UNSUNG HEROES OF WRPS AND A JOB OPPORTUNITY

Each day there are a number of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes, providing support for students and teachers to ensure that every child has the opportunity to maximise their learning. At WRPS we have a terrific team of School Learning and Support Officers (SLSO) who perform a diverse range of vital tasks every day. For many years, we have benefitted from the work of Sue, Steve and Ray as they go about their work in the classrooms and playground. This team has been joined in more recent times by Jenny, Susan, Jamie and Silvana. The latter three have been focused on the work happening in kindergarten classrooms. Together with the teachers and office staff, they have formed a wonderful team, creating a settled and welcoming learning environment for our youngest students dating back to the orientation program last year.

With the students now in a positive learning routine, the focus shifts slightly for the kindergarten crew as they begin to support the introduction of L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) in each of the three classes. You will hear more about this wonderful program in the coming months. Thank you to all our SLSOs for the great work they do!

If you are interested in joining the team at WRPS as a SLSO, working with kindergarten from 9:00-11:00am every day, please forward your expression of interest to the Principal before 4:00pm Wednesday, 19 March. Candidates should limit their application to a maximum 2 pages and include all relevant skills and experience as well as two referees.

WRPS STUDENTS CLEAN UP!

On Friday, 28 February all students were involved in cleaning up our school for ‘Clean up Australia Day’ which was celebrated across Australia on Sunday, 2 March. It was great to see all the kids participating enthusiastically and doing their part to help keep our environment beautiful.

This year, WRPS students were part of an estimated 572,400 volunteers at 7,140 sites right across the country. Thanks to their efforts, an estimated 15,700 tonnes of rubbish was removed from our local streets, parks, schools, beaches and bushland.
NORTHERN RIVERS ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, 27 children from WRPS competed at the Northern Rivers Swimming Carnival. All of our talented representatives came away with fantastic results including personal best times and ribbons. We also had two of our swimmers awarded as age champions and one as runner-up. Congratulations to:

- Abbey  12/13 Years Girls Age Championship
- Tylah  Junior Girls Championship
- Hayley  Runner-up 12/13 Girls Champion

We have a total of 16 boys and girls competing in the North Coast Carnival to be held in Lismore next Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Maxwell and Mrs McKenna for their organisation and work on the day.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Next Thursday, 13 March at 5:30pm the P&C will be holding a BBQ to welcome kindergarten families into our school. The P&C will have a sausage sizzle available and the canteen will be open for drinks and snacks. This is a great opportunity to meet with other families, teachers and P&C parents. Kindergarten parents, a separate invitation has been sent home with your child today. We’d love to see you there.

CLASS FEATURE 5/6R

We have had a fantastic start to 2014 with all students showing enthusiasm and dedication toward their learning. We are positive that we will have a great year together this year.

All of Stage 3 is completing a unit called Symbol Systems. This unit allows students to understand that the cultural diversity of Australia provides opportunities for us to explore different symbol systems. We have been focusing on the Chinese culture and its influence on Australia. Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about many aspects of the Chinese culture including Chinese New Year, calligraphy, opera, significant features and much more.

The class looked at calligraphy writing and the Chinese alphabet before attempting to write their name using Chinese symbols. Then we created some of our own symbols for our names or letters of the alphabet. The class enjoyed the challenge but were very happy to go back to writing in English. Holly said ‘It was different’, Jaya thought ‘It was fun’ and Tully stated that ‘It was fun because it had lots of lines in it.’ Pictured are Sam, Joel and Daisy writing their names in English and Chinese and some examples of our own designs.

Taylor brought her coins from Hong Kong to show the class. We looked at the different sizes and shapes of the coins.

We also attempted to use chopsticks to pick up objects within the classroom. This was very entertaining as some of us were very good at it and some of us were very very bad.

Niamh decided when all else fails, use them any way you like.
RELAY FOR LIFE" TEAM
At this stage, our "Relay for Life" team is coming together. We look like we'll easily have our team of fifteen Year 5/6 students. Should you want to directly donate a small amount to any of us, simply log on to the following link and follow the steps to supporting any particular member of our team you wish (http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/lismore_villages_2014/Wyrallah-Road-Public-School/383878). Also, keep an eye out for the details of our up-coming school fund-raiser ("Relay Purple Day").
NB: It was incorrectly reported in a previous newsletter that those from Years 3-6 were eligible to join our school team. For a number of very good reasons, we limit participation to those in Years 5-6 only.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER
If you have indicated that you wish to receive your newsletter via email, could you please remind your child not to take a newsletter home. Thankyou for helping us protect the environment.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Lismore High School Information night on Tuesday, 11 March at 6.30pm for prospective students for Year 7, 2015. For more information, call LHS on 6621 5185.

Kadina High School invites you to Year 6 to Year 7, 2015 information evening to be held on Wednesday, 12 March from 6.30-8.00pm in the MPC.

Alstonville Wollongbar Fun Run Challenge
15 March, 2014. Events 10km run, 5km run, 5km walk, 1km junior dash. All money raised goes to Wollongbar & Alstonville High P&C Associations. Go to www.alstonvillewollongbarfunrun.com.au

Autism Awareness Event 2014 – Wednesday, 9 April from 10am-1pm at Heritage Park, Lismore. Wear blue, blue and more blue. For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/autismawaresnesseventfarnorthcoast/
KINDY BBQ
A welcome to Kindy BBQ will be held on Thursday, 13 March at 5.30pm. Volunteers are needed to help on the BBQ with cooking and serving and also to help in the canteen. If you can help, please let Sue (canteen supervisor) know.

P&C MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 March in the staff room. Fundraising meeting at 6.30pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm. If you are new to the school and would like to be involved in the school, please think about coming along. It’s an opportunity to meet other parents and also contribute to the school community.

SCHOOL FEES: Your school needs these fees.
All money 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 (Account name: Wyrallah Road Public School P&C, BSB #: 032 539 Account #: 435610)
IMPORTANT: Please include the full name of your eldest child as a reference and return the payment slip. Payment by instalments is encouraged if you can’t pay in full. Please ensure that your child’s full name is included with each instalment.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIRECT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT DETAILS HAVE CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR
Cherron Cameron – President

CANTEEN NEWS:
Special – Now Thursday only: Nachos (corn chips, salsa, cheese) $3; + Avocado $3.70
Roster - March
Thu, 6 Dave McLean, Steph Gregory
Fri, 7 Vicki Muddiman, Elaine Barry, Natasha Mattmueller, Amy Malloy
Mon, 10 Melissa Youngberry, Cheryl Smoother
Tue, 11 Sally Towner, Asher Nielson, Trish Rossington
Wed, 12 Amanda Keys, Iris Millard
Thu, 13 Binti Jones, Janina Bruyn, Dave McLean
Fri, 14 Vicki Muddiman, Kylie Burnett, Sylvana Barlow
Mon, 17 Juanita Allen, Katie Parker
Tue, 18 Donna Hourigan, Alice Exton

UNIFORM SHOP
Roster
7 March Melissa Gibson
Sports socks available at Lowes, Lismore Square

WRPS P&C ASSOCIATION
wyrallahrdps.pandc@gmail.com
# Pie Drive Fundraiser

in conjunction with Modanville Takeaway are giving our school community an opportunity to purchase freshly made pies and sweets.
Order forms need to be returned to the school office with payment by Friday 14th March 2014.

The orders will be ready for collection outside the school canteen on Friday 21st March from 2:30pm.

Please complete the order form and return with payment to the school office by Friday 14th March.

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