The Term 1 meeting of the Macquarie Network Of Schools was held at WPS.
The following was written by Mr Michael Cronk our Director of Public Schools NSW for the Macquarie Network of Schools following last Friday’s meeting which convened in our school library,

“Thank you to Craig and Louise for your organisation of last week’s meeting in Wellington. Special thanks to Denis for the excellent venue and catering. I’m sure Denis will pass on our collective thanks to his canteen ladies”.
(Craig Renneberg and Louise Manwaring are the primary and secondary Presidents of our Macquarie Principals’ Associations respectively).

As the host to 30 colleagues and numerous presenters I was extremely proud of the hospitality shown to our guests through the efforts of Di Donnelly and the canteen staff for the magnificent food and refreshments and to the P&C parents who worked so hard in carrying everything that was needed to make the day so special. The collective effort made for a wonderful demonstration of what the parents of our school community can achieve. The comments were couched in the superlative form and all basically said that the catering was magnificent, some even going so far as to say it was the best they had had anywhere.

Credit must also go to Mr Danny Hawke who is currently relieving as our General Assistant for Danny also helped extensively to make sure everything was set up and ready. The area around the library had an extra spruce up and for that I am grateful to the cleaners and to our students who managed to keep it nice and clean throughout the day.

Our sessions centred on the following:

New staffing roles and responsibilities amid changes being made within the structure and operational systems within our
Department of Education and Communities,
Police and Education – working together,

Breaking the Silence program which focused on domestic violence and the presenter was from the White Ribbon Foundation,
Professional learning and the changes in delivery and associated costing,
The Ochre Program – Opportunity hubs being established (Dubbo) focusing on career aspirations for students,
Frequently asked questions of Family and Community Services,
What is happening in Teacher Training at Charles Sturt University,
Taleo and the changes to the merit selection process, and other current topics shared by most schools.

It had been a very productive day for all in attendance.

Thanks To Year 6 Parents
Thank you to all parents who returned the expression of interest forms for Secondary School placement for their children entering High School in 2015. The first preferences will now be entered onto our electronic registration system for the consideration of the relevant nominated High Schools. In Wellington the majority of Year 6 students are likely to attend Wellington High School next year. If students miss out on their first preference their names will be carried forward to the second round of the process. As Wellington High School is the local, designated High School for most students these positions can be guaranteed.

You will be able to tell why I was very pleased to read this communication

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For the attention of: Mr Denis Anderson, Principal, Wellington Public School.

I just wanted to let you know how well Kiara Sullivan performed at the PSSA Girls Cricket Carnival in Barooga.
Could you please congratulate her on her impeccable behaviour both on and off the field. She was a pleasure to take away and was an excellent ambassador for Wellington Public School. She was also selected by her team mates as the Players’ Player of the carnival, a great achievement!

I would like to thank Marie Cornish for organising and enabling Rebecca Dutfield, Hannah Petrovic and Kiara Sullivan, from your school, to be given a chance to represent Wellington Public School and Western Region in Girls’ Cricket at the trials, which were held in Cowra on 5th December 2013. Otherwise this opportunity would not have been possible. She also transported the girls to the trials herself where she was one of the four selectors choosing the Western Team.

I have attached an article about the carnival and a team photo and was hoping it could be included in the next Wellington Public School Newsletter.

Thank you very much.

Jenny-Lynne Watt
Convener

ps. Please wish Liz and the girls’ school team good luck in the NSW PSSA Girls Cricket Knockout. I am sure they will do well.

**Western Region PSSA Girls Cricket Team**

Thirteen regions contested the Primary Schools State Girls Cricket Carnival in Barooga from the 24th to the 27th February, 2014. The Western team comprised girls from Dubbo, Mudgee, Wellington, Blayney and Broken Hill. Over the week the girls learnt lots about cricket and made many new friends in the process.

The team consisted of Abbie Uhr, Peyton Toshack, Dimity Parton, Taylor Hobby, Madison Marmion and Montana Marmion (Blayney Public); Kiara Sullivan (Wellington); Natalie Letcher and Katie Letcher (Burke Ward Public, Broken Hill); Meg Rosenbaum (Dubbo Public); Alyssa Shoulders and Ella Maynard (Cudgegong Valley Public, Mudgee).

Western lost convincingly to Sydney South West, South Coast, and CIS (the eventual winners) and had a reasonably close game against Sydney North.
They defeated Sydney East, North Coast and Riverina and were placed 9th in the carnival. Best performances with the bat were Abbie Uhr, scoring a 36, 27 and 20 not out; Dimity Parton, 20, Kiara Sullivan 11 and 2 innings of 10 and Katie Letcher 14 and 10. The Western girls combined well in the field and shared the wickets amongst themselves. Katie Letcher captured 7 wickets; and this top effort was closely followed by Dimity Parton and Taylor Hobby with 6 wickets each; Peyton Toshack 4; while Abbie Uhr, Natalie Letcher and Madison Marmion managed 3 each. Western’s fielding improved markedly over the four days and the girls were able to take 18 catches throughout the carnival, an excellent effort for girls who have not played much or any cricket before. Well done girls!

Kiara Sullivan represented Wellington Public School at the NSW PSSA Girls Cricket Carnival. A big thank you to Marie Cornish who made Kiara’s selection possible!

Kiara had a great time in Barooga, was an excellent ambassador for her School, made lots of new friends and was a joy to take away. She was voted Player’s Player of the Carnival by all her team mates because she did an excellent job both in the field and with the bat. Kiara had a great time batting and could always be relied upon to score quick runs which often included one or two fours in her innings. Her running between wickets was excellent. She scored two lots of 5, 10, 11 and a 10 not out, bowled tightly taking 2 wickets in all and fielded beautifully also taking a catch. Well done Kiara!

Congratulations to all the girls, most of which have hardly played cricket, but listened, were keen to learn and improved markedly over the week. Well done girls and a big thank you to the parents and supporters who made the trip to Barooga possible as well as enjoyable.

Jenny-Lynne Watt
Convener
Public Speaking and Debating Workshops up-skill Wellington students

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students from Wellington Public School have developed and fine-tuned their public speaking and debating skills, thanks to recent innovative workshops held at the school. Mrs Jan Rose, a retired English teacher from the north west of the State, has spent five fruitful days at the school, sharing her skills in public speaking and debating. Students have learnt the techniques of voice projection, gesture, eye contact and audience engagement in order to develop confidence when speaking in front of others.
Debating activities have included the art of taking sides in an argument, teamwork, use of persuasive language and rebuttal. The new skills learnt in both workshops will be further developed and practised in the classroom and will be highly valued as students progress through their senior years of schooling and in later life.

**Local Author visits Wellington Public School**

On Tuesday 11\(^{th}\) March, Stage 3 students were privileged to listen to Ms Kerrie Phipps, author, speaker and coach. Ms Phipps is well known for her engaging presentations around Australia and loves speaking at schools, sharing her insights from her adventures. Ms Phipps, presented a highly enlightening session on the topic of war. This was of great significance to students as the English unit of study this term has been ‘Australians at War’.

Ms Phipps shared interesting details about her grandparents war service and her recent trip to Kokoda, Papua New Guinea, with her 94 year old grandfather.

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Kerrie Phipps on stage in the Gould League Hall.

*Principal*

*Denis Anderson*
Welcome to Week 9.

What a fun filled week we had last week. We made rainbows out of lots of different things including jelly and craft supplies.

Next week we will be focusing on shapes. The children will begin to identify them, make them and create pictures with them. If there is anything your child may be interested in please either write it down on our program suggestions chart or let one of the staff know so we can add it to our program.

We are still accepting donations for our annual Easter raffle. Please leave donations in the basket provided. The raffle will be drawn at our Grandparents Day/End of term get-together on Thursday 10th April. All raffle tickets will need to be returned to preschool by Thursday 3rd April, if you would like another book of tickets to see please just see our staff.

On Wednesday we are expecting Donna Reece for a visit to introduce the Breathe, Blow, Cough, Wash, Chew (BBCWC) program to our children. This program will ensure that we all have healthy ears and noses for learning especially coming into the winter months.

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!!**

**Shapes**

All week—Donations for annual Preschool Easter raffle

Monday—Squares

Tuesday—Circles

Wednesday—Rectangles

Thursday—Triangles, Return library books.

**Happy Birthday Decklin 21st March**

**Happy birthday Kirsty 24th March**
We had fun at Preschool last week!!!

It took us all week but our rainbow jellies were worth the wait, don't they look great!

Decklin and Lincoln worked hard making a fence around the bike track with wood.

Milk, detergent and food colouring made rainbows as we watched the colours swirl together.

Amber was excited to find planes making lines in the sky.

Where are Emma’s feet? The children enjoyed putting water in the sandpit and burying things.

We used our fine motor skills to create things with boxes, egg cartons and bottle tops.
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
An exciting opportunity for children to SING, COMPOSE, MOVE, CREATE!
Led by award-winning singer, conductor and inspirational artistic director of the Moorambilla Festival - MICHELLE LEONARD.
No previous singing experience is necessary to benefit from these workshops – this is an educational and cultural activity that will get every student energized, thinking and SINGING!
From this workshop, a small number of students with interest and potential may be offered a place in Moorambilla Voices Regional Children’s Choir for primary students, or MAXed-OUT program for secondary students, with performances in September.
If offered a place in Moorambilla, fees will apply – note all places are already subsidised and some scholarship support is available. Wellington Public School has had several students including Harry Taylor, Liam Russell and Danielle Fogg selected to attend the Moorambilla Festival over the past two years. All students have said how invaluable the experience was and that they had a great time at the camp!
Info and registration form for this workshop attached or download from www.macqcon.org.au
More info on Moorambilla: www.moorambilla.com

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner | Be Safe | Be Respectful

NO BUZZIES DUE TO THE RAIN AND NO ASSEMBLY.

WPS EASTER SOCIAL.. SPECIAL ED FUNDRAISER..
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE END OF TERM EASTER SCHOOL SOCIAL 9TH OF APRIL
more information in the coming weeks..
Grandparents Day

Who: Grandparents and friends

What: Picnic style lunch and classroom activities

Where: Central Grass/Maxwell Street Grass

When: Thursday 10th of April 2014 at 1pm – 2:45pm

Please bring a picnic lunch or pre order your lunch from the canteen
Grandparents Day

Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} of April 2014 at 1pm

$5

Canteen Special

Chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise wrap

or

Ham, cheese and tomato wrap

and

Juice or water

and

Watermelon tub

Pre order and pay at the Canteen by Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} of April 2014
**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

2014 YR 6 FUNDRAISER, EASTER RAFFLE...

This Term, Yr 6 are fundraising and would appreciate any donations of Easter eggs for their raffle.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

‘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.
2014 International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS)

Recently students in years 2—6 would have received information about these upcoming assessments. Please note, THEY ARE NOT COMPULSORY and your child does not have to participate if they do not wish to. However, if your child does wish to enter these competitions please fill out the registration form and return it to the school—WITH PAYMENT—by **THURSDAY, 10th APRIL**.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you require a new form please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Nicki Johnston

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The Department of School Education Hearing Team organise Clinic Days with two ear, nose and throat specialists in Dubbo, Dr Quddusi 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.
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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**STAGE 2 (Yrs 3&4) ASSEMBLY DATES —TERM 1 2014**

Stage 2 assemblies will take place on the following dates:

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 Red— Thursday 3rd April at 2pm**

Kindergarten assemblies take place in the Gould League Hall.

*See You There!!*

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**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.
Children in years 1 to 6 are participating in a Direct Instruction Spelling Program called Spelling Mastery. Children are grouped according to placement test results and may move to another room and teacher to participate in the program.

This program operates differently from previous spelling programs our school has used. Homework is issued at the end of each 5 lessons, not on the same day each week. Your child’s teacher will indicate on the homework page when this homework should be handed in. Homework is based on work the children have covered in the previous 5 lessons.

Interesting Information!

- In Spelling Mastery when we spell a word with double letters, (for example dress) we do not say d - r - e - double s we say d - r - e - s - s.
- Spelling Mastery is broken up into levels. Level A is the first level and Level F is the last level. At our school we also run a program called Pre-Lit. This is for the children that are not yet ready for Spelling Mastery Level A. When we require a level after F we have access to another program called Spelling through Morphographs.
- Spelling Mastery introduces 10% of new content each lesson and revises 90% of previous content. Attendance is a critical factor in success with Spelling Mastery.
- We run Spelling Mastery and Pre-Lit 4 days per week for 30 minutes each day.
- Spelling Mastery uses a combined approach of phonemic, morphemic and whole-word strategies to help students understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns.

If you would like to attend an information session about Spelling Mastery please contact the school and indicate whether a day or evening session would suit you best.

Please contact Leeanne Everett or Tracy Petrovic if you have any questions.
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**ALL DAY SNACKS**

| When available | Ham, Cheese & Tomato $2.50 | $3 |
| Piece of Fruit | $1 | Cheese & Tomato $2 | $2.50 |
| Watermelon Tubs | $1 | Cheese $1.50 | $2 |
| Grape Cups | $1 | Egg & Lettuce $2.50 | $3 |
| Fruit Salad Tubs | $2 | Egg $2 | $2.50 |
| Yoghurt | $2 | Vegemite $1.50 | $2 |
| Yoghurt & Fruit | $2 | Sandwiches can be toasted (free). |
| Custard | $1 | |
| Custard & Jelly | $1 | Salad contains: lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, onion & cheese. |
| Jelly | $1 | |
| Jelly & Peaches | $1 | |

**SALADS**

| Chips | $1 | Salad Tub; Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, cheese, egg & onion. $4 |
| Popcorn | $1 | Chicken Salad Tub $4.50 |
| Anzac Biscuits | $1 | Ham Salad Tub $4.50 |
| | | Silverside Salad Tub $4.50 |

**DRINKS**

| Poper; apple, apple & blackcurrant, orange, orange & mango | $1 | |
| Water | $2 | Sausage Rolls $2 |
| Big M Milk; chocolate, strawberry | $2 | Pizza Single; ham & pineapple, cheese & bacon. $2 |
| Moove 300 mL; strawberry, chocolate | $2.50 | Chicken Nugget $0.50 each |
| Juice; orange, apple, apple & blackcurrant, orange & mango, orange & passion-fruit | $2 | Chilli Nugget $0.50 each |
| | | Yummy Drummy $1 each |
| | | Lasagne $3 |
| | | Hot Dog $2 |
| | | Pizza Rounda $2.50 |

**ICE BLOCKS**

| Paddlepops | $1.30 | Chicken & Gravy Roll $4 |
| Zooper Doopers | $0.50 | Cob of Corn $2 |
| Monys | $0.50 | Fried Rice $3 |
| Lemonade Icy | $1 | Gravy extra .50c |
| | | Sauce extra .20c |
# $5 Meal Canteen Meal Deals

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ALL ORDERS IN BY 9:30AM PLEASE