Term Four Week Two, 2016

Welcome to our new families:

At the beginning of the year we welcome our new Kindergarten families to our school community. We look forward to getting to know you more as we help support your child in their learning.
Student of the Week: Charlotte

Merit Certificates:

Sophie and Millie

Emma and Isaac

Keida, Charlotte, Luca, Georgia, Ryan
Allergy and Anaphylaxis

We have a number of children with allergies to different food items, so we need to make sure children only eat their own food sent from home. As one child has now been diagnosed with a serious nut allergy, we respectfully ask all parents to ensure their children’s lunches do not contain nuts or peanut based products. This helps us keep all our children safe.

Some families like to send cake to celebrate birthdays, though, so if you have a child who cannot eat certain foods, we ask that you send some cakes they can eat (with your child’s name on it) and we can store them in the freezer at school to allow each child to participate safely.

If you want to understand more about living with food allergies, you may find it helpful to watch [www.mcri.edu.au/schoolnuts](http://www.mcri.edu.au/schoolnuts)

Book Club.

Once a month we receive catalogues from Scholastic. We send these home with the newsletter and you will notice they have a return date on them. Returning orders before that date enables Roxanne, our (volunteer) book club coordinator, to get the orders in to Scholastic on time.

You can submit your order with cash payment, or a receipt number from your electronic payment. Each purchase gives our school credit for purchases for our library and also enables your child to find books that they can enjoy at home.

Library

Library time is now on a Tuesday, so please ensure your child has a library bag each week on a Tuesday for borrowing books. Keeping the books in the bag when they are not being read means that they will be ready for returning the following week.

We have library bags for sale, or you can use any bag from home. Children can borrow two books each week if they have a library bag.

We have some books in the office that need covering before they can go into our library. This is something easy you can do from home. If you can help, please see us in the office and we can supply all you need.

Learning Support

Ms Irvine is now supervising our learning support program, so she will be working with children who need additional support, programming for their needs. Mrs Seers will be helping two mornings a week (Wednesday and Friday), carrying out these programs. We have set up a new learning support area in the library building to enable more consistency and organisation.

Lunch Box

We offer Lunch Box on Fridays during term-time. Order forms are sent home with the newsletter and you can return them, with your payment, to the red tin outside the office by Thursday morning. They are then collected and tallied, before they are prepared for lunch on Friday.

We need a volunteer willing to coordinate this service – to tally the orders, add the money and ensure we have enough food. We also need volunteers to cook the food each week. To volunteer for cooking on a Friday, please fill out the enclosed roster form with your available days, and return it to the school office. If you can help with coordinating this service please talk to Bronwyn, our P&C president.
Maintenance

You may notice over the holidays we have had the K-2 Classroom repainted (externally) and, in time, all the buildings will be painted in this new colour scheme.

Parents of our senior class will be happy to notice that the P&C has had air conditioning installed in the 3-6 classroom. Thank you to our parent volunteers for making this happen!

Music Program

On Friday mornings, Ms Keva Abotomey from the Goulburn Regional Conservatorium takes music classes, as part of our curriculum. She works with the children in their year groups for half an hour per group.

Later this year some of our senior students will be participating in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. This is an amazing experience for our Wingello children and many of them are inspired to further their interest in music after taking part.

Ms Maria Dunn will be taking children for extracurricular lessons – as per the information sent home last week. If you are interested in your child having extra music lessons at school, please fill out the form and return it to us, so we can organise these classes to start soon. Lessons cost $30 per half hour, but in group classes the cost is shared (so three students would pay $10 per lesson).

Your child will need an instrument to practice, so you may like to hire or purchase one. If this is a concern for you please let us know and we will see if we can assist.

Parents and Citizens

We will be holding our first P&C meeting shortly – any parent, grandparent or carer is welcome to attend – as are interested members of our community. Please come and contribute your ideas to how we can help our school.

Membership only costs $2 and you can contribute as much as you feel able to. If you are volunteering at any P&C event, your membership ensures you are covered by our insurance. This year we will be asking all volunteers to sign in using our ‘parent-help’ book for this reason.

From Miss Pryor:
Thank you P and C

Yes, we have had a few warm days recently in Wingello. However, the Senior Class has been a comfy 21 degrees thanks to our new air conditioner. Thank you to the hardworking Wingello P and C for purchasing this for the Senior Class students.
Photos
MSP Photography are coming out on Wednesday morning (10th February) to take our school photos. We take a group shot and individual shots. If you have multiple children at the school, they can also take a sibling shot.

Prices are enclosed and we need payment in advance – either electronically or in an envelope to the office before Wednesday.

Children are asked to wear full, clean school uniform for the photos – summer dress for the girls, gold shirt and black shorts for the boys, with black or white socks and black shoes. Thank you!

Scripture
Special Religious Education is held in the school each Wednesday morning. The teachers come from the Anglican Parish of Sutton Forest and we have two lovely, experienced and trained teachers who make the lessons interesting. If you don’t want your child to attend these lessons, please let us know, in writing, before Wednesday. At present we are not offering alternatives to Scripture, so non-Scripture students will be supervised in another classroom.

Sport
Miss Pryor will be coordinating sport this year, and we will have sport on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate sports uniform (gold shirt and black shorts) and trainers on a Friday.

Story Time
Wednesday mornings each week we will host story time for pre-schoolers, in the library. Mrs Seers will read some books and have an activity for the children to do. If you know anyone who has children under school age, please encourage them to come.

Teaching staff
Ms Irvine and Miss Pryor are our full-time teachers this year. Miss Bullock will be working with us Monday to Wednesday, covering the full-time teachers’ office and preparation time and she will also be responsible for library.

Our teachers work very hard preparing for our quality learning experiences, and are often busy throughout the day. However, they are happy to talk to you about your child’s development and learning, so, if you have a question or an issue you’d like to discuss, please contact your child’s teacher and make a time to see them when they can give you time to address it properly.
**Senior Class- What’s been happening?**

I’m new to the Wingello family, so I would like to introduce myself. I am Ms Jessica Pryor. I’ve taught all over the Southern Highlands, most recently for two years at Burrawang Public School as their Senior Class teacher. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting so many new families since the beginning of term and I am starting to feel at home at Wingello. Thank you for such a warm welcome.

The Senior Class has had a great start to the year. The students and I are working together to get use to some new classroom routines and have been working hard on classwork. Parents and families may notice some differences in the way I structure homework and the way we do our classroom learning. Spelling, for example, will involve a number of learning games and activities, and students using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. The ‘self-checking’ part of this is very important and I encourage parents to ensure that your children remember to do the ‘checking’ part. The same spelling words will be used for two weeks.

Please note, the school will be providing a homework book to all students or if you would prefer to purchase one, either a scrap book or an A4 book is required.

It would also be fantastic if families could ensure that students have a pencil sharpener, ruler, good quality leads pencils (the really cheap ones sometimes don’t sharpen well), a coloured ‘correcting’ pen of any kind, a highlighter, a good quality glue stick and a pair of scissors. Textas and colouring pencils are non-essentials, but will be used regularly if they are purchased.

Shortly Senior Class diaries will be coming home. These are intended to be used for two-way communication between the teacher and home (and vice-versa). Students are expected to take their diary to and from school with them each day.

**Senior Class timetable**

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**Give the gift of reading**

For parents wanting to help with their child’s learning, reading together and having reading discussions, is one of the best things you can do to support your child’s learning in all areas. Reading discussions might involve discussing the plot or the motives and decisions of the characters, or predicting what might happen next in the story. This is also a great way to expose your child to a broad range of fiction and non-fiction books that give them a chance to improve their vocabulary.
For Sale:

We have a number of old desks and chairs for sale – for a small donation – please see Ms Irvine.

Also we would like to sell our old ride on mower. It is fully functional and was used to mow the lawn only last week. If you are interested, please see Ms Irvine.

From Bundanoon Preschool:

All past, present and future preschool families are invited to attend our Annual Welcome Dance and Lantern Walk on Friday 19th February from 5-8pm.

BYO picnic or purchase a sausage sandwich for $2.

Face Painting, Fire Trucks, Paddy’s River Bush Band.

Bring along your torches and lanterns!

Please note that this is an alcohol free event.

Paws ‘n’ Tales R.E.A.D

Wingecarribee Public Libraries are working in conjunction with Paws ‘n’ Tales R.E.A.D to provide a reading program to help children who may struggle with their reading. The program will aim to develop and improve literacy skills in children aged 4 to 8, generally in years K to 3.

The Paws ‘n’ Tales program will run school terms at Bowral Library, commencing in February 2016. Regular sessions, where 2 or more trained teams are present to work 1:1 with each child for a 20 minute period. There is no cost for the families as the program is run on sponsorship.

The basis of the R.E.A.D. program is utilization of the strong animal-human bond, offering children the opportunity to read to a dog in a fun, non-threatening setting. The aim is to improve children’s literacy skills and also increase their love of reading.

Research with therapy animals indicates that children with low self-esteem are often more willing to interact with an animal than another person. Dogs are non-judgemental and offer unconditional love, and having “fun” can be a strong motivational force for a young person.

If you are interested on your child attending, please get a form from the school office and you can either return it to us or hand the form in to one of the branch libraries, Mittagong, Moss Vale, Bowral or the Mobile Library.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date : Saturday 13th February
Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost : $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.