Welcome to Week 8—time is flying along quite quickly.

**Attendance**

We would like to reach 95% attendance and maintain this throughout the year. Many thanks to the students who try really hard to be at School every day and thank you to all the parents who ensure that they show their value for a good education and send their children every day.

Unfortunately, a capture of our attendance data reveals that we are achieving an aggregated figure across all classes of 89.5%, well below our target. Our mainstream enrolment, however, is sitting at 93% which means that we can achieve where we want to be if every student comes to School every day that they possibly can.

**Macquarie Network Meeting**

On Friday this week we will be hosting the first of the 2014 meetings at our School for the Macquarie Network. This means that we will have about 30 Principals from our network in attendance as well as a number of presenters.

Our lovely ladies in the canteen and representatives of the P&C will be catering for about 40 people and what they are having to do, requires time and effort. Their help is very much appreciated. If you think you could lend a hand at either Morning Tea or Lunch, or in the set up or clean up, please talk to Di in the canteen.

**Class Sizes Audit**

We are signing off, at this time, on a Departmental class size audit which show that our current enrolment is sitting at 516 students, 6 more than we had on census day where the numbers were critical for reviewing our staffing allocation.

**2014 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**

The 2014 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday 21 March. This is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say **Bullying- No Way!** and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

In 2013 more than 1400 schools across Australia participated by running local events, exploring bullying, and the role of bystanders, in classroom lessons.
In 2014 schools across Australia will be participating in classroom lessons with a theme *Bullying – No Way!*

**Bullying is not acceptable at Wellington Public School.**
All children can and should behave appropriately.

The United Nations Charter states that: “Every child is entitled to an education. Every child is entitled to be safe”. Everyone has a responsibility to reduce aggression in our society.

**At Wellington Public School our Positive Behaviour statement of purpose is that “We are safe, respectful learners”.

To be discussed in class and at home and signed by every student and witnessed by a parent.

I will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind.
I will be kind to others regardless of their abilities, disabilities, race, religion, beliefs, appearance or any other differences.
When I see bullying occurring, I will report it.
I will be fair in the playground sharing my games and playground space with others.
I will be kind to others even if they are not my special friends.
I will ask for help if I am worried about bullying.
I will take responsibility for my own actions and will not blame others for things I have done.
I will not bully other children at Wellington Public School.

............... please cut and return to class teacher at W.P.S...................

We have read and discussed the W.P.S. Anti-bullying handout.

Student’s Name: .................................................. Class: ........
Student’s Signature: .................................................. Date: ....../..../......
Witnessed By My Parent: ............................................

**What Is Bullying?**

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or a group towards one or more persons. Cyber bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.
Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on race, religion, disability or gender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those including bystanders. Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying. Preventing and responding to bullying behaviour in learning and working environments is a shared responsibility of all staff, students, parents and community members. All members of the school community can contribute to the preventing of bullying by modelling and promoting appropriate behaviour and respectful relationship.

Bullying behaviour can be:

- **Verbal** such as: name calling, teasing, abuse, put-downs, insults or threats.
- **Physical** such as: hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping or spitting.
- **Social** such as: ignoring, excluding, making rude or cruel gestures.
- **Emotional** such as: spreading rumours intentionally, menace, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, inappropriate notes, letters, phone messages, inappropriate use of social networking or SMS messages.

**How To Handle Children Who Bully.**

- Avoid them. Walk away. Never find yourself alone with them. Stay in sight of an adult. There is often strength in numbers.
- Be strong and firm even if you don’t feel it. Look them straight in the eye and stand tall. Tell them to leave you alone and walk away.
- Ignore them. Pretend you don’t hear their comment.
- Find a friend. Play with nice children.
- Don’t fight back physically. It might just get you into trouble too.
- Tell your class teacher, the duty teacher, the bus driver, or an Assistant Principal. Don’t forget to tell your parent/s.
- Go to a trusted friend and seek help.
- Remember, one off incidents are not bullying.

**TALKING ABOUT A PROBLEM IS NOT DOBBING – WE WANT TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE.**

**What Do Parents Do?**
Listen carefully to your child.
Assure your child that it is not his/her fault.
Stay calm.
Get accurate details. Is it possible that there is a different side to this?
Give your child some strategies to cope. Practise the strategies at home.
Where a child is different, celebrate the difference.
Seek assistance from the school. Often, the class teacher is the best place to start.
If the problem escalates, bring it to the attention of the executive staff or ask to talk to the school counsellor.
Explain the need to be assertive as opposed to being aggressive.

**And..... If Your Child Is Bullying Others**

Initially you may be defensive and disbelieving. This is natural.
Please get the facts from the school as the community grapevine can often distort or embellish the facts.
Discuss the matter with your child but level no blame.
Emphasise that bullying is not acceptable behaviour.
Discuss how things might have been done or said, differently.
Reflect on how you felt, how the second party felt and how an observer would have perceived what happened.
Seek assistance from the school.
Be specific about consequences for continuing unacceptable bullying behaviour.
Reward appropriate behaviour.

**Possible Consequences.**

Natural justice and procedural fairness must be followed following the reported incident.
Counselling as to more appropriate behaviour.
Pink slip issued, incident recorded and time in the planning room.
Interviews with parent/s.
Referral to counselling support.
Loss of privileges following recurrence of bullying behaviour and/or
School suspension following DEC policy.

**Remember:**
At Wellington Public School, “We are safe, respectful learners” and there is
Please read and discuss this school document with your children who attend our school. A hardcopy will be sent home for students and parents to sign as part of our recognition of our special day and it is expected that every family will support this action – no excuses No Way!

Grandparents Day
Students are asked to invite their grandparents to share a picnic lunch and share the afternoon. We will celebrate this special day on 10th April (second last day of Term 1). The suggested itinerary will be as follows. 1pm combined picnic lunch until 1.45pm. This time will be for families to have a picnic with their grandchildren and watch a DVD (in Gould League Hall) with assorted snapshots of students talking about what they love to do with their grandparent/significant older person. 1.45 pm until home time will be open classrooms with activities such as drawing with grandparent/s, reading, showing samples of work, photos with ipads, creative writing, family shield art and bookmark making (activities will vary from classroom to classroom).

Advanced Notification
Recent contact with the Mobile Dental Van suggests that the van will be returning to our school early in September. Apparently a wider range of services will be available to many students through Medicare. Once confirmed, notes will be sent home in Week 4 of Term 3 (at this stage the dental van is expected in weeks 8 & 9 of Term 3.)

Reminder For Parents of Year 6 Students
Expression of Interest forms for placement at High School in 2015 need to be returned to our school (classroom teacher) by Friday 21st March, 2014.

Principal
Denis Anderson
Welcome to Week 8.

Last week we were learning about colours. Everyone told the group what their favourite colour is. Popular colours were purple, pink and orange. Someone’s favourite colour was a rainbow, how interesting.

This week we are continuing with our colour theme as the children seemed to enjoy this. We will be focusing on mixing colours to create new ones.

Remember our healthy food policy when you are packing your child’s lunch. If you need another copy of this please see one of our staff.

The closing date for the ‘Picture Product’ fundraiser is fast approaching, please have your orders in by April 1st so you don’t miss out.

This week you will find attached to your Whisp a book of five tickets for our annual Easter raffle. These tickets will be selling for $2 each and will enter the buyer in the draw to win one of many prizes. Prizes will be drawn on the last day of preschool for term 1 (Thursday 10th April).

This Wednesday is the second of our canteen days for this term. All orders and payments can be made to preschool staff on Wednesday morning.

Enjoy your week.

Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Remember to pay your fees, the end of term is almost here so please make sure you have your fees up to date. If you are unsure of how much is due please ask one of our staff.

What’s Happening This Week!!

- All week—Donations for annual Preschool Easter raffle
- Monday—Colour currents experiment
- Wednesday—Canteen lunch day
- Thursday—Return library books

Happy birthday Kirsty 21st March
We had fun at Preschool last week!!!

Monday we began preparing the soil to plant our vegetable seeds.

The worms we found will make our carrots, zucchinis, spring onions and lettuce healthy.

Happy birthday Jarell, thank you for sharing it with us.

Happy birthday Daniel, everyone enjoyed your construction site cake. Yum.

Nate brought Stella her new puppy in for a visit, I hope she had as much fun as the children.

Kirsty threaded a lovely beaded necklace for her mum.
**Important Announcement**

James Sheahan ‘Joseph Performance’ is **cancelled**. We got the numbers but unfortunately the matinee show we were going to attend has been SOLD OUT. Not to worry, there is always next time. Hopefully there are not too many disappointed students. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Kind Regards
Kate Boland

**Hi Parents and carers of Stage 2 and 3 children.**

Next Monday 24/3/14 Soccer NSW will be holding a small training session with the students. This will be held at Pioneer Park. Students will walk down to Pioneer for their session, then walk back to school. They will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a drink bottle.

Thankyou
Michelle Eather

The Department of School Education Hearing Team organise Clinic Days with two ear, nose and throat specialists in Dubbo, Dr Quuddusi and Dr Rabie. These visits are billed through Medicare. Children need a GP Referral and a current (within 3 months) hearing test for the appointment. These days happen once a month. Parents are expected to attend with their child. If surgery is required (eg tonsils, grommets, adenoids) the doctors and hearing team work together to provide this at very minimal cost.

If you would like more information about this wonderful service, please contact Miss Everett at school.
FREE SINGING WORKSHOPS for SCHOOL STUDENTS
with Michelle Leonard, Moorambilla Voices
Secondary workshop yrs 7-11: Tuesday 25 March 4.30pm-5.30pm
Primary workshop yrs 3-6: Wednesday 26 MARCH 4.30pm-5.30pm
Macquarie Conservatorium, Dubbo

Saver Plus Program
$500 for back to school expenses next year
Information session and a cuppa at the Library
• Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus program?
• Come along to this free information session to find out more.
• Monday 24th March, 10 to 10:30am at the Wellington Library.
• For further information contact John Edwards on 6881 8032

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS..
Just a reminder to all parents/carers, that the year 6 Canberra excursion is fast approaching, PLEASE keep regular payments coming in to avoid a lump sum payment in the end.
Thanks Kindly Miss L Anderson.
BUS ZONE PARKING…

PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO PARK IN THE BUS ZONES, IT IS A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUSES. THE BUS COMPANY HAS SPOKEN TO THE SCHOOL CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. THANKYOU.

SCHOOL FEES/GENERAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 2014.

Just a reminder the school contribution for 2014 is $50 per family, without these valuable fees our classrooms would find it more difficult to update resources.

Please pay these as soon as possible, at the school office.

WHEN TO PHONE THE SCHOOL..

DO NOT PHONE THE OFFICE AFTER 2PM, WITH MESSAGES FOR YOUR CHILD, AS THERE IS NO WAY OF GETTING THE MESSAGE TO THEM ON TIME.. THANK YOU OFFICE STAFF

CANTEEN NEWS– VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..

If you could spare 1 hour, please think about coming in to help in our school canteen. We’d love your help with making sandwiches or serving the students at recess or lunch. Please contact Di in the canteen for more information.

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER.

Photos will be taken on Tues 8th / Wed 9th of April.
Due to the overwhelming requests for advertisements in our school newsletter, we will now be hanging flyers in our office foyer as of this week, instead of in our newsletter.

Infants Recess Activities...
Mrs Petrovic, Miss Deb and Miss Everett are going to set up a playground activity group for those children who like to play with Lego or other construction toys and small cars. If you have any unused or unwanted items you would like to donate to the school we would really appreciate it. If you have any mats in good condition (especially car, train, hopscotch or game mats) we would love to have those as well. Thank you.

‘WHISPER ADVERTISING’

Due to the overwhelming requests for advertisements in our school newsletter, we will now be hanging flyers in our office foyer as of this week, instead of in our newsletter.

WPS EASTER SOCIAL.. SPECIAL ED FUNDRAISER..
SAVED THE DATE FOR THE END OF TERM EASTER SCHOOL
SOCIAL 9TH OF APRIL more information in the coming weeks..
Wake Up and Read is a funny, well paced comedy incorporating music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus skills all linked with short charming tales about growing up in Australia. Each tale is another piece in the puzzle of how Frank, the son of an illiterate Italian migrant, became an avid reader and came to do what he does today. Students hear the stories behind the comedian as Frank takes us back to those moments that have shaped his life. We share his parents’ surprise when he first announces that theatre is the job for him. Another story tells how a playground bullying incident led to a lasting friendship with a fellow student who told him that he could find much of the information he would need for his new career, in books from the school library.

Using a great sound system and wearing a lapel microphone, Frank tells some of his story as Rap and Country and Western songs. Wake Up and Read is an engaging performance that encourages reading, both for pleasure and research, with positive background messages of multi-culturalism, social harmony and anti-bullying.

Cost: $5 per student
Date: Tuesday, 25th March 2014
Time: 9:15am
Homework Centre and Active After Schools

Homework Centre and Active After School Activities has commenced for 2014. If your child would like to participate in the program they are required to fill in a permission note from the office or school website. Homework Centre and Active After School Activities run from 2.45 until 4.45. Students are to be collected from Market Fitness on Thursdays. Thanks, Mr Bullock.

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**AASC @ WPS**
- Circus
- Touch Football / Netball

**AASC @ WPS**
- Market Fitness Soccer / Fitness

**STAGE 2 (Yrs 3&4) ASSEMBLY DATES —TERM 1 2014**

Stage 2 assemblies will take place on the following dates:
Friday 14th March; Friday 28th March
BLOCK E HALL at 1pm

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**Stage 2 EXTRAVAGANZA—FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 12PM**

**GOULD LEAGUE HALL**

**MOUTH GUARD NOTICE.**

*If you require a ‘Mouth Guard’ for sport, it must be purchased before the day you need it as it will need to be moulded at home. The office staff will not be moulding mouth guards at school.*
Kindergarten Assembly Timetable—Term 1 2014

K Yellow—Thursday 20th March at 2pm
K Red— Thursday 3rd April at 2pm

Kindergarten assemblies take place in the Gould League Hall.

See You There!!

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Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

## $5 Meal Canteen Meal Deals

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Salad contains: lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, onion & cheese.

Gravy extra .50c
Sauce extra .20c