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WYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL HEROES

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Avatar awards

| KIL- Callum S. 2B- Thomas L. Zarhlea P. 4/5AM- Dylan A. 4/5M- Lucas N. |

Principal Awards


Principal’s Report

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER TERM

Education Week – Open Day is Thursday 30th July 2015.

Education Week is officially open from next week. We will have the book fair as normal, open classrooms, and will be showcasing some of our talent in the school.

30/7/2015 9:15am in the school hall

Choir performances; Junior and Senior Dances; Speeches from the winning students; Didgeridoo group; Music Ensemble and the Strings Group all performing.

These performances will be for parents and grandparents only in the school hall. Following this we will have some light refreshments in the canteen area, before we open up classrooms from 10:30 am through to lunchtime. Following lunch students will resume normal classes.

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to stay for lunch, and also take the time to visit the BOOK Fair in the library.

Activities occurring very soon

Opportunity Class testing (today)

Debating
Discover University Day (year 6 Ourimbah)

Year 5/6 and leaders Acknowledgement of Country workshop

Public Speaking finals

Year 2 Smart Sense and Start Smart visit for years 5 and 6 (Commonwealth Bank)

Book Fair

Softball and Basketball Gala Day

Instrumental Music at Festival at The Opera House and Choral Festival Rehearsal

Athletics Carnival – week 4

Student Health

At times we have students presenting to the office or in class with head lice. The department of education’s policy on this is able to be noted on the following link.


The school does provide hair solution here in the office, free of charge. We are happy to do so, and we also understand the frustration and concern head lice do bring to children and parents. We encourage and expect all girls to have hair tied up, to reduce the possibility of head lice occurring but know this is not 100% effective. Regular checking will assist and help to ensure your child is protected from head lice.

Public Speaking

I wish to mention the public speaking competition being held in our school this year. The teachers and students have completed some terrific work on speeches, and I know the students have had wonderful support from their families at home. I have had the pleasure of listening to some of these speeches so far, and am very pleased with the quality and effort gone into them.

The finals will be held this Thursday in what promises to be an exciting finale to the event. I also thank Mrs Freers for her organisation and time to coordinate this. The winning students will also be asked to present their speeches next week on Open Day.

Book Packs

Some parents will be receiving notes home today to inform them of outstanding book pack costs. We ask that you please finalise payments as soon as possible.

Illegal parking and Stranger Danger…….

As we begin another term, I thank the parents who park safely to reduce any issues of children safety.

We ask again that parents / grandparents ensure that,

- When parking and dropping off children before school or picking up children in the afternoon to do so legally and in safe areas out the front of the school (near the crossing) and not on the grassed area immediately across the road from the school as this is not a parking area, and the council, Roads and Maritime and Police have all been asked to randomly drop by to assist the school with this safety aspect. Our children entering and leaving the school, either with parents or on buses need to be free from cars parked illegally and parked in the wrong zones. The bus that picks up from across the road sometimes has 50 students being transported and cars that park illegally on the grass are putting these children at risk. We trust you understand this and will continue to assist us and the children by adhering to the road rules.

- Students need to be aware and careful when walking to and from school, and also when walking and playing after school. We ask parents to remind their children about the safety procedures if they come by strangers who may offer their child a lift or start up a conversation with them. There have been no reports recently of this in our nearby area, however it is a good time to remind your children about not going anywhere with a stranger.
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. If your child is 10-20 minutes late they 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.

I also thank the ladies who volunteer their Friday mornings to cover the uniform shop and also the bookclub orders that come in during the year.

Todd Miladinovic

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Wyong Public School students will have the opportunity to participate in the program during Week 1 and Week 2 in Term 4 this year. Wyong PS has 60 places available and these places will be open to the first 60 students in Years 2, 3 and 4 who complete their payment by Friday 21st August, 2015. If vacancies exist after this date, places will be offered to Stage 3 students who are interested in participating. Students will travel by bus to the Toukley Indoor Swimming Centre for their lessons and will depart school at 10.00 am each day for the nine sessions.

Georgina Bacon
Organiser

Watch Out Opera House!

At the end of last term, a group of our talented string players attended a rehearsal in Croydon in preparation for their debut at the Sydney Opera House. The students travelled down by train (battling commuters with their oversized instruments) and joined 200 students from public schools across the state. It was fantastic to see how all the time and hard work these pupils have put into their instrumental studies has paid off. The string group sounded amazing and represented their school proudly.

Congratulations to the string players, not long until your Opera House performance now!!

Miss Scotton
**Technology class**

It’s me Lachlan Wall and I’m in the technology class, 45A. We have been using Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Chrome. Google Chrome lets you have a background and is like using an Apple computer.

Sincerely Yours,

Lachlan Wall.

**Aboriginal education**

The Bush tucker Garden Serpent Snake Design with Brett Parker and students.

The Official Opening of the `GANDU GARDEN`

Parents and community have been working with Darkinyung Aboriginal Language Group naming the Bush tucker Garden. Named GANDU meaning Food in Darkinyung Aboriginal Language.