DATES TO REMEMBER

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Wyong Public School Heroes

### Merit Awards

- **KA** - Kyra L, Chayce S
- **KB** - Charlotte F, Jaxson K, Sophie S, Zack R
- **KC** - Zhali D, Adam G, Izak W, Skye B
- **K1L** - Nikki-lee F, Zeikn W

- **1B** - Leedrix O, Madeline B, Dallas B, Kaleah S
- **1C** - Mackenzie M, Tevita T, Klarissa I, Annabelle I
- **1S** - William D, Olivia H, Charlie R, Ryan W, Jacob K
- **2B** - Tanaye G, Seyth M, Lilly R, Ryan S
- **2L** - Kaitlyn W, Neveah P, Sarah W, Coby K
- **2M** - Zeplin B, Sophie C, Loukyn E, Erin B
- **3/4J** - Bryce W, Rhys J
- **3/4S** - Ruby C, Lania M, Alex S
- **4/5A** - Natalie F, Ethan S
- **5W** - Taneisha B, Jeremy C, Patrick C
- **5/6R** - Rhiannah W, Tom H, Ruby H
- **5/6S** - Emma S, Brianna G, Phu N

### Avatar Awards

- **K1L** - Callum S
- **4/5A** - Mary A, Keilee S

### Principal Awards

- **KA** - Liam K
- **KS** - James B
- **1B** - Ava H

### Principal’s Report

#### National Assessment - Literacy and Numeracy

Well done to the year 3 and 5 students on their application and effort on these assessments. The students had an uninterrupted first couple of days, on Thursday the assessments concluded with mathematics (Numeracy). Students who had been absent during the week had the opportunity to complete assessments on Friday.

After talking to some of the students and staff they seemed to enjoy the tasks, particularly the writing task as it allowed them to respond.
to a stimulus and use some of their creativity and knowledge. The students all had a short break between the first assessments and this allowed them time to relax and start again before the second task.

I thank the teachers and assistant principals for their organisation and administration of these assessments. Results will be sent out towards the end of term 3.

**Chess, Soccer, Netball, Rugby League, Star Struck and Central Coast Dance**

We have a few items coming up and occurring regularly this term, and notes have been going home regularly. Unfortunately these events always occur around the same time of year each term, and we cannot change this. We ask all families to check our website and more importantly to speak to each respective teacher about this. Students involved in dance need to ensure they attend rehearsals on time, and be at school on time so they do not miss out on these rehearsals.

Chess is occurring often this term, and we thank the team managers for assisting Mrs Whitehouse on this.

**School Plans**

The school has completed the Annual School Report and School Plan (three year) and both of these documents are on the school webpage for your perusal. I would like to thank the staff, students and community for their involvement through writing, anecdotal information or school surveys. The School Plan is a working document, and staff will regularly evaluate the products (items) each term and make changes where needed.

Our three strategic directions are as follows:

..// Strategic direction 1: To provide a challenging, engaging and relevant 21st century curriculum.

..// Strategic Direction 2: To build and implement student welfare programs which cater for the varied needs of our students and promote excellence.

..// Strategic direction 3: To provide strong and meaningful partnerships with community members to enhance student learning and wellbeing.

**Leadership**

Mrs Stretton will be taking our entire school leadership group of students to a leadership day at Gosford next week. The students will have various people from all areas of life and business talk about motivation and real life situations where they can use leadership skills to inspire our students. We look forward to reading about their day and what they have learnt to bring back to our school.

**Partial Absences**

Please help the teachers and office staff by ensuring we have minimal students attending school late. We have seen an increase in some students attending late and reasons vary from waking late, going to bed late, watching television, to parents being late. All time of the day is important, however the morning time is when most English lessons are delivered, and school messages announced in the morning assembly too. Through being 10-20 minutes late your students may have missed reading groups, spelling, grammar or writing activities and each of these are vital areas of the curriculum.

**School uniform**

Well done on looking terrific in our school uniform to all students. Our uniform shop is open each Friday which is managed by our P and C. In winter we sometimes have some students wearing non-school tops and hats; there is no excuse for this as our uniform shop is open each week, and the costs of school clothing is very reasonable.

**Fruit Break**

Fruit break is an important part of our day at Wyong PS. I have included some information taken from the Central Coast Health program - Q4 to help people understand why we take the time to have a fruit break in our classrooms.

I encourage all parents and students to make sure there is a piece of fresh fruit in their lunch boxes every day.

*(From the Q4 fact sheet)*

**What is a Fruit and Veg Break?**

A short, set break during morning classes for students to snack on fruit and vegetables, which aids concentration and prevents hunger.

**Why have a Fruit and Veg Break at school?**
• To improve the overall intake of fruit and vegetables in students while at school

• To ensure all students have some nutritious food early in the morning, especially as some children do not eat breakfast

• Fruit and veg breaks can help to improve student’s concentration and learning capacity

• Kids are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables if other snacks are not an option

• Kids are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables if their friends are doing it too

Todd Miladinovic

Uniform shop update
The uniform shop will no longer be stocking plain green fleecy products. The jumpers, zip jackets and track pants that previously formed part of our uniform range are of great quality; however unfortunately we are not able to compete with the price of other suppliers of similar items. We are now selling the stock we have left in this range for $5.00 each. We only have a limited number of sizes available:
- Zip Jackets: Sizes 4, 8, 12, 14, 16
- V-Neck Jumpers: Sizes 4, 12, 14, 16
- Track Pants: Sizes 12, 14, 16

Also, we have some great hair accessories for sale including several types of headbands, clips and hair ties. Come and check out our display board on a Friday morning from 8:30am. We will bring you some pics of the products available in coming weeks.

If you can’t make it to the shop on a Friday remember you can place an order at the office and we can either deliver it to your child’s classroom (if you’ve already paid) or you can pick it up from the office at a time that’s more convenient for you.

Regards,
WPS P&C Uniform Shop Committee.

Aboriginal Education
The Norta Norta Program will commence from week 5 Term 2 for selected students in year 4 and year 6, Terry will work with students in their classrooms on Tuesday and Wednesday.
Regional AECG Meeting will be hosted by Ngara

You are invited to attend a Gathering on Wednesday 13th May 9-15am to look at naming our Bushtucker Garden in Darkinyung Language

Gavi Duncan is working in the school in Term 2 on Thursdays with Aboriginal Cultural Programs students will learn Aboriginal Language in Song and Dance. The students will perform at the Bush Tucker Garden Opening in NAIDOC WEEK Week 10 Tuesday 23rd June at 10-00am

NAISDA Mid-Year Show selected students K-6 will attend this performance on 25th June. All students parents and community are invited, information is attached to this newsletter and school website. Didgeridoo Group is held on Tuesdays at recess.

Jeanelle Bundy Aboriginal Education Officer
“Join our Street Dreams Hip Hop dance & mentoring program at Wyong Salvation Army every Monday from 4-5pm. Learn to dance, meet new people and have heaps of fun! More: www.streetdreams.info. Pay as you are able, EVERYONE is welcome!”