A Big Concern

Recently we have had a number of incidents reported where parents have acted improperly. The most significant concern is around the issue of parents taking it upon themselves to discuss their displeasure about the way students are interacting with their child/ren. This can be quite intimidating and frightening to a child.

This conduct is not acceptable nor is it permissible.

Parents who have a problem must not try to resolve the matter directly with someone else’s child. If there is a problem it is best to let either the class teacher or the stage supervisor know so that they can explore the situation and take any action where it is necessary.

Too many parents are arriving too early of an afternoon. Parents, if they feel they must come into the playground to pick up their child/ren, should do so only minutes prior the 2:45 pm bell. People arriving at school at 2:00 pm and waiting around in the playground are here much too early and unnecessarily.

The school is empowered to direct parents not to come onto school property using the Inclosed Lands Act of 1901, (Inclosed land), which is enforceable by law.

It is certainly most undesirable to even think about using this right as we are in the business of wanting to forge positive relationships with all parents.
Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Schools often expect parents to collect their children at the gate and I hope we don’t have to get to this point.

**Student reports from the Year 1 Zoo excursion.**

**A Day at the Zoo**

Year 1 had an enjoyable day at the zoo last Friday week. Patting a crocodile was one of the many highlights of the day. The teachers were very impressed with the excellent behaviour and manners displayed by the children.

**Year 1 at the Zoo – written by Kate Deshon**

On Friday morning I hopped on the bus with Jessica and Ebony. We made a big loom band. When we got to the zoo we got off the bus. We patted a crocodile and a snake.

Then we walked around the zoo and we saw cheetahs and a zebra with black and white stripes. After that we saw elephants. We went on the bus and got our bags and then we watched the apes. It was fun.

We stopped at the koalas and kangaroos. After that we hopped back on the bus and went back to school.

**Year 1 at the Zoo – written by Mason Hill**

On Friday morning we went to the zoo on the Town Run Two bus with all the year ones. We went into a classroom. There was a girl called Natalie, the zoo keeper. Natalie showed us a crocodile, frog and a python. At recess we saw ducks.

We walked around the zoo. We saw rhinos, tigers, elephants, giraffes, cheetahs and bison. We got back on the bus to go to lunch. We had lunch at the siamang apes. After lunch we went back to see the koalas, kangaroos and emus. When we got back on the bus we saw an ostrich, turtle and some zebras. Then we came back to school.
Listening to Natalie at the Education Centre

Standing by the elephant enclosure
Lunch with the siamang apes

Patting a crocodile
Wellington Debaters have their first win

After a number of intensive workshops held within our school by guest facilitator, Mrs Jan Rose and a recent workshop conducted by the Arts Unit at Dubbo West Public School, Wellington debaters have felt the thrill of their first win within the Western Challenge Debating competition.

The team, comprised of Bethany Bell, Bryn Thomas, Thomas Hawke and Zachary Robinson who performed admirably and defeated Dubbo Public. The topic was 'That the Australian flag should be changed' and the Wellington team had to take the Negative side. Congratulations to the team! We are all very proud of you.

The 2nd round debate in this competition is scheduled for Week 9 this term and will be held at Wellington Public School against Orana Heights Public School. The topic will be 'That every Primary student should have a Facebook page'. Wellington is the Affirmative so it should prove to be an interesting debate.

Our team for that debate will be William Eather, Bryn Thomas, Thomas Hawke and Mikaela Solomons. Chairperson will be Bethany Bell.

Parents are most welcome to attend the debate. We will advise location and time as the date gets closer.
Welcome to Week 7.

Last week we enjoyed learning about transport and we learnt the rules we need to remember when crossing the road.

Due to the arrival of the cold season we are asking that families donate a box of tissues to preschool. Each morning the class has a nose blowing routine that we participate in so we tend to use lots of tissues (generally a box a week).

We are also asking families to think of us when they are throwing common household items away such as kitchenware. Donations of these would be very beneficial to our preschool program as it provides children with real world experiences and opportunities to play with things we see and use everyday.

Next week we will be looking at dinosaurs as this seems to be a very popular interest for our preschool group. If you or your children have anything related to dinosaurs to bring in and show us it would be very much appreciated. We are aware of the knowledge your children hold on this topic and look forward to learning some new things both with and from them.

Have a great week!!

Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

The end or term is fast approaching so remember to pay your preschool fees for this term. If you are unaware of how much your fees are please ask someone and we can have a look for you.

What’s Happening This Week – Dinosaurs

- Monday – Public Holiday
- Tuesday – Dinosaur dig
- Wednesday – Toothpick dinosaurs
- Thursday – Dinosaur moulds
We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

The children have enjoyed creating a digging pit and getting very dirty during the process.

We found a ‘snake’ under our grate. Miss Donna hopes it stays there.

Miss Georgie made up a game using a die and our snake to help us learn our colours.

We practised our gross motor skills by jumping off the climbing frame.

David is helping Peyton to become a mermaid.

The boys dug a ‘river’ in the sandpit. Decklin enjoyed pouring water in the river and watching it flow.
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.

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.

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

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.
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.

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzyie Winners

Be a Learner  Be Safe  Be Respectful

NO BUZZIES DUE TO THE LONG WEEKEND
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.
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.

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**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.................................................