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

WYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL HEROES

**Merit Awards**

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**Principal Awards**

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

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Principal`s Report

Welcome back to term 4

We trust students had an enjoyable break from school and are ready for the final school term. This is a hectic term with school assessments, finalisation procedures of the year and school evaluations being finalised. We ask you to ensure that you read the newsletters and webpage to keep up to date of any new items and dates.

The following items are coming up very quickly and we ask you to ensure that students have everything ready and notes returned. Our notes are all on the school webpage.

- Stage 3 Camp to Myuna Bay 20/10/2014 to 24/10/2014
- Year 5 Sport at Baker Park – Friday
- Grandparents Day 28/10/14
- Swim scheme 3/11/14

Supervision Changes – We wish to advise that Mrs Arnot will take over any student welfare issues for all of the infants classes (K-2). Mrs Lane will continue as class teacher for S1L. We thoroughly appreciate the work and time Mrs Lane has put into her relieving role as Assistant Principal. Mrs Bacon (newly appointed Assistant Principal) will begin her role later in the term and will take a class from 2015. Mrs Stretton (newly appointed Assistant Principal) will begin in her role from 2015.

Parents taking children early from school

From time to time we have students being picked up from school before 3 pm. We understand this may be for appointments and special occasions, and need your help to ensure that these appointments are conducted outside of school hours as much as possible. Student learning time is paramount and if your child has to leave early we do ask you to write a note to their class teacher to enable them to be ready to leave school on time. It is very difficult for the office to call children down to the office at short notice for appointments and by ensuring the class teacher is aware of your child’s early departure this would assist the office staff.

Mr. Todd Miladinovic

Retirement

I will be retiring in November this year. 11th of November 2014 will be my last day in the teaching service.

I want to thank all of the students, parents and staff at Wyong Public School who have supported and helped me during my time here. I’ve loved working at Wyong over the past years and will take many great memories with me.

Best wishes to you all

Ros Dawes

Aboriginal Education

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre Otitis Media screening day will be held on Wednesday 15/10/14 for new enrolments and students absent on the previous screening day.

Jesse Hodgetts will be working with selected students Week 3 to Week 11 on the Multilil and Quicksmart Programs also S2 and S3 students with Creative Arts.
Ngara Local AECG (formally known as Wyong AECG) AGM will be held next Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} October 4pm at Wyong High School in the Library. All Welcome

There will be an Aboriginal Leadership and Art Program held with Wyong Learning Community schools for S3 and S4 students from week 4 to week 10 at Wyong High School every Monday.

Jeanelle Bundy Aboriginal Education Officer

**Term 3 Reward Day**

**“A day on the farm”**

On the last Tuesday of term 3, kindergarten and Stage 1 students made the intrepid journey to Wyong High School to enjoy the sights, scenes and senses of their impressive agricultural farm.

Students enjoyed learning and having real hands on experience with all the different types of animals and equipment that is used on many different farms around the country.

Students also learnt about the stories and traditions of the local Aboriginal people from the sacred Aboriginal rock sight which is located on the farm and was used to sharpen spears and tools.

Students came face to face with many animals including chooks, cows, sheep, pigs and alpacas. Students even took part in hands on farming experiences like catching yabbies in the dam, feeding the fish, sitting on the tractor and even helping out in shearing one of the alpacas.

The students of Wyong Public School made their teachers proud and upheld the school moto of “respect, responsibility and excellence” in every way.

We would like to thank Wyong High School for the amazing opportunity of visiting their farm and also thank the high school students for the wonderful job they did in organising such great lessons and hands-on opportunities at the farm.

A big congratulations to everyone involved, especially Vicki Arnot, for creating an amazing day on the farm.

**Kindergarten Reptile Park Excursion**

**“Talking to the animals”**

In term 3, kindergarten had been investigating and exploring about the many different, dangerous and fascinating Australian animals. So on the last Friday of term 3, kindergarten made a fearless journey up to Somersby to visit the Australian Reptile Park to get face-to-face with some of the animals they had been studying.
On the excursion students explored the park to find out many interesting facts about their favourite Australian animals. The crocodiles and alligators seemed to be a hot favourite and students were able to see many of them swimming and getting up close and personal at the edge of their enclosure, which sent some of the teachers running for cover.

Students enjoyed a lovely barbecue lunch that was carefully managed by the chief catering officer Mrs Vicki Arnot. However, our barbecue was crashed by some of the park wildlife, a very brave and friendly kangaroo who decided a diet of sausage sandwiches and juice was a much better option.

The students and teachers also were treated to a fantastic private show where they were able to handle many different types of Australian animals including pythons, lizards and baby crocodiles.

The students were absolute stars on this excursion, being on their very best behaviour and acting as true ambassadors of Wyong Public School and what it represents. The teachers were very impressed and proud to have enjoyed such a lovely day alongside their students and also our amazing parent helpers who volunteered for the day.

Thankyou to all staff, students and parents who made this excursion a success.

Carissa Taylor

**Community Connector**

Last Thursday, Priority Business Lawyers took the mentoring students to Gosford Private Hospital. It was a fantastic time for the students who were taken around the hospital by the lovely Sharleen and shown all the different careers that keep the hospital functioning. When people think about working at a hospital you generally think about Doctors and Nurses but there are so many other career options available in our health system in Australia. The students were able to see first-hand the surgical wards, operating theatre, hospital kitchen and hydrotherapy pool. We were even shown around the maternity ward and
enjoyed watching a dad with his newborn baby girl that was only seven hours old. Our students also heard wonderful stories from staff that shared about the steps they took to get them to where they are today. Some who started as orderlies or down in the kitchen have now been trained in different roles in the hospital and are earning what doctors earn.

Even Mrs. Wright and I were thinking of changing jobs 😊

The main thing that all of us took away from the experience was just how many interesting jobs there are behind the hospital doors. With hard work and a willingness to learn, there’s wonderful opportunities the Health industry has to offer.

Ronald McDonald House

Every year, Wyong Public School takes a carload of donated items to Ronald McDonald house. Families with sick children are often rushed there without having time to pack their bags. Families usually end up staying for long periods of time and it can be a burden financially to have to pay for items inside the hospital. Students are asked to help these families out by donating 1 item of the following: Toiletries such as toothbrushes, soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant etc…. and craft items to give them something to do while they wait. You can start dropping your donations into the front office or to the canteen.

Thank you and let’s see if we can fill a truck!

Tuesday 28th of October 9.15am - 11.30am

Make sure to put it in your diary. Ring Nan and Pop and invite them along for the morning. A note will be coming home.

Deb Sirone Community Connector
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let's get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!