REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Last Wednesday at the Regional Swimming Carnival held in Lismore, Tylah swam brilliantly and was awarded the Junior Girls Regional Champion. Congratulations Tylah!!

Tylah will travel to Sydney on 26, 27 March to compete in five separate events in the State Swimming Carnival.

We wish her well.

“WHEN THE MAN WENT MISSING”

On Thursday, 5 March, students from Stage 2 and 3 took part in a forensic science investigation workshop. These students participated in many practical components including an investigation to examine evidence and help resolve clues linking to a special crime scene. Students were engaged and eager to look at elements such as fingerprinting and UV detection, which helped to link the clues to a suspect murderer.

Tamsyn from Stage 3 said her favourite part was ‘when the man went missing’.

The workshop was a great way to introduce students to the work of a forensic scientist and students were excited to participate in hands-on activities that allowed them to feel like true forensic scientists themselves.

We would like to thank ‘A case of Emergency’ for allowing us to have this wonderful opportunity.

CALENDAR

Term 1, Week 7

Wednesday, 11 March, 2015

Wed, 11 Mar 3.30pm Aboriginal Education Team Meeting
6.30pm P&C AGM – Staffroom

Mon, 16 Mar 1.45-2.45pm & 5.30-6.30pm
Kinder Parent Home Reading Training

Tue, 17 Mar Netball Clinic
Fri, 20 Mar Harmony Day
2.10pm Assembly (1W, 5/6H)

Mon, 23 Mar Netball Clinic
Tue, 24 Mar 3.15-6.30pm K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wed, 25 Mar Theatre Theatre-Stages 2 & 3
Thu, 26 Mar 3/4W & 4/5N Science Excursion
Fri, 27 Mar Earth Hour for Schools
EVERYONE BELONGS

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – 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.

Wyrallah Road Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday, 20 March. Students are invited to dress in orange and participate in activities throughout the day. Members of the school community will also join us on this day to discuss their cultural heritage with the students.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia’s diversity.

Did you know?
- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country.

How can you celebrate Harmony Day at home?
- Talk to your kids about your family roots.
- Show old photographs of family members and/or tell stories of how they came to be in Australia.
- Point out on a world map the different countries that make up their ancestry.
- Search online for images or videos of those different countries and cultures (i.e. traditional dances, food, music).
- Explore the traditional Indigenous owners of your region – find out about their culture online or at your local library.
- Speak about what belonging and being welcoming, respectful and inclusive mean, eg. the difference between feeling included or not included.

2A HAVING FUN IN MATHS

Yesterday at school we measured with our footprints and our hand. We measured the height of a chair, the length of a table and the width of a door, by Sienna.

Yesterday at school we cut out our footprints and measured the door, the chair and a table. My partner was Riley. He had a bigger foot than me. It was fun, by Zoe.
Yesterday at school, Mrs A gave us a piece of paper and then we traced our footprints and then we measured with it. It was fun measuring everything, by Dakota.

MRS ANGELOSANTO (MRS A)
I have taught at WRPS for over 20 years, the last four years on Stage 3. This year, I am really excited to be working with younger students again and am looking forward to a fantastic year with a lovely group.

P&C MEETING AND AGM TONIGHT
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held tonight in the school staff room at 6:30 pm. This will be followed by the regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Thank you to all parents who have taken on roles with the P&C over the past 12 months. Your contributions have helped to guide the direction of the school and raise valuable funds. The P&C welcomes all families and any contribution you can make is valued.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION MEETING
You are invited to attend the WRPS Aboriginal Education Team meeting in the school staffroom on Wednesday, 11 March at 3.30pm. We recognise the importance of working as a team and greatly value the input of our Indigenous parent body and hope that you are available to attend.

CRUNCH AND SIP
Why shouldn’t students eat snacks like muesli bars or fruit leathers during Crunch and Sip? Foods such as fruit-topped muesli bars and fruit leathers are often high in sugar and energy, and low in other nutrients such as vitamins and minerals. Fruit and vegetables are lower in energy and high in nutrients, making them the ideal snack option. Fruit leathers, roll-ups and sticky muesli bars also have the tendency to cling to teeth, which increases the risk of tooth decay. Fruit and vegetables are the only foods allowed to be eaten during the Crunch and Sip break. Crunch and Sip is not the only time students can eat fruit and vegetables. These foods are also great snacks for recess, lunch and afternoon tea.

NORTHERN STAR $5000 CLASSROOM MAKEOVER COMPETITION
Don’t forget to keep collecting your tokens from the Northern Star and place them in the labelled box in the office foyer to help our school win a $5000 classroom makeover.

PART-TIME GENERAL ASSISTANT - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Expressions of interest are being sought for a General Assistant at WRPS one and a half days per week for the period of 21 April, 2015 to 23 June, 2015 with a possibility of extension. Duties will include but are not limited to: building and equipment maintenance, mowing, ground work, gardening and cleaning. Applicants will also need to demonstrate ability to work as part of a team and must have completed a Working With Children Check prior to commencing work. Applicants should provide a brief (maximum one page) resume outlining relevant skills and experience and nominate two referees. Applications are due by 3:00pm Thursday, 19 March and should be provided to the school office in a sealed enveloped marked attention of the Principal. Any enquiries, please contact the school office on 6621 3363.
2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR YEARS 3-6
Welcome to the 2015 International Schools’ Competitions which now include Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics.
The competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region and your child is invited to participate. The competitions provide opportunities for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. They provide schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also give parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND MONEY TO MR WILLIAMSON BY WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

I would like my child __________________________________________ Year _____________________
to participate in the following competitions (please tick).

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CANTEEN ROSTER:
Thu, 12 Mar Val Brittand, HELP PLEASE
Fri, 13 Mar Kylie Burnett, Asher Smith, Krystal Jordon
Mon, 16 Mar Amanda Keys, Dave McLean
Tue, 17 Mar Sue French, HELP PLEASE
Wed, 18 Mar Kate Muldowney, HELP PLEASE
Thu, 19 Mar Steph Gregory, Naomi Pitkin, Freda Yee
Fri, 20 Mar Debbie Towner, Vicki Muddiman, Asher Smith
Mon, 23 Mar Dave McLean, Leanne Dillon
Tue, 24 Mar Shona Powell, Angela Lawler
Wed, 25 Mar Renea Allen, Jess Guyer

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UNIFORM SHOP
Open on Fridays from 8:30-10:00am. Roster: Friday, 13 March – Asher Smith.
Girls’ dresses now in stock. New shipment arrived which includes sports and boys new polos, V-neck pullovers and zip jackets in various sizes. URGENT HELP STILL NEEDED! Please phone Lisa on 0448 580188.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
• East Lismore Community Preschool have a small number of vacancies. Please call Tracey to enquire or put your child’s name on our waiting list. You are welcome to drop in to have a look at our learning environment and meet our staff. Phone 6621 6692.
• Autism Awareness Expo – Thursday, 2 April 10am-2pm – Goonellabah RSL Sports Club. Wear blue to support World Autism Awareness Day. For information, phone Wendy on 6624 3081.
• Workers FC Soccer Club is looking for players in all junior grades, especially 11,12 and 13 year olds. Come and have a kick around at our junior muster day on Saturday 21st March from 3pm til 5 pm. Enjoy some games and a sausage sizzle. All welcome. Any inquiries please contact Sharon Lane 0466388422 66222731 lanesharon@hotmail.com