia. We would love for you to join us, so grab a pair of gloves and a recycled shopping bag and let's see how many bags of rubbish we collect to help clean up.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

I have some exciting news for our Yr 3-6 children.

I have just booked a camp at my favourite child hood camp, the hugely popular, **Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens.**

The camp is booked for **Term 4, Week 6th, Monday the 9th - Wednesday 11th of November.**

I am giving this information out early to give plenty of notice to parents and caregivers.

They will be sending me a pack with all the information needed in the next coming weeks. As soon as I have more information on scheduled activities I will send out more notes.

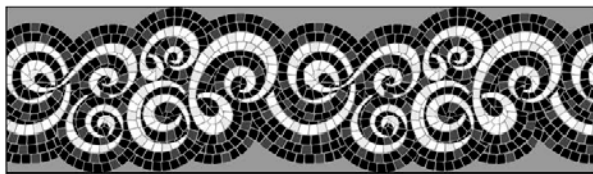
I hope that all our kids will be able to go and have the time of their lives.

Kind regards, Mr McSweeny



GOT IT! Tip of the week:

Support positive friendships in your children's lives. Invite their friends over to do fun things like going to the park or beach



Come and learn some MOSAIC SKILLS
so we can decorate the playground and
Wangi Main Street.

I'll be under the ramp in the assembly
playground, Tuesday and Thursday
1-4pm for 4 weeks -----Ph 0414683597

Message from MHS

I hope that everyone is now getting in to their school routines and settling in to the academic year. I know that I mentioned the Year 7 Camp last week, but now that the camp is over and students are back at school I would like to just mention that it was extremely successful and students and staff had a great time. Having the camp very early in the year has been a lot of work but I think that we have benefited from this change because students interacted and got to know each other so early in the year. Further with year 7, we are holding our annual Meet the Teachers afternoon at the school on Thursday 12th February and I hope to catch up with a lot of our new parents at this informal gathering, but I do realise that by the time you read this it would have happened. I had a very successful meeting with the University of Newcastle last week furthering our partnership with key faculties on campus, who will be delivering programs and having key personnel working in our school and this will be an extension on our already solid relationship. Finally, we have completed our Three Year Strategic Plan for 2015-2017, which is a road map for improvement that our school will be following over the next three years. Once it is published on our website I will let everyone know so people can go and have a read. Take care and I look forward to speaking with you again next week.

Mark Snedden
Principal

Community Notices

Toronto Junior Baseball Club

Registration Details

Info for juniors 5-16yrs contact Ian Mackey 0414 496 493 Info
for Seniors 17+ contact Pete 0411 183 145

Lake Macquarie Dockers AFL Club

Registrations @ Tulkaba Oval, York St, Teralba

Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30pm

NAB Auskick 4-8yrs \$70

Juniors 8-17yrs \$140

Youth girls 12-16yrs \$100

Games played on Sundays

For further info contact Dean Job 0424 505 492

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