21 MARCH IS HARMONY DAY
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.
On Friday, 21 March students at WRPS will embrace the message of Harmony Day by dressing in Orange and participating in activities throughout the day. There is no cost for this event.

THE WRPS TEAM
At Wyrallah Road Public School the students wear their uniform with pride. When wearing our colours, everyone is part of the team and this helps with that sense of belonging talked about in the previous story.
In recent weeks there has been an increasing trend for some our students to deviate slightly from the school and P&C agreed uniform. Below is a list of appropriate clothing for school.
Please note there are no tights or bike pants included and school shoes are black.

CALENDAR
Term 1, Week 8
Wednesday, 19 March, 2014
Thu, 20 Mar  Boys’ Cricket vs Wollongbar
Fri, 21 Mar  Harmony Day - wear Orange
2.10pm School Assembly
2M & 3/4M
Thu, 27 Mar  Relay Purple/Yellow Day
Sat, 29 Mar  9am P&C Working Bee
Thu, 10 Apr  Easter Raffle Draw

Positive Behaviour Learning Focus:
Assembly
• Walk on walkways & stairs
• Students on left, use left stairs
• Students on right, use right stairs

The P&C provides a uniform shop for your convenience, open each Friday from 8:30 – 10:00am. New uniform items are available at reasonable prices and the shop (located opposite the canteen) also stocks a selection of second-hand items at heavily reduced prices.

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"RELAY PURPLE-YELLOW DAY"
As part of our team's fundraising efforts, we will be holding our big fundraising day next Thursday, 27 March (Week 9). All students are asked to wear something purple or yellow (or both!) on the day and donate a gold coin for the privilege. The team will also be conducting a cake stall on the day (nut-free with some gluten-free items as well). Last Monday we started selling our raffle tickets at school as a further fundraiser. We have a Slushy Machine and Pancake Maker as prizes. Tickets are on sale at 8:30am and at Recess each day in the Canteen area (tickets are 50c each or three for $1). Finally, if you wish to pledge a sponsorship to any of our team members online, please use the following link: http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/lismore_villages_2014/Wyrallah-Road-Public-School/3817.
Thanking you for your usual fantastic support.

WORKING BEE – 29 March, 9:00-11:00 am
On Saturday next week, the P&C will run a Working Bee to rejuvenate some of the seating around the school. If you have a few spare hours on Saturday morning, 29 March, come and join our terrific P&C helpers – the more the merrier!

BAND IS BACK... MAYBE
At WRPS we know we have many talented musicians, many of whom have lessons outside of school. On top of this there are plenty of budding stars waiting for their chance to pick up an instrument and learn. Knowing this, we are assessing the viability of re-establishing and reinvigorating our school band and instrument lesson program. I would encourage all families of students in Years 3-6 to have a look at the attached expression of interest and return it to school by next Friday, 28 March.

1K COOL KIDS
This term has kicked off to a flying start in 1K. The year began with the students and me all getting to know each other and setting up important rules and expectations in our classroom. The students work hard to support and encourage each other to be active and responsible learners.

Our morning session is full of literacy learning and every minute is vital learning time. We start the day with reading groups. During this time the students are given opportunities to read familiar and unfamiliar stories, write creative and imaginative pieces, work on developing sounds and spelling, work on perfecting handwriting and most importantly work with me on developing strong effective reading and comprehension strategies to use when reading. The students love reading group time and they work beautifully in small groups together. We would like to thank Mr Balogh for coming in on Mondays to help with reading groups; your help is much appreciated!

1K loves Mathematics. Each day they focus on developing Numeracy strategies to help them solve number problems fast!! Last week 1K wrote some number stories when learning about Subtraction.
Albie S wrote: I had 50 lollipops and then I lost 40. How many lollipops did I have left? 50 - 40 = 10
Malachi M wrote: I had 1000 footballs, I kicked 900 away. 1000 - 900 = 100.
Georgina F wrote: Ivy had 100 clocks and Jack bought 50 of them. How many were left? 100 - 50 = 50. They were all amazed to learn that reading, writing and mathematics were all combined!
Zac R wrote: Zac had 15 lollies. Jaxon ate 5. How many are left? 15 - 5 = 10
Emilie M wrote: I had $100, I lost $36. How much did I have left? $100 - $36 = $64

We have just started a new integrated unit called Paddock to Plate. It is a farm unit where the students will be learning about dairy farms and how food is processed, what living things need to survive, investigating what our favourite foods are made from and much more. We are looking forward to many fantastic weeks ahead - stay tuned for more exciting news from 1K.

**MY FIRST YEAR NORTHERN STAR FEATURE**
On Wednesday, 26 March, all 3 of the WRPS kindergarten classes will be presented along with other kindergarten students from across the region in the Northern Star’s special “My First Year” lift out. This is always popular, so make sure you get your paper early that day to see all the smiling faces.

**OOSH VACATION CARE**
Our exciting Vacation Care program is coming up soon over the school holidays at Helping Hands Wyrallah Road the activities the children will be participating include:

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Please contact us on 0448 125 995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au if you would like to book a spot for your child at vacation care from Monday, 14 April-Friday, 25 April excluding public holidays.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Next Sensory Move Day** – Sunday, 6 April 2pm “Walking with Dinosaurs”. Sensory Movie Day was created for families with special needs. For more information, contact Wendy on 0418 280669
SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL AND BAND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are currently investigating interest in establishing an instrumental and band program at WRPS. A program such as this would incorporate in-school instrumental lessons and band rehearsals conducted by a qualified music teacher.

In-school instrumental lessons would generally be conducted in small groups to assist in keeping costs to a minimum. These lessons would occur during school hours, further reducing the cost of transporting students to lessons.

We also hope to offer a band program to students learning at school as well as other students attending lessons outside of school. A school band will help develop and extend students in their musical endeavours, build confidence and relational skills and provide more opportunities for performance and community engagement.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument or is currently learning an instrument (outside school), please complete the Expressions of Interest form below. Please note this is not a commitment to engage in lessons/band and full cost and terms will be distributed before a program such as this will commence.

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WRPS Instrumental Program - Expression of Interest to commence lessons

My child ____________________________ class ____________ would like to begin learning one of the instruments below (please preference 3 instruments).

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My child will need to hire this instrument Yes/No (please circle)

My child is not currently attending lessons but has previously had lessons in ____________________________

Current Skills

My child ____________________________ of class __________________ is currently attending lessons in: (please circle)

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P&C MEETING: The next meeting is 9 April in the staff room. Fundraising meeting at 6.30pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm. All welcome.

WRPS EASTER RAFFLE
Families are asked to donate one quality item (non-perishable) to make up Easter hampers for our 2014 Easter raffle. Donations will need to be brought in to the front office by Friday, 4 April.
Tickets are $1 each. All money and tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned to the front office by Wednesday, 9 April ready for drawing on Thursday, 10 April.

PIE DRIVE COLLECTION
For families that have placed a pie order, these can be collected from 2:30pm, Friday, 21 March outside the canteen. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, we have raised over $500 which will be put back into the school to benefit our children.

SCHOOL FEES: Your school needs these fees. All money goes back to the school for essential resources and opportunities for all students.
Payment can be by cash, cheque (made out to WRPS P&C) or direct deposit
(Account name: Wyrallah Road Public School P&C, BSB #: 032539 Account #: 435610)
IMPORTANT: Please include full name of your eldest child as a reference and return the payment slip.

KINDY BBQ
A huge thank you to everyone for attending the Kindergarten BBQ last Thursday. A special thank you to Sue, Jess, Katie, Shane, Leanne, Silvana, Doug and Dave for all your effort toward this fantastic afternoon.

CANTEEN NEWS:
Thursday Special: Bacon & Cheese Rolls - $1.50 + salad - $3.00
Roster:
Thu 19 Mar Binti Jones, Cherron Cameron
Fri, 20 Kate Muldowney, Sandra Sariago, Greg Hjelmstrom
Mon, 24 Michelle Carra, Tracey Doherty , Cath Fahy
Tue, 25 Sally Bates, Trish Rossington
Wed, 26 Lisa Bryant, Louise Sommerville, Greg Hjelmstrom
Thu, 27 Rachel Young, Dave McLean
Fri, 28 Vicki Muddiman, Kerensa Bell, HELP PLEASE
Mon, 31 HELP PLEASE
Tue, 1 April Tracey Menger, Leisa Blok
Wed, 2 Kerry McDonald, Leonie Fruend

UNIFORM SHOP
Sports Socks: Available at Lowes for $9.99. Socks no longer available at Uniform Shop
Roster: Lisa Munn
SCHOOL FEES – 2014

The money raised from school fees contribute towards essential resources and opportunities for all students, including library books, classroom consumables, texts, sporting equipment, drug and environmental education, poetry, art and science. These funds also assist in providing those extras that contribute towards making us an outstanding school. The fees are voluntary, however we appreciate all contributions that can be made. The payment of voluntary contributions is fully endorsed by Wyrallah Road P&C Association. You may use the P&C direct deposit facility number listed below.

Gareth Hockings
Principal

Voluntary Contribution is calculated as follows:

Each Student K – 6: $55.00  OR  Family Rate (3 or more children): $130.00

Payment Options
If you are unable to pay in a single payment, we encourage you to pay by instalment.

Online:

ACCOUNT NAME: Wyrallah Road Public School P& C
BSB #: 032 539  ACCOUNT #: 435610
IMPORTANT: Please include the name of your eldest child as a reference

At school:

I wish to pay by FULL PAYMENT / INSTALMENT
Please circle

AMOUNT ENCLOSED $