

Wyrallah Road

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LHS Enrichment Day



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The time has finally arrived! Yesterday 12 eager Stage 3 students from the Wyrallah Road Public School Senior Dance Ensemble jumped on a plane to Sydney for a week of rehearsals and performances at the Entertainment Centre. They will be busy all week with dance commitments, ensuring a polished and very professional show.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Schools Spectacular and will feature some returning artists from years gone by, including Human Nature, Morgan Evans, Diana Rouvas and Daren Percival along with the stars of tomorrow – which is where our kids fit in! The show will be televised nationally by NBN this Saturday, November 30 from 7:00-10:00 pm. It will be repeated on "Go".

At 1:30pm on Sunday and also is available online and in full at: www.jump-in.com.au

The Senior Dance Ensemble recognises that they would not have been able to have this opportunity without the incredible support of our whole school community and the many generous sponsors listed below. From all of the WRPS Senior Dance Ensemble – Thank you!

Alan Bald Electrical 0457 666695; Coates Hire 131552; B&T Garages & Sheds 6624 5111; Baby Bella www.babybella.com.au; Frigid-Air; Mark Norris & Assoc. 0416 016921; Troy Rose Painting 0423 658239; OPSM; WRPS P&C Assn.

Term 4, Week 8

Wednesday, 27 November, 2013

Calendar:

Thu, 28 Nov	Kadina HS Yr 6-7 Transition Day
Fri, 29 Nov	2.15 School Assembly 3/4J & Photography Club
Tue, 3 Dec	Muffi, Sausage Sizzle & Raffle Day for Softball Fundraising
Wed, 4 Dec	Softball Sydney Trip Whole School Scripture Assembly
Tue, 10 Dec	5.00pm ATSI Parent Welcome BBQ 6.30pm P&C Christmas Dinner
Thu, 12 Dec	6.00pm Yr 6 Farewell
Fri, 13 Dec	Photo Comp winner announced Banner Celebration Day
Wed, 18 Dec	Last Day of school for 2013



Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

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SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

30 Spectacular Years



PROUD BROADCAST PARTNER

Saturday 30 November



Replay Sunday 1 December

Catch Up



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SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER - MUFTI DAY, MONSTER RAFFLE DRAW & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

In much the same vein as the previous story, our school softball team have an exciting opportunity ahead of them as they head to Sydney next week for the finals of the State Knockout Competition. The team has done a terrific job and worked very hard to make it to this point.

You can support this great group of boys by sending in your ticket and \$5 for next Tuesday's fundraiser by Monday, 2 October. The children will get a sausage, ice block and a ticket in the Monster Raffle. Support from local businesses has been fantastic. We have over **20 prizes** to raffle including:

- 1st Prize- **Razor Electric Scooter valued at \$399** (Beach and Bush Distributors)
- 2nd Prize- **Reg Gregor original painting** (Tony Gregor)
- Other Prizes: **2 hour pony lesson and ride** (Madeleine Nind), **Vax steam mop valued at \$179** from Harvey Norman, **Six engraved champagne glasses, valued at \$120** (Summerland Trophies) **Two rounds -18 holes of Golf , 2-1 hour golf lessons** (Peter Jeager- Lismore Golf Club), **Four \$50 gift vouchers** (Lucky's Seafood, Café Cappello, La Vida Bar and Restaurant, Spa Supermarket) **Hair- cut and shampoo** (Winks, Pomstar Salons) **Spa pedicure** (Pro Nails) **Gym voucher (Curves) \$25 gift vouchers** (Pete Creather Picture Framing, Lismore Country Meats), **Coca Cola memorabilia pack** (Glen Lawrence) **Sports pack** (Summerland Sports) **plus more to come.**
- Special thanks goes to Con Raptis from Raptis Fresh Produce (Sydney Markets) who has donated \$500 and Rob Menin from Bid Vest who has donated the ice blocks for the Mufti Day.

Tickets are also available from Super Coach, Mr Nind or can be bought from Softball team members at the front office between 8:45 and 9:00am. Cost: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Any help you can give is very much appreciated.

WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL K-6 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Recently, Stage 2 students were involved in a photography competition which saw many budding young photographers enter their photos. With such talent among our students, it was decided to run a whole-school competition. Therefore all students are invited to participate in the Wyrallah Road Public School SRC Photography Competition which is open to students of all ages. Entry is free. The rules of the competition are as follows:

- Students may submit one photo (free choice). No photos are to be taken at school.
 - Students are responsible for their own developing of photos (size 10x15cm). They may be printed in colour or black and white.
 - The photo should be given a title. The title and your name/class are to be written on the back of the photo.
 - Photos must be taken by the student.
 - Entries will be judged on a Stage basis ie; Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3.
 - Photos must be submitted to classroom teachers by Monday, 9 December. Winners will be announced at the school assembly on Friday, 13 December.
 - If taking photos of people, permission should be obtained from the person.
- Any questions to be directed to Mrs Sirach or your class teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS KINDERGARTEN OF 2014

Last Friday saw the conclusion of our 4 week Kindergarten 2014 orientation program. The students were a fantastic group and were very fast learners when it came to understanding the school routine and meeting new people. The kids will be very well supported during their time at school if the attendance at the "graduation" assembly was anything to go by. Thank you to all the families and friends who came to support them and join in the fun.

Thank you also to all the teachers, support and office staff who were involved in making the program a success. It has been a positive experience all round for everyone involved and we look forward to welcoming all our new students to our great school next year.

EDUCATION THE KEY TO CYBER BULLYING

As part of our ongoing efforts to educate our students and improve their awareness of cyber safety, both at school and at home, Stage 3 had the opportunity to listen to Snr Constable Straun Presgrave from the Lismore Police address many current issues around this topic. One of the main issues discussed was around social media and age requirements for children who have access. Facebook and Instagram have a minimum age of 13 years and children under the age of 13 should not be permitted to access these types of social media. He strongly urged that parents of children aged 13 and over should consider whether their child be supervised when they access these types of social media. He outlined the following safety tips for those students who do have access to these types of media:

- Never share your password with anyone
- Be cautious about posting and sharing personal information, especially information that could lead people to you e.g. address, telephone number, photos in your school uniform
- Block and report anyone that sends you unwanted or inappropriate communications
- Facebook is based on real names and details, using fake names is a violation of the rights and responsibilities of Facebook
- Be aware that anything you post on Facebook, including photos, are the property of Facebook and they can use them in any way they desire
- Ensure when you are 'friending' people that you actually know who they are
- Be aware that many of these companies are American and do not have to adhere to Australia's media laws.

Parents are urged to discuss with their children the dangers they may encounter online and to make sure their children are using all social media and the internet in a safe manner. They should also be encouraged to report any inappropriate or offensive social media content to their parents, the social media company, teachers or the police. Snr Constable Presgrave also discussed with students the severe consequences for using electronic forms of communication to threaten or harass other people and that doing so is a criminal offence.

In this current world of social media it is important that we continue to discuss issues with our children and to ensure that we as adults are setting a good example by using these forms of social media appropriately. You may be surprised by how many of your children keep tabs on your social media pages and their content.

NEWSLETTER FEATURE - TECHNOLOGY



The Computer Room has been operational for almost 6 years and wow, that time has gone quickly! The room has 34 desktop computers connected to the school network of approximately 130 other desktop computers, laptops and interactive whiteboards across the entire school. The computers are issued by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) as part of the Technology for Learning (T4L) Program and are up-graded each year. The computers are worked very hard by the eager students but they handle the workload very well because they are robust and durable. All students (K-6) have a weekly computer lesson ranging from 40 – 60 minutes. Mr Walmsley

teaches all classes except 1B, which is taught by Mrs Campbell.

When the Computer Room was first opened by the previous principal, Mr Taylor, he launched a student competition to give the room a name. The winning entry was "Walmsley's Web". Like all classrooms and office areas at WRPS, the Computer Room is Wi-Fi capable, which is fantastic! The Computer Education Program varies to suit the age and ability of the kids and includes skills such as mastering the Microsoft Office software suite (ie Word, Publisher, Excel, Powerpoint and Access) as well as the internet and the DEC student email account. The students really enjoy and benefit from this excellent facility.

OUR KIDS CD

Our school choir has had the honour of performing one of the songs on the Our Kids CD. The Our Kids organisation fundraises for the children's ward at Lismore Base Hospital. The CD is now available for purchase at the office for \$20 (this includes the CD and 2014 Calendar). The CD and Calendar would make a great Christmas present and is a wonderful way to help children stay local when needing medical care.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Rainbow Region Kids Lismore Vacation Care – is now taking enrolments for Dec 2013-Jan 2014 Vacations. Enrolment forms, programs and booking sheets available on www.Inci.org.au
- Holiday Kids Club at Presbyterian Church Hall from 20-24 January 9.30am-12.00. Phone 0488 770611.
- Netball Sign Up – Lismore Bundjalarms Netball Club. We strongly encourage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders to participate in playing netball, however welcome all non-Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander players to the club. Contact Juliana on 0410 514435.
- Lismore Workers Netball Club – Early Bird Sign On Day for 2014 season. Past and new players welcome. Tue, 10 Dec 4-6pm, Tue, 17 Dec 4-6pm, Sat, 21 Dec 10-12 noon at Lismore Workers Club. \$40 commitment deposit is payable on the day. Contact Heidi 0434 204664 or Trish 0439 432158.

WRPS P&C

WRPS P&C CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 10th December 2013

Mary G's Lismore

Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Followed by Hit That Hit! Musical Bingo commencing at 8pm if you would like to join in.

*Please bring a secret santa gift to the value of \$5.*Please R.S.V.P. by Friday 6th December to wyrallahrdps.pandc@gmail.com or call or text Corinne on 0413 143 722MERRY
CHRISTMAS

WRPS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Families are asked to donate one quality item (non-perishable) to be put toward Christmas hampers for our 2013 Xmas raffle.

Donations will need to be brought into the front office by **Friday 6th Dec.**Tickets are \$1 each. All money and tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned to the front office by **Wednesday 11th December** ready for the drawing on Friday 13th December.

IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.

If you have been saving with School Banking this year and collecting your silver Dollarmites tokens, then now is the time to redeem them before the end of term 4, as due to a system change, a maximum of 9 tokens can carry over to 2014!

Once you have chosen the reward item(s) you would like to receive, complete the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit.



Headphones



Calculator



Moneyboxes



Hand Ball



Knuckles

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



CANTEEN NEWS:

As the end of year gets closer, I will run out of some products, so please make your children aware of this. Lasagna is no longer available.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Leanne Reardon Steph Gregory	Help Please	Renea Allen Michelle Carra	Sally Bates Tracey Menger	Kerry McDonald Leonie Fruend

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER – Asher Neilson

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