Important School Dates-Term One

8th March - Regional Swimming Carnival
- MCHS Year 2017 Parent Info Night
17th March - P&C AGM 3.15pm
24th March - Easter Hat Parade
1st April - Cross Country
8th April - End of Term Mufti Day/
            National Pet Day

Term One Week Six, 2016

National Young Leaders Day

Grace and Maisie represented us this week at the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. They travelled down in the bus with other local school children to hear inspiring speakers talk about leadership. Thank you for representing us so well. We hope you had a great day and learnt a lot.
Student of the Week: Luca

Merit Certificates: Charli and Connor
Week Six Awards:

Student of the Week: Georgia

Merit Certificates:

PBS Certificate for Ten Tickets

Taylah, Isaac, Cooper, Maddison, Lacey, Emma, Will, Charli, Kingston, Sophie, Keida

Voluntary Contribution

Voluntary contributions contribute towards the expense of all the materials we buy for your children – textbooks, exercise books, pencils, even toilet paper and tissues. We ask for a contribution during first term as that is when many of these expenses occur.

Voluntary Contributions can be paid to the office in person or via Parent Online Payments through our website.

Tain, Rocco, Keida, Brody, Charli, Ava
District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students who represented us at the district swimming carnival:

Emma, Grace, Emme and Rocco (in the PP5 relay) and Sam. Well done on your superb effort and Good Luck at the Regionals on Tuesday!

Uniform

Thank you Amie Turner for taking over the running of our uniform shop. Orders for uniform can be placed in the office, though we try to have most items in stock. Dresses are now in stock.

Second hand uniform items are available also – for a gold coin donation. We have a couple of winter jackets and plenty of items in the smaller sizes, so please come in and have a look.

Happy Birthday Luca!

We hope you had a lovely day!

Moss Vale Show

The Moss Vale Show Society have provided free tickets for all school students to the Moss Vale Show. These were included in your folder last fortnight. The Show is on the 4-6th March and the program is available in the office.
In your red folder today are some raffle tickets for the P&C’s Easter Raffle.

This year we have decided to make the raffle open to the wider community and will be offering tickets outside of school. Sales of tickets will help the P&C support our school.

More tickets are available from the school office. Tickets are $1.00 each and come in books of 10. The prizes are three hampers of Easter products, to be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on the 24th March.

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Wearing Hats in the Playground

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Wingello Warbler

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Active Play
We are looking at giving our students more options for creative and active play during break times. To start with, we are hoping to source:

- a stack of newspapers,
- masking tape,
- matchbox cars,
- 2 kiddie clam pools (with or without their lids, but must be water tight and in reasonable condition),
- sandpit toys (in reasonable condition) and
- wood off cuts or lengths that would be suitable for ‘Men’s Shed’ style construction (must be free of nails).

Any donations are very welcome. These can be left near the Senior classroom. We thank you in advance for any donations.

Positive Behaviour for Success Update
Teachers have finalised the PBS Matrix. The draft version that was sent out to families in the Week 4 Newsletter has not been modified, and is the final version. Families are encouraged to discuss the school ‘values’ included on the matrix with their children. Thank you to the families that have already done this.

Beginning in Week 6 and 7 we will be commencing the next phase of implementing the PBS system across Wingello Public School. This will involve formalised daily discussions about a value drawn ‘lucky-dip style’ from our PBS value cards.

School App
You can find the App in the Play Store or the App Store by searching for ‘Wingello Public School’. The app enables us to have an additional means of contact and we can send parents out messages directly – such as reminders for excursions or updates on sports days (such as cancellations).

Our students are quickly moving towards achieving their 10th and 20th tickets, so are achieving PBS certificates for being safe, responsible and respectful. With each level 10, 20, 30 etc, students also receive an ‘extra’ reward as an incentive.

Story Time
Wednesday mornings (10am) 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.
Jr Class- What’s been happening?

Miss Bullock and Ms Irvine would like to share with you some things that have been happening in the K-2 room.

WE have been focusing on good behaviour in the classroom and in the playground. Alongside the PBS ticket system, students in K-2 are all on Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an online behaviour management site where each student chooses an avatar to represent themselves. Students are rewarded positive points for being on task, being helpful etc... and the person with the highest number of points wins a prize at the end of the week.

In the red folders are sign-up sheets where parents can link in to view your child’s progress and behaviour at school. If you would like to link up, please bring the signed sheet back to Ms Irvine or Miss Bullock.

Sr Class- What’s Been Happening

The Senior Class have been focusing on narrative writing, punctuation, whole number, throwing and catching (sport), investigating light (science) and the geography of Australia.

With our narrative writing we have been learning about structure, purpose and a whole host of other ‘tricks of the trade’ for writing awesome narratives. This has included writing orientations (the introduction paragraph) that have captivating ‘hook’ sentences that make a reader want to keep reading.

HE WAS FREE! At last he could run away. Faster than ever. (Ava)

Tim was running. His heart pounding. He tripped and saw it coming for him. (Bella)

I saw him. He had scars down his face and blood down his neck. (Maddy T)

He bit me on the arm, so I knew I would turn into one. I only had two more hours left of being human. (Brody)
We have been conducting light experiments and this week discovered why darker colours seem to get hotter than lighter colours while they are in the sun. We discovered that darker colours absorb light and this light energy is changed into heat energy, and that light colours reflect more light. We also started a ‘top secret’ science experiment involving a cereal box and zig-zag shelves. I am hoping to let the class discover the science behind what we are doing, rather than telling them. We had fun starting this experiment.

Another great week thanks to our very capable and enthusiastic senior students. Thank you.

Ms Pryor
Taronga Zoo Mobile  
**Animals Of The Dreaming**  
**When:** 9th April 2016  
Starting at 10:30am  
Finishing at around 2pm  
**Where:** Aboriginal Cultural Centre  
1a Rainbow Road    Mittagong NSW 2575  
Animals of the Dreaming is a program that operates out of Sydney’s Taronga Zoo and combines Australian Animal encounters with Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories.  
Col Hardy is an Aboriginal singer born and raised in outback NSW. He will be giving an hour long performance and the animals on display will be here for 3 hours more.

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**Waste Education Centre Workshops**  
The Waste Education Centre at Moss Vale has a bunch of great tours & workshops coming up! Check these out:  
**3 Bay Composting**  
**Date:** Fri 11 March, 10am-11.30am  
**Worm Farming and Home Composting**  
**Date:** Thurs 17 March 2016, 10am-12.00pm  
**Site Tour of the Resource Recycling Centre**  
**Date:** Wed 30 March 2016, 10-11.00am  
Location for all workshops:  
Waste Education Centre, Resource Recovery Centre, Moss Vale  
* Bookings for these workshops are essential:  on Tel 4868-0507 or email esther.landells@wsc.nsw.gov.au

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**Grow, Cook, Eat Festival**  
**Sunday 20 March, 10am-4pm**  
With an emphasis on growing not just food, but community, the Festival showcases a delicious smorgasbord of local food, talks, music, and fun activities for all ages.  
This year, the Festival moves to Railway Street at Moss Vale, alongside Moss Vale Community Garden and the site of the new Railway Street Farmers Markets.  
Looking forward to another wonderful festival - hope to see you there!

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**Railway Street farmers market**  
The Railway Street Farmers Market in Moss Vale opened in January with large crowds quickly snapping-up bags of fresh, local produce.  
The weekly market is unique to the Highlands due to its focus on local food, grown and produced in the Southern Highlands, and aims to help build a strong & resilient relationship between local producers and consumers, embracing the principle of ‘fair food’: fair to the grower, fair to the consumer and fair to the environment.  
The Railway Street Farmers Market is held every Thursday, 3-6pm, Railway Street, Moss Vale.
We are now taking bookings for term 2, and have very limited spots for morning and after school lessons. The term dates are Tuesday, 26th April to Friday, 1st July.

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

There will be an intensive learn to swim program from Monday, 11th April to Friday, 15th April (this is the first week of school holidays) The program will be run for both school aged and pre school children aged between 3-5yrs. School aged children $50 for the week (4group). Pre school children $75 for the week (2 group). For more information or to book in now please call us on 48212553.

Bookings can only be made by phoning the office.

Wingello Events: for your diary:

March 2016

13/3  Loosely Woven Concert – $5 for concert and afternoon tea, Wingello Hall

26/3  Easter Craft and Egg Hunt $5 per child
Wingello Village Store Meeting Room
Bookings essential – see Mrs Seers

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 19th MARCH
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more and register visit www.go4fun.com.au
or contact 1800 780 900 or Claire Southwood-Jones
Tel: (02) 97802811.