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.

Classrooms acknowledged National Sorry Day last Monday and went on to discuss the significance of National Reconciliation Week – this photograph was taken on Friday, 30th May, 2014 displaying some of the class flags designed by our students.

Thank you to all of the students who contributed to the Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week art work and to Mrs Batho for organising and displaying the art work produced for the photograph.

National Sorry Day—a time to acknowledge the impact of policies that
saw the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, known as the Stolen Generations.

On the 26 May 1997, the Bringing them Home report was tabled in the Federal Parliament. Not only did it reveal a painful and hidden chapter of Australia’s history, it made a variety of recommendations including there be a National ‘Sorry Day’ held each year.

The annual National Sorry Day commemorations remind and raise awareness among Politicians, policy makers, and the wider public about the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on the children that were taken, and also on their families and communities. Healing is an important aspect of reconciliation for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and an essential ingredient in generating the kind of long term success that is in all our best interests. Sorry Day is a chance for Australians to come together and support each other on their journey of healing.

Small Steps

The following flyer is being reproduced from a draft format emailed to the school.

This is being advertised for a number of venues (recently for Dubbo), however, it is now being advertised for Wellington. *Highly recommended for interested parents.* Please respond to the RSVP – It is good that it is coming to our town.
Small Steps

Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents.

Did you know?
- An anxiety disorder affects one in ten children.
- Anxiety impacts on a child’s social, family and school life.
- Early intervention may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence.
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home.
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved with timely information, care, treatment and support.

Presentations last between one-two hours and cover:
- The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders.
- Types of anxiety disorders.
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders.
- Our free Small Steps presentations involve:
  - A visual presentation by a speaker from Mental Health Association NSW.
  - Reference materials and information.
  - A recommended reading list.
  - A Question and Answer session.

We’re holding a Small Steps presentation for Parents!

When and Where

Thursday 26th June

Time 1.30pm to 3pm
Wellington
Anglican Church HALL

RSVP 16th June to Louise Hennessy on 02 6985 0277

Co-ordinated by The Mental Health Association NSW with the support of NSW Health and Centacare.
Temporary Fencing
The fencing that has appeared around the grounds has been provided to section off the trees that have been identified in an arborist’s report as potentially high or extreme risk. The fences will stay in place until the necessary remedial work is done. Some of the trees are to be removed completely while others need the dead wood to be removed.
Our Assets Management Unit is in control of the tender process and hopefully it will not take too long to engage the contractors who will complete the necessary work.
Our famous Gould League Tree is listed for an aerial inspection and the remedial work should only necessitate the removal of dead wood.

The Year of The Horse
Welcome to Week 6

Last week we enjoyed learning about transport. We discussed the different forms of transport we know and made a graph displaying the modes of transport we use to come to school.

On Wednesday your children will be able to order their lunches from the canteen. This is a wonderful way to transition our children into the wider school community.

Remember to pay your fees for Term 2, if you are unsure of how much these are please don’t hesitate to ask and we can look it up for you.

We are still asking families to bring in some favorite recipes. We are looking for anything which may encourage our children to eat more fruits and vegetables.

We ask that families do not send their children to preschool if they are sick. We work and play together in a small area so germs and sickness will spread quickly. Green runny noses seem to be a common thing in preschool with the onset of winter and this is a sure sign of sickness. If your child has a green runny nose please keep them at home so they can be cared for properly.

Have a great week!! Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Happy Birthday to Teaka 29th May
Happy Birthday Miss Cheryl 25th May
Happy Birthday Billy 2nd June

Congratulations Jase on being our PATHS kid for the day

Read to your Kids every day!!

What’s Happening This Week – Transport

Monday – Sock puppets  Tuesday – Traffic lights

Wednesday – Lunch order day  Thursday – Transport themed cooking
We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

Nate made his own musical instruments out of big blocks and rice skittles.

“Cars are transport, and so are helicopters.”

Sharing a story in the shade on such a beautiful day.

The children found a washing basket and decided to slide down the slippery dip in it.

Transport stamp painting, the boys especially enjoyed this.

Happy birthday Teaka!
The Year of the Horse was the theme of this year’s Wellington Show that went off in spectacular fashion just over a fortnight ago. Wellington Public School contributed to this year’s festivities by creating a spectacular display of artworks based on all things Equine.

Colourful drawings, paintings, prints and 3-dimensional designs depicting show jumping, horseshoes, miniature ponies and even horse-themed carousels made for an impressive display of artistic talent.

Special mention should be made to this year’s kindergarten classes who each produced a phenomenal amount of art for the display and from all accounts were a crowd favourite on the day.

In addition to the art display, a number of individual students from Wellington Public submitted entries into the Visual Arts competition, the Baking competition and the Fresh Produce competition. We congratulate all students who entered this year’s show and encourage all students to participate in next year’s festivities. Well-done WPS!

Thank you to all of the students who contributed to our school’s show display, it looked wonderful. It goes without saying but the teachers too, all deserve a special “thanks” for getting their students to want to be part of such an important event. Again, Mrs Batho needs to be credited for coordinating and organising this year’s display and providing the information for this report.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS THAT CATCH A SCHOOL BUS..

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE BUS COMPANY THAT LOOM BANDS ARE BANNED ON THE BUSES.. Thanks Kindly
All Welcome
The opportunity is always there for parents and community members to come along to meetings of the Wellington Public School’s Parents and Citizens Association. Learn more about what happens at our school, be part of important planning and decision-making and contribute to things that will benefit your students who attend this school. This month’s meeting is tomorrow night, Wednesday, 4th June, 2014 commencing at 6:30 pm. Meetings are held in the staffroom which is on the lower floor of the administration building and access is through the side door facing the asphalt playing area.
D. Anderson Principal

**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.

**WHAT IS A PATHS KID FOR TODAY?**

Our PATHS program is happening in every classroom in the school. Each week there is a PATHS kid for today and this person helps out the teacher for that lesson. The child then receives compliments from their teacher and their classmates. This activity is important in helping children to acknowledge the strengths and attributes of others as well as the strengths of themselves.
What another wonderful District Cross Country Carnival held at the showground last Wednesday. Congratulations to all the athletes that competed, your behaviour and sportsmanship was to be commended. Well done and good luck to Mae Clout, Artie Taylor, Rusty Taylor and Kiara Sullivan, who will be competing at the Western Region Carnival on the 11th of June (Wednesday) at the showground. We wish you the best of luck.

WPS also had some top 10 finishers with Julia Bancroft 8th, Tom Kiss 7th, Cooper Taylor 9th, Gypsy Cox 6th, Piper Fleeton 6th, Abbey Kiss 9th, Clay Kennedy 10th and Rugby Taylor 6th. Well done guys!

Thanks to Mrs Eather for another well planned carnival, Mrs Styles, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Rich for your efforts in the canteen. If there are any parents/helpers/carers or grandparents available on the 11th of June who could assist with set up, pack up, serving in the canteen please contact the school. It is a big day, the more helpers the better.

Thanks also to Shirley, Simone and Trent for your assistance with supervising the students, it was greatly appreciated.

Thanks Kellee O’Brien.
The next P & C Meeting will be held in the staffroom at 6.30pm...

**Wednesday, 4th June 2014**

We would love to see some new faces, so if you know of someone starting at our School this year, why not bring them along so they can be involved in bringing new ideas to our schools P & C. If you can’t make it, but would like something brought up at the meeting please email me back ASAP so I can get it on the agenda & discussed at the meeting.

Hope to see you there!!

**Now Available..**

Boys long grey school pants, from the School office. Costing $20 each. We also have in stock NEW girls winter skirts and light blue blouses, jumpers, polo shirts and more. Come see our friendly office staff.

**Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances**

**This Week’s Buzzy Winners**

- **Be a Learner**
  - Keiran KB, Maddy KB, Sienna KG, Mason 1K, Tammy 1K, Lateekah 1K

- **Be Safe**
  - Clayton 5P, Sonja 5P

- **Be Respectful**
  - Kieran 6A
Stage 1 Assembly timetable TERM 2

| Week 6 | 1S    | 6/6/14 |

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!!

5 CENT FRIDAY...

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.
**Ambushed at Mudgee!!**

Last Thursday our Senior Boys Soccer team travelled to Glen Willow Sports Complex to take on Mudgee PS in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} round of the PSSA soccer knock out. WPS hit the pitch running and were unlucky not to take an early lead, with Tom Kiss and Will Eather looking dangerous in attack. In the blink of an eye the momentum of the match shifted and our boys found themselves chasing a two nil lead to Mudgee PS. Clayton Tye, Thomas Hawke and Nic Musgrove did a super job in defence turning away countless attacking raids. CJ Wheatley delivered a pin point cross field kick to Brad O’Brien who was unlucky not to score before the break. The half time whistle couldn’t have come soon enough with our boys in desperate need of a cool refreshment and a pep talk by their managers, Brad Rogers and yours truly. The refreshments must have worked because Brodhain Edwards, Gavin Rich and Taylor Barton were extremely busy in defence during the second half. Unfortunately our boys simply ran out of legs and were beaten 5 nil. Despite the one sided score line WPS were gracious in defeat and represented our school with pride. Thanks for a great day out boys, Mr Bullock.

2014 Senior Boys Soccer Team
Just for the mums.

3/4B were given the topic 'Mothers' and were asked to write a paragraph about mothers. All the students wrote different and touching paragraphs about mothers. The whole class insisted some of their work should be printed into the Whisper and shared with you all. Aisha, Charlie and Teagan were lucky enough to be chosen.

Enjoy, Mr Bullock.

Mothers are fantastic and I love my mum. Mothers are fantastic because they buy you lots of fantastic things like iPods or donuts. I love my Mum because she is a nurse, so when I am sick or hurt she can take care of me. Mothers are also awesome for taking their children to lots of lovely places. I also love my Mum because when I get home from the bus she might cook us something! My Mum is fantastic and I am sure that other children love their Mothers too.

By Charlie Edwards

Mothers provide you with everything you need. Some things that mothers provide you with are food, birth, transportation and many, many more things. Mothers all
want to spoil you, and they do you just don’t realise it. You might already be really spoilt and own 12 televisions, two million dollars and everything you’ve ever wanted. But all your mothers actually want is for you to be happy. That’s another thing they provide you, happiness. Mums always think that they don’t provide enough for you but they do. When your mum provides things for you we never really appreciate it so much as we should. My mum is sweet, kind, loving, loving, trustworthy, loyal and many, many more nice things. That’s why I love my mum, why do you love yours?

BY AISHA SULLIVAN

Mothers are special and care about you and that’s all you need. All mothers want their children to be good at school. They cook for you so you don’t starve and your parents care because they give you shelter. The only reason you’re here is because your mum gave birth to you. They are artistic, caring, kind and awesome. They provide all the stuff you need like a good education, clothes, health, food and love (you also need big warm cuddles). Don’t do the wrong thing to make her angry or upset, think of all the good things in the future and follow it. Mums are awesome!

By Teagan Nguyen
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.......................................................
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.

THE BOOKFAIR IS ON !!!!!!!

Come in and buy a book and raise money for resources for our School Library.

The Library will be open 11am—12pm and from 2.30pm—3pm EVERYDAY !!!

Thank you Mrs Legg and Mrs Blackhall.