



Kindergarten Orientation

Last Thursday our Kindergarten Orientation was a huge success where our 2016 Kindergarten children were able to meet their Kindergarten teachers and their buddy students from Year 5. All of our new families enjoyed a school tour, a scrumptious morning tea provided by our WRPS P&C and an information session. Children became familiar with Kindergarten classrooms and areas in the school. They had a great time participating in pre-kinder activities.

Our orientation days are a vital part of our transition to school program. It is a time to make the school, including the school layout, facilities and expectations, comfortable and familiar for incoming children. These carefully planned orientation days ensure the transition to school is enjoyable, exciting and supportive for both children and parents. It is also a time to share important information with parents highlighting some of the Kindergarten programs our school has to offer and ensuring that the individual needs of children are communicated by parents to teachers.

Our second orientation day is this Thursday, 19 November where children will meet in the classrooms at 9.30am for another fun-filled day!

CALENDAR

Term 4, Week 7

Wednesday, 18 November, 2015

Wed, 18 Nov	Bangarra Dance Excursion
Thu, 19 Nov	Kinder 2016 Orientation - Day 2
Sun, 22 Nov	White Ribbon Classic – Hepburn Park
Mon, 23 Nov	Interrelate Stage 3
Tue, 24 Nov	5.30 Aboriginal Families Welcome BBQ
Wed, 25 Nov	Community Nurse Anna Tonkin K-1
Thu, 26 Nov	Kinder 2016 Orientation - Day 3 Rivers High School Orientation Day 1
Fri, 27 Nov	2.10 Assembly (Snr Dance & Maxi Rap)
Wed, 2 Dec	12.25 Scripture Christmas Assembly
Thu, 3 Dec	Kinder 2016 Orientation - Day 4 Rivers High School Orientation Day 2
Thu, 10 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Mon, 14 Dec	9.30am K-2 Presentation Day
Tue, 15 Dec	7.00pm Years 3-6 Presentation Night
Wed, 16 Dec	Last School Day for 2015

SENSIBLE IS SAFE WHEN USING TOILETS

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

Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

Wyrallah Road Public School proudly stands on Bundjalung land

SRC SHIELD DAY



Yesterday, Stage 3 had the SRC Shield Day where all four houses competed against each other in Frisbee, Trivia, Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball and other games. We all had a great time and we will find out which house won at Presentation Night on Tuesday, 15 December.

SCIENCE COMPETITION



We are looking for budding scientists to come up with an experiment for a competition to be held next week for students in Stages 2 and 3. The experiments should be outlined on paper describing the materials being used and the procedure to be followed. These need to be given to Mr Williamson before next Friday, 28 November.

The experiments will be conducted at school in Week 9 for Stages 2 and 3 and the best will also be shown to the Kinder and Stage 1 students in Week 10.

So here's your chance to impress, amaze and astound us with phenomenon from the scientific world!

PLANNING AHEAD

To assist us in planning classes for 2016, it would be appreciated if you could notify us as soon as possible if your child / children will not be returning to our school in 2016. Also, if you are aware of new families intending to enrol at WRPS, please ask them to contact our school office to arrange a meeting with our Principal. Having this information in advance will assist in a smooth start to the new school year.

WHITE RIBBON DAY by Joel and Tom



On Tuesday this week, 17 representatives from our school travelled to Kadina High School with Mr Mussett to help launch the Rivers P-12 White Ribbon Classic being held at Hepburn Park Goonellabah this Sunday, 22 November. As part of our Self-Esteem Unit, we have been talking about our individual differences and the need to show support for women who are experiencing difficulty and speak out when we see something that is not right. White Ribbon has been set up to create awareness, show support for women and for men to take a pledge, 'Swear the Oath' and when they see women being treated badly, stand up and say something about it.

STATE CRICKET CARNIVAL by Brady and Sam

In week 4, we went to the State Cricket Carnival in Barooga. Our first game was against Sydney South West. We won the toss and chose to bat first. They bowled us out for 74 then they batted and they got our runs in 30 overs. The next day we played Riverina. We batted first again and we did so in all the games because our captain Ben won every toss. We put on a score of 130 and our number 5 bat Mitch got another 40 runs. We bowled them all out for 110 with 5 overs to go. Brady got a stumping off Sam's bowling and Sam got 2 for 11 off 8 overs. On the third day we played North West. Our captain Ben got 69* with the bat and put on an 80 partnership with Sam. Sam got 24 and Brady only let 3 byes through as wicket keeper. We made an impressive 129 and won again. On the last day we played CIS for seventh and eighth position. We had a great game but unfortunately lost with a few overs to go. That meant we came eighth. After the game we went back to watch the final and Mackillop beat Sydney East. Unfortunately we didn't make it in the NSW side but Sam and Ben made the squad.

STATE SOFTBALL CARNIVAL by Sam, Reece and Brady

On the last week of Term 3 we went to the State Softball Titles in Manly. We arrived in Manly on Monday night and had an early start on Tuesday morning. We arrived at 7.15am and had our photos taken, ready to play our first game against South Coast. We had a win and the score was 16-3. Our second game was against Riverina and our third against Mackillop. We won our second game 18-3 and lost the next 15-5. Our last game for the day was against Polding and we lost 14-3.

We were sitting in a pretty good position at the end of the first day which put us in the top pool. The next day we played Mackillop, Sydney South West, Western and Sydney North. We lost all of those games by a close margin which meant we couldn't win the tournament. We played off for sixth and seventh and lost against North West. Unfortunately, none of us made it but Reece fielded well, Sam batted well and Brady captained well. We had a fun Carnival.

ENVIRONMENT TEAM NEWS



Thank you to all those who donated recycled goods for the creation of our Christmas trees. Some have been finished and entered into two competitions with the remaining trees near completion.

If you or your children want to see some amazing things you can do with your rubbish or unwanted goods, watch *Totally Rubbish* on ABC 3.

Please send any old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, toothpaste and toothbrush boxes, dental floss containers in to school and place in the box near the front office to be recycled.

Congratulations to the Environment Team and 3/4W who participated in the Environment Waste Challenge last term. Although we did not win, the students were awarded a \$250 voucher which can be used at the Recycling Centre or for enhancing our gardens.

HELPING HANDS

Only five weeks are left of the school year and Helping Hands will be releasing the December/January Vacation Program very soon! An email containing the Vacation Care program will be emailed to Helping Hands families and will also be posted on the Wyrallah Road Public School Facebook page.

Helping Hands staff would like to remind parents and children of the importance of bringing a hat to Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). The sun is still out till late in the afternoons and it is important to be sun safe! Thank you to the children who continuously wear their hats without being reminded. Toys are also to be left at home and not brought into the OSHC service. This is to prevent toys being misplaced.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu, 19 Nov	Steph Gregory, Naomi Pitkin
Fri, 20	Asher Smith, HELP PLEASE
Mon, 23	Amanda Keys
Tue, 24	Freda Yee
Wed, 25	Renea Allen, Donalee Green
Thu, 26	HELP PLEASE
Fri, 27	Asher Smith, Sedina Hill
Mon, 30	Amanda Keys
Tue, 1 Dec	HELP PLEASE
Wed, 2 Dec	Kerry McDonald, Leonie Freund



Thankyou to everyone who donated cakes, slices, etc. for Kinder Orientation last Thursday. It was a great way to welcome our new Kinder 2016 parents.

UNIFORM SHOP

- Uniform Shop is open from 2.00-3.00pm on assembly Fridays and 8.30-10.00am on non-assembly Fridays.
- Kinder Orientation – the Uniform Shop will be open for Kinder Orientation each week from 8.30-11.00am. If you are able to help out during Kinder Orientation, it would be greatly appreciated.
- **Roster: Friday, 20 November 8.30-10.00am Asher Smith**

COMMUNITY NEWS

- WRPS Intensive Swimming Scheme has finished for the year – please consider continuing swimming lessons at one of our local swim schools, eg 'Swimsations' operates in Lismore (6621 6166) and Goonellabah (6625 5370). Please phone to book a free swim assessment.
- Go4Fun – Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years. Helps kids reach a healthy weight. Fun games and exercise for kids, build self-esteem and motivation. Phone 6620 7502 to register for Term 1, 2016.
- The Lismore Legal Aid office offers a free legal advice service for Family Law and Civil Law matters. Lismore Legal Aid has free legal advice appointments in your area. Please call us on 6621 2082 to find out when and where you can speak to one of our Solicitors.

FAMILY FUN DAY with face painting, jumping castle, BBQ, food stalls and much more!

THE RIVERS P-12



is hosting...

White Ribbon Day



Raising awareness about domestic and family violence

9 AM

Sunday 22nd November
Hepburn Park Goonellabah

Walkathon through Butterfly Walk

Best dressed individual. Best dressed team.

Best dressed business. Raffles.

'Rivers P-12 100m dash race- GIFT'

\$2 entry. Proceeds to White Ribbon and community organisations supporting women and families in crisis.