

Wyrallah Road

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CHANGES TO AWARD SYSTEM

Our school is currently undergoing a review of our Student Wellbeing Policy. As part of this process, we will be looking at the way we recognise the terrific efforts that WRPS students put in each and every day.

There has been much conversation about the yellow, white and banner system, focussing on how we can make it more consistent and fairer for all. You will notice some slight changes next year but effective immediately, students will now be required to achieve three banners to attend the special banner celebration – rather than the five that were previously required. This decision was discussed and endorsed by the school P&C.

Any student with three banners is encouraged to bring them to the school office by 28 November to be a part of this year's celebration.

INTERRELATE

Interrelate Family Centre is offering a course for students in Year 6 to prepare them for high school. "Moving into the Teen Years" explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life. Students will have the opportunity to participate in four 90-minute sessions during December. The program allows students to explore their uniqueness, highlight their personal strengths and enhance their self-concept.

CALENDAR

Term 4, Week 7

Wednesday, 19 November, 2014

Thu, 20 Nov	Kinder Orientation – Day 4 Whole school transition - Day 2
Tue, 25 Nov	5.30pm Welcome BBQ for Aboriginal families
Wed, 26 Nov	Yr 6 High School Orientation Day 11.30-1.30 Choir Performance at East Lismore Bowling Club
Fri, 28 Nov	2.10pm School Assembly (choir and ukulele group)
Wed, 3 Dec	P&C Christmas Dinner
Tue, 9 Dec	P&C Christmas Fair
Thu, 11 Dec	Yr 6 Dinner
Mon, 15 Dec	K & Yr 1 Presentation Assembly
Tue, 16 Dec	Yrs 2-6 Presentation Night
Wed, 17 Dec	Pool Party (last school day 2014)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS

Sensible is safe when using toilets

- Wash hands
- Play in playground only
- Eat in appropriate areas in playground only

Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

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Students will also learn about their physical and emotional changes and issues they may encounter in adolescence, as well as parental and student responsibilities in relationships and much much more. Year 6 students received permission notes for this program yesterday.

TALENTED ARTIST - FLYNN



Almost every week we hear about the amazing things our students are doing in activities outside of school. It is nice to acknowledge them and highlight their skills and interests.

One such example is Flynn from 5/6D who recently attended the official opening of his second art exhibition. The exhibition called "Amma & I" featuring artworks predominately by his grandmother, is hanging at the Roxy Gallery in Kyogle until Saturday, 6 December. Flynn has been drawing for approximately five years and, in that time, he has achieved awards and sales from various art shows throughout the

state. Recently he achieved a 2nd prize and a "Highly Commended" at the Tursa Art Show at the North Coast National. This year he also received a 3rd place at the Bentley Art Prize. Flynn works very closely with and is encouraged by his grandmother. Flynn enjoys drawing birds as well as cartooning and geometric designs. Flynn's family and all of us at WRPS are very proud of his efforts and talent.

If you have an example like Flynn's of success outside the classroom, please let the school know and you might just find yourself in the newsletter!



THE RIVERS P-12 LEARNING COMMUNITY MUSICAL 2015

The Rivers P-12 Learning Community is excited to announce that it will be presenting a combined schools musical theatre production of Aladdin in June 2015. The production crew will be holding auditions for lead roles for the musical on Thursday, 4 December at the Lismore City Hall from 12 noon to 5pm. Auditions are open to girls and boys from Years 4 to 10 who have the ability to act, sing and dance.

Interested students need to be able to make their own way to the City Hall on this date and must be able to attend for the full time required. Please note that parents are not allowed to watch the auditions and DEC staff will be responsible for supervision of students. Interested students should contact Miss McLaughlin or Mrs Roberts for audition information including scripts and song lyrics.

There will also be opportunities for students to perform as part of the musical's ensemble cast with the band, chorus and choir. The auditions for these positions will be announced at a later date, once the lead roles have been finalised.



UPDATE PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that we have updated contact details for parents/carers so that we can quickly contact you if your child is sick or hurt. If you have had a change of address or phone number, please contact the office ladies as soon as possible.



W.R.P.S P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2014

- Christmas is nearly here and the P&C will again be holding a Christmas raffle.
- Families will be issued with a small book of raffle tickets to sell.
- Tickets are \$1 each.
- Families are also asked to donate one non-perishable food item or small gift. Donations can be left in the box at the school office.
- Ticket books (sold or unsold) can be returned to the school office.
- If you would like more tickets to sell, extra books are available from the office.
- Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 12 December at the afternoon assembly.

CANTEEN NEWS

Special Thursday: Jelly Cups - \$1.00

Price Changes: Beef Burgers \$4.00; Fried Rice \$2.50; Potato Bake \$2.50 (price till stock sold out)

Roster:

Thu, 20	Steph Gregory, Dave McLean	Thu, 27	Dave McLean, HELP PLEASE
Fri, 21	Vicki Muddiman, Katie Muldowney	Fri, 28	Vicki Muddiman, HELP PLEASE
Mon, 24	Michelle Carra, HELP PLEASE	Mon, 1 Dec	Renea Allen, HELP PLEASE
Tue, 25	Asher Smith, Sally Bates	Tue, 2	Asher Smith, Tracey Menger
Wed, 26	Louise Somerville, Lisa Bryant	Wed, 3	Kerry McDonald, Leonie Freund

UNIFORM SHOP

Open on Fridays from 8.30-10.00am and each Thursday morning during Kinder Orientation.

Roster: 21 November – Steph Hannah, 28 November – Darren Speers



Helping Hands Before and After School Care plus Vacation Care at Wyrallah Road Public School

On Tuesday last week at Helping Hands, we remembered the fallen soldiers with a whole-class discussion about what Remembrance Day means to people around the world. We continued this theme throughout the afternoon, making a Helping Hands Garden of Remembrance.

This week on Monday, 17 November we started our 'Jamming with Jamie' afternoon music sessions. Students will be able to play the guitar, use percussion instruments, sing and have fun with some karaoke. If your child attends After School Care and would like to bring in their instrument to share, they can drop it off in the morning to the classroom ready for the afternoon session every Monday. If your child has a particular interest in music and would like to join After School Care, please contact Julie, Emily, Georgina or Jaimie on 0448 125995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

ATTENDANCE - PARTIAL ABSENCES - LATE ARRIVALS

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to socialise with friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption
- ensures they hear important announcements made each day on assembly

If your child arrives at school late, parents / carers **MUST** accompany the student to the office to sign them in. Failure to do so, means the absence will be marked as "Unexplained". Dropping your child at the drop-off zone is not appropriate.

You can appreciate that we need to ensure the safety of our students and we need to have an adult verify exactly where a student has been instead of being present at school.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 7: Getting to school on time



It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child's morning routine.

It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students. Eg. Any changes to school routines, coming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher pupil interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

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Hints and Tips No. 8: Tips for Parents



There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to

- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.

- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework



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