We would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to elders past and present for they hold the memories of days gone by and their hopes for the future.

**What A Wonderful day**

Last Thursday saw our Primary students and those 8 years old attend the athletics carnival at Rygate Park. The wonderful thing about the day was the overall level of participation where lots of children entered as many races as they could. This showed a very positive attitude and loyalty to their sports house. Towards the end of the day there was some uncertainty as to whether we would get through all of the finals but in the end it wasn’t a worry because the last of the relays was finished not long before the buses started to arrive.

Thank you to the teachers who worked tirelessly to see the day ran smoothly, to those who worked in the canteen, to Di and the P&C members who organised the canteen for the day and to Mrs Boland and Mrs Eather who had the really big job of organising the carnival and keeping everything running so smoothly.

Well done to the champions of your various age divisions in both girls and boys events and thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and show their support.

**The Wellington Show**

Lots of our students attended the Wellington show and some would have also attended the Dubbo show. This can be a fabulous day out with friends and family. At the Wellington show many of our students would have visited the school exhibits and taken time to find their entries. It was a little disappointing to learn that the school section was no longer going to be judged because our school, through the efforts of individual children has always done well in receiving awards. Many thanks go to Mrs Batho for organising our school exhibit. We had four winners of a colouring competition. All of the entries were sealed when they were handed out and no one came back to me to tell that these were show entries but we
Tree Assessment
Following the death of a young girl attending Pitt Town Public School earlier this year due to a falling tree branch, The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) instructed all schools to engage a qualified arborist to inspect all trees in all schools to rate their safety and where necessary the remedial action would follow. It has taken a long time but the suitably qualified arborist we were eventually able to engage last Friday arrived for his tree inspection. His report has been received and forwarded to our Assets Management people who will organise quotations for the necessary remedial work to be done. Nine trees were recognised as a potential risk and five are recommended for removal. The remaining trees need various pruning and in the majority of cases need the removal of dead wood.

Commemorative Plaque
Our school P&C commissioned the provision of a bronze plaque to commemorate the death of Kaleb O’Neil who was killed in a tragic accident on Christmas day in 2012. The plaque has now been mounted to a piece of stone and set below a tree in the school grounds to be there to remember Kaleb as a student of our school and as a good friend to so many children and their families. We pay our sincere respects to Kaleb. The plaque is under a tree on the top, left hand side of the grassed area as you walk up the path from the Percy St pedestrian entrance to the administration office.

Wiradjuri Language Instruction
Ruth Hammond has approached the school to volunteer her time to come into the school on Wednesdays to restart our offering of Wiradjuri language instruction and lessons in Aboriginal culture. This has been organised with the assistance of Trent Forest (Aboriginal Education Officer) in collaboration with Mrs Judy Burns. This too has been discussed at recent meetings of the Wellington Aboriginal Consultative Group and has the support of this group. Mrs Hammond and Mrs Burns will work together and see as many K-2 classes as possible. The final arrangements are very complicated because it needs to fit with our timetables and most importantly, with what teachers want because their days are already filled to capacity. Avoiding changes to significant learning programs is something we need to avoid through negotiation where possible. The proposed lessons are planned to be short so we are hopeful we can find the spaces needed.

National Sorry Day and and Reconciliation Week.
“National Sorry Day” acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians. It is requested that all New South Wales Government Building and
Establishments throughout the State fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags during Sorry Day and National Reconciliation week inclusive. National Reconciliation Week is focusing on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Flying the Indigenous flags on National Sorry Day and throughout National Reconciliation Week confirms our national respect for Indigenous Australians. From Monday 26 May to Tuesday the 3 June 2014 the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag should be flown on additional flagpoles, where available, next to or near the Australian Flag. We will be flying our flags adjacent to our General Assistant’s shed near the Gould League Hall. Mrs Batho will co-ordinate a whole school project promoting our collective respect of Reconciliation Week. Hopefully we will have picture to publish in next weeks Whisper.

**School Canteen** The school canteen provides a vital service to our students. We are extremely lucky to have a canteen that runs five days a week. This is because it is operated through the P&C and is able to sustain Diane as a paid canteen manager. Many schools have had to limit their canteen’s operation and in some cases even close them down. Like all canteens we need the assistance of voluntary labour and in our canteen there are very few who are willing to donate their time. The P&C work hard as does Diane and her limited staff and it would be really good if other parents would consider approaching Diane to volunteer their assistance, preferably on a regular basis. The P&C have had meetings with the DEC’s Assets Management and Public works to plan a possible upgrade. Everyone wants the canteen but no-one seems to want to help! Can you?

With limited staff it takes a long time to process lunch orders that come in every day. To be fair students and parents are asked to have all lunch orders placed at the canteen before 9:30 am each day. Late lunch orders will not be accepted after this time from the commencement of Week 7 (Monday, 9th May, 2014.)

**Reports To Parents**
Student reports are to go out early in Week 8 this term and parents will be invited to a parent teacher night on Tuesday, 24th June, 2014. This night will give teachers a chance to review the progress of students’ and for parents to ask questions relevant to their children. Booking specific times is important and times have to be limited to allow all parents to attend. Booking times will be distributed by teachers at a later time.
Evacuation Practice
Yesterday (Monday) we held an emergency evacuation practice, commencing at 10:40 am. This went very smoothly and it is reassuring that we are making changes as we recognise that we can always improve our practices even though what we are doing is working well. Everyone was safely evacuated and then back in class within 15 minutes. Mr Walsh is to be congratulated on keeping all of us attuned to the necessary Work Health and Safety systems and practices.

Zoo Excursion
Best wishes for our Year 1 students who will be travelling to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo on Friday. Although many students will have been before, this will be an extra special opportunity to go with their classmates and friends from school. We might ask our Year 1 teachers for a report for next weeks Whisper and they might take some good photographs for us if we ask nicely.

Public schools regularly discuss safe behaviours with their students, including how to respond when they feel uncomfortable in any given situation or they are approached by people they do not know.

Stranger Danger – An important reminder
As in all public Schools, we encourage parents to reinforce messages about how to act safely on the way to and from school and when in the community. Public schools endorse the police message about “Safe People, Safe Places” (see below).
If a child has any concerns they are urged to report it to their school principal or another trusted person at school.
The school will alert the police and support any investigation or follow-up resulting from the report.
Schools generally communicate with parents and follow police advice about providing information to their school communities.

Police “Safe People, Safe Places” message
Police to encourage parents to discuss the ‘Safe People, Safe Places‘ messages with their children, including;
- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help –
police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

One of our classes is seeking the donation of anything to do with Thomas the Tank Engine. We would appreciate it if you brought in any items your children have outgrown or don’t want anymore.

Please send to Miss Everett.

**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 at the end. Thanks Kindly Miss L Anderson.
On Thursday 22nd May, Wellington Public School held its annual Athletics Carnival. A great day was had by all and the weather was just beautiful.

A big, big thank you to all who arrived early to set up and those who were there at the end to pack up. Thank you also to Wellington Little A’s Association for the use of their equipment.

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful P & C and small band of parent helpers for running the canteen and providing the staff and officials with lovely cake. Thank you, your hard work and dedication to our school is appreciated.

I would also like to give my personal thanks to the wonderful staff of WPS, you were fantastic in your roles and without you the carnival would not have been as successful as it was. Mrs Eather once again did a superb job on the microphone – thank you.

Congratulations to all the students of WPS who attended the carnival. Your behaviour and sportsmanship was to be commended. Numbers were up on previous years and I’m sure they will continue to increase.

A huge achievement was made by 4 WPS students who broke records. Hannah Petrovic broke the 11year girls Shot Put Record. It was 7.89m and Hannah threw a huge 8.40m. The 8years girls 100m record of 18.90 was broken by the speedy Georgia Veech who ran a fast 18.39. The 9years girls 100m record of 17.60 was broken by the talented Aishat Kareem. The 8years boys 100m record of 17.09 was broken by Asher Rootes who ran like the wind running a 16.60. WELL DONE to these athletic students, what a fantastic achievement!!!

Well Done to Evans House who were overall winners of the carnival with a total of 754 points. Oxley House were a close second with 733 points. Sturt were a very close third with 731 points and Mitchell had 697 points. It just goes to show that entry points can make all the difference.

Our wonderful champions were outstanding on the day showing their athletic ability. The 2014 Athletic Age Champions are as follows:

**Junior Boy** – Arthur Taylor  **11yrs Boy** – Justin Walker  **Senior Boy** – Lewis McCarthy  
**Junior Girl** – Emerson Humphries  **11yrs Girl** – Shannagh Chatfield  **Senior Girl** – Sharmeakah Riley

Congratulations to all the ribbon receivers, the Age Champions and Evans house on their success.

The Dubbo District Athletics Carnival is on in August. A note will go home if your child will be representing WPS in this carnival.

Thank you

Kate Boland
Welcome to Week 5.

Last week we enjoyed learning about fruits and vegetables. We even made our own zucchini cupcakes and talked about how cake is a ‘sometimes’ food.

We are so proud of everyone’s lunch boxes this week! Thank you to all of our families who are trying hard to work with us to encourage healthy eating. Reducing the amount of ‘sometimes’ food your children bring to preschool in turn reduces the amount of rubbish we produce and makes preschool better for our environment. Some families may have noticed in their child’s lunchbox over the past week a number of awards going home, some of these include ‘fruit and vegetable award’, ‘Healthy snacks award’, ‘No packaging award’ and the ‘Water as a drink award’. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations preschoolers on being awarded first prize for your zucchinis in the Wellington Show last weekend! We must be blessed with twenty sets of green thumbs.

As it is a short term this time around please remember to pay your preschool fees promptly. These can either be placed in the fees box located in the foyer or paid directly to the front office at school. Thank you.

Have a great week!!

Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Please remember that preschool is not open until 8:55 each morning. Parents who work can speak to staff about arriving early, however this is only to occur on days when parents are working. If you need to drop off early please pre-arrange this with staff. Pick up time is 2:30 and doors will open at approximately 2:20 for those who need to pick their children up early.

Happy birthday Peyton B 20/05/14

Congratulations Peyton B on being our PATHS kid for the day

What’s Happening This Week – Transport
We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

The children have been very busy digging away in the dirt this week, we even added some water.

Jase worked very hard at making his ‘very hungry caterpillar’

Teaka went searching for some more zucchinis to pick and found two!

The boys created their own stage to perform on whilst dancing to the Chipmunks.

Decklin enjoyed sharing his chainsaw with his friends and managed to cut up some wood.

Jarell loved mixing the grated zucchini into our cake mix before we baked them.
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

**Stage 1 Assembly timetable TERM 2**

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**This Week’s Buzzie Winners**

- **Be a Learner**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**

April KB, Ella KY, Kohle KG, Liam 1K, Katie 1S, Nathaniel 1S, Nate 3/4E, Jake 3/4T, Alicia 4N, Aidan 5S, David 5/6K and Sammy 5/6 K

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**WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOK FAIR !!!!**

The School Library will be holding a Book Fair during week 6 (2nd—6th of June). There will be lots of new and interesting books to look at and purchase. Students will be able to browse through the many books available to buy and write a wish list during their library time. The library will then be open all day Friday the 6th of June for students wanting to purchase books. Parents are also welcome. The library will also be open at various times during the week (lunch and recess) and for 20minutes at the end of each day. All money raised will go towards purchasing books and resources for our library. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the Book Fair. Jody Blackhall.
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: ......................................................
Wellington Public School are supporting the ‘Hear our Heart’ Ear Bus project which will allow children at our school to have their hearing tested by a specialized bus equipped with the staff and equipment necessary for thorough testing.

This project needs financial support to begin visiting our school. The bus will be based in Dubbo and visit outlying areas regularly to monitor and assess children that are identified as needing hearing assessment. We will support the bus in a variety of ways.

This term we will be conducting

5 cent Friday!

Every Friday we will visit each classroom with a heart ticket for each child who makes a donation to the Ear Bus. You may donate as little as 5cents each week to get a ticket. Tickets will go in a draw at the end of the term for a $50 Smiggle voucher!

We will also send home a jar label for you to stick on a container so that your family can join in. Collect 5cent pieces (or bigger coins if you want) and bring in the jar for bonus tickets in the end of term draw.

Please contact Leeanne Everett if you have any questions about this fundraising support or the Hear our Heart Ear Bus.

Thanks for your Participation.

Kindergarten Assembly Timetable—Term 2 2014

K YELLOW — Thursday 5th June at 2pm

K GREEN — Thursday 19th June at 2pm

Kindergarten assemblies take place in the Gould League Hall.

See You There!!