Important School Dates-Term Four

- 24th November - Interrelate, Burrawang, Year Six
- 25th November - Kinder Orientation 2.00-3.00pm
- 30th November - School Swimming Scheme Week
- 30th November - Interrelate, Burrawang, Years Five and Six
- 3rd December - Orientation MVHS (Year 6)
- 8th December - Jump Rope for Heart Skip Off
- 9th December - Final Bird Watching for 2015
- 11th December - End of Year Concert
- 16th December - Pool Party & Last Day of Term for Students

School Happenings

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, the children made poppies, and at 11am we stopped for one minute’s silence and played the last post. Lest we Forget.
Year Six Farewell Dinner

A huge thank you to Mrs Beard and Ms Irvine for organizing the year six farewell dinner. Special thanks go to all the helpers: Loretta, Michelle, Amie, Kobi, Haydon, Jackson, Lachlan, and Hunter. Thank you also to Sylvan Glen for lending us the decorations. The hall looked amazing, the food was excellent and we all had a really lovely time.

Farewell Josie

This week we bid a very sad farewell to Josie, who has been with us since Kindergarten (2008). We will miss her very much – and thank her for her friendship and all that she has offered our school. Thank you also to her family, to Justin and Georgie, and Kobi, for all their help with the P&C over the years – we wish you all the best for your new venture in Melbourne.

Year 5-6 Bat Boxes

As part of Science, Environmental Studies, Year 5 and 6 are making micro bat boxes to be placed in the school grounds. They will be researching some information, about micro-bats, to place near the boxes. The laminated sheets will have a photo of a micro-bat and detailed facts about micro-bats and their habits in our area.
**Bird Watching**

Wednesday 9th December will be the last bird watching morning for the year.

All students in the bird watching group please come at 8.25am, ready for an 8.30am start.

Mr Col Kolhagen will come out for the last time this year and we would like to present him with a Thank You Certificate from the group on behalf of the school. It has been a wonderful program that is making a difference when it comes to contributing to conserving our environment. It would not be possible without the dedication of the Southern Highlands Bird Life volunteers who give their time to come once a month and assist us to do a bird count and enter the data on the Australian Bird Life Atlas.

**End of Year Concert**

The children are practicing their items for the end of year concert, which will be held at the Wingello Hall on the 11th December.

A number of prizes will be awarded on the evening in recognition of academic and sporting achievement and improvement. If you would like to donate a book prize for the evening, please come in and see us in the office. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have already donated.

If you are handy with a sewing machine or a paintbrush and would like to help us with costumes or sets, please see Ms Irvine.

**End of Year Concert Costumes for Kinder, Years 1 and 2.**

Kinder and Year 1 students will receive individual notes about their clothes for the Sleeping Beauty play. For Year Two, see below:

**Year 2 - Geebung Players** –
- check shirt (flanno or cotton with sleeves rolled up)
- jeans
- riding boots or black shoes
- a mop or broom for a horse
- akubra or old bush hat if possible.

**Year 2 - Cuff and Collar players** –
- white T-shirt of cotton shirt
- black track suit pants
- black boots or shoes
- riding hat
- squeejie or mop

**Work Experience**

This week we have Katelyn (Miss Ryan) from Crookwell High School on work experience. If you see her around, smile and say hello and make her feel welcome.
Term 4 Week 8

Monday 23rd November 2015

Year 2 - Christmas elves
- an elf hat and some Christmas tinsel for waist, sleeves and ankles.
- same clothes as for Yr 2 item.

Mixed Bag Gala Day

Royston and Kai went to Moss Vale as part of the Moss Vale High School transition program, for a Mixed Bag Gala Day. They got to meet up with the children they will be going to High School with, and they got to try a number of different sports.

Jump Rope for Heart

Wingello Public School is excited to be a part of Jump Rope for Heart in 2015. We’re enjoying learning lots of fun skipping skills and how to keep our hearts healthy!

Our Students can sign up now (if they haven’t already), using the green ‘Join now’ button on the website:

Once you’re signed up you’ll be able to customise your page and start fundraising towards our school target. The sooner our students register the sooner they can start collecting, before our Jump Off day, which is December 8th.

Please ask your friends and family to join the fun by sponsoring us. All they have to do is search for the student they know using the ‘Sponsor a friend’ link at the top of the site and use the ‘Give Now’ button and give what they can.

Thank you for supporting Wingello Public School this Jump Rope for Heart – we look forward to sharing our new skipping skills this term. Let’s Skip to it.

Mr Randall
Library

Please remember to bring back your library books on Wednesday. This week will be our last week for borrowing for the year. If you could please have a look at home for any outstanding library books and return them by the 2nd December, we can start preparing the library for the new computer system that will be installed next year (Oliver).

Child Protection

The Lower Primary Child Protection Unit is being run in the K-2 class. The correct terminology is used to describe parts of our body. Your child may wish to talk to you about this.

This unit assists your child to recognise unsafe situations and gives them the language to explain what is happening or what they are worried about. It also gives them a list of trusted adults that they can confide in.

By the end of the unit they should be confident to use the............

Breakfast Club

For 2016, we are looking at the possibility of starting a breakfast club. Parents could then drop children off at 8.00am, knowing children would be given breakfast and supervised before school. We are looking at a cost of $5 per child. If this is something you would be interested in, or you could help supervise, please talk to Ms Irvine.

Uniform Reminder:

We have a ‘no hat, no play’ policy, so children need to be wearing hats every day. School hats are available from the P&C for $9 and come in various sizes to fit all children.

Crunch ‘n’ Sip

Strawberries are always a favourite with children due to their sweet taste. To keep them sweet and looking their best, remove them from their punnets, when you get home, and place them on a paper towel on a plate and cover it with cling wrap.

Cherry tomatoes are great for Crunch & Sip as they can be eaten without creating a mess. Don’t make the common mistake of placing them in the fridge, leave them at room temperature until they are very ripe, then place them in the fridge.

Crunch & Sip is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated as they lose fluid running around and being active, especially over the summer months. Over the warmer months, a cold drink bottle is ideal for hydration but also keeps lunchbox food items cool.
From the office:
Please return News-wallets to the office for re-use each week.

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 contacts. This is very important as we need up to date details if we need to contact you about your child – Thank You!

Roster -
Children’s Hand towels:
27th November       Tremain
4th December        Turner

Friday Lunch Box
27th November       Rebecca
Thank you!

Week Six Awards

Student of the Week:
Beau Freestone

Principal’s Award:
Sophie

Merit Certificates:
Emma, Taylah, Connor, Hunter, Bella & Kaleb

Week Seven Awards

Student of the Week:
Beau Freestone

Principal’s Award:
Rocco

Merit Certificate:
Kai

Connor
**Breathe easy this bush fire season**

With bush fire season well underway, we are urging parents and school staff to be extra prepared and aware of asthma signs and symptoms.

Asthma Foundation NSW CEO Michele Goldman warned wood smoke poses a serious threat to people with asthma, particularly children. “Children, the elderly, and people with asthma and other breathing problems are usually the first to feel the effects of smoke,” Ms Goldman said.

“Parents and carers of people with asthma need to be on the alert during bush fire season because wood smoke can trigger a flare-up or even a potentially fatal attack,” she said.

“During this period it is absolutely vital that people keep taking their asthma medication. We are advising all people with asthma to carry their reliever medication at all times and to take their preventer medication regularly, as it can take some weeks to be fully effective.

“On days when wood smoke levels are high, people should consider the places they intend to visit and weigh up the risks carefully.”

For further information visit our bush fires page or for asthma concerns phone our on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

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**Free Child Car Seat Safety Check**

By law, all children under 7 years of age must be secured in the correct child restraint for their age and size. Unfortunately 2 out of 3 child restraints are not used correctly (Transport for NSW).

For peace of mind and safety, people can have their child restraint fitted or checked by an RMS authorised fitter, free of charge. Details over the page:

The NSW Rural Fire Service recommends everyone in bush fire prone areas to put their bush fire plan into place. Current information on the status of bushfires can be obtained on the Rural Fire Service website at www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 679 737.

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**Tips to reduce the effects of smoke on asthma**

- Visit your doctor to update your written Asthma Action Plan.
- Continue using your preventer medication and ensure you have reliever medication with you at all times.
- When there is smoke from a fire in the area, unless you are advised to evacuate, you should stay indoors, and close all windows and doors. If you have an air conditioner, switch it to recycle or recirculate.
- If you are in your car, put the air conditioner onto recirculate to reduce your exposure to smoke.
- If you are exposed to smoke, and your reliever medication is not controlling your asthma symptoms, start asthma first aid: sit upright and try to be calm, using your spacer give yourself 4 puffs, taking 4 breaths between each puff. Re-evaluate after 4 minutes. If no improvement, repeat the 4 puffs. If your situation does not improve seek medical assistance.

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Free Composting and Worm Farming Workshop Series, Moss Vale Resource Recovery Centre.

Details available in the School Office
Community News:

Wingello Village Association
Meet and Greet

Join us for our Christmas Meet and Greet
Tuesday 1st December
At 2.30 pm
Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall

All Welcome!
for enquiries
Phone Carol on 4884 4312

Wingello Playgroup

Monday 9.30-11.30 am
Wingello Shop Meeting Room
contact Cassie for more info: 4884 4217

FREE child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by
Authorised Restraint Fitters.
You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster
seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Saturday 28 November 2015
TIME: 9.00am - 12.30pm
LOCATION: Highlands Market Place

Bookings are Essential
For more information contact:
Council’s Road Safety Officer 48 68 0809

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