Welcome back for term 2

Welcome back all students to term 2. It promises to be another action packed and exciting term. I am Mr Miladinovic, (or Mr M) the newly appointed school Principal of Wyong P.S. and am very proud to be here. I have been extremely impressed with the positive welcome from all of the staff, students and parents; and thank Mrs Dawes for showing me the ropes and welcoming me into the school and outlining the many positive programs being offered. I have been impressed with the students being in full school uniform and on time to school. I ask parents to continue to support the school in ensuring your students wear full uniform even during the colder times of the year. I am new to the area and have previously been Principal at Lethbridge Park P.S. and Cattai P.S. in Western Sydney and look forward to meeting the many students and families in our school.

We also welcome Miss Stulz who was made permanent to Wyong PS late last term. Miss Stulz comes to our school as a newly appointed staff member and has already made a positive impression on her class and the school and we know you will benefit from her teaching and learning practices.

I have had the pleasure of seeing your students rehearse dances for the Star Struck production coming up in June; visited most classrooms last week to see the many activities your children participate in; and also went on Friday morning to Oasis to see Mr McGuiness and his students participate in their sporting activities at the centre.
Next week we will have the Grand Opening of the Community Garden and Playground on Wednesday; K-2 visiting the Opera House for an orchestral excursion on Friday which will be fantastic for all students to witness; and of course a Mother’s Day Breakfast also on Friday run by our community centre as well which will be a great way for the ladies to start the day.

We also have our School Cross Country carnival coming up in week 3 and also the National Assessment Program this week too.

Below are some more wonderful news items from our staff and students.

**ANZAC - Wyong PS**

Mrs Pass accompanied four students to the Dawn service; they were Lachie & Tiarle K, Cody & Holly D. Both boys had the honour of reading a poem entitled 'A Tribute to ANZAC Day' by Ken Bunker. They did an outstanding job and were wonderful representatives of our school. Holly D assisted the boys with presenting a floral bouquet.

Many students had indicated their intentions of attending the 9:30 service and march, but unfortunately due to inclement weather the march was cancelled and the service was held in the Wyong RSL Club. Mrs Pass and Mrs Bailey were very impressed with number of children who still represented our school on this occasion. The children were Lachie & Tiarle K, Cody & Holly D, Molly & Matilda C, Savanah M, Jessica S, Ellie J & Caitlin & Lara D.

Jessica, Cody & Lachie did us the honour of laying a beautiful green & yellow wreath on behalf of our entire school community.

Mrs Pass

**STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISING**

Our school supports Stewart House every year by holding a fundraising day.

Stewart House is located at Curl Curl and each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Today we are sending home a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. You have the opportunity to win a family holiday worth $4000 by placing a $2 coin in the envelope and returning it to the school office by **Friday 23rd May 2014**.

On **Friday 23rd May 2014** we will have high bounce handballs for sale for $3 and the children can wear something blue and make a gold coin donation. A reminder note will be sent home.

*Thank you for supporting our fundraising days for Stewart House. Next week we are receiving an award from Stewart House in acknowledgment of our fundraising efforts.*

Mrs Wells
I was very impressed when I was informed about a great program that runs in the school called the “Give a little bit” volunteer rewards program. We all know that student learning is improved when people volunteer in our schools. Our “Give a little bit” program kicks off this term. Last year we asked all the families in our school to volunteer 10 hours per year in any role you choose and you were given a card for your family to swipe. This year will be different. We won’t be issuing a card to every family. When you first volunteer, you write your name in a book at the front office and a swipe card will be issued to you. We recognise that there are many families who volunteer over and above the hours asked for. So when you volunteer more than 10 hours a term we want to reward you for that. Brian Hilton Toyota has generously donated four $50 Visa reward cards for volunteers each term who give at least 10 hours. These volunteers will be drawn out of a hat at the end of term assembly and have a chance to receive $50. So make sure you request your 2014 card from the front office and start swiping. I know the staff and the kids will love you for it.

Call Deb Sirone our Community Connector on 0412558338 for any questions about the program.

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