SOCCER BOYS MARCH ON
Last Friday, the boys’ soccer team played against Bangalow Public School in Round 6 of the state-wide PSSA knockout. The team got off to a great start with a brilliant individual goal scored by Matthew. A short time later Bangalow equalised when a penalty was given for hand ball.

The final goal for the match came from an excellent corner kick delivered by Brady. Jayden was somehow able make contact, sending the ball into the back of the net. WRPS then managed to hold Bangalow scoreless for the rest of the match. Special mention should also go to Corey for his excellent keeping in very difficult conditions.

In our next match we will be playing for the North Coast Championship. We will play against either Tacking Point, Kempsey West or Narranga.

SPONTANEOUS CHALLENGE  Written By Holly, Abbey and Taylor 😊
On Sunday, 24 August, the T.O.M (Tournament of the Minds) group travelled to St Johns College, Woodlawn to perform their long term play and do their spontaneous challenge; we had been practising for six weeks straight. We were all nervous but excited at the same time. The social science group performed their long term play first and did well. Then it was language literature – they did well too. In the spontaneous challenge, all of us worked well as a team. Unfortunately neither of the two teams made it to the state finals. We would like to thank Mrs McKenna and Miss Doolan for organising this great day. We learnt how to work as a team and most of all, we had fun!
THE RIVERS – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WITH JOHN BAKER, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Parents are invited to attend an information session about The Rivers, hosted by executive principal Mr John Baker. The Rivers is an exciting development in the provision of quality public education in Lismore from preschool to Year 12 and this information session will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about what is happening and ask any questions they might have. While the focus will be for parents of students in Year 4, 5 and 6, all parents are welcome to attend. The information session will be held on Tuesday, 2 September from 6.30-7.30pm in the staffroom. If you have any questions you would particularly like to be addressed, you can send them through to the school email account (wyrrallahrd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) prior to next Tuesday to ensure that Mr Baker has time to address the issues identified.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

From time to time, the school receives feedback from members of the community. This week we were chuffed to open a letter from the secretary of the Lismore Musical Festival Society, following the recent involvement of our choirs and dance groups in the eisteddfod. In her letter, Mrs Axtens wrote about the beautiful work performed by our students and later in her letter, regarding teachers, she wrote, “they are the ones who inspire, who bring to life in each child the desire to find out more, to work together as a team, and do all things that are required and then a thousand times more”.

I couldn’t agree more and would also like to thank our great team of teachers who supported the WRPS choirs and dance groups to perform at such a high level and enjoy themselves in the process.

CORRECTION/ADDITION TO LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER

Last week, we inadvertently left off the Stage 2 runner-up from the story about the school spelling bee finals. Apologies to Len Salter-Strong who finished an impressive second and will join Stage 2 winner Finn Loxton as well as Stage 3 winner, Niamh Laycock and runner-up Holly Speers in representing the school at the regional final held here at WRPS on Monday, 15 September. Good luck team!

FRUIT and VEGIE MONTH

Fruit and Vegie month started on Monday and concludes at the end of the term. Each class is focusing on the number of serves of fruit and vegetables consumed during school hours.

Why should people eat more fruit and vegetables?

We all know fruit and vegetables are good for us and they taste great! They are packed full of vitamins and minerals that are important for growth and development and are a source of dietary fibre which prevents constipation. Regularly eating diets high in fruit and vegetables also protects us against a number of diseases. More than 87% of primary school age children in NSW do not consume the recommended amount of vegetables. This places them at risk of developing disease such as diabetes, later in life. So encourage your child to eat fruit and vegies at home and at school.

BUT my child doesn’t like fruit or vegetables! Try:

* having your child grow the fruit and vegetables;
* having your child help prepare the food;
* hiding the food eg, grated carrot or zucchini into spaghetti bolognese, finely dicing onion
* being creative – make faces with the food (pizzas or on sandwiches), make fruit or vegie kebabs, freeze pineapple rings or orange quarters, make fruit salad and cover in yoghurt, use cucumber or carrot sticks in a dip, make sweet potato chips;
* make a fruit smoothie, corn and spinach fritters;

BE A ROLE MODEL.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – KINDER SCHOOL LEARNING AND SUPPORT OFFICER

We are looking to add to our wonderful team of Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs). Initially, the position would be working with the Kindergarten teachers and children during our four days of Kinder orientation which will be held on consecutive Thursdays - 30 October, 6 November, 13 November and 20 November. This may lead to an opportunity to join the WRPS team as a SLSO for 2015, working every morning from 9.00-11.00am in a Kinder classroom to support the introduction of L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy).
POSITION CRITERIA:

- Ability to work collaboratively with other staff members
- Willingness to work with different ability groups and actively facilitate student engagement in different activities within the classroom
- Effective communication within a whole school environment
- Willingness to support a classroom behaviour management program

APPLICATIONS: Please limit your application to a maximum of two pages in which to:

- address the criteria
- include all relevant skills and experience
- include two referees

Applications should be emailed to Relieving Assistant Principal, Wyrallah Road Public School, at: megan.perring@det.nsw.edu.au. Interviews may be conducted as required.

ENQUIRIES: Gareth Hockings, Principal, or Megan Perring, Relieving Assistant Principal, WRPS, 66213363

NEWSLETTER FEATURE – READING RECOVERY

Reading Recovery is an international program designed to assist students in their second year at school (Year 1 in NSW) who are failing to keep pace with their peers in literacy. At our school, two Reading Recovery teachers (Narelle Clydsdale and Jenny Beers) deliver one-to-one instruction for 30 minutes each day for six students. Each program usually runs for 12-20 weeks. The 30 minute lesson is individually designed to meet the student’s literacy learning needs. Reading Recovery supplements comprehensive classroom instruction by providing a variety of reading and writing experiences at the student’s instructional level.

Successful implementation of Reading Recovery is dependent upon parental support. Parents/carers must make a commitment to support their child throughout their inclusion on the program. Home tasks provide reinforcement of each day’s reading and writing and need only take about 10 minutes.

3/4W REPORT “KIDS AS TEACHERS”

Our students make great strides when working co-operatively in pairs or small groups (peer tutoring). The students enjoy interacting with one another, sharing ideas, prior knowledge and new insights. Research has shown that students using this approach benefit from developing:

- an understanding of fairness
- greater self-esteem
- skills toward sharing and kindness
- role-taking and communication skills
- creative and critical thinking skills.

Students in our class regularly participate in peer tutoring activities in literacy and mathematical exercises, not only with children of their own age, but with younger or older children, when the opportunity presents itself. The kids work together in reading, maths, creative arts, sport, etc. At times, programs operate with high school students, students from Wilson Park and other primary schools and these have offered great rewards to all students involved. Studying with someone their own age may be a more comfortable approach than with a teacher. Peer tutors can share their own struggles with learning and peers can often meet the needs of the student where an adult cannot.

We use groups in all subjects so that the kids get a wide range of people to work and interact with. They are often given the opportunity to form their own groups and it is always interesting observing how they go about choosing the most appropriate team to work with. It isn’t a popularity contest as one would think.

Co-operation, understanding and building on the ethos of “teamwork” helps enhance a secure and productive learning environment in 3/4W. We value the ideas and efforts of others and look upon this as a fun way to learn.
Thank you to everyone who helped at the BBQ last Sunday. Also thank you to everyone who donated sauce, napkins and a special mention to Sally Bates for donating 12 bags of ice from the Workers Club. The day was a great success - we made a profit of over $900 for our awesome school. It was a fantastic day to get to know other parents and we were lucky that the rain stayed away.

**NR Regional Athletics Carnival: NEW DATE: Tuesday, 2 September**

The P & C are running the canteen at the Northern Rivers Regional Athletics Carnival at Riverview Park and we need volunteers for the following areas:

- Running the BBQ
- Packing stock in fridges
- Making sandwiches
- Chip cooking
- **Donations of cakes, slices, biscuits to be sold on the day**

Please contact the P & C via email if you are available to help out on the day.

**Fathers’ Day Stall**

- Wednesday, 3 September
- $4 gifts
- If any parents have some time available to help in the morning to set up and serve the kids, your help would be greatly appreciated.

**SCHOOL FEES:** P&C collect this money on behalf of the school. All money goes directly 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.

**CANTEEN NEWS:**

- **Special:** Thursday & Friday only: Mousse - $1.00
- **NR Regional Athletics Carnival:** We need donations of cakes and slices. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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School Holidays and Vacation Care are coming around fast this year please see our program below. Please book early as last term Laser Tag and our excursions and incursions booked out fast.

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.

Thank you to all the families who have supported us this term. Julie, Emily and Georgina.
This week at Helping Hands we changed our breakfast club day to Wednesday. The children got to choose from a menu last week as to what they would like for breakfast the following week. The children chose a variety of things from hash browns and bacon and egg muffins to porridge, pancakes and yoghurt with fruit. Some of the feedback we received about breakfast included “it was great”, “it was awesome”, “it was really tasty and I liked the bacon and egg muffins it was really yummy”, “good good”, “it was made perfect and it was really yum”, “I like that there was lots and it was tasty and filling” and “I liked the hash browns best”.

Due to our increasing enrolments at Helping Hands Before and After School Care, we are currently looking for more Educators to join our team. Please see the advertisement below and contact us should you be interested.

POSITION VACANT-EDUCATOR
Permanent Part-Time & Casual positions available Outside School Hours care (OSHC)
Helping Hands is looking for passionate and dedicated people who want to work with a friendly, supportive and professional team at our Wyrallah Road service. If you have previous experience in OSHC or a similar program and are instrumental in creating an environment that is active and engaging for a mixed age range of children then we want to hear from you! Permanent part time and casual positions are available. Immediate start required. Send your resume and a covering letter that outlines why you feel you are suitable for this position to hrsupport@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

We have vacancies daily with spaces filling fast for the rest of this term. We accept casual bookings for instance if you have to work a shift you wouldn’t normally do, have an important appointment to attend or just want a quiet afternoon to do the grocery shopping. 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 125995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Thank you to all the families who have supported us this term. Julie, Emily and Georgina.

COMMUNITY NEWS
- Northern NSW Local Health District – Dental Services. We provide free dental care to all children and young people up to 18 yrs. Services include routine dental examinations and general dental treatment. To register your child for free dental services, phone Dental Health Line on 1300 651625, press Option 2. Free appointments now available.
- Lismore Public School Fundraiser – Musical Bingo – Sat, 30.8.14 6.30pm $10 entry. BYO drinks & food. This is an adult only event. Bring your friends & gold coins for games. Tickets available at the door.
- Parent Power – 4 steps to strong, gentle parenting. 2 Saturdays Interactive workshop – 6 & 13 September. Based on ‘Compassionate Communication’ this workshop will empower you in relating with love & truth to children & family. Contact Ken Bright 0402 006893, Jana Krins 0412 408915 for more information.
- Summerland House Farm Country Fair – 114.9.14 9am-3pm Loads of fun, entertainment for the whole family.
- Little Athletics Sign-On Days – 29.8.14 5-6pm; 5.9.14 5.30-7.30 (registration & 1st session); 12/9/14 5.30-7.30 (registration & 2nd session) or http://www.laansw.com.au to register online. $80 per child, $25 comp. shirt. For more information, contact Stephen on Stephen.lismore1@gmail.com.
- Sensory Movie Day – 2pm Sunday, 14 September – How to Train your Dragon 2. Phone Wendy on 0418 280669.
- FNC NSW Futsal – Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre Sign On 2.9.14 6pm. Phone 0407 230336 for more info.