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WYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL HEROES

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Principal’s Report

Education Week Open Day

On behalf of the staff and students we wish to thank all of the parents and families for the turnout at our annual open day last week. The students were excited to see everyone at school and share in some class experiences. The day was a bright one and this ensured parents had a nice lunch with their children in the playground.

Mrs Wells also wanted to express her gratitude from the Book Fair which went extremely well for the students and the school. We also wanted to thank the helpers who volunteered their time in the morning before school and during the day to assist with sales of books and also the children and families for supporting the book fair. Mrs Wells advised me that over $7000 was receipted from this event.

Athletics Carnival

Well done to all students on the school athletics carnivals held recently at Wyong HS for the over 8 years and also here at school for the U/8 year’s students. I was at the primary carnival at the high school and thought the overall performances and behaviour of our students was very good. The students got involved in the various events and then had opportunities to participate in the field events and novelty events too. The high school supported the day with some students to assist who helped out well. The staff of the high school also commented on the positive manners of our students at the BBQ which is always pleasing to hear.

Thank you to Miss Taylor, Mr McGuinness and Miss Garland for their tireless work to ensure the events were managed and resourced successfully. Thank you to the parental support too for these events, as the students appreciated having their families / friends attend the carnivals.

School Musical

The students and staff have been organising various roles for the school musical for this year. There will be K-2 and 3-6 separate musical performances. We have also decided to run two matinee shows (one K-2 and 3-6) and two evening shows as well (one K-2 and 3-6). We think this will enable parents the chance to see either show. The teachers have met to organise this along with ticketing; organisation of the events (seating) as well as supervision of your children for this event. We are looking at holding the matinee and evening performances on the same days to allow families to see both on the same day. More information will be sent out regarding tickets and dates.

Performance dates and times are as follows:

K-2-Joey’s Adventure
• Tuesday, 9th September, 12:30 matinee
• Thursday, 11th September, 6pm evening performance

Stages 2 &3-Jack’s Journey
• Tuesday, 9th September, 6pm evening performance
• Thursday, 11th September, 12:30 matinee

Students are required at school for the evening performances half an hour before the show. Doors will open for each performance half an hour before the show.

Tickets will be on sale through the school office from tomorrow, Wednesday, 20th August. An order form will be sent home tomorrow.


Performing Arts Showcase

We had the pleasure of watching our talented students perform last Tuesday evening at Wyong HS. This was a community of schools event including Hopetown, Jilliby, Tuggerah, Wyong Creek, Wyong HS and Wyong Public schools. The students from all of the schools performed a range of acts including the band, choir, individual, dance groups, musical bands and duets. It was an exceptional evening and this highlights the wonderful work put in by our staff and students. All of the items were a standout from Wyong PS and it was very pleasing to see the professionalism of each item. Miss Emery, Mrs Pass, Miss Cruwys and Mr Jellyman all deserve huge thanks for their time and effort in rehearsing and organising the performances. We also acknowledge the support of our families who came along and supported the event, which showcases all of the schools in community of schools.

Mr Ireland (Principal of Wyong Creek PS) passed on some positive words for all to read and I thought this should be read by everyone.

Just a quick note to congratulate Wyong PS on the showcase performances last night. As it was my first time being involved with the showcase, I was unsure what to expect but had a wonderful time.

I know that a show like that cannot work without a great team and your staff involved with the organisation of the night did a wonderful job. Congratulations also to the students of Wyong Public School, the Waka Waka and Spice Girls performance and Happy were stand out performances for the night. I also had the pleasure of talking to some very proud parents of your girl singing It's all so quiet. She really did do an outstanding job.

Reptile Park Excursion – Kindergarten

Due to inclement weather tomorrow’s Kindergarten excursion to the Reptile Park at Gosford has been postponed until September 19th.

School Crossing and Illegal Parking

We have had some reports recently of dangerous behaviour at the school crossing on Cutler Drive. The crossing supervisors have strict regulations and rules about allowing students / parents to cross and this is to ensure everyone is safe when they do cross. Please ensure you follow these rules, and only cross when instructed to do so.

We have also had reports and witnessed cars being parked illegally across the road from the school on the council land area. This area is not for parents to park before or at the end of the school day. The local council have been notified about this as students waiting for buses and those walking home along the path are at risk of injury when cars decide to park on this area of land. Please park in designated areas only.
Year 5 Careers through Reading

Yesterday was the final day of the University of Newcastle Careers day for year 5 students. From all reports the students enjoyed these sessions with the students and gained some valuable insight into the careers of the University and also got to ask some important questions of current students attending the university.

Lost Clothing

There are quite a few items of clothes outside the library (in a box) that have been picked up and placed in the lost property box. We cannot return these items to families unless they have a name on them. If your child has lost clothing we ask that you come in and look at the items collected. We also have lunch boxes and drink bottles that also have been found.

Principal
Mr T. Miladinovic

Aboriginal Education

What is the AECG?

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) is a Community based voluntary organisation that has been Operating from a grass roots level since the 1970’s and is the peak advisory group for Aboriginal Education in NSW.

What can the AECG do for you?

The AECG is an avenue for parents and community members to have “a voice”. It's your chance to have a say in what happens in your child’s education in your local school and community.

How can I get involved?

Membership is open to Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, Community members, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, at a cost of $2 per year.

What happens at a meeting?

Meetings are very informal, come along for a cuppa and a yarn, make friends and meet new people, families and community. Everyone is welcome

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre will be here for Otitis Media Screening on 20th and 21st August, held in the Aboriginal Education Room. Notes home week 5

Koori parents and Caregivers of Koori children there’s a 3 day Leadership Program 2nd 9th and 16th September Tuesdays 9-30am -2-30pm.Lunch provided held in the SACC All Welcome

Young Black & Ready for school LIL Transition Day will be held on Tuesday 26th August 9-30am-12-00 noon at Wyong Public School SACC
Next Wyong AECG Meeting Wednesday 27th August 4-00pm at Hopetown School Pollock Ave Wyong. Thankyou to Patricia Bridge for your effort towards the Bushtucker Garden, Pat gained $1452-50 Funding from Wyong Shire Council and NSW Aboriginal Lands Council.
**Book Character Parade**

We are having a book character parade to celebrate Book Week and Literacy Week. It will be held on Thursday 4th September 2014. All students are asked to come to school dressed as a book character. Teachers are going to come dressed as a book character also. It would be great if everyone could participate in the parade.

The parade will be held on the school oval or under the cola and it will begin at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Book Fair**

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Book Fair that was held in Education Week. We were able to receive nearly $2700 worth of resources for our school library. A special thankyou to Mrs Kerri Beavan and Mrs Jenny Morgan for their assistance on the day and for finalising all the orders and money. Thankyou to Mrs Joanne Tracey and Mrs Vivian Drysdale for their assistance on the day also.

Mrs Wells
Teacher/Librarian

**Sydney Opera House Instrumental festival**

We were again fortunate to participate in the Festival of Instrumental Music held during the last week of term 2 2014. Students from across the state took part in the series of concerts, held to celebrate and enhance music education taking place within Public Education. The Combined Strings Ensemble encourages string playing and provides students with excellent repertoire and the opportunity for rehearsals and performance with talented professionals in a superb venue. For these students to have spent the day rehearsing and performing there is like no other experience. The students have gained so much through the process. From learning the necessary skills to play a cello or violin, reading and following music, playing from memory with others in an ensemble while following a conductor, to stage and performance etiquette. And in the Sydney Opera House! Thank you so much to those students involved Brodie (vln), Cody (cello), Charlotte (cello), Grace (vln), Tiarle (vln) and Victoria (vln).

Rosemary Reynolds

On Monday, 6 students went to the Instrumental Festival to represent our school. It was such a big opportunity to play in a large orchestra. We were all so excited, nervous and happy to finally show our hard work through the year. We did very well and hope to go again next year.

Victoria Tracey

Here are some photos from our travels and rehearsals:
**Touch footy**

On Tuesday the touch football teams went to Kanwal oval. The first game we played Wyong creek, it was an easy game for us we won 12-1. The second game we played Mannering Park this game was a bit more challenging, the boys worked hard Rangy was a star on the wing, he worked so hard on the wing that every time the play came to him he’d hold them out. We won 7-4.

The Grand Final

In the grand finale, the boys came up against a top quality side that looked like they’d trained for weeks and weeks and weeks. We held them out for sets and sets, then the attack came down to speed and finding gaps in the defence. James C had a rampaging run he stepped two, then pinned the ears back and ran and scored, Rangy had a squeezing run, he squeezed through a hole air couldn’t squeeze through that put us up 2-0 then they fought back with 2 firing sets and scored twice. It was half time we were levelled up they scored of our mistakes our tragic mistakes we scored of the back off their fiery sets they were up 5-4 we stayed at 4 they came back with their speedster and he scored 2. Our right wing was getting weaker and weaker, then the trys came the trys that would seal there victory they Won 8-4.

Braith B.

**Tuggerah Lakes Zone Athletics Carnival.**

Last Friday we took 53 student-athletes away to Mingara Athletics Centre for the Zone carnival. This was the largest team to represent our school for a number of years and they really did us proud. Every student who competed throughout the day can hold their heads up high knowing that they performed to the best of their ability.

There were many outstanding performances on the day with 8 place ribbons going to Wyong Public School athletes. It was particularly pleasing that 3 of our relay teams made the final with our Jnr Girls placing third.

Other outstanding results are…

- 8Yr Girls 100m, 2nd- Britney L
- 9Yr Girls 100m finalist- Ivy D
- 13Yr Girls 100m 3rd- Courtney L
- 11Yr Girls 200m 4th- Montana H
- Snr Girls 200m 2nd- Kiara P
- Jnr Girls Relay 3rd- Bianca L, Amanda L, Savannah C-B, Ivy D
Snr Girls Relay finalist- Zara D, Jade L, Kiara P, Shanayah G

8Yr Boys 100m finalist- Hamish D

10Yr Boys 100m finalist- Kai I

11Yr Boys 100m 1st- Blake L

13Yr Boys 100m 3rd- Jacob N

11Yr Boys 200m 3rd- Blake L

Snr Boys High jump 1st- Liam H

Snr Boys Shot put 2nd- Angus G

Jnr Boys 100m 4th- Kai I, Cooper S, Noah F-P, Ashton S

I would like to thank all those parents who supported and transport the children to and from the venue. Special thanks to Miss Cruwys who organised and directed the students throughout the day.

NB- a mobile phone was left behind on the day in our area on the day. If a parent of student has lost theirs please contact the school.

Thanks to all

Mark McGuinness

National Tree Day

On Friday 8th August, 2014 students from classes K-2 planted 20 new plants to celebrate National Tree Day. The plants were donated by Wyong Shire Council. I would like to thank all the students involved and a big thank you to Dwayne for helping the gardening group.
Kind Regards

Michelle Lees

Book fair

Thank you to everyone who visited book fair last week, sales saw a new record total of $7068.00 which enables Mrs Wells to purchase books for the school library to the total of $2473.80. A big thank you goes out to Joanne Tracey, Vivien Drysdale, Jenny and Sarah Morgan and Kayla and Brianna Beavan for all your help on the day and also behind the scenes.

Book Fair coordinator
Kerri Beavan

Community Connector news

SAVE THE DATE

WPS Careers EXPO 2nd September 2014 9.15am - 12.30pm
To all our parents, grandparents, carers and friends. As you are a major influence in the direction your child takes for a future career, we would love to invite you to come and join in on the day. So mark it on the calendar so you don't miss this experience with your child. If you would like to be involved or if you know someone that may want to come and share their experience with the students?? Call or text me 0412558 338

Father's Day 5th September 7am - 9am
Are you a dad a grandpa or a special man in the life of one of our students. Make sure you save the date in your diary so you don't miss our BIG FATHER"S DAY BREAKFAST to say thank you for all you do.

Priority Business Lawyers Mentoring program.

This week the Lawyers came for their monthly visit to spend time with our students. They talk to them about the novels they are reading, assist them with comprehension and their assignments. They spent time discussing their latest trip to Spandex (a national digital printing company) where Priority business Lawyers organised the visit for our students. We are always grateful for the time they are committing to our students to mentor them in this wonderful program that will continue with the student till they finish year 7 at high school.
Brian Hilton Award for July

Mrs McKays class: Ariah McLean was chosen for the award due to her excellent citizenship, and academic standards being maintained throughout the year. She always demonstrates our PBL qualities of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.

A Career Transition Workshop for Parents

Tree5 Global in partnership with Wyong Public School is delivering an interactive two hour workshop under a government funded initiative called PACTS, parents as career transitions support.

PACTS engages parents and families to provide them with information about career and pathway options available to young people and how best to have a ‘career’ conversation with their child.

This workshop will provide an interactive, informal and enjoyable way to learn about career transitions in a setting that has been developed for parents by parents. Each parent will be given a handbook and the workshop will be led by experienced facilitators.

Details below:

11th September 2014 9.30am - 11.30am Wyong Public Primary School

* Beginning to Explore
* Finding a place to start
* Occupational categories
* How to use the Job Guide
* Identifying interest and skills

For more information RSVP Deb Sirone 0412558338

Deborah Sirone
Community Connector

FREE HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES
GREAT NEWS! FREE HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES for all young people aged 7-18yrs, thanks to MMAD & the Salvation Army! Classes were piloted with Australia’s Got Talent winners, Justice Crew, so get your groove on and get inspired! Go to www.streetdreams.info to register your interest TODAY! HURRY places are limited and classes fill up FAST! CENTRAL COAST – Wyong, Gorokan & Erina.