

Wyrallah Road

PUBLIC SCHOOL

OPPORTUNITY | CARE | QUALITY | SUCCESS



White Ribbon Day



Recycled Christmas Trees



BANGARRA - KINSHIP

Last Wednesday, Year 4, 5 & 6 Aboriginal students and the Senior Dance Ensemble had the exciting opportunity to attend a performance by Bangarra at Lismore City Hall. Bangarra is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander organisation and one of Australia's leading performing arts companies, widely acclaimed nationally and around the world for its powerful dancing, distinctive theatrical voice and utterly unique soundscapes, music and design. Students were treated to two performance pieces: Kinship (Brolga and ID) which celebrate and explore Indigenous culture and perspectives. Kinship opened with Brolga (Gudurrku), a creation story inspired by the totemic systems in the Australian Aboriginal culture where every individual is assigned a creature totem related to their clan. The second work in the Kinship program is ID. This work investigates being Aboriginal in the 21st century, asking important questions about identity. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were mesmerised by the outstanding lighting, sound, costumes and performances.



CALENDAR

Term 4, Week 8

Wednesday, 25 November, 2015

Thu, 26 Nov	Kinder 2016 Orientation - Day 3 Rivers High Schools Orientation Day 1
Fri, 27 Nov	2.10 Assembly (Snr Dance & Maxi Rap)
Tue, 1 Dec	2016 School Captain Speeches & voting
Wed, 2 Dec	12.25 Scripture Christmas Assembly
Thu, 3 Dec	Kinder 2016 Orientation - Day 4 Rivers High Schools Orientation Day 2
Wed, 9 Dec	3 Banner Celebration Day 6.30pm P&C Christmas Party
Thu, 10 Dec	Kindergarten Gold Day Excursion Year 6 Farewell
Fri, 11 Dec	2.10pm School Assembly (Violin, Rivers Dance, Choir)
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
2016	
Wed, 27 Jan	Staff Development Day
Thu, 28 Jan	Students Years 1-6 return Kinder Best Start
Fri, 29 Jan	Kinder Best Start
Mon, 1 Feb	Kinder Best Start
Tue, 2 Feb	First Day for Kinder students

CONGRATULATIONS BANNER ACHIEVERS!

Amirah E, Skyla D, Jayden M, Zetta S, Jasmine B, Jesse P, Shane C, Jaimee Lee

Principal: **Gareth Hockings**

Wyrallah Road Public School proudly stands on Bundjalung land

152 Nielson St Lismore 2480 ▪ 6621 3363 ▪ wyrallahrd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

2016 STEP UP

For the next two Thursdays, all WRPS students will get a small taste of what it will be like in 2016 by moving up one grade. With the pre-schoolers here for their last two orientation days and Year 6 attending transition to high school, we are perfectly placed to plan ahead and give students and teachers a chance to understand a little about what to expect from next year. For example, current Year 1 students will move to Year 2 classes and Year 2 teachers and so on, throughout the school. The classes that students will be in on these days will not be their class or teacher for next year but it should give them a snapshot of what to expect. This transition program will not interfere with other programs being run, including weekly sport which will go ahead as normal.

SCHOOL ADMIN AND SUPPORT STAFF (SASS) RECOGNITION WEEK

At WRPS, we are taking the opportunity next week to thank our amazing School Administration and Support Staff. This incredible team of office ladies, ground keepers and school learning support officers do amazing work every day, often behind the scenes and without recognition. Next week, I encourage you to join our teaching staff in thanking our SASS colleagues for helping to make our school the great school it is! (PS They only eat dark chocolate).

ABORIGINAL WELCOME BBQ AND END OF YEAR AWARDS



Last night, the current Aboriginal families and the incoming kinder families for 2016 attended the annual Welcome BBQ. Approximately 60 parents, students and staff joined in the festivities enjoying a BBQ, activities from Helping Hands and face painting. It was a great opportunity for students, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to come together and acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our Aboriginal students at WRPS. Many students received awards for their efforts and achievements throughout Semester Two. Awards were handed out for 100% attendance, involvement in the peer reading program, academic and sporting achievement, citizenship and improvement and much more. The students who received awards were: Curtis, Jermias, Taylan, Aliya, Solomon, Braith, Shedeisha, Shayla, Tina, Zetta, Jaidyn, Jasmine, Madison, Clay, Stan, Skye-Lee, Frazer, Malakai, Shanaya, Jaanay, Bailey, Elke, Amarli, Laquaell, Jackson, Sienna, Shayla, Kameka, Tahlia, Maleah, Akira and Shyne. We would like to thank all families for attending this wonderful event again this year.

WHITE RIBBON DAY by Kalea and Tom

Last Sunday, students who proudly attend Wyrallah Road Public School, represented our school at Lismore's first White Ribbon Day at Hepburn Park to show our support at stopping violence against women. We participated in the Butterfly Walk, a jumping castle, a 60m and 100m dash and there were lots of stalls. Our WRPS P&C provided slushies, popcorn and lollies which were too irresistible to avoid but the main reason we were there was to raise awareness about the campaign to stop men's violence against women. This is something that is really horrible in Australia as everyone is equal and everyone should be treated fairly. We would like to thank White Ribbon patrons, Jenny Dowell and Stan Gilchrist for their support of the event and Sonya Laverty and John Baker for organising such an important gathering.

PAST WRPS STUDENTS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Congratulations to Sarah Franey who has just been announced the female School Captain for The Rivers Secondary College Kadina High Campus for 2016. Sarah is a past WRPS student and we would like to congratulate her on her continuing achievements at school.



THANKYOU

WRPS would like to thank Thomas, Noble and Russell for their generous donation of computer monitors to the school.

HEAD LICE

We have had several parents contacting the school expressing frustration with reoccurring instances of Head Lice even though they have treated their children. It would be appreciated if parents could please check children's hair and treat if necessary.

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking this year is Monday, 30 November. Any awards ordered will be issued to students before the end of the year. Token numbers (number of deposits made) will be carried over to next year. Please remember, tokens are only a visual aid for the kids, the computer program keeps a tally of how many deposits each child has made and alerts the banking volunteers when the child is eligible to order an award so don't worry if your child is missing tokens. We wish all school bankers and their families a Merry Christmas.

HOLIDAY FUN WITH HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands Wyrallah Road has released its Vacation Care program! It is packed with fun activities and excursions! The program includes Old McDonald's Farm, Laser Tag, Galaxy Day and many more exciting activities. If your child is commencing Kindergarten in 2016, they are allowed to attend in the January holidays. Please contact Emily on 0448 125995 or email wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au if you have any further questions.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu, 26 Nov	Steph Gregory, HELP PLEASE
Fri, 27 Nov	Asher Smith, Sedina Hill
Mon, 30 Nov	Amanda Keys
Tue, 1 Dec	HELP PLEASE
Wed, 2 Dec	Kerry McDonald, Leonie Freund
Thu, 3 Dec	Steph Gregory, Sheree Lahne
Fri, 4 Dec	Elaine Barry, Amy Obee, Asher Smith
Mon, 7 Dec	Amanda Keys
Tue, 8 Dec	HELP PLEASE
Wed, 9 Dec	Asher Smith, Donalee Green

UNIFORM SHOP

- Uniform Shop is open from 2.00-3.00pm on assembly Fridays and 8.30-10.00am on non-assembly Fridays.
- **Roster: Friday, 27 November 2.00-3.00pm - Katja McPherson**
- We have girls' blouses in sizes 20, 22, 24 for \$35 each and boys' polos in sizes Small Mens and Medium Mens for \$30 each.
- We desperately need second-hand uniforms, particularly small sized dresses, skorts and blouses. Please send in second-hand donations to the canteen.
- New school bags are \$48 and come with a life-time primary school warranty.

