**WELCOME BACK!**
Term 4 began early for many of our students and a couple of teachers as Year 6 hit the road on Monday for their long awaited trip to Canberra. During their time away, they will see much that our capital city has to offer including the War Memorial, Old and New Parliament House, CSIRO, a bike ride around the lake, a trip to the snow and much much more! It is Year 5’s turn next week as they head for Camp Koinonia.

The welcome back this term also extends to a couple of staff members - Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Beers. They have both come back with plenty of enthusiasm and energy that I am sure the students in their class will enjoy.

**CLASS FEATURE 2N**
Every Tuesday afternoon 2N really enjoy doing a variety of art activities. Even though teaching visual arts can be noisy, messy, time consuming and at times daunting, it is obvious by the smiles on the children’s faces before and during art lessons that the positives significantly outweigh these challenges. Self-confidence and increased self-esteem can be seen across the whole group when the class is involved in visual arts on Tuesday afternoons. The children have created numerous art works using a variety and combination of media rather than just paint alone. The children are encouraged to be creative, have fun and not be afraid to experiment during art lessons.

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**Term 4, Week 1**  
**Wednesday, 9 October, 2013**

**Calendar:**

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**CONGRATULATIONS BANNER WINNERS!**
Holly, Reece, Riley, Breanna, Abigail, Shamika, Brianne, Tully, Kave, Montanna, Shiralee, Solomon, Tom
WRPS GREEN THUMBS
Congratulations to the Enviro Team who were again awarded the winner’s trophy for Best School Garden for a school of over 100 pupils! This award, sponsored by Lismore City Council and presented by Lismore Garden Club is fine recognition for the team led by Mr Walmsley and repeats the success of last year.
Well done team!

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME READING
Our school is introducing a whole-school Home Reading Program this term. Our aim is for every child to read every school night for 10-15 minutes. Through research and teaching experience, we recognise that parental involvement with reading at home has significant positive influences on children’s reading achievement, interest and attitude to reading. In short, we need your help!
Kinder, Year 1 and many of the Year 2 students will continue to borrow their home readers from the classroom Home Reading system. Students in Years 2 – 6 will be taught to choose books at the appropriate level and will borrow from the school library for their home reading. All stages have developed a Home Reading recording sheet that will need to be monitored and signed by parents each night.
Students in Years 2-6 will be taught a technique called the “5 Finger Test” to enable independent choice in borrowing appropriate books from the school library during their class library time. This test provides you and your child with a quick and easy way to gauge the difficulty of a book. It is a quick test that can be used at all times before making a book selection.
Here are the steps we are teaching each student to use to select a book:

- Open the book.
- Read a page that is all text (if possible).
- Raise one finger (beginning with the thumb) for each word not known or that is difficult.
- Now use the number of fingers to decide if this is a good book to choose.

Three Fingers:
Still OK for you

Four Fingers:
Difficult to read

Five Fingers:
Choose another book

Two Fingers:
Perfect choice!

One Finger:
Too easy

“The 5 Finger Test”

Thank you in anticipation of your support.
UPDATE ON BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The school is well down the track for implementing Before and After School Care to begin in the new year. Following is the advertisement for tender for anyone interested in co-ordinating the program. Please see the ad for more information.

Wyrallah Road Public School
Operation of an Out of School Hours Child Care Facility

Tenders are invited for the operation of an Out of School Hours Child Care Facility at Wyrallah Road Public School. For further details contact Gareth Hockings, Principal of Wyrallah Road Public School via email; gareth.hockings@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 6621 3363. Tender documents can be obtained from the Reception Desk, Wyrallah Road Public School, Nielson Street, Lismore, NSW 2480 between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday or email Sharon Laurie at sharon.laurie@det.nsw.edu.au. Tenders close in the Tender Box, Asset Management Unit, Block X, PO Box 638, ALSTONVILLE NSW 2477.
Tenders closing: 9.30 am Thursday, 7th November 2013.

SCHOOL SENIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE
We would like to thank the following sponsors:

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Go 4 Fun: Do you have children 6.5-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight? Go 4 Fun programs run for 10 weeks after school hours. Sessions are fun, interactive and help kids build their fitness and motivation. Registrations for Term 4 are now open for Goonellabah. 4-6pm on Mondays, starts 14 October. Call 66207504.
- PCYC Community Fun Day, Saturday, 12.10.13, Lismore PCYC, Dawson St, Lismore. Market stalls, lucky door prizes, face painting, family entertainment, live music, sausage sizzle. Fun for the whole family!

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Emailing is the preferred way of issuing our weekly newsletter as it reduces paper usage, reduces photocopier wear and tear and is less time consuming in handling and distribution. By emailing we know that the newsletter is getting home to you!
Please fill in this slip and return it to the office so you can be included on our email list.

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________ CLASS: ___________________________

☐ Yes, I would like to have my newsletter emailed.

My email address is ___________________________

☐ At this time I do not have access to email/do not want to receive the newsletter by email.
MEETING DATES: Next meeting is TONIGHT! Fundraising meeting starts at 6pm with the general meeting starting at 7pm.

Do you know what these symbols mean?
1. Slip on clothing that covers your arms and legs
2. Slap on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
3. Slop on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
4. Seek shade
5. Slide-on wrap-around sunglasses (if you can manage them)

Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more: www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary

Did you know that our school was fortunate enough to be given 2 shade shelters by the Cancer Council? The shelters are available to be used at sporting events or anywhere that our students need shade.

The P&C Association also provide sunscreen in ALL classrooms and endorse the wearing of maroon broad brimmed hats that provide sun protection as part of the school uniform. (WRPS adopts a “No Hat Play in the Shade” policy)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: Your school needs your contribution. $55 per student or $130 for family with 3 or more students. All money raised from voluntary contributions goes back to the school for essential resources and opportunities for all students, including library books, classroom consumables, texts, sporting equipment, drug and environmental education, poetry, art and science. Payment can be by cash, cheque (made out to WRPS P&C or direct deposit. Details are: ACCOUNT NAME: Wyrallah Road Public School P&C, BSB #: 062565 ACCOUNT #: 00941085 IMPORTANT: Please include the name of your eldest child as a reference.

UNIFORM SHOP:

CANTEEN NEWS: BLT (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato + Sauce) $3.00 + Avocado $3.70

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