Five Cent Fridays A big Success

Miss Everett, who initiated the five cent Friday as an initiative to raise funds for the ‘Ear Bus’ project, was pleased to announce that $841.65 had been collected this term. Each week Miss Everett has had a novel way of communicating weekly totals at Monday morning’s assemblies and our students were always keen to listen to what she had to say. This week, Kindergarten students held up numerals depicting the final total. When the numbers were put in the correct order we learnt that $841.65 had been raised from all the five cent pieces that had been donated. This is a fabulous effort.

Jemma Dickerson of class 3 O/B was the winner of the draw which made her the envy of many because her prize was a $60 Smiggle voucher. 3/4 E
was announced as the winning class and KY received special commendation because their students all put their names down as a class to see if they could win as a team. These two classes each got a big bag of lollies to share as a treat.

All things considered, nearly everyone committed to the challenge and our support is of financial assistance for the Ear Bus project which will bring hearing tests to our students at Wellington Public School in the future.

**Celebrating Good Attendance**

**Reportable attendance**

Each class strives to outdo other classes to win the end of term prize for having the best reportable attendance. Every student should aim at school every day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. This is what parents should want of their children also because there is a strong correlation between high levels of absenteeism and poor academic performance.

We know that children get sick and we understand that they are best kept at home but as with all absences an explanation, preferably in writing, should be supplied by the parent / guardian upon the child’s return.

Explained absences are not counted in our class competition so no individual class is disadvantaged by their justified absence. Unfortunately, though some students have far too many absences and these children rarely bring in notes of explanation so they let themselves down as well as the rest of the class.

Every child in one class who had an absence brought in a note every time and this was in 5P and so they were the winners of this semester and therefore won the Pizza party prize in the primary (3-6). Congratulations also go to 2J who also had the best record in the infants (K-2). Both classes are winners and both will have a free pizza party day this week. Parents will be advised by class teachers as to which day this will happen.

**Year 6 Are Going To Canberra**

Year 6 students are the only students coming to school on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July,
and they will not really mind because they are going off on their excursion to the National Capital for the remainder of the first school week. Asked to be at school by 6:30 am on that Monday morning, they will congregate on the footpath anxiously awaiting the Langley’s coach that will be taking them to the snowfields and to Canberra. Scheduled to leave at 7:00 am it will be quick good-byes to family and then boarding the coach ready to leave. Mrs Morley, Miss Anderson, Miss Thompson, Mr Forrest and Mr Rodgers will be accompanying the students while on their excursion.

**Congratulations**
Certificates have been handed out to all the girls in the Wellington PSSA junior soccer team because they were the overall winners of the Term 2 competition. Well done girls and thank you to Miss Thompson for her ongoing guidance and support.

**Bicycle Program (See last week’s Whisper)**
Aboriginal children have had the offer to take part in a bicycle safety and maintenance program which was to be held on the first Saturday of the holidays here at school under the big Cola. This free program was scheduled to be between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and at the end of the four hours training each participating student would receive a free bicycle helmet featuring Aboriginal art. This has been written in past tense because at this stage we are only holding two registrations for the course. There will only be a maximum of 15 students even if it goes ahead but we will need more registrations for it to proceed. We will need to finalise numbers by Wednesday so any parents wanting their children to be involved will have to complete and submit their registration form no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday (and be one of the remaining 13 places available). Registration forms have been collected by some students and some are available at the school office. If we get the numbers the program will run and if it has to be cancelled the students who have registered will be informed on Thursday. If you want to get your registration in it must be done Tuesday or Wednesday at 3:00 pm this week so please hurry.
A Big Concern (REPEATED from Week 6 this term)
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 they 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 unnecessary.
The school is empowered to direct parents not to come onto school property using the Inclosed Lands Act of 1901, (In closed land), which is enforceable by law.
It is certainly most undesirable to even think about using this 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.

Adult Problems Continue
Since the above was written in the newsletter we have had two other significant incidents reported to us about inappropriate parent behaviour. The first involved a parent allegedly pushing at a young student and causing significant distress to the student and the parent and the second was where it was reported that two men (one known to be a parent) were seen coming out of the boys toilets.
Parents are never to use the student toilets or accompany their children into school toilets for the reasons around obvious child protection issues and the welfare of all students.

Please understand that these incidents cannot continue and also understand that parents may be required to stay outside the perimeter fence-line to collect children after school and only enter on to school property through the front office and signing the register to record their business on school grounds, if adults continue to do the wrong thing.

Next Term notes will be issued to parents who are in the school grounds earlier than five minutes before bell time at the end of the school day at 2:45 pm. We ask that parents understand this is a safety concern for all students and we ask that you please do the right thing and we then will not have to take punitive action.

**Winter Vacation**

Holidays are fast approaching now as we have reached the last week of Term 2.

From next Saturday our students are on holidays until *Tuesday, 15th July.*

We hope everyone is able to enjoy sharing time with their children during the holidays irrespective of what holiday plans you have.

**Senior Students Join Soundscape**

Mrs Morley accompanied ten students when they visited the ABC radio’s sound recording studio last Wednesday in Dubbo (see separate article). I was driving to Mudgee the next day, to only to be delighted by tuning in to the station and hearing our ten students singing our school song.

Read more in the article written by Mr Mutton to know why they really went to the ABC and perhaps if you visit the War Memorial in Canberra you might hear some familiar voices (although children all over Australia were involved in this ‘Soundscape’ project).

**We hope everyone has a happy and safe Winter vacation.**

Principal

D. Anderson
STUDENTS RECORDED FOR “SOUNDSCAPE” AT ABC STUDIOS

A draw from the hat literally saw ten lucky student from Mrs Morley’s 5/6M travel to the ABC Studios in Dubbo last Wednesday to record the names of soldiers who had fought and died serving their country in World War 1.

The exercise was the initiative of the Australian War Museum in Canberra. They encouraged schools from all over Australia to have 11 and 12 year old students record the names of the fallen soldiers. Each student had to record 5 names and ages.

At the ABC in Dubbo our students met Andrew Dunkley, the Manager of ABC Western Plains who gathered the Wellington Primary School team in the main studio to record the names. Andrew was impressed with the reading and there were very few “fluffs”. Cleverly, Wellington had rehearsed the names beforehand!

When the recording session had finished a former Wellington Primary student, Alison Plasto who is the presenter for ABC OPEN, came in and took photos. She then broke into song, singing what she thought was still the school song. Alison was swiftly corrected, and told that the school had a “new” song which the team then spontaneously started to sing. The result of all this singing was the school song was recorded in full and played on the ABC breakfast program the next morning. For those who didn’t hear it, the song sounded fantastic.

Also, the Wellington team watched an interview being recorded with the astronomer, Professor Fred Watson from the news booth. Finally, there was a demonstration of what all the buttons do in a radio studio and then off to Maccas for a well earned late lunch.

The recorded names will be played at the War Memorial starting in November and they will be played until November 2018. The 100 schools who took part in this event will be recognised as well.

The 10 readers were, William Eather, James Hynch, Craig Wheatley, Taleah Stanley, Kiara Sullivan, Tom Kiss, Bethany Bell, Kyla Tasker, Bryn Thomas and Hannah Petrovic
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.
Welcome to Week 9!!

What a week it has been! This week the children have continued to enjoy learning about dinosaurs. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Fish family for allowing us to borrow their massive T-Rex statue. The children enjoyed talking and writing about him after Miss Pam made us a Dinosaur Museum.

On Thursday all families should have received their child’s semester 1 report. If you would like to set up a meeting to talk about this I will be conducting interviews throughout the week so please feel free to come and book a time.

This week will be very busy. The children are looking forward to our excursion to Dominos on Wednesday and we have been counting down the days. Please don’t forget to return your child’s permission note to preschool so your child is able to participate in this experience. We will be leaving preschool at 10am and are expecting to be at the park at around 12:30, so come along and enjoy a picnic and a play with your child.

Lastly, we would like to wish our families a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to coming back to fresh faces in Term 3.

Have a great week!! Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Happy Birthday to Jase during the holidays 6th July

What’s Happening This Week – Families

Monday – Who is in your family? collage  Tuesday – Family portrait

Wednesday – Dominos excursion  Thursday – Last day of Term 2 Have a SAFE and HAPPY HOLIDAY!
We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

Thank you to the Fish family for letting us borrow your dinosaur. WE LOVED IT!!

We even got to look at a part of his skeleton and touched the hard ‘fossil’ bones.

We had lots of fun making volcanos erupt in the sandpit using bi-carb and vinegar.

If you add a little bit of red food colouring it looks like real lava.

Peyton always enjoys playing with her chop and steak.

Painting with shaving foam is “so gooey”.
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzy Winners

Be a Learner
Be Safe
Be Respectful


The Hear our Heart Ear Bus 5cent Friday Fundraising was a huge success! We raised $841.65!

Our prize winner for the $60 Smiggle voucher was Jemma Dickerson from 3O'B and Kinder Yellow and 3/4E won the class prizes!

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generous donations!
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

COMMUNITY NEWS...Wellington

Wellington Netball Coaching / Gala Day
Sunday 27th July, enquiries: Nigel Stanley 0419878097 or Marie Cornish 0407458413.

Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Programme
Thursday 26th June at 1.30pm-3pm RSVP: 02 68850277.

Wellington Soccer Club
Grassroots Soccer program Tuesday 24th June, NOT over the holidays. Jo Clarke

NO HOMEWORK CENTRE OR AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.