Welcome back – We’re Into Term 2

It’s amazing to think that almost one third of the year is over at the end of April – although this seems a bit funny when we still have three school terms to go.

We hope that everyone enjoyed sharing important times with their children and managed to fit in some exciting experiences into the two weeks while not at school.

What A proud Experience!

We would like to acknowledge how proud we all must have felt on ANZAC Day to be part of the Wellington Public School contingent representing our school on such an important occasion. Thank you to all of our students who participated, to all of the parents who helped make this so special and to all of the school staff who were able to attend. It is well recognised that the importance of the memories be perpetuated by young people and this is happening across Australia and certainly in Wellington.

Congratulations Patrick

This was too late last Term to be put into the Whisper but also far too important to omit. Patrick O’Donnell went to Homebush to swim in the Olympic pool back on 9th April to compete in the state swimming championships. Patrick
swam very competitively in his backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke events. It was fabulous to see that Patrick that came third in his breaststroke event and was awarded a bronze medal. The competition at state level is all about swimmers who are the best in NSW and so Patrick achievements are very impressive.

**Dubbo District PSSA Team Selection – Touch Football**

Training days have been set aside for the 8th and 12th of May at (Katrina Gibbs Oval) with Game Day being on 16th of May, 2014. Kiara Sullivan has been selected to play in the girls’ team and Rylee Blackhall and Warren Powell for the boys’ team. We wish the Western Team well with a special congratulations going to our team representative.

**Wear Western Wednesday**

To show that our students are proud to be Western we are asking students to wear either Western School Sports Association (WSSA) gear or any red and green clothing on Wednesday 7th of May and on another occasion in Term 4 (The fourth Wednesday in Term 4). The school will take photos and submit a good one to the Western SSA – The winning photo for each of the two days will be displayed on the Western trailer for twelve months. That’s next week!

**NAPLAN**

Just a quick reminder that we are only a couple of weeks away for the NAPLAN testing which is held annually for students in Years 3 and 5 in Primary schools. 13th of May will be about language conventions and a writing test; 14th of May will be a reading test and 15th of May is for Numeracy testing. There is provision for catch-up testing on Friday, 16th of May for anyone who may have missed a test on an earlier occasion – it is important that all students participate unless exemptions were applied for.
Thinking About Applying for Opportunity Class Placement in 2015
Entry for class OC placement for Year 4 students going into Year 5 in 2015 is via a placement testing process. The nearest schools would most likely be in Orange or Dubbo. If you wish to apply applications are preferred online by going to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement where you can see more details about applying. Anyone without computer access can come and see the principal. Applications opened yesterday and close on 16th of May.

A Few Requests Of Parents
Please:
- When driving students to and from school please adhere to the road rules and take special care in dropping off students, when picking them up and where you have to be very mindful of the safety of other students
- Take an active interest in the things students are working on in class and share in the experience. While we want all students to become independent in their learning we want all families to support their children
- Appreciate that it follows, that families have a very important responsibility in promoting the value of a good education and to attend school 100% of the time if they can
- Include your children in lots of family discussions and include them in your everyday experiences
- Broaden their horizons as much as you can through actual travel experiences and/or via internet exploration or with books
- Commend your children for the things they do well and encourage them to be risk-takers in their learning. If they fail it is good to learn by the experience
- Encourage physical activity and discourage (but keep a sensible balance) on the reliance of technological gadgetry
• Expect children to be inquisitive and ask lots of questions. Always answer appropriately and if you don’t know the answers teach them ways of finding out
• Think about how nice it is to be a friend with your children but there are lots of times you need to be the parent
• Try not to be the helicopter parent wrapping them up in cotton wool to protect them from the world – every child needs to grow the ability to take on the challenges that face them and learn to be resilient
• Model appropriate behaviours – your children are quick to follow the example of the people they trust the most
• Encourage tidiness and cleanliness as well as being organised and prepared
• Expect that your children are courteous and respectful of other
• Encourage your children to want to become lifelong learners
• Give them lots of love, positive attention and celebrate belonging.

JUST A FEW THINGS – THE LIST CAN BE ENDLESS.

*Please do not be offended by any of these things. I’m sure you know all of these and already practise them.*

*The role of the parent is extensive and as it is often said they (children) don’t come with their own individual instruction manual.*

If these things happened in every household we would be experiencing a positive learning environment. Where children are free of anger, anxiety, tension, value education and want to strive to achieve their best in everything they do. Happiness is perhaps the best we can give to all children.

Principal Denis Anderson
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

None this week due to it being the first week back.

‘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.

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.

Stage 1 Assembly timetable TERM 2

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Homework Centre and Active After Schools

Homework Centre and Active After School Activities have not started for Term 2 Thanks, Mr Bullock.

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

None this week due to it being the first week back.
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.

Kindergarten Assembly Timetable—Term 2 2014

K Blue—Thursday 8th May at 2pm
K Yellow—Thursday 22nd May at 2pm
K Red—Thursday 5th June at 2pm
K Green—Thursday 19th June at 2pm

Kindergarten assemblies take place in the Gould League Hall.

See You There!!

WPS Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 7th May 2014—Wellington Race Course
For children 8yrs (turning 8 this year) and up.

Note to be sent home this week

WPS Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd May 2014
Rygate Park
For children 8yrs (turning 8 this year) and up.
CSIRO show—$5—18th June 2014

Here at Wellington Public School, we aim to be innovative in our approach to Science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students.

On Wednesday 18th of June 2014, CSIRO Education will visit our school.

While here, they will be presenting an interactive science program costing $5 per student, with the following themes:

FORCE & MOVEMENT SHOW

We are very excited about this event!

The CSIRO Science Education Centre create a dynamic interactive forum within which students can take a hands-on role. Their program engages students in eye-opening interactive science theatre and hands-on experiments, which have been developed around real-life CSIRO research. Our students will become the scientists, rather than just reading about them.

CSIRO, more than being the largest employer of scientists in Australia, is one of the most respected science organisations in the world. The CSIRO Science Education Centre is able to draw on the benefits of this, and provide quality science programs for students, teachers and public audiences throughout NSW. The CSIRO presenters have experience in teaching and performing. Their amusing and lively approach to science is both engaging and educational.

Don’t miss this opportunity to witness one of the most innovative and entertaining science programs available to schools in NSW.

CSIRO PERMISSION SLIP  I give permission for my child to attend the CSIRO program on Wednesday 18th of June, at a cost of $5 per student.

Childs Name:.................................................................Class:..............................................................

Signed..........................................................