Semester 1 Reports

We intend to send out student reports for Semester 1 this Friday. Please share these reports with your child, praising the positives and the many things they can do. Praise as much as you can especially if their achievements are pleasing to you but judge, in particular, the effort as well as teacher comments about application and having a positive attitude to their school work.

To be sure that you understand how well your student is progressing please make sure you have booked a time with the class teacher to come along and discuss what is happening for your child, next Tuesday (Parent / Teacher interviews). Many of our students have personal learning plans and it is really important that these are designed in partnership with the teacher and are signed off accordingly.

Next Week Is The Last Week Of Term 2

Friday 27th June, 2014 is the last school day of Term 2. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, 15th July, 2014 for the commencement of Term 3. This has been a 9 week term and Term 3 will be a 10 week term concluding on 19th September, 2014.

An Exception!

Year 6 students who are going on the Snow/Canberra excursion will be leaving from the school early in the morning (as per arrangements) on Monday, 14th July, 2014. On this day the school holds its School Development Day and students do not attend. ALL other students return to school on TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2014.
AustCycle

The following is an outline of a Bicycle Safety Program which will be run at the school on the first Saturday of the school holidays.

It is being run by AustCycle on 28th June, 2014 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. It must be noted that Wellington Public School is providing only the venue (underneath the big COLA) and is not associated with, nor is it endorsing this activity which is to be run by AustCycle. Therefore the school shall not be responsible for the activities administration other than to collect the registrations and send these to AustCycle.

It is open to Aboriginal students. Please note the program is free and each student completing the activity will receive a free bicycle safety helmet adorned with Aboriginal art.

Students who wish to register should have their parent/s come to the school and register at the front office. There only 12 participant spaces available and they will be filled by the first twelve students to register. A further five names will be taken for a waiting list in case someone who has registered pulls out. Therefore, when registering, contact telephone details will be required.

Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program

Program Outcomes

To deliver a fun, exciting 4 hour program that teaches Aboriginal children the importance of bike safety through a range of practical skills and activities that cover;

- Safe places to ride in local communities
- Develop and teach basic bike maintenance
- Develop important practical bike skills to make riding safer
- Improve knowledge of road rules and bike safety around roads
- Understand the importance of wearing a helmet
Program participants who will also receive a FREE bike service and a FREE helmet as part of the program.

Participants will:

- Learn the importance of Bike, Clothing and Helmet safety checks when riding
- Practically developing, reinforce skills used in cycling and apply these skills in relation to road rules.
- Be introduced to basic bike maintenance in keeping a bike road worthy
- Be able to change a tyre and be comfortable position to ride

What will AustCycle provide

- AustCycle Staff will be onsite, delivering the program
- Bike Mechanic to service bikes and improve their road worthiness
- Organise a suitable venue, date and time to suit all stakeholders
- Catering for all participants in the program
- Access to a small amount of hire and staffing costs

What support we need from you

To help distribute promotional materials through Aboriginal Communities, School groups, Schools, and Youth Centres in your local area, to gain some awareness and interest into the program.

We will collate registrations for up to 12 children per location by completing the AustCycle registration form.

For more information, please call Lance Greenshields at Austcycle on (02) 9339 5800

NO HOMEWORK CENTRE OR AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES, IN WEEK 9.
Too sick for school?

Maximising attendance is our aim but of course children should not come to school when they are sick and where their attendance might adversely affect other students.

If your child is away for any reason please send a note of explanation (as this is necessary) to the teacher. Preferably, you can write a note and give it to your child to bring to school for the teacher. Alternatively, use the school app on your phone/i-pad and use this facility to send and electronic message to the school account. If a written explanation is not possible a verbal message can be given although this is not the preferred option.

Winter Bugs

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Denis Anderson—Principal

*NO HOMEWORK CENTRE OR AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES, IN WEEK 9.*
The students of Stage 2 at Wellington Public School have been enjoying their unit of study in HSIE entitled 'People and their Beliefs'. This has involved learning about different religious groups and forms of spirituality in our community.

As a way of extending the students' knowledge and understanding, numerous local people were invited to our school to share their religious journey.

The first focus was the Christian religion and the invited speakers were able to speak about their particular denomination and their shared beliefs. As well as our visitors addressing the group individually, Charlotte Frankham, a student at the local Christian School, sang while accompanied by her mother, Helen on the piano.

Last week, a group of Aboriginal elders visited us and discussed their aboriginal heritage, customs and spirituality. In both cases, the students asked some very thoughtful questions and were a most receptive audience.

A special thanks to all speakers who were so generous with their time and who connected so positively with their audience.

Mrs Tickle
Welcome to Week 8.

Last week we enjoyed learning about Dinosaurs. The children drew pictures of their favourite dinosaurs and wrote about them. We also loved playing with the dinosaur land in the sandpit and painting with dinosaur footprints.

Remember 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. We are also asking families to please donate any empty tissue boxes they have so that we can make dinosaur feet.

Next Wednesday (25/6) we will be going on an excursion to Dominos as part of our fruits and vegetables and transport units. Please remember to bring in your child’s permission note for the excursion.

Next Thursday (26/5) will be the last day of preschool for Term 2. On Thursday next week (19/6) preschool reports will be sent home. If you would like to book a time to meet with me about these please just ask.

The end of term is fast approaching so remember to pay your preschool fees for this term. If you are unaware of what fees you owe, please ask one of our staff.

Have a great week!! Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Congratulations Lauchlan on being out PATHS kid for the day.

What’s Happening This Week– Dinosaurs

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We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

Lauchlan built an airport with the wood outside, he though it would be good for cars too.

Peyton enjoyed making food in our outdoor kitchen.

Billy enjoyed driving the cars and trucks through the dirt in the digging pit.

The children enjoyed playing in our 'dinosaur land' Miss Lyn created in the sandpit.

Peyton loves playing with the play food both indoors and outdoors.

Jarell practising his gross motor skills by throwing beanbags down to his friends.
McCarthy Wins at Mudgee

Lewis McCarthy has been crowned the Western Grass Greens champion for 2014 after claiming the title last Tuesday at Mudgee Golf Course. Lewis handled the quick Mudgee greens better than the other competitors to win the 18 hole competition by more than 11 shots.

Early Tuesday morning the WPS golf consisting of Thomas and Lewis McCarthy, Mason Humphries, Brad O’Brien and Will Eather travelled to Mudgee to compete in the annual Western Grass Greens Classic. To begin the day the boys were treated to a chipping and putting clinic run by local pro Peter Mayson. Thomas McCarthy was a wizard with the sand wedge in hand and selected by pro Peter Mayson to demonstrate to the rest of the field how to chip correctly. With the clinic over it was time to hit the course. Mason Humphries was ripping massive drives down the fairway all day with his biggest over 190 metres. Brad O’Brien started strongly with some beautiful iron shots and some nicely timed putts, bar the “one” that cost his score card (you know what hole I’m talking about Brad!) Will Eather sunk a difficult 20 foot putt on the 8th hole which was a highlight of the day. Thomas, Brad, Mason and Will all finished outside the top ten. A great day was had by all and a special thanks to Trent Forrest for giving up some of his beauty sleep to make the early start.

Thanks, Mr Bullock.
Last Week of Homework Centre and Active After School Activities

Homework Centre and Active After School Activities finish up this Thursday for the term. If you would like your child to be a part the program next term please fill out a form from the front office. Thank you to Mrs Milgate, Miss Paola, Mrs Nott, Miss Thompson, Mr Walsh and Shirley for your help in running the program.

Cheers, Mr Bullock

Some European Handball action!

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner
Be Safe
Be Respectful

**Western Cross Country Canteen**

A big thankyou to Debbie Rich, Colleen Ryan, Scott Reid, Nicole Reid and Mavis Hannelly for helping with the canteen. Without volunteers the canteen would not be able to be run. The money raised for the canteen goes towards stage 3 excursion subsidising the cost.

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**Now Available..**

Boys long grey school pants, from the School office—$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.

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**DEBATING NEWS**

**Upcoming debate—27TH JUNE**

Wellington Public School will host the second round of the Western Challenge Debating Competition on Friday 27th June. Wellington Public School will debate against Orana Heights Public School on the topic 'That Primary school children should have a Facebook page'. We are the Affirmative.

We are very honoured to have local community member, Sir Robert Woods, to adjudicate the debate. Sir Robert is a retired High Court Judge and is looking forward to visiting our school that day. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to join the audience. The debate will begin at 10am and will be held in the Gould League Hall. See you then! - Mrs Tickle
Kindergarten Assembly Timetable—Term 2 2014

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.

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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 Amateur Theatrical Society.

Come one, come all to the Peter Pan and Wendy muster.

When: Wed 25th June at 6.30pm, at WATS Place, 31 Warne st (next to the cactus Café). Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society will perform the musical Peter Pan and Wendy on Oct 17th, 18th and 19th. Kate Boland and Noel Grimes will be directing. Rehearsals will begin early July. WATS needs the support of the Wellington Community to get ‘Peter Pan and Wendy’ up and running. Quite a large cast of adults and children (10 yrs plus) is required. Also helpers for behind the scenes “Peter Pan and Wendy’ is full of fun characters in an imaginary world. Pirates, fairies, American Indians, a crocodile and lost boys in Neverland to name a few. Our audiences will bid their cares goodbye as Wendy and her brothers embark on fantastic adventures, with the hero of their bedtime stories... Peter Pan...

See you there, Wed June 25th.

Contact Noel Grimes on 6845 2416.

BOOK FAIR NEWS!!!!

A big thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Book fair. We sold $6,200 altogether and as a result, our School gets to spend $2000 on books as a reward. For everyone that ordered books, we are expecting them to arrive this week sometime. Thankyou for your support.

Mrs Legg and Mrs Blackhall.