Term 3 commences

Today marks the return of our students after the Winter vacation period. Term 3 is to be ten weeks with the last school day being Friday, 19th September, 2014.

Welcome back to students and staff. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and all have come back ready and refreshed for what lies ahead.

Off to Canberra and the Snow

Yesterday, our Year six students departed on their Langley’s double-decker coach at about 7:15 am bound for Canberra and the snow fields on their long-awaited senior excursion. It had been and early start with some arriving not long after 6 o’clock. While away they will visit many popular tourist spots and it should all be a fantastic learning experience. When they come back we will include some student reports in the Whisper. We can probably look forward to these starting in Week 3. The first visit yesterday was to be to go to Parliament House. This is primarily why schools visit Canberra because they have been studying all about democracy and Government.

**NO HOMEWORK CENTRE OR AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES , THIS WEEK.**
Looking to change The Whisper

A decision has been made to incorporate some student journalism. Also from week 3 we are asking some of our Stage 3 students to deliver recounts of school news and other happenings and informing our school community of coming events. This will supplement, if not almost replace, the things that are written in the Principal section of our weekly whisper. This should assist the students in their experience of collecting material to write about and give them a specific purpose for their writing. The other side to this is that it will bring greater family engagement with the newsletter knowing that students are to become major contributors. The extra interest should help to expand the readership of each publication as we increase the publication of other student work.

Some Staff Changes

Mrs Batho has extended her leave and is away for two more weeks. Mrs Bull will be teaching 3/4T during Mrs Batho’s absence. Mrs Goodworth has also extended her leave and 2G’s teacher will be Mrs Peckham.

Mrs Knowles will be away for the remainder of the 2014 school year and 1K will be taken by Mrs Wilson (Mondays) and then by Mrs Taylor for the remainder of each week. We have been extremely fortunate in being able to set up our classes with relieving teachers because spare casual relief teachers are not readily available in our Wellington area.

Mrs Grayling will soon going off on maternity leave and we have Mrs Legg teaching 1C/G on Mondays and Tuesdays, joining Mrs Campbell who will remain on the class and be teaching the Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

This week Mrs Anemaat is away with the Year 6 excursion and Mr Eather is fulfilling the role of Deputy Principal.
Congratulations to our Wellington P.S. Debating Team
On the last Friday of Term 2 our debating team went up against the school team from Orana Heights PS. The topic of the debate was that students should be allowed their own Facebook page and our team drew the affirmative argument. It seemed as though it would be a lot easier to bring up an argument from the negative side, however our Wellington students did extremely well and were the day’s winners. A great team effort!
Many thanks are extended to Mrs Tickle who has taken an active interest in debating and in coaching our students to do so well. Their next debate will be round three in the 2014 challenge.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Yesterday morning as part of our School Development Day, Miss Pedron and Mrs Hall engaged us in a professional learning experience in PBL to move the school forward into classroom systems. Our school has been very successful in the implementation of PBL which has been measured out carefully over a number of years. PBL is now and integral part of our school culture and underpins our discipline and management strategies. By virtue of its name our rules are always stated in a positive manner around our core statement of purpose to be safe, respectful learners. Prior to this point in time, the implementation has involved explicitly teaching what appropriate behaviours look like in in various sites in and around the school and even in out of school situations. These were the non-classroom systems and so we are now excited to bring our prior learning up in to our classroom settings. The foundations are well established and now we will continue to build on our successes.

Networked, finally!
Our three demountable buildings up until this time have hot been
physically connected by cable to all internet access. Prior to this, these classrooms have had to rely on wireless connections and these have not always been reliable. In the holidays, Mr Walsh, gave up his personal time to oversee this new installation and the connections to classroom computers and whiteboards. Mr Walsh also organised the quotations and facilitated the engagement of the contractors. Thank you Mr Walsh, this advancement will be of tremendous value to these three classrooms.

**Beyond the Line**
This is a chance for graduating teachers to experience life in a country setting west of the Great Dividing Range. A number of these people will be coming to this area next week and our school is hosting two. While they are with us they will experience our school and the local area and be engaged socially so that they can get something of a feel for what life might be like if they accept a country teaching position in the Western area. The schools in our area include Dunedoo, Gilgandra, Gulgong, Mendooran, Narromine, Trangie, Wellington and Yeoval.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!**
Friday Week 6, 22nd August.
**Book Parade.**
Dress up as your favourite book character.
More information to come in the following weeks!

Mrs Blackhall & Mrs Legg
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

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A Win in the Second round of the Western Challenge Debating Competition

Students from the Wellington Debating team experienced a resounding win in the recent debate held in the final week of term 2. The team was comprised of speakers Will Eather, Bryn Thomas and Thomas Hawke while Mikaela Solomons was the Team Advisor.

The topic was 'That primary school children should have a Facebook page' and Wellington had the Affirmative side.

We debated against Orana Heights Public School and it was a great experience. A special thanks to Bethany Bell who ably took on the role of Chairperson for the debate. Taleah Stanley capably assisted with timekeeping.

We were very appreciative of the efforts and expertise of the adjudicators, Mrs Chick Jones and Sir Robert Woods. Both adjudicators were very impressed with the efforts of both teams and we thank them for giving up their time.

We were thrilled to see so many supportive and enthusiastic parents and extended families in the audience on the debating competition day.

Our next debate is in week 5 this term on the topic 'That the internet is the best source of information for students'. Wellington Public School will again be hosting the debate and we are the Affirmative.

The Wellington Times will be featuring a story on our debaters and their exciting journey in the near future.

Beth Tickle—Debating Coach
Permanent Part time Team Leader –

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