### Coming events for Term 1, 2013

**February 11th, 2013**

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Please Note: Some event dates and times may be subject to change

### Notes to parents

**NOTES YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THIS FORTNIGHT** – please check your child’s bag or our website for the following notes.

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School Website Address:  
www.wyong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Email Address:  
wyong-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au

School Twitter Account:  
#Wyong_PS
From the Principal

We’ve been off to a great start so far and despite a few slight rearrangements of students in classes, the term has started very smoothly. The year ahead looks busy and with several ‘big’ reform agendas such as Local Schools, Local Decisions and the Australian curriculum on the 2014 horizon, it will be an interesting time in positioning the school to respond to the changes these programs will bring.

Staff has already commenced planning on the new English curriculum which is to be implemented next year and this will be a strong part of their professional learning program in 2013. Being part of the ‘Empowering Local Schools’ pilot program we will also be well ahead of the game for the introduction of the Local Schools, Local Decisions program in 2014. This program will see all schools becoming more autonomous in make funding decisions to meet the needs of their individual schools. Next term you can expect to see a community consultation process undertaken to determine how we can best organise ourselves to make key decisions about our school under this new approach. I urge everyone to be involved.

Many new programs have hit the ground this year and I will be quickly overviewing these tomorrow night at the P&C meeting. However, the first session of the Principal’s Q&A this term will be devoted to describing these programs fully. This will be held on Monday 4 March commencing at 6.30pm in the staff room. Please try to attend these important meetings.

Remember our school values are Respect Responsibility and Excellence. We look for every opportunity to uphold these with the students. We explicitly teach what they look like in all settings and it underpins our behaviour program. Please reinforce these values in your home – children respond well to consistency in key messages across the environments they operate in.

Leadership Assembly

Congratulations to our new school leaders who were inducted into their respective leadership positions this afternoon. Our new leaders for 2013 are:

School Captains: Remi T & Gene K (Captain, Speaker & Prime Minister)
Vice Captains: Jessica F (Secretary) & Josef G C (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)


Parliamentarian: Alana R - Minister for Finance

Sports House & Vice Captains:

Koala
Captains: Bayley C and Lucy D.
Vice Captains: Jesse C and Danielle B.

Platypus
Captains: Blake M and Sasha N.
Vice Captains: Zac M R and Kiesha N.

Kookaburra
Captains: Luke F and Emelia K.
Vice Captains: Nicholas H and Emily G.

Wallaby
Captains: Joshua W and Courtney Y.
Vice Captains: Lachlan S and Rochelle T.

Library Monitors:
Emma D, Jose S, Azim A, Summer W, Talia W, Jhi C, Annessa I and Alex V.

I look forward to working closely with them as they discharge their duties across the year.

Classroom Information Meetings

These are being held this Wednesday evening commencing at 6:00pm. Please make every attempt to attend these meetings as they will provide you with a complete overview of your child’s classroom program for the year. A very important meeting for the year – please ensure your attendance.

Classroom Connectors

Again this year we will be conducting the classroom connector program. A classroom connector is one parent from each class that works with the classroom teacher in the support of classroom activities throughout the year and
playing a role of promoting key school events. If you would like to be a classroom connector this year please respond when the letter is sent to you this week.
This year everyone’s details (phone and email) will be listed and held by the classroom connector. If you do not wish to be part on this list please complete the relevant section on the letter when you receive it.

**Book Packs and Excursion Levy**

Thank you to those families who have made these payments. Your support of these key school initiatives is much appreciated. Payments can still be made for both items at the front office from today.

**P&C AGM**

This important meeting will be held in the staff room at 7.00pm tomorrow evening (Tuesday). Please come along and be involved. Voting for key executive P&C positions and school committees will be held. New families are most welcome and are encouraged to attend.

**Open Door**

We pride ourselves on being able to resolve any concern or issue you may have in relation to your child’s education here at Wyong. Please contact us immediately if an issue arises and please only seek to clarify information only from the people who know. Open, positive and productive communication are the cornerstones of the learning partnership between the school and families and facilitate the best outcomes for your children. My door is always open to you if you have questions, concerns or queries, just make an appointment at the school office.

Graham Holmes, Principal
M.E. Admin, BEd. Dip. Teach, 
Grad Cert Public Sector Management

TWEET ME: #Principalholmes

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

From today Kindergarten students will be remaining at school until 2.50pm. Please pick up your child outside their classroom. We have also been practising lining up under the COLA with the rest of the students. We encourage Kindergarten students to line up under the COLA in the mornings. This will also start today.
Early Stage 1 teachers have been very busy conducting Best Start Assessments on all Kindergarten students. This process will be completed by Friday 15th February. Teachers will then collate the student data and forward information to parents and carers by the 18th March.

Please support our school in being a ‘Sun Safe’ school and ensure that your child always brings a hat each day with their name and class clearly labelled on the inside.

Our evening ‘Parent Information Sessions’ are scheduled for Wednesday 13th February at 6pm and our day time sessions will vary for each class. Please Contact your child’s teacher to confirm the day and time.

Have a safe and happy weekend

Stage 1 and 2

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to those who are new to our school. Our teachers will be holding information sessions this week at 6pm on Wednesday. there will also be a daytime session which teach will have advised you separately. We look forward to seeing you all at one of these sessions.

If at any time during the year you need to talk to me, don’t hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

Stage 3

Stage 3 has settled in to the 2013 school year. Thank you to all families who have already purchased book packs.

Monday’s assembly will be the induction ceremony for our school leaders. We encourage parents to attend. A note will be sent home this week with more information.

Class meetings will also be held on Wednesday 15th February at 6.00 pm, if you cannot attend please organise an alternative time with your child’s classroom teacher.

Teachers are really looking forward to working with your children this year.
Welcome to all of our wonderful new students joining WPS in 2013, and a great big THANK YOU to all of our fabulous volunteers – whether you are a new volunteer in the canteen, or a well known face, we are very grateful for your assistance in preparing delicious and nutritious food for the children and staff, and serving at the counter before school, lunch and recess – we couldn’t do it without you! Remember, all profits from The Snack Shack are fed back to the P&C and go towards supporting the education of our children. So if you are interested in helping, even for an hour here or there, please don’t hesitate to come and see Kathy or Christine and join our friendly team!

Hungry kids at LUNCH? Famished by RECESS? Or just hot & bothered and need an ice block, piece of watermelon or cold drink? Check out our SUMMER menu in this newsletter to see the great range and choices available at very reasonable prices. We also have lunch & recess meal deals which offer great savings, and gluten free options (check daily availability).

Running low on FRESH fruit & veg? Why not order your child’s Sip’n Crunch snack (‘Fruit Break’) from the Canteen – Carrot Sticks Pkt 6 only 20c, Watermelon Slices 30c, Apple Slinkies, Fruit Rockets, Oranges and Mandarins only 60c each, or a fruit salad at just $2.30 (sm) $3.70 (lge) - what great VALUE!

Keep an eye out for our special lunch and recess days coming up this term – we have a super special offer coming up soon for our kindergarteners to help them get to know the canteen.

Yours in FRESH FOOD,
Kathy & Christine

Meet Your School Captains

Remy T

1. What are your favourite colours? “Blue and yellow”
2. Do you have a favourite movie? “Soul Surfer”
3. Do you have a favourite thing to do at school? “Play with my friends”
4. Where can other kids find you at lunchtime or recess? “On the oval”
5. Do you have a favourite book? “Hunger Games”
6. Do you have a favourite app? “Angry Birds”

Gene K

1. What are your favourite colours? “Yellow and maroon”
2. Do you have a favourite movie? “Hugo”
3. Do you have a favourite thing to do at school? “Learning Maths”
4. Where can other kids find you at lunchtime or recess? “Handball courts”
5. Do you have a favourite book? “I read too many to have a favourite book”
6. Do you have a favourite app? “Jet Pack Joyride”
Aboriginal Education

Welcome back to another exciting year a special welcome to all our new families. Our students have all settled into their classrooms and working well.

Our next Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting will be held on Monday 11th February 4-30pm at Wyong High School in the Library. All welcome!

National Apology Day assembly commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the National Apology will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 9-00am in the school hall. Please join us followed by morning Tea in the courtyard
The Deadly Young Aboriginal Surf Competition will be held at Umina Beach on 23rd February at 9-30am. Please see information attached to the Newsletter.

Jeanelle Bundy
Aboriginal Education Officer

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Respect, Responsibility and Excellence for yourself, others and the Earth

Welcome back to 2013! We have had an outstanding start to the year with the introduction of ‘Class Dojo’ being implemented in all classrooms. Please complete and return the information slip with your contact email address so your child’s teacher can send through their behaviour progress report each week.

We have commenced the PBL year with a revision of our core Matrix values – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE for yourself, others and the Earth. These three values underpin all expectations in our school
community; students, staff and families. Please encourage discussions with your children to promote these positive behaviours in our school.

Bronwyn Carpenter
PBL Coordinator

P&C

On behalf of the P&C of your school community I’d like to welcome you all to the New Year at Wyong Public School. As we celebrate our 125 years since the school’s inception (originally in the old schoolhouse in Wyong – opposite the Plaza), it’s apt that we are poised to benefit from the changes that are happening in education which will help shape our children’s futures.

The P&C will continue with our usual Easter Raffle & Mufti Day in March, following by Mother’s Day early in term 2. The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 12th in the staff room at 7pm and will include the Annual General Meeting and a normal scheduled meeting. Meetings are usually concluded around 9pm. You can join the P&C for $1 at the meeting on Tuesday night. On the agenda for the meeting is the confirmation of the new draft Constitution and By Laws of the Association (as previous versions have been lost). Copies of these documents can be found at the school’s website; http://www.wyong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/p-c

We would also love you join us on Facebook – Wyong Public School P&C.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me on 0412 500083 or via email on joanne.tracey@wellacre.com.au
## Merit Awards

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