P&C WORKING HARD FOR OUR KIDS

In recent weeks, newsletter readers will have seen the many activities students have been excelling at and the diverse learning opportunities that are being tapped into. Behind the scenes there is also an incredible amount of work being put in by our hard working and dedicated P&C to ensure that our school is as good as it can be. At WRPS, we are fortunate to have such a hardworking and supportive group. Below is a graph representing the significant investment the P&C has made for our school this year and where those funds have been used. All parents are welcome to join the P&C, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the school staff room.

CALENDAR

Term 3, Week 10  Wednesday, 17 September, 2014

Thu, 18 Sep  Yr 5 Camp Koinonia - final payment due
              Y6 Canberra - final payment & notes due
              Bike/Scooter Safety Day

Fri, 19 Sep  Gold Day Celebration
           K - Yr 2 (9.20 - 11.00)
           Yrs 3 - 6 (11.30 - 1.00)
           No School Assembly
           LAST DAY TERM 3

Tue, 7 Oct   FIRST DAY TERM 4

Sun-Sat 12-18 Oct  Year 6 Canberra excursion

Mon-Wed 13-15 Oct  Year 5 Camp Koinonia excursion

Alternatively, if meetings are not your thing, the P&C will be running a Working Bee next term on Saturday 25 October from 8:00-4:00. Any helpers who can come for part or all of the day are welcome, with the P&C also putting on a BBQ lunch for volunteers. There will be a number of projects on the day, including construction of new raised tree seats, painting and planting of a new hedge.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS

Property is Personal in the Toilet Area
Use toilet equipment wisely eg. toilet paper
SPELLING UP A STORM!

On Monday, WRPS played host to about 100 students from all over the district as the best spellers from each school came together for the Regional Spelling Bee Final. Our four representatives achieved varying results but all four did their school proud. Congratulations to Stage 3 reps Niamh and Holly and Stage 2 Finn and Len. Our best placed finish went to Len who came an impressive 4th! The standard of spelling was also very high with all the following words correctly spelled by competitors: besiege, cardiomyopathy, surrealism and hypothermia. How many would you get right?

Also noteworthy from this event was the outstanding work done by our school captains and leaders from Stage 3, who performed a number of vital tasks on the day from greeting our visitors to announcing at the event. Thank you also to the parents and helpers in the canteen who provided scrumptious food and catered for the event.

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

The girls Touch Football Team travelled to Kingsford Smith Park in Ballina yesterday for the next round in the PSSA knockout comp. Though they fought hard, the girls unfortunately lost to Ballina Public. Great effort girls!

BIKE / SCOOTER SAFETY DAY

Our Bike / Scooter Safety Day will take place on Thursday 18 September. Cost for the day will be combined with Gold day activities, resulting in a one off $5.00 charge. This money will entitle students to enter the raffle for one of 2 bikes that will be drawn on the day and the school will also make an $800 donation to our neighbours, Wilson Park Public School to support their impressive bike program.

The Bike Day will involve all children and will include:

- A Police Talk (Constable Struan Presgrove)
- Mechanical Checks
- An Obstacle Course
- Relay Riding
- Partner Riding (Wade Park)
- iPad Work
- Slow Riding/Obeying Road Rules

This is the third time we have held this event and we would hope all children will be able to participate in a day that adds skill to their riding and improves their knowledge of ways to prevent accidents.

If your child doesn’t own their own bike or scooter, perhaps they could borrow a vehicle from a neighbour or friend. Bikes can be brought to school the day before and stored safely overnight if this is more convenient. They will have to be picked up either on Thursday or Friday, before the holidays begin.

Sports uniform (regular uniform for K-1) is required to participate and all children will need a helmet. Any child under 10 years will need to be accompanied by a trusted adult if choosing to ride to/from school for the day.
GOLD DAY
Congratulations to all the students who finished the term as Gold kids! This Friday will be an opportunity to celebrate with a Pyjama themed movie day. All students will still need to have sensible covered shoes.

WRPS MASCOT FOR POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING
We all know our rules: Manners Matter, Sensible is Safe, Property is Personal and Fair is Fun. WRPS is holding a competition to create a mascot to represent the school rules and expectations and act as a fun way of reinforcing them. Write down or draw your ideas and bring them in to school by 10 October (Week 1 of Term 4) and there will be a prize for the winning entry. If your drawing or concept is chosen, it will become the property of Wyrallah Road Public School and used for such things as; promoting the school, it’s rules, values and Positive Behaviour for Learning programs.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY
All Year 5 students interested in a leadership role next year met with Mr Hockings earlier today. There was an overwhelming response with over 30 students putting their hand up for the important captain jobs. All students are now working on speeches to present to Stage 3 and staff for shortlisting in Week 4, followed by a presentation to the whole school for the finalists. Workshops will run in Week 1 next term for any students wanting assistance. School captains will be announced at the presentation night towards the end of term.

UKULELE GROUP
The ukulele group have been progressing well and it has been terrific to see some of our ukulele players have been accompanying Miss Moyle on a Wednesday morning playing Happy Birthday. We are going to have a slight change to how we run Ukulele group in term 4. Both groups, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will now be on Wednesday lunch 1pm in the library. Students are to bring along their lunch, tuner and Ukulele.

LIBRARY NEWS
Wonderful news – most students at our school are regular borrowers! Unfortunately with Stocktake occurring early in Term 4 there will be some disruptions to the Library. Thank for your cooperation during this time.

Following is a timeline of what is happening in the library:

Term 3 - Week 10: All books need to be returned to the Library.

Term 4 - Week 1: Overdue Notices will be handed to students.

Term 4 - Weeks 4/5: Library will be closed for Stocktake.

Term 4 - Week 6: Library services back to normal.
LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL - HI 5

14 Year 6 students travelled to Lismore High School to participate in 3 days of Science and Sustainability lessons with students from other local primary schools. Students were involved in activities around the topics of aquaponics and bio digesters. They visited the science labs, watched videos and learnt how to turn dirty water into drinkable water. At the conclusion of their visits students presented a PowerPoint presentation and brochure to their parents and a panel from Lismore High School. The next group of students are currently participating in lessons on public speaking.

FRUIT AND VEGIE MONTH

Congratulations to all the students who completed a colouring competition sheet (Kinder – Year 4) or a poster promoting eating fruit and vegetables (Yr 5 – 6). There were many amazing pictures which made judging extremely difficult. Winners have received a certificate, small prize and a canteen voucher and Highly Commended Students received a certificate and a small prize.

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WIN BIN WINNERS

| KINDERGARTEN | $3 Layla | $2 Kalon | $1 Hayden | $1 Abigail | $1 Ethan |
| STAGE 1 | $3 Zac | $2 Eloise | $1 Abigail | $1 Stan | $1 Ethen |
| STAGE 2 | $3 Ellie | $2 Seth | $1 Jasmine | $1 Sophie-Lee | $1 Emma |
| STAGE 3 | $3 Kye | $2 Mikaela | $1 Ethan | $1 Daisy | $1 Abbey |
| LIBRARY | $3 Lilly | $2 Lachlan | $1 Blake | $1 Jack | $1 Ashton |

SURVEY THANKS

Thank you to all the parents and community members who have responded to the survey request sent out over the past two weeks. There were a significant number of contributions with some great feedback to help make our school the best it can be. The results will be analysed over coming weeks and presented to the P&C as well as through the school end-of-year reporting processes. Even though the survey period is now closed we still value your opinions, so please contact the school if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Thank you to the whole Wyrallah Road community for what has been another busy and successful term. The staff at WRPS hope that everyone enjoys the next two weeks and returns to school safe, happy and with the batteries recharged for the new term.
A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered time or donated baked goods for the Spelling Bee on Monday.

**Next P & C Meeting** will be the 8th October at 7pm in the school staffroom. Please feel free to come along and join in the conversations around upcoming school events.

**P & C Book Keeper Position**

Expressions of interest are required for a voluntary book keeper who will work closely with the treasurer. Must have previous book keeping experience with knowledge of QuickBooks. Please email resume to wyrallahrdps.pandc@gmail.com

**WORKING BEE**

The P & C will run a Working Bee, Saturday 25th October at WRPS from 8.00 am to 4.00pm. Come for all or part of the day. There will be a number of tasks to suit all abilities, ranging from construction of large raised tree beds/seats, painting and planting a new hedge. We would love a huge turn out to help our school a great place for our kids to learn. Lunch provided.

**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:**

We would really appreciate some help in the canteen. New helpers are more than welcome! If you can spare a few hours once a week or even once a month, please contact Sue.

**MON 6**  **Public Holiday**

**TUE 7**  Sally Bates – Asher Smith

**WED 8**  Amanda Keys – Iris Millard

**THU 9**  Dave McLean – HELP PLEASE

**FRI 10**  Kylie Burnett – HELP PLEASE

**MON 13**  Cheryl Smoother – Corinne Milgate

**TUE 14**  Sally Bates – Asher Smith

**WED 15**  Amanda Keys – HELP PLEASE

**THU 16**  Steph Gregory – Dave McLean

**FRI 17**  Kate Muldowney – HELP PLEASE

**UNIFORM SHOP:** Open from 8.30-10.00am Fridays  **Roster:** Friday, 19 September – Steph Hannah

New skirts for sport with built-in sports pants now in stock - $15 all sizes
School Holidays and Vacation Care are coming around fast. We are looking forward to our visit from Circus Arts Byron Bay. They will be presenting a workshop including a mix of Acro balance, Silks, Low trapeze, Tight wire and Trampoline. For our jewellery-making day we will be making earrings, bracelets and necklets for boys and girls. Once we have made our jewellery, we will be making a jewellery box to store our keepsakes in.

As we are continuing with our Sustainable Practices program, we have been researching the best way to start our vegetable gardens with the children having supervised sessions on the internet. They have used the internet to look up best practice and environmentally friendly ways to plant their gardens using newspaper rather than buying weed matting for the bottom of the garden beds, joining up to the Council’s Waste Warriors program and looking at using their recycled compost for the gardens. To reduce costs and learn more about the life cycle of plants, we will be growing our plants from seed.

**Position Vacant** - Educator Permanent Part-Time and 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 outlining why you feel you are suitable for this position to hrsupport@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

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**

- **SPECIAL OFFER** - Just Ride Cycles are pleased to offer WRPS families a $10.00 safety check. Make sure your child’s bike is safe. The experienced staff of Just Ride Cycles will check your child’s bike and advise you of any concerns. To take advantage of this offer, please phone 6622 5775. Bookings are essential.
- Lismore Public School Fete – Thurs, 18 September 1-6pm. Lots of games & activities, rides and lots more.
- Free Dental Care – Northern NSW Local Health District Oral Health service provides free dental care to all children up to 18yrs. Services include routine dental examinations & general dental treatment. Phone Health Line on 1300 651625 and press option 2.
- Summit Holiday Swimming Intensives. Book now to improve your child’s swimming. Mon, 22-Fri, 26 Sept, Mon, 29 Sept – Fri 3 Oct. Group lesson (3-1) $50, 1-1 lesson $95. Phone Teesh at Summit 6625 2025.
- Lismore Junior Touch – held on Friday afternoons during Term 4, 2014 & Term 1, 2015 from 4pm. U8’s-Syrs, U10’s, U12’s. Cost $65. Info nights on Friday 19 Sept. Contact Tim Laverty on 0428 636175 for more information.
- Lismore Workers Softball Club – Sign-on tonight! Wed 17/9/14 5pm-6.30pm @ The Lismore Workers Club.
- Go4Fun! – Free healthy lifestyle program for kids 6.5 – 13 years. For Term 4 Bookings Ph. 1800 780 900.

**Holiday Clinic**

Lismore Basketball Stadium
342 Keen Street
Wednesday 24th September
9am – 1pm
$10 per child
(8-14 Years)