Advertised Position: Preschool School Learning Support Officer

Please be reminded - last week’s job advertisement for the above-mentioned temporary position - Expressions of interest for this position will close at close of business at 3:15 pm next Wednesday, 27th March, 2013.

Personalised Learning Plans

Under the Every Student Every School strategy and in accordance with the Disabilities Anti-Discrimination Act data collections are being analysed to identify students in need of significant support for them to engage with age/grade appropriate learning outcomes. Our Learning and Support Teachers are working with classroom teachers to make learning adjustments to best suit the developmental needs of individual students. This will mean that Personalised Learning Plans will need to be developed and the associated learning adjustments made in teaching programs.

There is an expectation that the development of these plans will need to start very soon because there will be a National audit in August relating to their implementation. Parents of students involved in the development of these plans will be invited to share in their development especially by giving teachers a closer insight into the idiosyncratic nature of their child’s learning traits and interests. Support from parents is essential in assisting to accelerate learning development.
**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day is celebrated by acknowledging and appreciating diversity and cultural difference. Harmony Day is 21st March this year. Teachers will discuss this and what it means being part of Australia’s multi-cultural society.

**The Student Representative Council Has Organised A Special Event**

In recognition of Down Syndrome the Leaders of the Student Representative Council have declared Thursday as a day to wear colourful or crazy socks to school and for the privilege donate a gold coin towards supporting people and families with Down Syndrome.

Donations make a difference. They will help support people with Down Syndrome, their parents and carers - to ensure that they have the highest quality of life and can participate as fully as possible in the life of the Community. In NSW it is estimated that about 5,000 people are living with Down Syndrome today. That number is growing as people with Down Syndrome now live into their fifties and sixties with improved standards of living and health care, and inclusion in family and community life.

**Hub Meeting**

On Thursday too, our school is hosting a meeting of instructional leaders and school Principals of the four Dubbo School Educational Group involved in the Early Action For Success strategy. This is where learning coaches have been given to each of the identified schools (50 in NSW) to co-ordinate teaching and learning strategies that reflect models of best practice. In our hub schools are starting with a focus on writing and each student’s development is being profiled against the National continuums of learning. Over time
teachers will monitor student progress along these learning continuums in both literacy and numeracy. Although this strategy is aimed at students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, other stages are emulating similar processes in Stages 2 and 3.

**Our School Has A Nice Feel**
A number of visitors to our school recently have commented on our school having a “nice feel” as they have entered onto our grounds and met with students and staff. Many of our teachers are noticing the same thing. We are having fewer incidents of unsocial behaviour with children settled in class and seemingly with their heads down and working hard. Our children are mostly happy and friendly as we pursue our Positive Behaviour For Learning ideals for being safe, respectful learners across all school settings.

**Year 6 Students - The Return of High School Expressions Of Interest**
All year 6 students are reminded of the need to return their expressions of interest for High School placement in 2014. This includes students seeking alternative placements other than their local High School or Selective School options where these are listed as ordered preferences on their form. All EOIs should have been handed back to classroom teachers no later than this Friday, 22nd March, 2013.

**Attendance**
How are your children going with their attendance? Remember we need your children to value the need for attaining a good education and parents are key players in setting the right values and attitudes to achieve this. This can start by expecting that school aged children
will attend school every day the school is operational for teaching and learning. Children miss valuable learning time if they are away and often lack the understanding of concepts and building blocks upon which they add further layers of knowledge, understanding and skills development.

**Reminders**

* Next Term’s beginning has two, pupil free, School Development Days. These are 29th and 30th April, 2013. The Tuesday is allocated as an extra day by the Education Department for the purpose of preparing teachers for the implementation on the new National curricula.

* School Photos will be taken 10th / 11th April, 2013.

* Friday, 12th April is the last day of Term 1. Term 2 resumes for students on Wednesday, 1st May, 2013.

* NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students 14th / 15th / 16th May, 2013.

**Professional Learning**

The Department of Education and Communities requires teaching and non-teaching staff in schools to upgrade their qualifications on a regular basis to be able to deal with anaphylactic (severe allergic reaction) or other situations that can be life threatening. Each school is to arrange for annual face to face CPR training to be conducted by appropriately qualified external providers. CPR is necessary for accompanying students on overnight excursions or activities that involve water.

At the moment staff are completing on-line ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training and the face to face training component will occur on the next School Development day with our annual CPR upgrade.

D.N. Anderson—Principal
**Stage 1 Assemblies 2013**

Assemblies are held every second Friday at 12.30pm in the Gould League Hall. If there are any changes to this timetable you will be notified as soon as possible.

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Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner  Be Safe  Be Respectful


HEAD LICE

Please check your children’s hair for nits. This problem is common among groups of children and needs everybody to be vigilant and prompt with treatment to overcome it. Many parents are expressing concern about nits in our school. We need to work together to beat them! Contact the Chemist or the School for advice on treatment.
'JOSEPH UPDATE'

Rehearsals have begun, progress is moving along smoothly. I am happy to bring to your attention the latest news of the production team.

Mrs K Boland: Choreographer—Stage sets
Mrs T Pascoe: Choreographer
Mrs S Campbell: Stage sets
Mrs T Reid: Whisper news
Bianca Leigh Douglas: Chick’s co-ordinator
Mrs M Batho: Hair/wigs
Mrs T Batho: Makeup
Mrs A Stone: Clerical/notes

EXCITING NEWS!! We are able to use the W.H.S. hall and stage for our production. We need a much bigger venue than our School Hall. I will be having a meeting with Donald Harvey, Principal of Wellington High School to discuss the nuts and bolts of using the school.

Helen Grimes has volunteered to sew 'Joseph’s coat' indeed a most generous and time consuming commitment. If you have any satin or shiny materials with bright colours, Helen would be most grateful.

The main parts to our production have been filled and so far will be:

**Joseph**—Liam Russell

**Pharaoh**—Harry Taylor

**Narrator**—Xander Harries

**Joseph’s Brothers**—Caleb Petrovic, James O’Brien, Nick Campbell, Patrick Hardwick, Elijah Colliss, Will Edwards, Jack Jones,
George Parkes, Will Eather, Tom Kiss and Thomas Hawke.

Jacob—Deakin Flick.

The Cast have a timetable, would parents please check these and mark the times on the calendar. The boys have scripts which must be kept in their school bags, it would be most appreciated if parents would encourage the boys to learn their words and parts. Many Thanks Chick Jones.

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PBL SOCIAL

WHERE: Gould League Hall

WHEN: Wednesday the 3rd of April 2013

TIMES: K-2 (5-6pm)

3-6 (6.7.30pm)

HOW MUCH? Gold coin

Drinks, chips and lollies will be on sale throughout the night!

Please come along for a dance and a good time to raise money for the school PBL Team.
Welcome back to school for 2013. We hope this year will bring you and your family much happiness and success.

To assist the families of WPS, the Learning and Support Teachers are providing the opportunity for all parents to join together for a cuppa and a chat at Gould League Hall each Friday morning at 9am. This time will allow for parents to ask questions or find out about issues that are important to them. Parents will have the opportunity to suggest areas of interest or concern, so that we are better able to support your needs as they arise, or just bring up the topic in conversation.

We hope to see you each Friday morning to enable us to support you and your family.

**When:** Friday 9am—9.30am  
**Where:** Gould League Hall

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**W.P.S. EASTER SCRIPTURE SERVICES**

Scripture classes will be at the Uniting Church on Thursday 28th March.

K—2 at 9.30am  3/4 at 10am  5/6 at 10.45am

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend these services.
Welcome to Week 8 everyone!!

Last week we enjoyed learning about colours. We made rainbows and colourful necklaces. Everyone had fun making jelly in cooking on Thursday.

For the next two weeks we will be carrying out Easter art and craft activities. We will be making Easter chickens and hats for the Easter hat parade! We will be making Easter chocolate crackles in cooking on Thursday!

Please remember to sell and buy raffle tickets in our 2013 Preschool Easter raffle. Tickets are $2.00 each. Sold raffle tickets need to be returned to Preschool by next Wednesday 27/3/13.

Don’t forget to contribute to our Easter raffle, by placing an Easter egg or Easter bunny in the basket in the foyer.

The Easter raffle will be drawn next Thursday the 28/3/13 at our Preschool Easter hat parade.

Thank you to everyone who has paid Preschool fee’s. Please remember fee’s are now compulsory and are $50.00 for the term. Fee money can be paid in installments if necessary.

Don’t forget to return immunization records and birth certificates to the Preschool ASAP if you haven’t already done so!

Have a great week!!

Naomi Stapleton(Preschool Teacher)
Healthy Eating

Please remember to make sure your child has a healthy lunch box packed each day. Food such as: chips, chocolate, roll ups, sweet biscuits and artificial flavoured drinks are all banned. If your child brings inappropriate food to Pre-school, it will be put back in their bag!

Thank you for your assistance

Week 8

What’s Happening This Week

Focus: Easter

Monday: Make an Easter chicken

Tuesday: Make Easter hats

Wednesday: Make Easter hats

Thursday: Make Easter chocolate crackles

Read to your child every night!!
BAND NEWS...

There are 33 members of our School Band and tutorials of instruments are well on the way. The students are enthusiastic and eager as are their Teachers Mr Smith and Mr Laudon. Please make sure your children practice and are diligent with the care of their instrument.

?? Have you checked your blue envelope invoice for payments and hire of instruments ????

In week 11 ALL payments for term 1 must be handed into the office ( in a white envelope). Many Thanks Band Co-Ordinator Chick Jones.

BAND SCHOLARSHIP..

A Band Scholarship is to be awarded to a student that fills the following criteria:

- A firm commitment to practice at home.
- A firm commitment to band members.
- A positive attitude
- He/she makes a significant contribution and is a team player to the band and the band Master.
- Displays courtesy and goodwill during rehearsal time.

We are at the moment in consultation as to who this recipient will be...

Thanks Kindly Chick Jones.
World Down Syndrome Day

On Thursday 21st March, W.P.S is participating in World Down Syndrome Day. We are encouraging everyone to wear ‘LOTS OF SOCKS’ to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Students can wear odd socks, mismatched socks, colourful socks or 1 sock and be creative!!
Cronulla Public School Visit

Cronulla Public School will be visiting Wellington Public School on Wednesday the 3rd April to Thursday 4th April. This excursion is part of the annual exchange between the two schools and provides students with the city and country experiences. Cronulla Public School will have the chance to visit The Wellington Caves, school dance, and a Farm Visit. To keep the cost down Cronulla Public School will be staying at the school. We would really appreciate any donations of food as we will be supplying breakfast, recess, lunch and dinner. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Carolyn Morley
Assistant Principal

**MATHLETICS AWARDS WEEK 7**

**WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED AWARDS LAST WEEK........**

You are all GREAT Mathematicians.

**SILVER AWARDS**

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An open invitation
to all educators and families to attend a FREE road safety workshop!

Out and About:

- Explore new ways we can share Key Road Safety Messages with children through creative learning experiences and documentation.
- Find out ways to keep all our children safe when they are out and about as passengers, pedestrians and at play.

Safe Journeys with Kids
Upcoming Groups for 2013
At Child & Family Team Office
128 Erskine Street, DUBBO

Keeping Children Safe
This program will enable parents and carers to recognise abuse and neglect, understand its effects on children and make changes in order to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Session times & Dates:
31 May & 7 June 9.30am-2.30pm
6 & 13 Sept 9.30am-2.30pm
28 Oct & 4 Nov 9.30am-2.30pm

Tuning Into Kids
A parenting course that enables parents to tune into their children's emotions and teach their children to understand and regulate their emotions.

Session times & Dates:
15 & 22 Feb, 1 & 8 Mar 10am-12pm
17, 24 & 31 Jul & 7 & Aug 10am-12pm

Tuning Into Teens
A parenting course that enables parents to tune into their teen's emotions and focuses on strengthening relationship connections with their teens as they face the challenges and changes of adolescents.

Session times & Dates:
6, 13, 20 & 27 May 6pm-8pm
18 & 25 Oct, 1 Nov 9.30am-12.30pm

123 Magic
An easy to learn behaviour management course that provides parents/caregivers with 3 steps for effective parenting. The program aims to eliminate yelling, arguing or smacking.

Session times & Dates:
20 & 27 Mar 6pm-8pm
14 & 21 June 10am-12pm
19 & 26 Aug 8pm-9pm
20 & 27 Nov 10am-12pm

All groups are FREE and include refreshments
To register please contact Margaret Ann Mould
Ph: 02 6885 2353
Fax: 02 6885 2151
Email: mmould@burnside.org.au
(Registration is essential)

Do you love to sing along with the stars on TV and radio?
If you are 8 years or older and want to sing in a choir, then the Treble Makers is for you. Singing in a choir is the best way to develop good vocal skills and key music basics like rhythm and pitch, plus it's fun! The Treble Makers rehearse on Wednesday afternoons 4pm-5pm in school terms and they would love to have more new members this year, so why not give it a go?

more info: www.maccon.org.au  ph: 6884 6686
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Wellington Junior Soccer

Registration Days

Saturday 23 March 2013
Saturday 6 April 2013

Pioneer Park Canteen 10am – 1pm

Rego Fees $60 per player
(Rep players additional $44—$46)

Players must be paid & registered before playing

Rego forms available on website
www.wellingtonsoccer.com.au