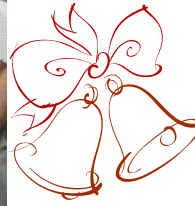


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2013 – WHAT A YEAR!

It has, at times, felt like a whirlwind and hasn't it gone quickly? Here we are at the final newsletter for 2013! This year has been another busy one for WRPS. Congratulations to our wonderful students who have worked hard throughout the year. Those who have taken ownership of their learning and embraced the many opportunities that the school makes available have enjoyed another successful 12 months that will help them to continue to grow and learn.

The staff at WRPS would like to thank all parents, carers and community members for your support throughout the year. From our hard working P&C to scripture teachers to individual parent helpers to families who engaged children in conversations about their day at school and the many others who do so much – we say thank you. Education is truly a partnership and WRPS is proud to be able to work with families to ensure that our kids get the most out of their education.

Thank you also to the whole staff at Wyrallah Road. We are blessed at this school to have an amazing and dedicated group of teachers who work tirelessly for the children. This year, teachers have given up their own time to run numerous programs across the school with a view to giving children opportunities that they may not otherwise have. We are fortunate to have staff with skills and a willingness to take on such programs as: Tournament of the Minds, multiple sporting teams, dance, choir, enviro team, excursions, chess, band, drum beat, public speaking, photography club and plenty more.

The teachers could not do their job without the incredible assistance of our learning and support officers, admin staff and general assistants. This wonderful team do a terrific job, often behind the scenes and we are very thankful for the work they do.

Finally, farewell Year 6. This has been a great group to work with and I know those teachers who have known these young adults for some time have enjoyed watching them grow and mature into the capable people that they are. We wish them all the very best for their high school journey and look forward to hearing from them over the years.

Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

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Term 4, Week 10 Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

Calendar:

Thu, 12 Dec	6pm Yr 6 Farewell
Fri, 13 Dec	9am P&C raffle drawn Banner Celebration Day School Assembly - Drumbeat, Choir, Senior Dance Ensemble Photo Competition - winner announced School Reports issued
Mon, 16 Dec	9.30am – 11am - K-Yr1 Presentation Day (School Hal)
Tue, 17 Dec	Summer Fun Disco Senior : 11.45am – 12.55pm Junior: 1.45pm – 2.45pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm - Yrs 2-6 Presentation Night (Lismore High School)
Wed, 18 Dec	Class Parties Stage 2 & 3 - Alstonville Pool Last day of school for 2013

SOFTBALL TRIP TO SYDNEY

Last week the boys travelled by plane to Sydney to play the quarter final of the State PSSA Knockout with high expectations to progress through to the semi-final and final being played the same day. Unfortunately in the first game we came up against some excellent pitching and were narrowly defeated 3-0 by Marks Point Public School. The boys showed tremendous fight and spirit right till the end and never gave up despite being on the wrong side of some close calls by the umpires. The boys displayed exceptional team harmony and sportsmanship throughout the game and supported each other at all times. The boys and their behaviour throughout the trip was fantastic and they were a pleasure for Mr Nind and Mr McLean to take away. Thank you to Mr Nind and Mr McLean and the parents for their support during the trip and the school community who contributed to the overwhelming success of the muffi day and raffle.

SRC SHIELD

Yesterday Stage 3 students participated in the SRC Shield. They came in their house colours and had lots of enthusiasm throughout the day. Before lunch they were broken into year groups and participated in a Frisbee competition and an epic trivia battle. After lunch they came together for Captain Ball, Tunnel Ball and Tug-of-War. A special mention goes to Travis who demonstrated outstanding effort and skill during Captain Ball. The students cheered and chanted with a lot of enthusiasm all day and lots of bonus points were handed out during the events. The winner of the day will be announced at Presentation Night next Tuesday night.



CONSTRUCTION WORK AT WRPS

Tomorrow a number of building projects will begin around the school. We will benefit from new covered walkways outside the admin block, connecting to the canteen and to the disabled toilet. The school will also have work done on gutters, on the library and stage 2 block. The year 2 classrooms will receive an external refurbishment. As a result of this work, some access paths leading to the shelter will be fenced off at different times. There will always be an alternate route available. We apologise for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

STAFF UPDATE

This year we have welcomed some staff and farewelled others. On that note, thank you to Mr McLean and Mrs Kelly who will both finish in their roles at the end of next week. Mr McLean has made a very positive impact on the lives of countless WRPS kids. His dedication in the classroom and to many of the other aspects of the school including sport and environment programs means he will be very much missed. We wish him all the very best for a long and relaxing retirement. Mrs Kelly also finishes in her role as librarian. We thank her for her service both in the library and also to numerous other contributions throughout the school, most notably to our award winning choir and environment teams.

Next year we welcome a few new faces to the WRPS team. Following the recent merit selection process it is with pleasure that I can announce Mr Mal Wheeler will be our new Stage 1 Assistant Principal and a Year 2 teacher. Mr Wheeler comes with a wealth of experience and skills and he is very much looking forward to working with Wyrallah Road families for many years.

Also following merit selection interviews, we welcome Miss Melissa Moyle as our new teacher librarian. Miss Moyle is a fully trained teacher librarian with particular skills in the areas of technology and music/choir. Like Mr Wheeler, she is very much looking forward to joining the great WRPS family.

FAREWELL MRS M

The band will be performing at our Presentation evening next Tuesday. This will be their final performance under the tutelage of Mrs M. Mrs M has worked with the band for the past 3 years and has helped to develop the talents of budding musicians at our school. We thank Mrs M for her work and wish her well in the future. The school is investigating options to keep music alive and well. An announcement about programs will be made in the new year.

NEW ASSEMBLY TIME (this week only)

This Friday will be the final school assembly for the year. The choir, dance group and drum beat will be performing. Due to the additional item and a packed agenda, the assembly will begin early at 2:05 pm. Parents and friends, as always are welcome to join us.

WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL K-6 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Thank you to the students who participated in the 'whole-school photographic competition', there are many wonderful entries! Photos submitted by Monday (9 December) will now be judged on a stage basis ie; Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3. Winners will be announced at this Friday's school assembly (13 December).

IMPORTANT DATES

18 December, 2013 – Last Day for students, class parties and farewell Year 6

19 & 20 December, 2013 – Staff Development Days (Stronger Smarter – Aboriginal Education, English Syllabus planning and implementation)

28 January, 2014 – Staff Return for Staff Development Day

29 January, 2014 – Year 1-6 students return – Kindergarten Best Start Assessments begin

3 February, 2014 – Kindergarten students begin

12 February, 2014 – Swimming Carnival

K-1 PRESENTATION DAY – Monday 16 December 9:30 am – 10:30 am at WRPS

Next Monday, 16 December will be our K-1 Presentation Assembly. All students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will receive an award for their hard work throughout the year. There will also be a couple of songs for parents to join in with. Year 2 will join us for the singing but will not receive awards at this presentation.

YR 2-6 PRESENTATION NIGHT – Tuesday 17 December 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at LHS Hall

The Presentation Night will again be held at Lismore High School hall this year. All students are encouraged to attend and need to be in full school uniform. This is a great chance to recognise many of the outstanding efforts of our students as well as the announcement of the 2014 School Captains, graduation of Year 6 and a performance from our school band.

We would love to have many parents, family and friends join us to help celebrate the student successes. At the conclusion of the presentations, parents will be asked to congregate outside the hall to collect students.

BANNERS – WHITE CARDS – YELLOW CARDS

This Friday, 13 outstanding WRPS students will participate in the 5 Banner celebration day. These students will join Mr Hockings for a fun day at the Lismore Ten Pen Bowl followed by lunch – all paid for by the school as a way to say thank you for being wonderful role models. It takes a number of years to reach 5 banners. 12 of the 13 students this year are from Year 6.

Students and parents are reminded to look after the white and yellow cards they receive as they will need to be returned to the school office to earn a banner and put them on their way to participating in this event in the future.

5 Yellow Cards = White Card

5 White Cards = Banner

5 Banners = End of Year Celebration

WIN BIN WINNERS

\$3 - Paige KF, Elyssa 2C,
John 3/4S, Abbie 5/6V
\$2 - Luci KF, William 1B,
Tylah 2/3W, Lachlan 5/6A
\$1 - RJ KF, Mizpah 2C,
Tina 3/4S, Kye 5/6V
\$1 - Maddie KT, Toby 2C,
Jessie 3/4J, Emilie 5/6V
\$1 - Retrouvailles KT, Sienna 1B,
Aliya 3/4H, Isabelle 5/6R

CLASS PARTIES

All classes across the school will have class parties next Wednesday as a way to celebrate the hard work throughout the year. For the older students (3-6) this will happen at Alstonville Pool. The younger grades (K-2) will remain at school. Some class teachers have requested students bring food to share. While we are a healthy school and actively teach healthy living, these parties deviate slightly from this message. All parties will have a selection of healthy food and we will encourage these foods be consumed.

Teachers are aware of all food issues in cases where the school has been notified. However, if your child has an allergy or an intolerance, please ensure that the school office and your child's teacher is aware of this. Also, any family not wishing their child to share food is welcome to provide a lunchbox for their child only. Again, we ask that this be communicated with the classroom teacher so that students are not accessing food they should not be consuming.

SUMMER FUN DISCO

On the 8 November, up to 5 million children may have been affected by Typhoon Haiyan. They need medical kits, food, shelter, soap and water. The kids at WRPS want to help, so our Term 4 disco will help to raise money for the children of the Philippines. It will only cost a gold coin Donation. Tuesday 17 December: Senior - 11.45am to 12.55pm & Junior - 1.45pm to 2.45pm. NB. Students are required to wear their uniform for the disco, as Wednesday is muffi day.

FINAL GUITAR GROUP SESSION

Today is the last Guitar Group session for 2013. Let me take this opportunity to wish all of our 2013 guitarists and their families / carers a happy and restful Christmas season. Oh yes, and keep on practising!
Craig Beck (Guitar Teacher)

CHESS CLUB

Chess club was very successful this year. We have had over 40 children throughout the year come and play during lunch times. We travelled to St John's Woodlawn during Term 1 with 26 competitors. In Term 3, 20 children travelled to Emmanuel College in Ballina where our top team finished in 3rd place. During the Term 4 inter-school competition all the children played hard and there were some fantastic matches. The top 2 players were Harry and Alex who met in a best of 3 final which lasted over 2 lunch times. Congratulations to Alex who finally won 2-1. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching all the children improve over the year and am looking forward to 2014.
Mr Condon (Chess Co-ordinator).

KEEP ON READING!

The summer holidays is always such a busy time of year. Over this period there is much to do and kids learn a lot from the many different experiences they have. We ask that families try to find time to continue reading with children to ensure that momentum is not lost over the break. This can be in the form of reading street signs, or going to the library or even reading Christmas cards. Any reading that can be done will help the kids get back into the full swing of school at the start of 2014. **Reminder: Could all students please return their home readers to school ASAP.**

5/6V ENTERPRISE PROJECT MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

The 5/6V Enterprise Project market Day will be held on Monday 16 December during the middle session. There will be 8 businesses with the following items.

Business Name	Goods or Services
JordaBelles Shack	Popcorn & Jelly
Oh Delicious!	Baked goods such as chocolate crackles, pikelets, caramel and hazelnut balls + fruit skewers
Cupcakalicious	Baked goods including meringues
R&R Café	Baked goods and beverages
Cookie Crew	Cookies
Batman Bakery	Baked goods including cupcakes, pikelets, cookies, brownies slice and drinks
Crimson	Activities and cupcakes
00 Inco	Activities – throwing game, sack race and cup game

Prices for items will be displayed at each stall. All classes have been invited to attend. *Whilst 5/6V appreciate the school and your support for this project, there is **no obligation** for any family to purchase any goods or services at the Market Day.*

PAST WRPS STUDENT SUCCESSES



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, **Taholo Renagi** (pictured centre) was one of just a few singers selected to perform in this year's Schools Spectacular. Last week we received a visit from Taholo who offered his thanks to WRPS. *"Thank you all for being the school that helped me become the performer I am today. Love you all"*.

OUR KIDS CD

Don't forget to get your copy of the 2014 'Our Kids Calendar' and CD that features the WRPS choir! The CD is available for purchase at the office for \$20 (this includes the CD and 2014 Calendar). The Our Kids organisation fundraises for the children's ward at Lismore Base Hospital, so your purchase not only makes a great Christmas gift; it's a great way to help children stay local when needing medical care.



WRPS P&C

On behalf of the P&C, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing start to the New Year.

Please note that the next meeting will be the annual general meeting which will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 6.30pm in the staff room. We encourage everyone to come along to this meeting and become part of a wonderfully supportive group of parents/carers.



Thank you to everyone who has assisted during the year in the canteen, uniform shop, banking, fundraising and classrooms and in all the other ways you have supported our students. If you are thinking of volunteering next year, please do! Have a chat to a member of the P&C or call in to the canteen and talk to Sue about how you can help.

Good luck to everyone with tickets in the Christmas raffle. This will be drawn on Friday morning. Thank you for purchasing tickets and donating goodies.

See you in 2014!
Cherron Cameron - President

Thank you for your donations to this year's Christmas raffle. Last minute items need to be in by tomorrow. The raffle is being drawn at 9am on Friday morning, so get your tickets in!!!

CANTEEN NEWS:

Friday is the last day for lunch orders. Monday and Tuesday next week we will be selling drinks, chips and ice blocks etc. Wednesday the canteen will be closed.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Iris Millard Cath Fahy	Rebecca G Kylie Burnett Help Please	Katie Parker	Sally Bates Asher Neilson	Closed

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers for all your support over the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Have a great holiday! Sue

UNIFORM SHOP: Asher Neilson

This Friday between 8:30-10am will be your last chance to stock up on school uniforms before the new school year. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all the volunteers that have helped in the uniform shop in 2013.