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**Important School Dates - Term Three**

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**School Happenings**

**Aboriginal Cultural Experience**

It has been a great pleasure to have Wendy Lotter, of Platypus Dreaming Cultural Tours, delivering an Aboriginal Cultural Program at our school each Monday for the last few weeks.

Together we have looked at Aboriginal Identity and Land, Art, Communication, Dance, bush tucker and traditional bush medicines. Children have created art works, told stories, worker with ochre, danced and learnt about health and survival in the bush.

Today we celebrated the end of the program by cooking sausages down in the nature reserve. Aunty Wendy was impressed at how much the children remember of what they’ve learnt.

Congratulations to the team of runners who represented our school in the Southern Highlands Challenge. They won a $500 prize (voucher) for our school, for entering a team and we want to say Thank You!

You will find more information on our fundraising efforts, and many more thanks inside the newsletter.

Just a reminder that, if you have not already contributed, we ask each child to bring $3 to cover the cost of the canvas for their art work.
Book Parade and Book Fair

To celebrate Book Week, we will be having a Book Fair in our school library on Wednesday 16th September (week 10).

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite character for the book parade. Prizes will be awarded to the K-2 and 3-6 best dressed.

All parents/family are welcome to attend our celebrations from 10am onward. Morning tea will be provided after the parade, but if any families wish to bring something along to contribute, it would be very much appreciated.

After morning tea, R.A. Spratt, author of the Friday Barnes and Nanny Piggins Series will be visiting our school to speak to the students. This visit will be of no cost and she is happy to sign books.

We are all looking forward to a great day!

Talent Quest

Last week a group of students organized a talent quest.

Zara was our MC and we had four student judges – Ava, Emmy, Taylah and Josie.

Students performed a number of items – a magic show, dancing, and singing.

Thank you to the organisers and everyone who was involved. It was great fun and a lovely afternoon for everyone.
Farewell Zara and Charlie:

We wish Charlie and Zara well in their new school. We have enjoyed getting to know them and will miss them.

K-2 News

A big thank you to Ms Bullock for her excellent work with K,1,2 while I was away. Also a big thank you to the children. I was very proud of them. They were very thoughtful and enthusiastic for Ms Bullock.

K,1,2 have been writing persuasive arguments on a variety of topics, including why we should eat a healthy breakfast:
Science News

MEASURING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT
This term the students in both classes have been monitoring the amount of material that our school puts into landfill. On Wednesday we will be measuring the volume of waste produced in one week. Our aim will be to reduce this amount by the end of next term.

Wingello RFS Open Day Colouring In Competition

On the 12th September Wingello Rural Fire Brigade will be holding their annual Open Day to help local residents ‘Get Ready’ for fire season.

The Brigade is holding a colouring in competition, to be judged at the Open Day, with winners announced at 1pm. A prize will be available in each age category: 5-6 years (fireman picture), 7-8 years (fireman picture), 9-10 years (fire truck picture) and 11-12 years (fire truck picture).

Pictures have been sent home today, please return completed pictures to the school office by the 11th September, or drop it in to the Fire Station yourself on the morning of the Open Day (12th September).

Southern Highlands Challenge

Last weekend the P&C had one of our biggest fundraising efforts yet. 1200 people came to test themselves running the trails in the Wingello Forest and we had the challenge of feeding them.

It was a massive effort by a small group of people. We are waiting for a final tally but we took in $7,500 on the day so I think it was worth it.

I have a lot of Thankyous to make. Firstly to the P&C committee, Katherine Seers, Jo Marr, Amie Turner, Loretta Covington, Kim Martin, Helene Robson and Roxanne Hayes you all helped plan, ordered food, did shopping and ran many errands to get ready for this event; as always your dedication amazes me.

Next Miranda Smithers, Amie Turner and Michelle Thompson, who couldn’t be there on Sunday but baked treats for us to sell - thank you they were delicious.

Graham Beard, Aaron Hayes, Billy Turner and Jodie Marr all put in a massive effort on the BBQ throughout the day and probably won’t be able to eat bacon or sausages for weeks.

Helene, Loretta, Roxanne, Jo, Kim and Haydon Beard worked tirelessly serving food and even though we thought the queue would never end you all did an amazing job and your positive attitude was fantastic. I need to make a special mention of Mr Mark Randall, one of our wonderful teachers here at Wingello who went above and beyond on the weekend and helped us get through the chaos of the lunch crowd – we couldn’t have done it without you.
Also I want to thank Ricky Martin and Shane Robson for helping with the setting up and packing away.

At the end of the day we hope to have made a profit of somewhere between $4500 - $5000 for our school.

We had an unexpected bonus of the Wingello school team winning a prize in the kid’s race – well done team.

We had some people on the volunteer roster who couldn’t make it out on the day for various reason which left us shorthanded. More volunteers means lighter work for us all so please come along and help out on the next one, any time you can spare us is appreciated and it raises money for all our children.

Well done team and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting when we can discuss how best to improve our school with your hard earned money.

Thankyou
Bronwyn Beard
P&C president.

(And Thank you, Bronwyn!! From the school)

**Attachments**

We have a big newsletter today, with lots of information and attachments – please make sure you read it all carefully and as always, don’t hesitate to ask if you have questions.

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**School attendance:**

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 have a responsibility to make sure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Parents can contact the school by telephone, written note or email. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on your child’s record.

**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.
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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.

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.

Mrs Seers is currently doing her university professional experience in the K-2 classroom.

The school office role is currently being shared by Mrs Robson, Mrs Seers and Mrs Hayes. There will be someone in the office on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and alternate Thursdays.

School Contribution

Voluntary School Contributions can be paid any time throughout the year, if you have not paid already this year. It is $40 per student or $50 per family.

Family Details

Please make sure you notify the office with any changed details- phone numbers, Doctors, a new allergy or illness, or emergency contact changes. This is very important – thank you.

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:
4th September - Lawler family
11th September - Marr family

Friday Lunch Box
4th September - Gala Day
11th September - Michelle

Thank you!
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Week Six Awards:

Student of the Week:

Ava

Merit Certificates:

Emma and Olivia

Week Seven Awards

Student of the Week:

Isaac

Certificate of Merit:

Zac
Connor

Principal’s Award:

Sophie
Birthday Photos:

Happy Birthday Lily (K-2)

And a belated Happy Birthday to Cooper, Isaac and Olivia:

A note on Head Lice

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10,000 years. Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news...

We know where they live and we know how to find them. If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

Step 1  Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
Step 2  Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
Step 3  Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
Step 4  If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;
Step 5  If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

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

Following the success of our first “Meet”
We invite you to come to the next!
Join us for coffee/tea and a friendly chat
Tuesday 1st September
At the new time of 2.30 pm
at
Wingello Mechanics
Institute Hall

Mobile Library arrives in the village at 2.15pm
A gold coin donation would be appreciated

All Welcome!
Wingello Village Association
for enquiries
Ph Carol on 4884 4312

BBT Bike Ride 2015

Sunday 20 September
As part of NSW Bike Week come along and join in the free cycling event
The ride is a 9km return course for bike riders of all ages and abilities along the beautiful Bong Bong Track, the Southern Highlands shared pedestrian/cycle path.
FREE ENTRY - Register on the day at 10am
Southern end Railway Road, Burradoo (just past Oxley College)
PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FACE PAINTING.
TREASURE HUNT FOR THE KIDS!
Register and receive a FREE Bike Week Water Bottle and Snap Band
Bring - Your own bike in good working condition, helmet (compulsory).
For more details and a registration form visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au
or call Council’s Road Safety Officer on (02) 48 68 0809

Kangaroo March Dinner and Entertainment at Wingello

The community of Wingello is hosting a Kangaroo March dinner with entertainment in the Wingello Mechanics Hall on 29th September 2015. We will be catering for up to 100 including marchers, their support staff and community members.
The function will start at 6pm with a short ceremony put on by the Kangaroo March, then a simple sit down dinner of delicious stews, crusty bread and apple pie while being entertained (“The Tramp of Marching Boots”; a concert of yarns, poems and songs circa WW1) by a local thespian troupe until the evening finishes at around 9pm.

The whole night will only cost $10 per head so reserve a place by paying online before 22nd September. It’s important to book early so we can cater for the night.
Simply make an internet bank/credit union transfer into our Wingello Village Association events account

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Please don’t forget to say who you are ("KM.your initial & surname") and write down your receipt number.
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<td>Cost: $70 registration $25 Shorts</td>
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<td>All Games for the 2015/2016 season will be held at Lackey Park Moss Vale due to Community Oval having upgrades.</td>
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<td>So come down with your team or we can place you in a team on one of our registration days and get the new season up and running.</td>
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<td>And don’t forget to like us on facebook to keep updated with information and news.</td>
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**Meditation for Children Program**

**What:** A meditation program designed especially for primary school children

**Why:** Meditation is a valuable life skill with many and varied benefits for individuals and society

**When:** Wednesdays from October 14th to December 2nd

**Time:** 4-5pm

**Where:** Goulburn West Public School Library, Combermere Street

**Facilitator:** Dianne Bourke Cost: $10 per session

**Further information:** Phone: 0422068825

**Email:** dianneb888@yahoo.com.au

**Bookings essential by 9th October 2015**

We are now taking booking for term 4 and have limited spots for morning and after school lessons. The term dates are Tuesday, 6th October to Friday, 11th December.

We also have limited spots for our NeateAbility Club. (Swimming club for children with disabilities). If your child has a disability don’t let them miss out on a skill for life.

There will be a school holiday program in the second week of School holidays, Dates are from Monday, 28th September to Friday, 2nd October . The cost will be $50 per child for the week in group lessons. This is for school aged children only.

We are also participating in National Learn To Swim Week, Which gives one free lesson for pre school children aged between 3 to 5 yrs and not already enrolled at The Neate Swim School. These lessons will be run at the same time as our holiday program.

For more information or to book in now Please call us on 48212553.