Easter Break

The term has been a very busy one and is showing no signs of slowing up. Many events will take place between now and the end of the term. This year in an unusual set of circumstances the Easter Break will occur during school term. I hope each and every one of you enjoy the 4 day break and take to opportunity to refresh the batteries and spend some quality time with your family and friends. If you’re travelling please drive safely so that we can see you back at school fit and well following the four day weekend.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day takes place in the holidays this year. ANZAC Day is the last Thursday of the April holidays. The school will once again be marching in the ANZAC Day parade. The parade will be conducted in a similar manner to previous years, with all organisations gathering in Gisborne Street near Market Square. All those who are participating in the march should arrive at Market Square at about 10.15am. We encourage as many students as possible to participate in this important day on the nation’s calendar to reflect on those who have helped preserve our way of life in Australia.

WPS SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 10TH & THURSDAY 11TH APRIL
Young Leaders Conference

Yesterday our school leaders and myself attended a conference in Sydney aimed at inspiring our leaders of the future. James O’Brien, Elizabeth Eather, Elijah Collis, Heidi Parkes participated in workshops and listened to inspiring speakers including Nathan Hindmarsh, Brett Lee and Jessica Fox. The Captains and Vice-Captains enjoyed the day and found the experience very valuable. It certainly provided many things to consider in regards to being a leader in our schools, amongst peers and in the local community. I’m sure some of the influences and ideas will be taken on board and play a role in the leadership development of our school leaders.

Best Start Kindergarten Data

Families of Kinder students will receive their Best Start feedback on their children this week. Be assured that this information was collected in the first few weeks of Term and that all students will have progressed from this point of assessment. We are very pleased with the results and have support in place, where it is needed, as a result.

Mr Anderson In Sydney

Mr Anderson was also in Sydney (surprisingly we didn’t see him though) for a conference on continuing the work being done with our instructional leader, Pam Davis. The conference was focussed on the continued development of strategies being used in our school to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for all our students, especially those in Kinder to year 2. There will be some exciting ideas and feedback to come from the conference to assist all the students at Wellington Public School to improve their literacy and numeracy.

Attendance

It’s almost time for our various reward programs to crank up with only a few weeks to go until the end of term. The class with the least number of absences in each grade will be having a Pizza Party late in the term.
There will also be awards for students who have no unexplained absences and 100% attendance. Make sure your children come to school every day they can! They can help their class win the Pizza Party and get a reward for themselves.

On the downside, if your children have poor attendance we will be placing them on Personalised Attendance Plans. You will receive letters advising you that this has occurred because of poor attendance at school. This can lead to quite serious interventions. Poor attendance is often associated with lower academic achievement. This alone should be motivation enough to send your children to school every day they are healthy enough to come. We are working closely with our Home School Liaison officer and Aboriginal Community Liaison officer to assist families to improve their children’s attendance. If your children are away for any reason please send in a note explaining their absence. Students are required to be at school at least 85% of the time to avoid possible legal action.

**Sporting News**

Recently we have had a number of sporting events taking place. The girl’s cricket team had a hard-fought win over Dubbo Public school and will now progress to the next round. Harry Taylor, Alan Riley and Riley Blackhall travelled to Cowra last week for the Western basketball trials as part of the Dubbo District team. The boys unfortunately missed out on selection but performed to the best of their ability and were excellent representatives of our school. Well done also to Miss Thompson who managed the team and did a fantastic job!

Tomorrow a number of students will be trialling for the Dubbo Divisional Rugby team. Mr Bullock and I will be looking for some quality performances from all players. If successful the boys will gain selection in the Western team that will contest the NSW PSSA Rugby Championships in Sylvania in August. Good luck to all those trialling.
Exciting Event

Today we had a special guest at school promoting this year’s State of Origin. Trent Barrett was at Wellington Public School to judge our ‘Year of the Blues’ colouring competition and talk to kids about living a healthy lifestyle and the benefits of playing sport to keep active. Let’s hope that the NSW Blues can break Queensland’s winning streak. It would be terrible to see the Maroons go to eight in a row. Go the Blues!!!!!

Have a great Easter break!

Graham Conn—Deputy Principal (Rlg)

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) 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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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.
Welcome to Week 9 everyone!!

Thank you to Donna Langlands and Dee Keirle who both filled in for me last week when I was absent.

Last week we enjoyed making Easter chickens, Easter hats and Easter chocolate crackles in cooking on Thursday.

We will be continuing with our Easter art and craft activities this week.

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

Happy Birthday!!!

Alana– 27th March
(5 Years Old)

Have a great day!!
installments if necessary.

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

Please remember all sold Easter raffle tickets are due in this Wednesday 27/3/13.

It is not to late to place a donation in the basket for our Easter raffle this Thursday!

The Easter raffle will be drawn after our Preschool Easter hat parade this Thursday 28/3/13. This will commence at 11:00am. It will be great to see you all there!!

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break. Remember Preschool will resume on Tuesday 2/4/13 at 8:55am!!

Naomi Stapleton and Preschool Staff

What ‘s Happening This Week

Focus: Easter

Monday: Make Easter baskets

Tuesday: Make Easter baskets

Wednesday: Make Easter presents

Thursday: Easter hat parade & Easter raffle– 11:00am
We had a great time at Preschool this week!!

We did a great job stirring our chocolate crackle ingredients!

We enjoyed putting Easter eggs in our chocolate crackles!

Ella putting her Easter eggs in her chocolate crackle!

Cayden stirring the ingredients!

Zak wearing the Easter hat he made!

Alana and the beautiful Easter chicken she made!
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

- Be a Learner
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful

Jillian KB, Cody KG, Barry 2J, Arthur 2G, Hannah 3/4B, Codie 4H, Kya 5P and Brittany 5s

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? $2

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.
Cuppa and Chat

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.
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, a farm visit and attend a school dance. 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

WPS SCHOOL PHOTOS

Ph: (02) 6881 6422
Fax: (02) 6881 6433

Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April 2013

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from your school & return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography
**GIRLS CRICKET**

‘Well done’ to our girls’ cricket team on winning their Rd 2 game against Dubbo PS last week. For many of the girls it was their first game of cricket – certainly an eye opener.

A HUGE ‘THANK YOU’ to all of the girls who came along for the game, as well as great appreciation to Mrs Douglas for scoring & Mrs Taylor for supplying fruit & being No. 1 supporter of all the players, as well as other supporters who encouraged the girls.

Team was well led by Kathryn, Harriet & Bianca. I’m sure you’re all looking forward to the next game.

**MATHLETICS**

‘GREAT WORK’ STAGE 2 STUDENTS ON ACHIEVING THE MOST AWARDS LAST WEEK…. You are certainly ‘on the ball’ with your achievements in Mathletics.

ALSO ‘WELL DONE’ to the Year 2 EXTENSION students on attaining awards last week.

**BRONZE AWARDS…. 126**

**SILVER AWARDS**

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| Sharneyce Stanley 4O’B | Jordan Kerr 4O’B | Ella Gregory 3/4B | Kiara Sullivan 5/6M | Myles Conn 5/6M | Caleb Petrovic 5/6M | Elizabeth Eather 5/6M |

**GOLD AWARDS**

| STEELE JENKINS 5/6M | WILL EDWARDS 5/6M | JARVIS DICKERSON 4H | PAIGE PASCOE 6A | BICHITRA DUTTA 4H | HANNA PETROVIC 3/4B |

**W.P.S EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS…**

Easter raffle tickets will be sold AT SCHOOL AT THE ‘BUNNY HOP’ ON THURSDAY 28TH of MARCH, from 12pm till 1.30pm for $2 each. The raffle will be drawn the same day at 1.30pm.
Bunny Hop

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
12:00PM UNTIL 1:30PM
CASUAL CLOTHES

All classes will participate in a range of fun Easter themed activities.

macquarie conservatorium

Treble Makers
Youth Choir
Wednesdays 4pm-5pm
Macquarie Conservatorium
cnr Darling & Bultje Sts Dubbo

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.macqcon.org.au ph: 6884 6686

Australia's First Coloured Commemorative Coin!

LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation
the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.
The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.
All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans' and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

Available from the RSL National Office at Level 13, 60 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT
Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6208 7398.
Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5 per coin.

www.rsl.org.au
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-12.30pm

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 adolescence.

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

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.

123 Magic
An easy to learn behaviour management course that provides parents/carers 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 6pm-8pm
20 & 27 Nov 10am-12pm

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

Introduction to Golf
FREE Lessons
Held at Dubbo Golf Club

Introduce your child to a wonderful game that they will play for the rest of their life.
Classes will be limited to the 10 Indigenous children Aged 10 to 16
All abilities welcome
Lessons include
– Short game / putting + chipping
– Long irons + woods
– Rules / etiquette
Bring golf clubs if you have them if not, we will supply golf clubs
Don’t miss out get in early
Classes start 7th May 2013
Dubbo Golf Club

For more information contact Jason French
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