



- Sensible is Safe
- Fair is Fun
- Manners Matter
- Property is Personal

*Treat others as you would
like to be treated yourself.*

Term 2, Week 2

Monday, 4th May, 2009**Calendar:**

4 th May	P&C Fundraising Meeting 7.30pm
5 th May	MS Readathon: Guest Speaker at assembly 9.00am
6 th May	Maths Enrichment Day (Stage 3) commences
7 th May	Band Program commences (we hope)
12 th - 15 th May	NAPLAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Years 3 & 5 commences
13 th May	P&C Meeting 7.00pm start
15 th May	Walk Safely to School Day
25 th May	EDUCATION WEEK commences
26 th May	National Sorry Day
27 th May	OPEN AFTERNOON
3 rd June	Stage 3 Sporting Program commences
	Year 2 Excursion to Dorrroughby FSC
23 rd June	Chess at St Joseph's Alstonville
5 th - 12 th Jul	NAIDOC Week

**SCHOOL BAND**

We are hoping to start our Band Program on Thursday of this week. We are expecting the instruments to arrive at the school early in the week. Band members will be informed and families will be invoiced by the P&C when the program commences.

NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 will be taking part in the National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy next week (Tuesday – Thursday). We expect our students to do their very best but don't wish them to be under undue pressure. ie. routine as normal as possible.

P&C MEETING 7.00pm WEDNESDAY 13/5/09

Craig Beck will be giving a demonstration of our new Electronic Smartboard before the P&C Meeting on Wednesday. His presentation will run from 7.00-7.45pm. The meeting will follow the presentation in the staffroom.

OPEN AFTERNOON – EDUCATION WEEK

We will be holding our open Afternoon on Wednesday 27/5/09. More details in later newsletters.

Ralph Taylor

TAYLOR'S TEASER Choose the correct letter from each clue in the rhyme below. When put in order, the five letters will spell the answer to the riddle.

**My first is in you but not in rough.
My second in calf but not in cuff.
My third in came but not in went.
My fourth in Hank but not in Ben.
My last in true and also in tea.
My whole, a luxury at sea.**

WIN BIN WINNERS

- \$3 Taylor KT, Jack 1B, Billie Jo 3/4H, Asher 5/6W
\$2 Hayden KP, Makayla 1B, Jacob 3/4H, Leah 5/6B
\$1 Selena KP, Isabella KT, Cadyn KT, Jasmin 2C, Alyssa 1B, Safina 1B, Jacob 3/4H, Lachlan 3/4B, Mary Rose 3/4H, Breanna 5/6W, Esther 5/6M, Mitchell 5/6B.

STAGE 1 EXCURSION TO DORROUGHBY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

We have firm bookings for Years 1 and 2 to go to DEEC. Year 1 will be going on Thursday, 28/5/09 (Week 5) which is Education Week, and Year 2 will be going on Wednesday, 3/6/09 (Week 6). A reminder note will go home to parents about the requirements needed for the day. Let's hope the wet weather is behind us.

Reen Anderson

STAGE 1 VISITING POLICE WOMAN

On Monday, 4/5/09 at 10:30a.m. PCYC Alison Sheehan will be visiting our school. She will be discussing our school rules and how they fit as part of a wider community responsibility, the need for us all to get along as a whole community and to look out for each other.

Reen Anderson

STEWART HOUSE DAY, FRIDAY MAY 8



Each fortnight, 90 children from across NSW and the ACT visit Stewart House in Sydney. They participate in a 12-day program and attend the Department of Education and Training school that is within the grounds. During the program children receive free medical attention, participate in excursions and other exciting activities as well as establish new friendships.

Stewart House is supported by the generosity of public schools. Did you know, for example, that Wyrallah Road PS staff contributes \$1248.00 annually from our salaries to Stewart House?

This Friday is Stewart House Day. Support Stewart House by sending a gold coin donation in the envelope provided with this newsletter. You could win a \$4000.00 holiday for your family by making a donation!

Stewie the dolphin keyrings will also be available on Friday for \$3.00 and temporary tattoos for \$1.00.

David Willis

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Over the next 12 months our school will be participating in a program to improve Nutrition and Physical Education skills. All children (K-6) will be encouraged to have a piece of fruit and a drink of water during the morning session. This will be called 'Crunch & Sip'. (We will also provide information through the children as to when this will occur.) I will provide some more information at the next P&C meeting.

Jane Varcoe



Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools and children across Australia have read to help people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, parents and grandparents can get involved, here's how...

Click online for free registration and receive an MS Readathon wristband

Flick through books from 1-30 June (you can count books from other reading programs too)

Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or **call 1300 677 323** for more details.

Bonus! Once 20 students from our school register online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a Penguin book pack for the library- it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.

There are some registration forms available from the library for those people who are unable to register on-line.

CANTEEN NEWS:

WEEKLY SPECIAL: Bacon & Cheese Roll \$1.20, Bacon & Cheese Roll with salad \$2.60

TUESDAY 5 th May	WEDNESDAY 6 th May	THURSDAY 7 th May	FRIDAY 8 th May	MONDAY 11 th May
Naomi Pitkin HELP PLEASE	Darren Speers Kerry McDonald	Stacey Lewis HELP PLEASE	Stephanie Hannah Shona Powell	Naomi Pitkin Lisa Munn

Sue Pagotto, Supervisor

SPORTING INJURIES COVER FOR NSW SCHOOL CHILDREN

Did you know the NSW Government provides free sporting injuries cover for all school children?

Who is covered? All school children in NSW who participate in school authorised sporting or athletic activities are automatically covered at no cost to the school or parents.

What does the Scheme cover? The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefit Scheme covers death and permanent injuries for children who are seriously injured while participating in school operated or approved sporting or athletic activities. Significant lump sum compensation is payable depending upon the severity of the injury. The scheme does not cover medical expenses or dental injuries.

Parents and guardians should be encouraged to consider their family's insurance needs and have health insurance as appropriate to their circumstances.

What if there is a serious injury? All serious injuries must be reported by the school principal or school official as soon as possible after the incident.

More information? More info including the injury notification form can be found on the website www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au or by calling NSW Sporting Injuries Committee on (02) 4321 5392.

P&C NEWS

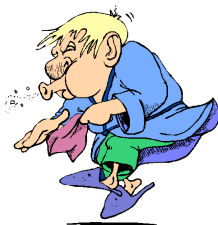
- **FUNDRAISING MEETING** – this will be held TONIGHT in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and give input to our fundraising activities this term.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** – our general P&C monthly meeting will be next Wednesday evening 13th May. Craig Beck will be presenting an introduction to Smartboard usage in the classroom. This should be very interesting and worthwhile for all parents as eventually all classrooms will have a Smartboard in place. This session will commence at 7PM and the general meeting will begin at approximately 7.45PM.
- **NOTES FROM OUR LAST MEETING**
 - Nikki Pearson from Life Education was our first guest speaker. She spoke about the upkeep of running such a program. Relies a lot on fundraising by volunteers. Needing new members for their local committee. If interested, phone her on 66226241.
 - Janelle Saffin MP was asked to come and talk about the Government's 'Building the Education Revolution'. We put our concerns to her and discussed ways we can address these.
 - We also discussed many other items such as; school concert, lighting in the carpark, addition of a school vest, school fete, dance workshops, music program.(More info later in the newsletter.)
 - **MOTHERS DAY STALL** – this will be held on Friday 8th May. Children wishing to purchase a gift will need to bring along \$4 on the day. There will also be a limited number of gifts available this year for \$3 but please send \$4 just in case! Additional gifts will be available if wanting to purchase more than one gift. Parents who are interested in helping at the stall on the day will need to see Julie Blanksby under the shelter after the Friday morning assembly.

COLD & FLU SEASON

To help prevent the spread of colds and flu this season we are placing posters in the classrooms reminding students of basic hygiene practises. A copy of the poster is included below for your information and we ask that you reinforce these with your children.

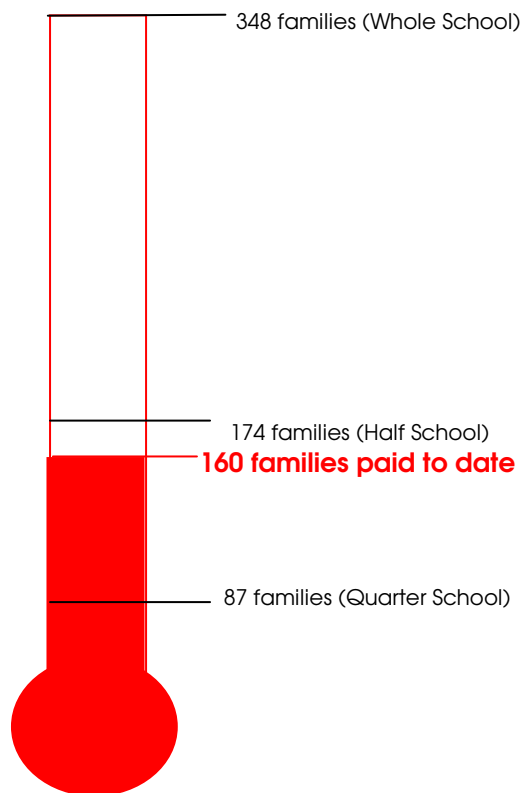
We are appealing to parents to **PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY ARE UNWELL** to minimise the spread of illness through the school.

Prevent catching and spreading the flu by:



- covering your mouth when you cough
- using a tissue and putting it in the bin
- washing your hands after using a tissue
- washing your hands before you eat
- if you are sick stay home

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS



*Voluntary Contribution Forms
are available at the office.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Miniball - For years 3,4,5 & 6 students on Monday afternoons at Lismore Basketball Stadium in Keen Street from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Cost \$4.00 each game plus registration.

Aussie Hoops (Learn to play) – Miniball program for students in Years 3-6 on Tuesday afternoons 4.30pm-6.00pm. Skills sessions are run followed by organized games. An excellent way to learn to play basketball and improve your skills. \$4.00 per afternoon plus registration.

Bidiball (Learn to play) – For children in Kindy to Year 2. It is a whole lot of fun, learning new skills and making new friends. Wednesdays 4.30pm to 6pm. \$4 per week plus registration. Enquiries to Ange on 6621 6647 or 0410 777 572.

Tennis Lessons – Thursdays 4:00-4:45pm 6-8yrs, 4:45-5:30pm 9-11yrs, 5:30-6:15pm 12-14yrs. 8 week course – cost \$64 per child. Private lessons available by appointment. Contact Dean for enquiries – 0414 826 318.

LISMORE CITY PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

www.geocities.com/lismorecity_physie

For further information contact:

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You are invited to

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Saturday 23rd May 2008

at East Lismore Bowling Club 11am till 2pm

Tickets: \$10 at door

Information: Cherron 6625 1369

Corrinne 66244968

TISSUES

As winter approaches we are asking again for a donation of a box of tissues to your child's class.

Thank you!



ATTENTION!! URGENT!! ATTENTION!! URGENT!! ATTENTION!! URGENT!!

'Building the Education Revolution'
A message from your P&C Association

What is it? The Australian Government will be delivering \$14.7 billion to boost the Education Revolution over the next three years. There are three key elements ie; *Primary Schools for the 21st Century, Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools, National School Pride Program.*

What will WRPS receive? We have been allocated funding under two of the above funding packages. We will receive \$200,000 in funding through the *National School Pride Program* which will pay for Electronic Smartboards to all classrooms, fitting of blinds to all classrooms, and the replacement of the adventure playground with security fencing and shade provision. We have also been allocated up to \$3million in funds under the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* program. Under this allocation we applied for the following:

1. To replace 8 of the 10 demountable classrooms with an 8 classroom double storey building. Requests for reverse cycle air conditioning, water, phone and data connections were made.
2. An extension and refurbishment of the existing school library.
3. An outdoor all-weather multi-purpose sports court.

Although we were excited to be receiving such a large amount in funding, we were disappointed when the decision came back that our \$3million dollars would only cover an amended version of No. 1 above ie; a 6 classroom block. A local builder has since been asked to provide us with a cost estimate of a 6 classroom block and his price has come in at around \$1 million. This is therefore a difference of \$2 million. We cannot understand how there can be such a huge difference in pricing and we believe that our 3 priorities above could well be achieved within the \$3million budget. We feel that by using local tradespeople the pricing would be much more realistic and we would be helping to boost our local economy. We are not however guaranteed local businesses to complete the jobs. The P&C at WRPS have written letters to editors in newspapers as well as to our local Federal Member for Page, Janelle Saffin and the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard MP, to voice our concerns on this issue. We now ask for your assistance in supporting our school and helping us to come to some resolution which will be beneficial to the needs of our children. We urge you to write to the above as well as our local Member for State Parliament, Thomas George MP (addresses below). We have supplied a letter attached to the newsletter which you might like to use (just fill in the blanks) or perhaps draft one yourself. You may also consider contacting media outlets expressing your dismay, anger and/or concern. The more people who show support, the better our chances of changes being implemented. We thank you for taking the time to read this important information and we thank you for supporting Wyrallah Road Public School.

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May, 2009

Dear

I am writing to you as a concerned parent whose child attends Wyrallah Road Public School in Lismore. Our school was recently awarded up to \$3million in funding as part of the Australian Government's '*Schools of the 21st Century*' package.

Our school put in for three nominations under the above package which included:

1. To replace 8 of our 10 demountable classrooms with an 8 classroom double storey building.
2. An extension and refurbishment of our existing library (currently half the size it should be).
3. Construction of an outdoor all-weather multi-purpose sports court.

The school has since been contacted and told it would be eligible to receive a 6 classroom block, and that the total of this construction would cost the total funding allocated of \$3million! A local builder has been contacted and asked to provide an estimate of a 6 classroom block, and has given a ballpark figure of \$1million. With such a large variation in pricing we are wondering where the money is going? We believe that if our school were able to use local tradespeople to complete our nominated building works then we would quite easily be able to complete all three nominations within the \$3million budget allocated. This would also give an economic boost to our own local community.

We feel the Australian Government needs to reassess its handling of this recent stimulus package to ensure schools are receiving more value for their money.

Yours sincerely,