ANZAC DAY

Our school ANZAC Day Assembly will be held under the shelter at 9.30am this Friday, 11 April. We will be joined by Mr Norm Robinson representing the RSL Sub Branch and the choir will also perform an item. We welcome parents and community members who would like to join us for this special ceremony.

As always, WRPS will be participating in the Lismore march on ANZAC Day, Friday, 25 April. We will gather in Browns Creek/Clyde Campbell Car Park (behind Harvey Norman) at 8.30am. Please dress children in full school uniform, including school hat.

We will proceed with the rest of the march along Molesworth Street at 9.00am, peeling off from the march at Conway Street, ready for parents/carers to collect children at that time. This has worked well in the past.

Parents/carers may attend the ceremony at the Cenotaph at the Lismore Memorial Baths with their child/children if they wish. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

END OF AN ERA – THANK YOU MR BECK AND MR WALMSLEY

This Friday marks the end of a remarkable career that has positively touched the lives of countless families from WRPS and around the state. Mr Beck will leave behind an impressive legacy of bringing joy to children and their learning. As recently highlighted through his co-ordination of the school Relay for Life team, Mr Beck has always actively modelled the ethos that we are part of a community and we need to support each other. It is this connectedness and support that staff has appreciated over a long period, with Mr Beck consistently offering timely words of wisdom and often with a laugh thrown in for good measure. Mr Beck will be sorely missed by students, families and colleagues alike. We wish him well for a long, happy and healthy retirement and look forward to seeing him pop up at different events and casual teaching stints in the coming months. Congratulations on an outstanding career and thank you Mr Beck!

CALENDAR

Term 1, Week 11
Wednesday, 9 April, 2014

Wed, 9 Apr  Gold Celebration Day
12.25pm Scripture Easter Assembly
6.30pm Fundraising mtg
7pm P&C mtg Staffroom

Thu, 10 Apr  Gold Celebration Day
P&C Easter Raffle Draw
Year 5 Brisbane Excursion final payment due

Fri, 11 Apr 9.30am ANZAC Assembly
LAST DAY TERM 1

Fri, 25 Apr ANZAC Day March CBD

Term 2

Mon, 28 Apr Staff Development Day
Tue, 29 Apr Students return Term 2
29 Apr-9 May Year 4 Brisbane Excursion
Tue, 1 May School Cross Country
Thu, 8 May Year 4 Brisbane Excursion
PSSA Rugby League Gala Day

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS:
- Wear hat outside
- Stay in bounds
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect others personal space
- Follow bike safety rules

CONGRATULATIONS BANNER WINNER!
Cody
It is a very similar story at the end of Week 1 next term as Mr Walmsley’s career draws to a close. His career has seen him go full circle – starting as a WRPS student and finishing on the school leadership team as an Assistant Principal. In recent years, Mr Walmsley has taken the lead role in ensuring that WRPS students access the most up-to-date technology through the establishment of Walmsley’s Web and his hard work behind the scenes will be missed by both those he works with and the families of countless students. One thing we will not miss is the proud wearing of his beloved Eels shirt after one of their increasingly common weekend wins. Congratulations Mr Walmsley on a wonderful career and from the whole WRPS community we wish you a long retirement full of joy, good health and the occasional Parramatta win. Thank you from all of us!

A MESSAGE FROM MR WALMSLEY
GOOD BYE AND THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES - Gareth came to me last week and asked if I’d like to jot down a few words in relation to my impending retirement (a risky precedent). After about five seconds’ consideration, I gratefully accepted his offer (hopefully he won’t live to regret this invitation!). This Friday will bring to a close my 38 year career as a teacher, eight of which I spent in Special Education settings working with hearing impaired children. WRPS is the tenth school/unit I have taught in but the one I have spent the majority of my time (14 years....where have they gone???).

Like all teachers, I have had many and varied experiences in my career, the majority being very enriching and positive ones. As for my time here at WRPS, I will never forget the terrific staff who tolerated all my antics and 'points of view' (don't get me started!!!); the very able and supportive Executive who "let me be myself" (I'm sure often to their dismay!); the discos; my involvement with the SRC; Stage 2 assemblies; the touch-footy; basketball; hockey and Oz-tag teams I’ve coached over the years (including our daily second-half lunch games when the back field has been available); the 'wet weather' lunchtime duty I often supervised with Kinder/Year 1 in the former Community Room (great little guys); our many fundraising activities (most notably our association with World Vision and the 40 Hour Famine); Drumbeat; our fabulous biennial whole-school performance; our various excursions (particularly the Year 4 Brisbane trip and the Year 3 Big Sleepover) and my sometimes controversial, but always energetic, Daily Fitness program with Stage 2. However, far and away my most cherished experiences at WRPS have been the time I have spent working with the kids. They have enriched my life more than they will ever know and for that I feel eternally blessed.....they have certainly given me far more than I have ever given them. Certainly, "it's in the giving we receive".

In closing, I’d like to thank Gareth for this opportunity to say goodbye in my own way and I sincerely hope other soon-to-be-retiring colleagues also take advantage of this precedent. I’d also like to publicly declare my great appreciation to my former Principal, Ralph Taylor, who, like Gareth (and the lovely ladies in the front office), let me do it 'my way'.

You know, teaching is often an unfairly maligned and all-too-easily criticised career but I am one of many who consider this profession to be one of the most vitally important there is. I am immensely proud to be a teacher knowing that what we do each day really matters. WRPS is a fabulous school and I feel doubly proud to say that I have taught here for the past 14 years. It will always be a part of me, no matter where I go or what I do.

So after Friday, if any of you see me walking around Lismore, don't forget to say hello. Just look for the old bloke in the old hat.

With great appreciation and fond memories, Craig Beck

A MESSAGE FROM MR BECK
AFTER A 27 YEAR ASSOCIATION WITH WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY, I WILL SOON BE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT PHASE IN MY LIFE.

On Friday, 2 May, I will finish teaching at WRPS. I will then be on Long Service Leave for the rest of 2014. Age 60 is a popular age for teachers to retire and I will be doing just that at the end of this year. I was a student at WRPS K-6 from 1960 to 1967 and then Assistant Principal since 1995. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of my time at WRPS and would like to sincerely thank everyone, students, parents, community members and colleagues, for the fabulous and joyous moments at this great school.

One of the big joys for me as a teacher is when I meet up with past students and get to hear what they are doing in their lives. I wish everyone the best for the future and hope to see lots of you around the district to say hello. All the very best to all and many thanks for all the memories, David Walmsley
WIN BIN WINNERS:
Early Stage 1: $3 – Holly, $2 – Morgan, $1 – Matthew, Laura, Laylah
Stage 1: $3 – Baxter, $2 – William, $1 – Eloise, Corey, Zac
Stage 2: $3 – Daniel, $2 – Kristy Lee, $1 – Alyssa, Dakota, Jack
Stage 3: $3 – Jaidyn, $2 – Isaac, $1 – Abbey, Tahlie, Niamh

“HOPE LIVES HERE”
As you would know by now, the following special people represented our school in the Lismore and Villages Relay for Life event at Southern Cross University rugby ground over the weekend; Charlotte, Joshua, Jack, Brady, Ethan, Tanner, Joel, Ethan, Trish (parent helper) and Heather (parent helper).

It was a wonderful event and a significant experience for those who took part. I’m particularly proud of a number of things. Firstly, it appears WRPS were the only school-team to ‘relay’ under our own banner. Secondly, the behaviour, commitment and respect shown by our students was exemplary (particularly those students who were able to be there from 2pm Saturday right through until breakfast on Sunday morning - an awesome effort guys!) And thirdly, the support of you, our school-community, through the fundraising stage and those who could make it on the day to support us. I would also like to give my most appreciative ‘thank you’ to our two hearty, parent-helpers, Trish Jones and Heather Fetcher. They were a wonderful support over the weekend and great company!

At last count, our team has raised an incredible $1200. Our target is $1500. If you wish to kick this total on a little, please feel free to get onto the following 'link' and follow the simple steps for donating; http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/lismore_villages_2014/Wyra

A cure for cancer will be found someday soon. Thanks to people like yourselves and our students, that day will come sooner rather than later. Thanking you again for your usual fantastic support, Craig Beck (Team Leader)

CONGRATULATIONS MS FICK:
Ms Flick has been successful in gaining a promotion as Relieving Principal at Ellangowan Public School beginning next term. It is anticipated Ms Flick will be in the role for at least one term and possibly until the end of the year. We wish her well at her new school.

STAFF UPDATE:
There are a number of changes happening again, leading into the new school term. With each of the new teachers, a great deal of work goes into ensuring continuity of teaching programs and specific student information is shared for a smooth transition.

Taking over from Ms Flick in the Reading Recovery program is Ms Beers. We welcome Mr James Campey from Alstonville onto Ms Beers’ class. Mr Campey has skills in sport, environmental education, visual arts and music that he is looking forward to sharing.

Replacing Mr Beck on 3/4B will be Ms Ross from Flagstone State School in Queensland. Beyond a passion for literacy and learning support, she has also been a technology leader in her previous schools.

As with all teachers, should a parent wish to speak with any of the new teachers, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. All of our new crew are very excited to be joining the great WRPS team and are more than happy to discuss any issues you identify.

Welcome also to Mrs Julie Oatley, who will take on the position of School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in the morning literacy session with KW from next term. Julie is highly qualified for the role, with a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood and much experience in pre-schools and transition programs. Thank you to Susan Connolly who has been doing terrific work with this class to start the year and from next term, returns to her substantive position in the office.

ETHICS CLASSES: Earlier this term, an expression of interest went home to non-scripture students in Stages 2 and 3 to participate in Ethics classes as an alternative to non-scripture. At this stage we are just short of forming a class. If anyone else is interested in pursuing this opportunity, please contact the office for more information.

EXCEPTIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP AT RUGBY LEAGUE 7s TOURNAMENT
On Thursday, 3 April, one junior and two senior rugby league teams represented WRPS at a carnival held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino. It was a fantastic day for all who participated. The boys displayed exceptional sportsmanship, shaking hands with the opposition before and after games and playing by the rules. They also provided encouragement, as well as support, to their team mates, resulting in some impressive plays, tackles and tries by all three teams. Some stand-out performances in the junior team included CJ’s five tries with 100% conversion and Sonny and Nathaneal with four tries each in the senior teams.

Each team played four matches and the boys sweated and slogged it out till the end on the hot and sunny day. Most of the matches were extremely close and the lads either snapped up a win or conceded defeat in the dying minutes. Overall, the senior teams posted second and third place and the junior team a third. A special thanks to Mr Wheeler for coaching the teams and to the parents who provided transport and support on the day.

5/6D’s HEATED DEBATE!!
This term, we have been concentrating on persuasive writing, with substantial progress being made across the class. One of the activities we undertook was a class debate on the topic: “Should more time be spent teaching technology skills to primary school children.”

The class was torn on the idea, so we split into four groups (two affirmative and two negative) and started the planning of ideas they were going to argue. The debate turned out great with strong arguments for both sides and even stronger counter arguments to respond.

I am looking forward to our writing sessions in the future as we move towards imaginative writing. The students have fantastic imaginations and I know they are really keen to start this new style of writing.

Photos are of the groups in the planning stage before the debate.

COMMUNITY NEWS
- **East Lismore Tennis Hot Shots Community Play** – this program is FREE – no tennis experience required (equipment modified to make it easier for beginners) and is suitable for ages 5-12yrs. Program will run for 4 weeks starting Wed, 7 May 4-5.30pm. Contact Bianca on 0429 390701 for enquiries to enrol.
- **Garage Kid Art Studio** – Classes Mon-Fri 3.30-5.30pm during school Term 2 for ages 6-12. Bookings essential, limited places, enrolling now. Contact Nikki on 0406 053723.
- **FREE CUPCAKE ICING CLASS** – Sat, 12 April 9am-12pm at Peppertree Kitchen, Magellan St, Lismore. No bookings required or phone 0410 392783 for more information.

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

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 the full name of your eldest child as a reference and return the payment slip.

Cherron Cameron – President

WRPS EASTER RAFFLE

All money and tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned to the front office by 9.00am Thursday, 10 April ready for the draw at the morning assembly.

$4 Mother’s Day stall
Wednesday 7th May

Find a great gift for your mum from
owl mug and coaster set
seedling pots
pen and keyring set
and much, much more!!

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.
New Ice Blocks – Fruit Stack 50c; Ice Cream Wafers - $1 (while stocks last)
Roster:
Thu, 10 Apr  Dave McLean, Cath Fahy
Fri, 11 Apr  Kylie Burnett, Silvana Barlow, Amy Malloy
Tue, 29 Apr  Sally Bates, Asher Smith, Trish Rossington
Thankyou to all my helpers for a great term - have a great holiday. See you all next term.

Sue Pagotto, Supervisor

Uniform Shop Roster: Friday, 11 April – Lisa Munn

WRPS P&C ASSOCIATION
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Life Education NSW will be visiting our school  Week 1
Term 2

Here’s a brief outline of the range of programs in which the children will be participating:

- **Clued Up**  Early Stage 1 (K) – Healthy lifestyle, personal safety, safety with medicines, body knowledge & self-assertion skills
- **Harold’s Surprise**  Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety
- **Harold’s Mystery Tour**  Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making
- **Harold’s Heroes**  Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
- **All Systems Go**  Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines.
- **Harold’s Diary**  Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles
- **bCyberwise NEW!**  Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) – Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion & problem solving.
- **Mind Your Medicine NEW!**  Stage 2 (Yr 4) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication
- **On the Case Think Twice**  Stage 3 (Yr 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.
- **It’s Your Call IMPROVED**  Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

Teachers of composite classes will choose the program which best suits the needs of their children.

**THE COST IS $5.00 PER CHILD.**

**I give permission for .........................Class..................**

**to attend the Life Education program and enclose $............**

**Signature........................................(Parent/Guardian)**

**Date...........................................**