



WRPS STUDENTS ALREADY AT UNIVERSITY

Last Wednesday, the Stage 3 extension maths group went to Southern Cross University for a day of calculations, experiments and fun. This excursion was the culmination of a year-long study adventure with SCU staff, led by Mr Whitelaw. Throughout the year, they have investigated a number of fascinating topics, including the origins of pi, cribbage, number patterns, Harry Potter maths - magic squares, measuring tree heights by shadows (proportion), calculating the height of one million \$1 coins, Pythagoras and much much more. Thank you to Mr Whitelaw and SCU Principal Mathematician, Christos Mackopolous for organising and running the day.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS

All Areas, Canteen and Excursions

- Wear hat outside
- Stay in bounds
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect others personal space
- Follow bike safety rules

CALENDAR

Term 4, Week 8

Wednesday, 26 November, 2014

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| Wed, 26 Nov | Yr 6 High School Orientation Day 11.30-1.30 Choir Performance at East Lismore Bowling Club |
| Thu, 27 Nov | Yr 5 Advantage Program LHS |
| Fri, 28 Nov | 2.10pm Assembly (choir & ukulele) |
| Wed, 3 Dec | Yr 6 HS Orientation Day 2 6.30pm P&C Christmas Dinner |
| Thu, 4 Dec | Yr 6 Interrelate |
| Mon, 8 Dec | Int. Swimming make-up day 1 Banner Celebration Day |
| Tue, 9 Dec | Int. Swimming make-up day 2 P&C Christmas Fair 11.25am Scripture Assembly |
| Thu, 11 Dec | Yr 6 Interrelate Kinder exc. House With No Steps 6.00-9.30pm Yr 6 Dinner |
| Fri, 12 Dec | 2.10pm Assembly (P&C Raffle Draw) |
| Mon, 15 Dec | Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2 Presentation Day |
| Tue, 16 Dec | Yrs 3-6 Presentation Night |
| Wed, 17 Dec | Pool Party (last school day 2014) |

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WIN BIN WINNERS

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| Kindergarten: | Bailey \$3; Laura \$2; Maleah \$1; Matt \$1; Amelia \$1 |
| Stage 1: | Sarah \$3; Kalea \$2; Ryan \$1; Isaac \$1; Jehan \$1 |
| Stage 2: | West \$3; Seth \$2; Elizabeth \$1; Bailey \$1; Kristylee \$1 |
| Stage 3: | Josh \$3; Troy \$2; Alex \$1; Kimberley \$1; Josh \$1 |
| Library: | Lucinda \$3; Jacob \$2; Alec \$1; Hendrix \$1; Summer \$1 |

Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

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RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

It is that time of year when we formally recognise the terrific work that students having been doing throughout the year. There is a change to our presentation format this year, with the whole infants school (K-2) participating in the morning presentation assembly at 9.30am on Monday, 15 December. At this assembly, all Kindergarten students will receive a graduation certificate for completing their first year of schooling. Each Year 1 and Year 2 class will acknowledge five students, the same as for the older students. The primary school (Years 3-6) will participate in the formal evening presentation night, held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 16 December at Lismore High School hall. At this presentation, as well as the class presentations, there will be a number of major awards, the announcement of the 2015 school captains, farewelling Year 6 and a musical performance. All students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend and help us celebrate a wonderful year.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 farewell will be held at the WRPS Hall from 6.00pm to 9.30pm on Thursday, 11 December. The cost for the evening is \$14.00 for Year 6 students and needs to be paid by Friday, 5 December. The Year 6 students will meet the Stage 3 teachers at the turning circle at 6.00pm. Photos can be taken before students are taken into the hall at 6.15pm.

Students will have dinner and dessert, Mr Maxwell will hand out his 'special' awards, we will have a slide show of photos, cut the graduation cake and then Year 5 will join us at 8.00pm for the disco. The cost for Year 5 will be \$2 and can be paid on the night.

The farewell will conclude at 9.30pm; however Year 6 parents are very welcome to join us at 9.00pm for the final half hour of the farewell and a dance with your child/ren.

LETTER OF THANKS

As a large primary school located near our region's university, we often see families come and go as both work and study commitments fluctuate. These families, often from foreign countries enrich our school and bring a great diversity of culture that we at WRPS love. A perfect example of this is Ravira and his family, who next week leave their Australian home to return to their Sri Lankan home. In a touching sign of appreciation, I received a letter of thanks from the family in which they express their gratitude to teachers, support staff, parents and volunteers for making their experience of school in Australia a very positive one. With permission, I share part of their letter with you here:

"WRPS is a great school in respect of education, discipline, sports and extra-curricular activities. We are very happy to send Ravira to such a great school which will give him a concrete foundation for his future. Studying at WRPS has been a great life experience for Ravira. Please pass on our gratitude to everybody in school who has supported Ravira and has made it such a friendly place for him to learn"

From all of us at WRPS, we wish the whole family safe travels and all the very best for the future. To Ravira and all our former and current international students, thank you for enriching our school and you are welcome back any time!

P&C CHRISTMAS FAIR & RAFFLE

The P&C are helping us celebrate the end of the year by running both a Christmas Fair and raffle over the coming weeks. They are seeking donations of items for the raffle (to be brought to the school office) and requesting that all families sell a few tickets. Money raised will need to be returned to the office prior to the draw, which will take place at the school assembly in Week 10, on 12 December.

The Christmas Fair promises to be a great community event, with all the kids involved in performing a short item. A BBQ will be available on the night, with any money raised going towards running costs. The SRC will also be selling glow sticks, so don't forget to bring your loose change with you. The night kicks off at 5.30pm with a performance from the combined schools band and will be followed by WRPS students from 6.00pm.

Families are welcome to bring their own picnic but no alcohol will be permitted. We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

P&C CHRISTMAS PARTY

The P&C would like to invite all P&C members, canteen & banking helpers and volunteers to celebrate with us at Tommy's, Lismore at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 3 December. Please bring a secret santa gift to the value of \$5. RSVP by Friday, 28 November to wyrallahrdps.pandc@gmail.com

WELCOME BBQ

Last night, the current Aboriginal families and the incoming kinder families for 2015 attended the annual welcome BBQ. Approximately 60 parents, students and staff joined in the festivities enjoying a BBQ and ice block. Some very talented staff members were on hand to do face painting for the kids.

A special thank you to Helping Hands (OOSHC) who also provided art activities for the kids. We would like to thank all families for attending this wonderful event again this year.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten Orientation program has been a huge success and a valuable experience for all our new students starting school in 2015. It has been a vital component in making the transition from home to school enjoyable and a positive start to their school journey. The children established relationships with the Kindergarten teachers, made new friends and became familiar with school and classroom routines.

The children participated in a variety of activities and experienced all the fun of big school. They loved performing at our graduation assembly for parents and receiving their certificates and learning kits.

A special thank you to our Year 5 buddies who dedicated their time to help our new students feel comfortable and build some positive relationships before starting school next year.

We appreciate all the support from the people involved in making these orientation days run as smoothly as possible and we look forward to the beginning of 2015 with all our new and enthusiastic Kindies!



CANTEEN NEWS

Special Thursday: Nachos - \$3.00

Price Reduction: Fried Rice & Potato Bake - \$2.50, Beef Burgers - \$4.00

Roster:

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| Thu, 27 | Dave McLean, Kate Muldowney | Thu, 4 | Steph Gregory, Dave McLean |
| Fri, 28 | Vicki Muddiman, Debbie Towner, Lorraine McDonald | Fri, 5 | Vicki Muddiman, Elaine Barry, Natasha Mattmueller, Amy Malloy |
| Mon, 1 | Renea Allen, HELP PLEASE | Mon, 8 | Cheryl Smoother, Corinne Milgate |
| Tue, 2 | Asher Smith, Tracey Menger | Tue, 9 | Asher Smith, HELP PLEASE |
| Wed, 3 | Kerry McDonald, Leonie Freund | Wed, 10 | Amanda Keys, Iris Millard |

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Roster: 28 November – Darren Speers 5 December – Asher Smith



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

Please see below for our Christmas Vacation Care Program. We are closed for 2 weeks from 20 December to 4 January. You can contact us to make bookings by phone 0448 125995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Thank you to all the families who have supported us this term.

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| <div data-bbox="124 974 422 1243"> <p>18/12 Thursday PUPIL FREE DAY Decorate your very own Christmas Snow Globe as a gift for your family SNOW GLOBES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="124 1265 422 1422"> <p>19/12 Friday PUPIL FREE DAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT Make gifts for the family and play fun Christmas games</p> </div> <div data-bbox="124 1444 422 1579"> <p>5/1 Monday SCIENCE DAY Experiments to make the mind boggle</p> </div> <div data-bbox="124 1601 422 1848"> <p>6/1 Tuesday Bounce for fun and fitness JUMPING CASTLE</p> </div> <div data-bbox="124 1870 422 2004"> <p>7/1 Wednesday WATER DAY Slip and slide, sprinkler, water bombs and mud galore</p> </div> | <div data-bbox="454 974 758 1332"> <p>8/1 Thursday EVENT CINEMAS LISMORE See the latest kids movie with popcorn & a drink!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="454 1355 758 1512"> <p>9/1 Friday TEDDY BEARS PICNIC Bring your favourite teddy bear to share a picnic</p> </div> <div data-bbox="454 1534 758 1691"> <p>12/1 Monday MOVIE DAY Let's snuggle up, watch movies and eat popcorn!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="454 1713 758 1870"> <p>13/1 Tuesday TIE DYE A SHIRT Create groovy tie dye designs on a new shirt to take home</p> </div> <div data-bbox="454 1892 758 2004"> <p>14/1 Wednesday MASTER CHEF DAY Learn to cook a meal you can teach the rest of the family</p> </div> | <div data-bbox="790 974 1093 1310"> <p>15/1 Thursday Bowl and play the morning away with lunch included Wear socks! LISMORE TENPIN BOWLING & PLAYGROUND</p> </div> <div data-bbox="790 1332 1093 1489"> <p>16/1 Friday TECHNOLOGY DAY Bring your iPad, iPod and beat the teachers at Wii</p> </div> <div data-bbox="790 1512 1093 1668"> <p>19/1 Monday PHOTOGRAPHY DAY Bring your camera to enter our photography competition</p> </div> <div data-bbox="790 1691 1093 2004"> <p>20/1 Tuesday Get creative in this printmaking art workshop! KIDS ART LAB</p> </div> | <div data-bbox="1125 974 1428 1131"> <p>21/1 Wednesday WHEELS DAY Test your riding skills around our obstacle course No helmet no play</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1125 1153 1428 1444"> <p>22/1 Thursday LISMORE SQUASH & GAMES COURTS 6 fun games of skill and agility Bring lunch!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1125 1467 1428 1668"> <p>23/1 Friday AUSTRALIA DAY DRESSUP & CRAFT Come dressed to celebrate and make things all Australian</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1125 1691 1428 1825"> <p>26/1 Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY No Vacation Care Today</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1125 1848 1428 2004"> <p>27/1 Tuesday PUPIL FREE DAY DISCO & COSTUME PARTY Celebrate Helping Hands 1st Birthday at Wyrallah Road</p> </div> |
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