Term 3 Week 6

**Monday 17th August 2015**

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### School Happenings

**Kangaroo March**

It’s 100 years since the First World War, when many Australians volunteered to serve King, Country and Empire in the war overseas. Many men from small towns, such as ours, signed up to fight in a war that threatened to end the way of life Australians, and others in the British Empire, held dear. Many joined on recruitment marches – such as the Kangaroo March, that came through Wingello in 1915.

These men were away for 3 more years; some never came home, some came home permanently scarred – both physically and mentally. This year, we pay tribute to the Kangaroos, by recreating the Kangaroo March and following in their footsteps.

We also want to honour the mothers, the fiancées, the wives, the sisters, the daughters who said goodbye to their menfolk, not knowing what the outcome would be. We want to begin to understand the intensity of their losses – especially in small towns like ours.
We do not seek to glorify war; we seek to remember those sacrifices, and to learn from them, to help new generations learn of their history.

The March comes to Wingello on Tuesday the 29th September. The re-enactment of the March enables the children and their parents in the towns and villages along the route to learn something more of their collective past. The ANZAC story is well known; less well known are the stories of the men who signed up after Gallipoli, who, as much as the ANZACs, helped forge the Australian spirit.

On the 6th August, OJ Rushton, from the Kangaroo March Committee came out to the school and talked to the children about the March and ways that we can be involved.

When OJ Came I got to dress up as a school boy and Sophie got to dress up as a school girl. We got to look at very old games, like dominoes, marbles and jacks. We got to march and sing. It was really fun.                       By Hunter

On the 6th August OJ came to teach the K-2 and the 3-6. The lady taught the 3-6 first at 11.30 – 12.15, then she taught the K-2 at 12.15-1.00. The lady taught both classes the Kangaroo March. She taught them three songs. They had fun. She taught them the food the army people ate. She also taught them that people marched from Wagga Wagga to get people for the army. They got 88 people for the army to fight. I had heaps of fun.                       By Kristen
Platypus Dreaming

On Monday, Aunty Wendy comes to teach us Aboriginal Art. K-2 go at 12.00-1.00pm and 3-6 go from 2.00-3.00pm. In the first week we did dot-painting. Then yesterday with Aunty Wendy we made ochre with sandpaper and a rock.

We got to mix our ochre with water and rub it onto the canvas. When it was dry we painted our hands any colour but black and gently made a print on top of the ochre.

We had an awesome time.

By Emma and Lacey
11.08.15

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge reading records need to be returned to the school by the 20th August (this Wednesday). Please return your pink forms (that went out last term) to the office. Thank you!

Prospective Enrolments

We are receiving applications and enquiries about enrolments for Kindergarten next year. We have a new brochure detailing the kinds of programs our school offers and what resources we have, which you can pick up in the office.

If you know someone who may be interested in enrolling here next year, please encourage them to contact us, or fill out a Prospective Enrolment Form.

Staff Changes:

From the 24th August to the 7th September, Ms Irvine is on long service leave and her class will be taken by Ms Bullock. Mr Randall will also be here for his usual Tuesday and Thursday and for relief on other days.

From the 18th August, Mrs Seers will be doing her professional experience for university, in the K-2 classroom.

The school office role is currently being shared by Mrs Robson (our relief Administration Manager), Mrs Seers and Mrs Hayes. There will be someone in the office on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and alternate Thursdays.
Southern Highlands Academically Gifted Class Science Fair

One of our year six students, Royston, has been participating in the Academically Gifted Class this year. The class takes place one day a week, at Bowral Public School, with a class made up of students from all over the Highlands.

This year’s class have done a novel study on Song for a Scarlet Runner, built a website on the ANZACs, submitted book reviews for the Book Blast website and explored maths. Their final project for the year was a science fair, held last week. Each child selected a question and designed an experiment to test it, which they then carried out over several weeks. Their final findings were presented in the form of a display at the Science Fair and students gave a talk explaining their research.

Royston looked at how we can tell if people are lying. He researched lie detector tests, signs of lying and why some people find lying easy. He then observed a number of people playing ‘cheat’ and recorded their signs of lying.

Crunch & Sip News

Children are more likely to enjoy their Crunch & Sip if their produce is fresh and delicious. Choose fruit and veg that are currently in season and that feel firm, smell nice and look appealing.

Did you know that good quality cranberries will bounce when dropped? While we don’t want children dropping good fruit on the ground, cranberries are full of Vitamin C, E and fibre so pop them in your child’s bag for Crunch & Sip.

Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy. Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

Crunch & Sip does not have to be limited to school days. Encourage your children to crunch on fruit & vegetables and drink plenty of water over the weekend and during holidays. Don’t forget to join in! Be a positive role model by enjoying Crunch & Sip with your kids as you set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating habits.

Earn and Learn

We are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Collecting stickers helps towards purchasing school resources. You can drop stickers into the box in the office foyer.

Online Payments

In September we will be introducing online payments for excursions. We know it is not always easy to get to a bank, living out here, so we hope this will help. More information will come out shortly.
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Week Four Awards:

Student of the Week:

Mrs Gillian Irvine

Principal’s Awards:

Charli, Maddison, Millie, Kristen, Emma, Kaleb, Connor

Merit Certificates:

Tain, Sam, Bella, Maisie, Roy, Kristen, Kingston, Madison, Cooper, Kaleb, Zara, Isaac, Hunter, Brodie, Lacey, Kai, Millie.

Week Five Awards

Student of the Week:

Cooper
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Principal’s Award:

Kingston

Certificate of Merit:

Sophie & Isaac

NRL Gala Day

Ava
Will:
Week Five Assembly Play:

Library

Please remember to bring back your library books on Wednesday.

Children need a library bag to carry books home. Library bags can be any bag from home, but cloth bags are best. School library bags can be purchased from the office for only $6.

Without a library bag, children are only allowed to borrow one book.

From the office:

Please return News-wallets to the office for re-use each week.

Roster -
Children’s Hand towels:
21st August Hill
28th August Howard

Friday Lunch Box
21st August Bronwyn
28th August Bronwyn/Rebecca

Thank you!

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Back to School time is here again! Are you financially ready? Saver Plus can help you with up to $500 in matched savings for next year’s school costs. You save for 10 months and receive FREE financial education along the way!

To be eligible you must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 1300 610 355

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.
A note on Head Lice

Head lice have been reported to the school - please check, and if necessary treat, your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no head lice are found but you need to look for the head lice.

If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member.

According to Nitpickers (an education and advisory service for families and schools started by 2 mothers in Queensland)

‘When a person goes to the dentist and has no cavities, it doesn’t mean tooth brushing stops…same when a person is deemed clear of head lice, it doesn’t mean the screening should stop. Regular combing should become part of everyone’s weekly routine.’

Head lice will be a problem from time to time in any school and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem.

Accurate information on treatment and control of head lice can be found at the school office.

The Southern Highlands Challenge

All races are now close to capacity – ENTER NOW!!

Trail Running Event
Sunday, August 30
Wingello State Forest
1 km, 7 km, 24 km and 49 km

Online entries close on Thursday night, August 27 and students entering after this date will not be added to school totals.

The school has been registered for students to enter. Please see Helene or Katherine in the office if you need assistance registering your child to run with the school.

There is an event for everyone in the family and food, drink and family activities for both runners and spectators.

Medals for finishers, age awards and a prize for the school that has the most entrants per enrolment.

Visit: www.southernhighlandschallenge.com or For more information contact SHC local liaison Linda Christison lkcdigitalmedia@gmail.com

The P&C will be running a food stall fund raiser at this event and desperately need your help – please help us. All funds raised go back into our school for new resources and equipment.

Mitgagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 29th August
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years

Parents and children under 4 free.