

The Wiangaree Wire

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Week 2

Term 2

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2 at Wiangaree Public School! It will be a term full of exciting learning experiences, both academic and extra-curricula. I trust that all families had a relaxing and safe holiday period and that all students are returning refreshed for the busy and exciting term ahead.

District Cross Country

On Friday 3rd May, students from Wiangaree Public School travelled to The Risk Public School for the annual District Cross Country Carnival. The students had been in training for weeks running up and down our big hill at school and all of their practice really paid off with wonderful individual efforts from each and every student. Even more pleasing was Wiangaree Public School's 100% attendance at the carnival! A big congratulations to Ryan Blackburn (Year 3) who qualified 4th in the 8/9 years boys 2km race and who will now advance to the zone cross country carnival.

Official top 10 results are as follows:

5/7 Year boys— 9th Che'

8/9 Year boys—4th Ryan

10 Year boys— 7th Ben

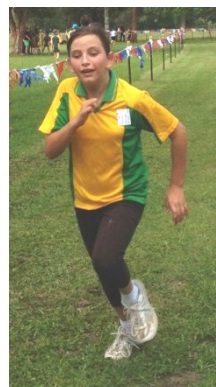
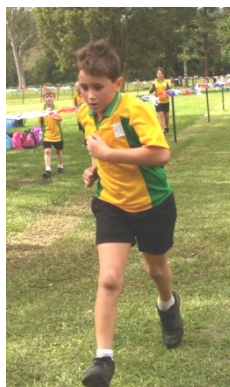
8th Micheal

11 Year girls— 10th Jessica

12 Year boys—6th Brice

10th Jayme

Well done to every student. These results are outstanding especially when some of the students racing from other schools had already been selected on time from recent races at their school's, qualifying them to compete.



Canteen

After quite a few busy weeks, normal school canteen will begin again at Wiangaree PS this Friday. A canteen order will be sent home this week.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
Tuesday 14th May—
Thursday 15th May

P&C AGM
Monday 20th May 3.30pm

JUMP OFF DAY
Jump rope day at school
Friday 7th June

Public Holiday
Monday 10th June

Yr 5/6 Canberra
Excursion
16th—21st June

COLOURSS Athletics
Friday 21st June

Cultural Day
Friday 2nd August

EACH WEEK

Junior class - readers
• homework every day

Monday—Senior class
• homework sent home

Tuesday— Library day

Wednesday
• School banking day
• Newsletter every 2nd Week

Friday
• Tuckshop day
• Senior class homework due

ANZAC Day March

On Thursday 25th April 2013, students and staff from Wiangaree Public School proudly commemorated ANZAC day by participating in the Kyogle RSL march. Our students paraded proudly up the main street behind our returned service men and women. It was delightful to be congratulated by members of the public on Wiangaree PS having such well-behaved and respectful students. It was a special day for Jayme, who as one of our school leaders, was asked to read a prayer during the main ANZAC Day service, and he did so with respect and confidence. Ebony and Jayme also laid a beautiful wreath during the ceremony on behalf of Wiangaree Public School. We highly commend all students on their wonderful representation of our school and thank the Kyogle RSL for inviting us to be part of the parade.



Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

This year's Canberra excursion is coming up quickly and it won't be long before students in Year 5 & 6 will be heading off on their big trip. Students will be departing for Canberra on Sunday 16th June and will be returning on the morning of Friday 21st June. All deposits have now been paid which is fantastic. A reminder that the full amount will need to be paid by the departure date and the school encourages families to try to pay a small amount each week to ease the bur-

den of the final cost. A list of things to bring and the itinerary will be sent out to parents/caregivers in the coming weeks. As Mrs Grove will be a supervising teacher on the excursion, Mrs Berthier and Mr Ash Clarke will be teaching the K-4 students whilst Mrs Grove is away. Also the Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 21st June. Students attending the excursion are not expected to participate in this carnival. Mrs Grove has made arrangements for the Year 5 & 6 students to move through to the District carnival in their desired events.

National Curriculum Staff Development Day

On Tuesday 30th April, all teachers from the COLOURSS group participated in our third training session on the upcoming implementation of the National Curriculum. This session was based around the English syllabus and schools examined how their current English programs will change next year when this new syllabus comes into action. We particularly liked the increased focus on creating and reflecting, engaging in texts from Asian and Indigenous cultures and the increased exposure to digital media and technology. More information on the new NSW syllabus documents will become available later in the year and I will keep you posted.

Library

Library will continue to be held on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Berthier. It is a valuable time for your child/ren to borrow and return beautiful books which can be shared with the whole family. Please ensure that your child/ren has a clean library bag on a Tuesday so they are able to borrow.

Homework

Homework will begin again this week. Junior students are to return their homework daily to change their readers. Senior students will receive their homework on a Monday and need to return it by Friday each week so it can be marked over the weekend.

Thank you..

Parents and families for attending the Cross Country carnival and Anzac Day march.

Wendy C. for organising and facilitating a COLOURSS SAM Professional Learning day on Tuesday 30th April.

Gavin for completing his First Aid Certificate

Julie and Bruce and Mrs Berthier for their help with the Anzac Day march.

The students for training hard in preparation for the Cross Country.

The Risk PS for hosting the cross country event.

NAPLAN Test 2013

In 2013, NAPLAN tests will be held at Wiangaree Public School on the 14th – 16th May. Students from Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN Background Information

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather compliments, assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An information brochure for parents/caregivers have been sent home with the Year 3 and Year 5 students to further assist you in supporting your child/ren through the NAPLAN process. Of course, if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school to talk with Mrs Grove.



Certificates

Congratulations to the following students:

Ebony— Writing award
Ben— Maths award



Kyogle Community Cinema

Programme – Commencing 10th May

Friday 10th May

6.15pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
6.30pm Goddess	PG
8.20pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
8.30pm Goddess	PG

Saturday 11th May

2.00pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
2.15pm Goddess	PG
4.10pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
4.20pm Goddess	PG
6.45pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
7.00pm Goddess	PG

Sunday 12th May

2.00pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
2.15pm Goddess	PG
4.10pm Jack the Giant Slayer	M
4.30pm Goddess	PG

Wednesday 15th May

10.15am Jack the Giant Slayer	M
10.30am Goddess	PG

Urbenville Village Festival & Bull Ride 2013

NRA Bull Ride 12 noon.

Saturday 11th May 11am to 10pm.

Urbenville Showground NSW.

Day & night charity event supports local Rural Fire Service, SES and the Westpac Helicopter.

Market stalls, face painting, children's activities.

Huge charity auction, live music, variety of food and drink services available.

Entry adults and kids over 12: \$12.00 per person, family 2 adults and 2 kids: \$30.00, kids under 12: \$8.00.

Enquiries: 0266341339.

NRA competitors call 0754958668.

SCHOOL BANKING

Students can bank each week at school and this is done on Wednesdays. Students have been supporting banking which has been great to see them saving their money and watching their bank balances grow.

Students may bring their bank books in on Tuesday and they will be returned to them on Wednesday.

The Commonwealth Bank is running a great competition with details shown.

Win a share of the Dollarmites' treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a \$5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with \$500 spending money. Plus, the winning student's school will also receive \$5,000 to spend as they wish. What's more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid's Adventure Packs, worth over \$700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To

find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland



Win the Dollarmites' treasure!

Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

1st Prize.
\$5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia with \$500 spending money.
Plus, \$5,000 for the school to spend as they wish.

25 x Runners-up prizes.
Awesome kids' adventure packs. Worth over \$700 each, they contain:

- A Wii U
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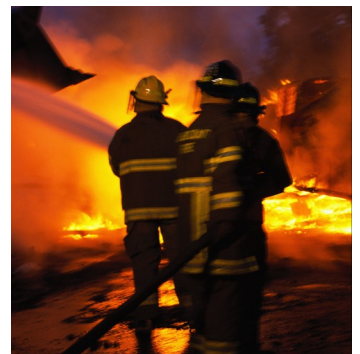
Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306, VIC Permit No. 13/476, ACT Permit No. TP13/645, SA Permit No. T13/307. Competition closes 05/07/13. First entry drawn on 23/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of *The Australian* on 02/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 13, Darling Park, Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/adventureisland

😊 **Thank you to Trish and Bruce Wilson for obtaining free money boxes for those students who are doing school banking.**

FIRE DRILL

This week students were involved in a surprise practice fire evacuation at school. Students followed instructions quickly and efficiently to evacuate the building to "safety".

With winter coming on, families are using heating in their homes so it is especially important to discuss at home your family's emergency plan in the event of fire. It is important that every family member is clear on the evacuation plan for your home— **it may save their life.**



NEXT P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting is our AGM for the election of 2013 office bearers. It will be held at school on Monday 20th May after school from 3:30pm. Everyone welcome.