PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
At WRPS we value and recognise the partnership between home and school. This partnership is vital to ensure the best educational outcomes for all kids. In 2014, the teachers are making themselves available for parent-teacher interviews earlier in the year to give parents feedback of student progress prior to reports going home at the end of Term 2. These interviews will be in place of the traditional Term 2 interviews, however parents can continue to make appointments with teachers where need arises, as has always been the case.
All students should have taken notes home earlier in the week, informing parents of these interviews and requesting the note be returned with preferred times. This is a great way to touch base with the teacher and raise any concerns or questions you might have. **Interviews for all grades (except 2W) will be held next Tuesday, 8 April 3.30-6.30 pm.**

STAFF UPDATE
Mrs Walters will be on leave for the remainder of Term 1 and Term 2. Mrs Roberts will teach 2W until the Easter holidays after which a more long-term replacement will take over. As a result, the parent-teacher interviews for 2W will be postponed until later in Term 2. Thank you to Mrs Walters for the great work she has done with the class to ensure a successful start to the year for this terrific group of kids.

GOLD DAY
Next week will see our first Gold Day for the year, with students participating in laser tag on the back oval. All Gold students are asked to bring $2 to participate (the same as the old school discos). The only students who will miss out on the fun activity will be those who have not been able to maintain a Gold standard throughout the term. At WRPS we believe in giving children an opportunity to learn from their mistakes, meaning that unless a student has been placed in Planning Room for three or more separate incidents (Amber Level) or received either a warning of suspension or a suspension, they will still qualify for the activity.

**CALENDAR**
**Term 1, Week 10**
**Wednesday, 2 April, 2014**

- Fri, 4 Apr: Camp Koinonia excursion
  - $50 payment due
- Brisbane excursion final payment due
- Sydney/Canberra $50 payment due
- Tue, 8 Apr: Parent-Teacher interviews
- Wed, 9 Apr: 6.30pm Fundraising mtg
  - 7pm P&C mtg Staffroom
- Thu, 10 Apr: Easter Raffle Draw

**Term 2**
- Mon, 28 Apr: Staff Development Day
- Tue, 29 Apr: Students return Term 2
- 29 Apr-9 May: Life Education Van

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS:**
When using Toilets, Sensible is Safe
- No playing in toilets
- No eating in toilets
- Always wash hands after using toilet

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RELAY PURPLE-YELLOW DAY HUGE SUCCESS
Thanks to the hard work of our Relay Team and the usual big-heartedness of our school community, last Thursday's fundraiser was a tremendous success. At last count, we have raised over $700 through our raffle sales, cake stall and gold coin donations, for the fight against cancer. This weekend, the following caring students will be representing our school in the Lismore and Villages Relay for Life event at Southern Cross University rugby ground starting at 2pm; Charlotte, Joshua, Jack, Libby, Brady, Ethan, Tanner, Liam, Joel, Ethan, Patricia (parent helper) and Heather (parent helper). Thanks also to Heather for the very kind donation of the 'Slushy Machine' for our raffle. These terrific people are all to be congratulated for their commitment, sense of community and willingness to help others by taking part. Please feel free to drop down to SCU over the weekend to help support our team and join in with the festivities. It's very much a 'family event' with lots to do. You can still donate to our team if you wish, simply by logging on to the following link and following the simple directions; http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/lismore__villages_2014/Wyrallah-Road-Public-School/381784
This would not have been possible without the tireless work of co-ordinator Mr Beck, who has again highlighted for the students, the importance of helping others and looking beyond our school fence – thank you Mr Beck.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Miss Moyle is busily trying to get our resources ready to start the challenge in Term 2. To do this, we are looking for parents who are able to come in and cover books for us. If you are able to assist, please contact Miss Moyle.
We will be encouraging all students to attempt the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). If you would like more information on the PRC please follow the link below; the link is also on our school website.

3/4S NEWS
This term 3/4S, along with the rest of Stage 2, have been learning all about our solar system. We have been so engaged with all the wonder of space travel, stars, astronauts and our planets; it has really sparked some super critical and creative thinking.
We have written our very own postcards from outer space, sensational imaginary texts (which even have chapters) and have produced research posters on Saturn which you can see on our back wall. We have started writing our own short drama pieces in small groups which we will perform over the next few weeks.
In our group work we have been focusing on taking turns, co-operating and letting everyone share their ideas and opinions because everyone has something valuable to contribute.
WORLD OF MATHS
Last Wednesday, Stage 2 students enjoyed a visit from this very educational display. Students had plenty of hands-on opportunities to explore maths concepts and ideas, while working collaboratively with their peers. This is now a regular feature of our maths approach and one which the students look forward to each year.

iPAD TOKEN THANK YOU
Well done and thank you to all the families who collected and contributed to the Northern Star iPad promotion. Our school managed to collect an outstanding 7571 tokens! We now wait to see if we were successful.

LAST GUITAR GROUP SESSION
This Wednesday will be the last guitar group session for the term. A huge thank you to all the students and families that have supported this program, not just this year but for the many, many years I have been involved with it. It’s been a very worthwhile experience for all concerned. Mr Beck

Helping Hands Before and After School Care plus Vacation Care at Wyrallah Road Public School
A few reminders for vacation care:
Vacation Care dates: Monday, 14 April to Friday, 25 April excluding public holidays.
- Please confirm and book your spot for vacation care with Julie (Vacation Care Coordinator) this can be done in person at the office in the hall, via phone on 0448 125 995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.
- When attending vacation care, your child must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle, wear closed-in shoes and sun-smart clothing (no singlets, thongs, sandals or short dresses/skirts etc.) If your child does not dress appropriately upon arrival at the service, you will be asked to return home and collect the appropriate attire.
- Morning and afternoon tea provided but children must bring their own lunch.
- Our hours are 6.30am-6.30pm (Vacation Care), 6.30am-8.30am (Before School Care) and 3.00pm-6.30pm (After-school Care)

Please feel free to come and visit our friendly staff who are more than happy to answer any of your questions. Alternately, you can contact us via phone 0448 125 995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

COMMUNITY NEWS
- Parenting Seminars (Free) Engaging Adolescents – skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems. One day training Gold Coast Sat, 17 May or Sat, 21 June. Suitable for parents of young people in the last years of primary school and the first years of high school. Further information and/or register online at www.parentshop.com.au.
- Holiday Tennis Clinic – Lismore Tennis Centre, Ballina Street. 22-24 April (3 days) 8.30am-3.00pm $100 for 3 days or $40 for 1 day. Phone 0419 146190. Bookings essential.
- Sport & Recreation School Holiday Activities: Available at the school office is a list of fun activities offered during the school holidays including sailing, surf clinics and activity day. For more information, call in to the office or go to http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or call 13 13 02.
- Sewing Classes Holidays: Lismore Sewing Centre will be running junior and senior sewing classes during holidays. Phone Nicole 6621 3158.
- Autism Awareness Event – Wed, 9 April from 10am-1pm. Wear blue, blue & more blue. Go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/autismawarenesseventfarnorthcoast/
- Next Sensory Movie 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
- Go 4 Fun – Free. For children 6.5-14 year. Are you worried about their weight? We have fun games and activities; tips to improve family nutrition; ways to maintain healthy weight. Call 66207504.
P&C MEETING: All are welcome to come along to the next meeting Wed, 9 April in the staff room. Fundraising meeting starts at 6.30pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm.

SCHOOL FEES: Just a reminder that a lot of fees are still outstanding. All money goes back to the school for essential resources and opportunities for all students. Paying by instalments is an option if you are unable to pay the full amount at once. 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 the full name of your eldest child as a reference and return the payment slip.

Cherron Cameron – President

WRPS EASTER RAFFLE:
Families are asked to please donate one quality Easter item for our fundraising raffle. Donations will need to be brought into 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.

Sharon Gylling – Fundraising Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS:
Staff Development Day – Monday, 28 April: We will be providing lunch and morning tea for staff from all Lismore schools on this day. We need donations of cakes, slices, scones, etc. to help with the catering. All donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Special Thursday:  BLT - $3.00,  BLAT - $3.70

Roster - April:
Thu, 3 Dave McLean, Steph Gregory, Sheree Lahne
Fri, 4 Vicki Muddiman, Elaine Barry, Natasha Mattmueller, Amy Malloy
Mon, 7 Renea Allen
Tue, 8 Sally Bates, Asher Smith, Trish Rossington
Wed, 9 Amanda Keys, Iris Millard
Thu, 10 Dave McLean, Binti Jones, Janina Bruyn
Fri, 11 Kylie Burnett, Silvana Barlow, Natasha Mattmueller, Amy Malloy
Tue, 29 Sally Bates, Asher Smith, Trish Rossington