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If numbers continue to increase we will offer a 3rd session on one of these days.

Canberra Excursion – Years 5 & 6

It is only a week away until our students head off to Canberra for a few days. I know our teachers have been busy organising rooms, activities, last minutes notes and ensuring they all get some quality rest before the day.

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM on the Monday, as they will be visiting Parliament House. Students will need to be in our normal school shirt and NOT the year 6 type of shirt.

I urge all parents to read the notes sent out in relation to what TO bring and what NOT TO bring.

Classes for 2016

We are looking at the current structure of classes for 2016. Currently the same class structures will remain again for 2016. All classes are looked at in terms of numbers, and making each class equitable.

I ask all parents that if you have any new enrolments for kindergarten to please do so now, as we need to enter our school numbers for 2016 which then determines the staffing allocation (numbers of teachers, and office and administration time) for our school.

I also ask that if you know of anyone who has recently moved into the area to advise them also of the enrolment procedures.

Subsequently if you have a request for your child to be placed in a different setting for educational reasons, please send to me a
written note outlining this so staff may consider this when placing students into classes.

**Christmas Carols**

Classes will continue to celebrate and join in with all festive activities here at Wyong PS. Christmas time is a terrific time of year where we celebrate, see friends and family and generally have that time to share with everyone. At Wyong PS this means students will have the opportunity of participating in Christmas carols, and we are going to have these carols sung at the **final K-2 assembly of the year**. This may be in the hall or outside in the COLA depending on the weather. A date will be finalised.

The primary students have typically not attended the after school Carols for various reasons and numbers have not been as strong as hoped by the staff, and after talking with the staff recently we have decided to have this event at an assembly, and parents to be invited and primary classes to participate if they wish to. Classes will also be invited to buddy up (primary and infants) to partake in Christmas art / craft activities later in the term. This is a terrific idea where students can work together to make various art and craft work. There is a lot to get through this term, with teaching and learning, before various assessments as well.

**Thank you for the kind thoughts and support**

During the school holidays on the first Monday Joanna Daley (Mr McGuinness partner) passed away. She had been recovering from lung surgery resulting from cancer and it subsequently spread throughout her body and tragically brought an end to her life. The school and staff wish to pass on the many thoughts, wishes and notes of support to Mr McGuinness and his family in this time of need. He will continue on leave until the end of the term, and resume teaching in 2016. He has been in for a visit and has been impressed with the work done by his class and Miss Fagan and thanked the staff and community for their support and well wishes. Many staff and community members attended the funeral, which was a tremendous celebration of Joanna's life, followed by a wake at Wyong Golf Club. Many stories and well wishes were shared to celebrate Joanna's life and achievements. 

**Singing and performances**

Miss Scotton and Mrs Reynolds are trying to organise for some of the students in their respective groups to visit local shops and a nursing home to share in the Christmas spirit. Mrs Reynolds took some students last year to the Wyong shops and also to a local nursing home to display their many talents and spread the music. We are going to do something similar this year. I have been in contact with Westfield's Tuggerah about this possibility and am awaiting their phone call back to confirm or not whether they would like to be involved.

**Long Service Leave**

Thank you to Mrs Arnot for filling in for me while I was on leave. I am very glad to be back.

**Todd Miladinovic**

**The Choral Countdown is on.....**

On Wednesday 7th October, the Wyong Public School Choir hosted the final combined rehearsal for the Central Coast Choral Festival. 400 choral students from schools all over the coast travelled to Wyong for the full day rehearsal. With the choral festival less than 2 weeks away, the day was intensive and our students worked hard. The choir are very excited about the Choral Festival performances coming up at Mingara and a number of our talented singers have earned solo roles in the festival. Jacinta in 6G will be singing It’s Oh So Quiet by Bjork for the 500 strong crowd. James in 3/4S will be the MC for both performances. Jirrah in 5W will be saying the Acknowledgement of Country and Toby in 5W has a solo part in Michael Jackson’s We Are the World. Good luck to all our students performing in the Central Coast Choral Festival, you have already done your school proud!

Miss Scotton
Book Character Parade

Our Book Character Parade is being held on FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER at 9.30am. It will be held on the school oval. Children will parade in their class groups. Children who are attending the Swimming School will have the opportunity to parade first before going to swimming. It would be advisable for them to wear their swimming costume under their character costume and then they can get changed quickly.

The parade is really successful when everyone participates so it would be great to see as many children as possible taking part. Teachers are going to come to school dressed as a book character too.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Wells

Year 1 Parents

This term, Year 1 students will be bringing home a Family ACTIVation Pack (one per family) – an awesome pack to get children and parents skilled, active & healthy! The Family ACTIVation Pack is designed to help parents / carers get active with their children by playing quick, easy and fun games at home, in the park or wherever ….. games that reinforce the fundamental movement skills already being learnt at school. There are all sorts of tips, ideas and guides for getting active including putting together an ‘Active Home Entertainment Centre’. This resource has been developed by Central Coast Local Health District and supported by the NSW Department of Education & Training. 4000 Family ACTIVation Packs are being distributed to primary schools on the Central Coast during this Term...

For more details check out the website www.healthpromotion.com.au click on Q4: Family Activation Pack.
We hope this pack helps families to get skilled, get active and get healthy!
New job

We've had a wonderful response to Children's University. Newcastle University were hoping for 20 families and over 70 WPS families have returned their interest forms. This week, straight after book week parade, Selina Darney from Newcastle University will sharing more information about Children's University next year. It will be a half hour session that gives you the opportunity to ask questions. I look forward to catching up with you there.

Thank you!

Well, it wasn’t already wonderful of Brian Hilton Toyota to give us a 12 seater minivan to transport students for excursions. They have now replaced it with something bigger and better. Our new 18 seater air-conditioned wheelchair purpose bus is now ready for Local Wyong schools, or community groups that support local Wyong schools. It will be easy to spot once the logos go on. This is a wonderful asset to have once the logos go on. This is a wonderful asset to have since the logos go on. This is a wonderful asset to have. We thank you to Brian Hilton Toyota for their ongoing commitment to education and the ongoing partnership we have with them. So make sure to thank you as well.

Colour My World Program

A huge thank you to our SaCC community. Centre for their funding support towards our "Colour My World" program for students with reading difficulties to be tested for Specific Learning Difficulties (Sped). As it can be quite costly, I approached Specavers. As it can be quite costly, I approached Specavers. As it can be quite costly, I approached Specavers. As it can be quite costly, I approached Specavers. As it can be quite costly, I approached Specavers. We look forward to catching up with you there.

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To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campmastics.com.au

Program Details

The Camp Mastic Team.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

If you have any questions about the program - please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what

Index of OSHC]. to help us with our sustainability practices of saving water.

As the weather warms up, we want to remind you to ensure that kids are packed into bags and brought to

from our interest or paper plates.

The children have had a great first week back, learning about origami techniques. This was extended on

them to let us know:

1. Give your child as much notice that they’ll be coming to after school care as possible.

2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Mastic team and find out what kind of

3. Speak with the camp mastic coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child

4. Feel after their first visit.

If there is something in particular your child would like to try when they are in our care, encourage

Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

Your children into after school care.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing

available for pick up pocket can be as low as $2.50 for a permanent booking.

Prices are still available for term 4 bookings, and registration is Free with government rebates

We hope you enjoyed your spring break, and are ready to get back into school life. After having a fantastic

After Care: 300 - 630pm

Before care: 630 - 830 am

Contact: Kathleen Jackson

Mobile: 0450 274 709

Welcome back to a new term
WSCU Banking Tip #2

If you’re serious about saving your pocket money, keeping it in a shoe box isn’t going to cut it. It’s time to start a savings account. Contact your Local Family Banking Institution for a simple way to start saving.

Wyong Shire Credit Union is a proud member of the World Wide Credit Union Movement. The Credit Union Movement has encouraged Financial Institutions like ours to engage and help grow our local communities. By supporting our Local Family Banking initiative you will be helping to support the community in which we all live.

To find out more about Credit Unions and their roles in helping out developing nations across the globe go to http://www.woccu.org/events/icuday/history.