## Coming events for Term 1, 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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www.wyong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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

**School Twitter Account:**
#Wyong_PS

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Create; Inspire; Succeed
Celebrating 125 years of Quality Education
GREAT START TO YEAR

I would like to thank everyone for how we have started the year. We are well and truly settled with the journey of teaching and learning for 2013 having commenced very successfully. I am impressed with the focus that the majority of students have on their learning and as I move around the school I note very settled learning environments with students on task, engaged and working cooperatively inside their classrooms. This all augurs well for a great year ahead.

Give a Little Bit Volunteering Program

Last Friday your child would have returned home with a note about this program. Please sit down with your family and discuss how you may respond to our request that you give a minimum of ten hours of your family’s time to the school on volunteering activities this year. The note describes the opportunities available and asks you to complete and return an interest form. We need you to work with us and to help make your child’s school even better than it is. Please return the interest form as soon as possible.

Volunteering Target Hours

As part of the above program we have set a minimum 750 hours each term as a target for volunteering from families this year. This translates into 3000 hours for the year. In the coming fortnight you will receive a credit card style swipe card, this will allow us to monitor the hours being volunteered by the community – so don’t forget to swipe your card when you are in the school. I will report to you how we are progressing against these targets regularly – I wonder how we will go?

Excursion Schedule

Please find attached an overview of the scheduled extra-curricular activities for this year. It is provided as a separate sheet at the back of this newsletter for you to tear off and keep. It will also be on the school website. What is published is a list of foreseen activities that we have planned throughout the year, it is important to note that through the year there may be other unforeseen activities that we will offer to some groups of students. Please note that the costs listed are indicative costs and may change slightly as we hold each activity. Also attached is an excursion policy for parents – it is important that you also read the details included in this policy as it will be fully applied this year.

Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held next Monday at Wyong pool. ALL students 8 years and up are expected to attend the carnival. It is a great day, which instils a sense of pride and school spirit in the students. It is their chance to contribute to the life of their school – please make sure they attend. You are also most welcome to come along and I know that Mr Mac has jobs for anyone who would like to volunteer their time to help and yes you can credit these hours to your 10 hour volunteering time. See you there!

Principal’s Q&A

Each term I hold this event to allow families to find out more about the school and for them to ask questions about how we do business here at Wyong. Every family that has attended these sessions will tell you that they have gained a deeper knowledge of the programs, strategies and activities that we deliver to the students and community. It only goes for approx. 1 hour and will commence at 6.00pm next Monday 4 March, being held in the teacher’s staff room. This hour can be credited as one of your volunteering hours.

New Uniform Apparel – Bomber Jackets

This year we are offering a bomber style jacket as an alternative to the jackets the children having been wearing over the last six years. They are already proving to be very popular with the students and sales have been strong. They can be purchased from the school uniform shop on Friday mornings.

Visitor Access Policy

A reminder to all that the school conducts a visitor access policy which directs that, unless you have signed in for legitimate school related business you are not to enter the buildings or playground at any time. We do this to ensure the safety of the children and to comply with our emergency evacuation procedures. You are most welcome to enter the courtyard but I ask that you do not proceed any further into the school from here unless you have signed in at the office. Your cooperation on this is appreciated.
REGIONAL P&C MEETING TONIGHT

We are very pleased to be hosting the regional P&C meeting at the school tonight. It is a great chance to show off our school and present aspects that we are most proud of. We welcome our regional directors and P&C reps and thank Ms Joanne Tracey for securing this meeting to be held at our school.

WHAT TO EXPECT OVER THE COMING WEEKS

1) Personalised Learning Plan program will commence over the next fortnight. This program has a new approach – so please read ALL letters that come home to understand how this will occur this year.
2) School Photos – 13 March
3) Year 6 Hands On Day – Wyong High School 8 March
4) P&C – 19 March – Staff Room 7:00pm

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

TWEET ME:
#Principalholmes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Early Stage One News

Kindergarten have made an outstanding start to their schooling career. They have shown responsibility with making the transition from the playground equipment to class lines at the end of break times. Great work Kindergartens.

Just a reminder to label your child's belongings. This allows items to be returned to their rightful owners as soon as possible. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their belongings, especially their school hats. The Sun Safe Policy states NO HAT-NO PLAY. If your child does not have a school hat they will be seated under the COLA during break times.

This term Kindergarten will be learning about life cycles. To enhance their learning we will be having chicken eggs in an incubator to hatch, we will be planting seeds to observe the life cycle of plants and currently we have tadpoles in a pond and we are waiting eagerly for them to become frogs. These hands-on learning experiences are great opportunities to promote discussions with your child about their school day.

Early Stage 1 Teachers

Stage One News

Educational programs are well underway, with students expanding on previous learning. We are already seeing some outstanding results. It was very pleasing to hear about all the students continuing their reading during the summer holiday. Their efforts were evident while doing the start of year assessments. During our Thursday sport sessions this term Stage 1 students have been practicing the fundamental movement skills, such as sprint and vertical jump.

Stage 1 Teachers

Stage Two News

Notes will be out shortly for the Rumbalara excursion to Girrakool and Bulgandri. This is a great excursion where students learn about our natural environment and bush tucker and see some fascinating Aboriginal rock carvings.

Stage 2 Teachers
Stage Three News

Stage 3 has had a really productive start to the year. To begin I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the class information sessions, they were really positive and informative for both the teachers and parents.

This week Year 6 children were given an expression of interest form for Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2014. All Year 6 students are required to return these forms if they are attending a government school. This includes students who are applying for selective high school, and students who may be going to a non-local high school. The forms are due back to us no later than Friday 15th March.

Next Friday 8 March our Year 6 students will join with students from our partner primary schools to undertake an exciting day of activities at Wyong High School. Students will do 6 activities during the day. These include cooking, gardening, science experiment, mural painting, yabby fishing and digital art. The day starts at 9.30 am and finishes at 2 pm so that students will be back at school to catch buses. A permission note is coming home.

Finally just a reminder that After School Sport starts Thursday 28/2/13 and the school swimming carnival will be on Monday 4/3/13 please return your notes and money as soon as you can.

Stage 3 Teachers

The Snack Shack CANTEEN UPDATE

What a FANTASTIC start to the year with our hugely successful mufti day fundraiser – we are VERY grateful to our wonderfully generous school community for the huge amount of donations. Fundraisers for the canteen mean that we can keep the prices for our high quality and nutritious food very low. You may have noticed that Chris has been experimenting on Mondays with some of the cooking ingredients that were donated – including baking fresh & delicious homemade vegemite scrolls for $1.00!! What a treat! Monday was also the day for cute little grape ‘caterpillars’ for 20c. Thanks Chris, the students can’t wait to see what you create next week!

If you missed getting a copy of our SUMMER RECESS VOUCHERS they are reprinted in this newsletter. Simply cut out the voucher and have your child hand it in to the canteen when they place their recess order. They offer great savings for families.

For new families, if you are unsure about how to place a lunch or recess order, it’s simple!

1. Fill out a lunch bag at the canteen – or write out your own at home and bring it in already written on.
2. Ensure the bag has the following details:

   Student Name   Class
Specify if for LUNCH or RECESS
List the items being ordered eg Ham & Tomato Sandwich
If you can, write down the cost of the item eg Apple 60c
(if you don’t know the prices don’t worry, it can be completed at the time of ordering by a canteen staff member or volunteer, spare menus are available at the canteen if you need a new one for home)

3. Then simply pay at the canteen when you place your order!
4. Lunch orders are collected by each class and delivered to the classroom.
5. Remember to remind your child if they have ordered an iceblock, ice cream, mousse or jelly custard their lunch bag will be STAMPED and they need to come to the canteen with the stamped bag to collect the cold item.
6. Note: All recess orders need to be collected, they are not delivered to class.

We also have a ‘Student Credit Book’ at the canteen, where you can pay money in advance and the credit is placed under your child’s name for use as they need it. If you use this option please make sure your child understands that this is not a debit book, so if their account is not in credit they cannot buy anything from the canteen.

Big thanks to Chris C and John D for picking up our new fridge on Sunday 😊

We hope all of our kindy students enjoyed their SPECIAL LUNCH DAY.
Keep an eye out for more special lunch and recess days coming up this term – thanks again for supporting your canteen! As always, if you are interested in volunteering on any day for any amount of time convenient to you, please pop in and see Kathy or Christine, we are always in need of assistance!

Yours in FRESH FOOD,
Kathy & Christine

Around the School
The kids in S2CF were asked to design an item that had a rainforest theme. Some were clothing, jewellery and masks.
WHAT’S HOT WITH TARGET TEAMS

PBL

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

Our PBL focus for the next two weeks is NO HAT-NO PLAY. Our school follows a Sun Safety Policy which means all students are to be wearing sun safe school hats during break times. Students who are not wearing a school hat will be directed to sit in the semi-circle under the COLA for the duration of lunchtime and recess. If your child requires a temporary non-school hat please ensure they have a note to explain the absence of their school hat.

I would like to congratulate the entire school, both students and teachers for their consistent efforts with our entering buildings and classroom #1 behaviours. We show respect by removing our hats and being silent. We are responsible by walking sensibly at all times. Well done everyone!

Aboriginal Education

National Apology Day lead by Sam McEvoy was held with a whole school assembly parents and the wider community, followed by a morning tea. This year’s theme 5 years on ‘Heal our past build our future’. Mr Holmes and Elder Jeffrey Bradford gave the students background knowledge of this significant day, they listened to the Kevin Rudd speech, looked at images from the Aboriginal community who attended the Apology Day in Canberra 2008.Stage 3 lead the Sorry Song followed by the lighting of the candle and a minutes silence. Our students took their thoughts back to the classroom where they wrote and planted their message in the Administration garden.

This Friday 1st March 2pm-2.50pm all students are invited to National Indigenous Tour members of the Noongar tribe Western Creation. They promote Reconciliation and understanding between all people in Australia, storytelling, Didgeridoo and animal stories.

Our next Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 4-00pm at Wyong Public School. All welcome!

Jeanelle Bundy
Aboriginal Education Officer

Choir

The choir has begun practising with a large group of very enthusiastic singers and is already achieving a beautiful sound. Notes will be out this week for those in years 4-6 who want to be part of the Central Coast Choral Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a large combined choir - not to be missed.
Holiday Reading Quest

Last chance to return reading record cards and send photos of students reading in unusual places. Prizes will be awarded this week.

ICAS tests Years 3-6

Watch out for notes this week. Please be prompt with returns by the closing date.

Classroom Connector Program

A BIG THANKS to all these parents who have volunteered to be your new Classroom Connectors for 2013

KA. Wayne Hessling
KC. Michelle Horner
S1M. Felicity Perry
S1L. Alison Bywater
S1E. Sonja Kroeger
S1PB. Katrina Radburn
S2F. Jenny Rigby
S2CF. Vivian Drysdale
S2P. Jenny Morgan
S23W. Christine Fry
S23S. Kylie Brown
S3G. Sonja Kroeger
S3C. Jacki Doran
S3R. Kim Scott
S3M. Jenny Menteith

The Classroom Connectors Induction and Training morning tea will

be held on Tuesday the 5th of March at 9am in the staffroom.

Looking forward to a great year!!!!

Monday's from 3pm till 4.30 in the LIBRARY

There are 5 only places remaining. If you would like your child to be enrolled in the Homework Hub then please fill in the permission form and medical contact form from the front office and phone Deb Sirone on 0412558338

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**P & C News**

In preparation of our 125th anniversary, there is a Facebook group titled Wyong Public School where you can view and share old photos and fond memories of our school.

The first meeting of the year was held in week 3, however as the financial statements were not ready, we’ve had to postpone the AGM until later in the term. The books are currently with the new auditor and we will be having the AGM before the end of term. We are excited to be hosting the Regional P&C meeting on Monday 25th February in the library and welcome delegates from central coast public schools to Wyong PS for our meeting.

**Busy Bees Volunteer Morning:**
The P&C is now hosting a morning tea for anyone who is free to help out on Tuesday mornings from 9am-12noon. We will be undertaking tasks set from the school staff, teachers and the P&C in order to help out...especially for those who don’t want to go in the classroom. There is always lots to do and lots of chat and coffee available. Please join us in the SACC kitchen.

**Easter Raffle:**
The raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle have gone out and everyone should have received these. The mufti day for the Easter Raffle is Friday 22nd March (please bring a donation for the Easter raffle prizes) and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March before the Easter break. Extra tickets are available from the office, all tickets 50c.

**Uniform Shop:**
Most items are back in stock now in the store and the new “baseball” style jackets are also available. We’ll be circulating a separate order form and picture so you can see the new jackets. The jackets are $30, which makes them a cheaper (and warmer) option than our sports jackets. The uniform shop continues to be open Friday from 8.30-9.15am – all volunteers welcome! You can send in orders with payment anytime and orders will be sent up to class. Hats continue to remain on sale in the front office and are $10.00.