The 2014 Wellington Eisteddfod

“Outstanding Success” at the Wellington Eisteddfod!

The Entertainment and Variety Section of the 2014 Wellington Eisteddfod has been won by the “Joseph” group of dancers, sign-holders and Will Eather’s solo, where he sang “Close Every Door”. How fantastic! Well Done!

“But wait, there’s more,” said Chick with great pride. “this group of talented dancers also received the overall trophy for the best school

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dance section. What an amazing result!”

Yet another marvellous success was where our Year 5/6 dance group claimed a first place against other school groups. Congratulations to Mrs Batho and a huge congratulations to everyone who has participated by representing Wellington Public School. We are so proud of everyone.

More Success On The Same Day

We have just had advanced notification from Ms Thompson that both the Girls’ and Boys’ touch football teams were victorious in their games against Forbes P.S. in their away game today. Further detail or comment didn’t come back with this initial news but we are sure congratulations are in order again!

Transition into Kindergarten

Our very successful transition program for students entering Kindergarten in 2015 start in Term 4 and that’s not very far away. It’s no wonder Mrs Milgate and Mr Eather have been doing a lot of work to get things ready – Keep your eyes out for further communication in this very special organisational event.

Our Year 6 students who will be attending Wellington High School in 2015 start their transition program this term in weeks 6, 8 and 10. Anyone would think the year was galloping along.

Sky Stories

Charles Sturt University is piloting an extension of last year’s Indigenous Sky Stories, this year to incorporate and focus on the use of social media. CSU has its own facebook and friends can post
stories if they are willing to, or able to share. They are hoping that social media will keep parents up to date with what is happening in the 5 pilot schools and that indigenous stories might be posted where they relate to the sun and stars, planets and moons in the night skies. If there are authentic aboriginal sky stories that you are able to share it can now be done through facebook. Of course, being an educational site, many protective measures have been used to keep the site safe for students and school users.

**Strategic Planning For The Future**

Yesterday, we had a very engaged executive team have an introductory look at the new planning procedures to wrap around the format that will become our Strategic plan to take our school into the next three years and beyond. Under Local Schools, Local Decisions we will have more opportunity to explore how we might do things differently and how we might engage the school community and ask some of the very relevant questions around what the people of our community hold as most important in the education of their children.

The new planning is now on the table and will involve consultation with as many of our families as possible and this will begin to happen in the not too distant future.

**The Good Food Program**

During weeks 3 & 4, Stage 2 and 3 students had the opportunity to attend the ‘Good Food Program’, which was run by Samara Grier, from Red Cross. She visited our school introducing healthy food options for many students to try. Samara is involved in the ‘Good Food Program’ which inspires children around the Western Region of New South Wales to eat healthier.

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The program consisted of interactive activities in which students learned about the different food groups and the portions that you should eat of each food group. The students then had the opportunity to make their own healthy salad sandwich. This allowed the students to include options from the different food groups. They were given the challenge to include food from each group.

Samara’s personal favourite food on her menu is carrots. She enjoys running this program because it is fun and also is important for children to eat healthy food. This is the first time she has run this program and believes it will be a great success due to the results from Wellington Public School.

Written by Ella Gregory and Thomas Hawke

Police to patrol bus zone

Please note that parents are not to stop in the school bus zone when picking up children after school. Some parents are also parking on the opposite side of Percy St and calling their children across the street through busy traffic. These are dangerous practices that put the safety of children at risk. Police will be patrolling the bus zone during home time to help enforce these rules.
Do you have or know of any children who are ready for BIG SCHOOL in 2015?

**Enrol NOW**

for Kindergarten 2015

Enrolment forms available from the school office.

Birth certificate and immunisation record is required.

You are invited to a meeting to establish a support group in Wellington to provide hearing testing in our community for all school-aged children through the services of the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday the 7th of August** at 3pm in A Block Hall at Wellington Public School. All are welcome!

There will be an afternoon tea provided.

Please RSVP for catering purposes: 68454080

For more information contact either Maree Thomas: 68401700 or Leeanne Everett: 68454080
Welcome to Week 4.

Firstly we would like to congratulate all of the preschool children on their performance at the Wellington Eisteddfod last Tuesday. The children’s effort was rewarded with 1st place and a very popular ice-cream!

This week Miss Donna and Miss Lyn are very lucky to have the opportunity to travel to Sydney for an Early Childhood conference on Thursday and Friday. Miss Donna will be replaced by Miss Cassandra Uyl on Wednesday and Thursday and Miss Erin will be replacing Miss Lyn on Thursday.

We ask that if your child is sick or has a green runny nose that you keep them home from preschool. A green nose is an indication of illness and we would like to prevent this being passed around to other children.

Please remember to pay Preschool fees for Term 2 ASAP if you haven’t already done so. Please contact the Preschool if you are unsure about any fees that you owe. Fees can be placed in the wooden box in the Preschool foyer.

Don’t forget to bring 1 to 2 family photos into Preschool for your child ASAP!! Photo’s are currently being placed on our Preschool family tree!!

The children are enjoying setting up a campsite in the dramatic play area. Please think of us if you come across anything at home which we may be able to add to this.

Have a great week!!

Miss Donna Langlands and Preschool Staff

Enrolments for 2015

If you know of anyone who has a child of Preschool age and would be interested in accessing our Preschool in 2014, please tell them to come into the Preschool to pick up a waiting list form.

What’s Happening This Week – Number 4, 5 and 6

**Monday** – Number 4
**Tuesday** – Number 5
**Wednesday** – Number 6
**Thursday** – Revising numbers 1-6
Last week at Preschool

Welcome to preschool, Alex!

The campsite in progress.

The children enjoy sitting together and sharing conversations at morning tea and lunch times.

Nate liked playing with his truck in the sandpit.

Alex created a “Chinese superhero” with our drawing supplies and scissors.

Kirsty loves to draw with the textas.
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.

NAIDOC SHIRTS.

Any one interested in ordering a 2014 NAIDOC shirt for students or parents, please let Alana in the office know. Prices are unsure however numbers are needed.
Wellington Celebrates SNAICC Aboriginal & Islander Children’s Day 2014

The Wellington community is invited to celebrate our young Aboriginal children, families and culture.

Please come to the Gould League Hall at Wellington Public Primary School
Friday 8th August 2014
10.00am - 12.00pm
And enjoy * Craft activities, * The Snake Man
* Play areas, * Music & Dance * Face Painting
* Service Info * Free fruit, tea & coffee, & Hot Dogs
* Elders will be our special guests

Contact Jenny Slack-Smith at WACHS 6845 3545
Or Helena Stanley at Barnardos 6845 1788
And Thank You to our host: Wellington Public School

SNAICC is the peak body for Aboriginal and Islander child and family services.
Hi All

AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE OI, OI, OI!!!!

Australia is doing fantastically well at the Glasgow Games and all the students are talking about it!
To consolidate the interest shown by the students at WPS we are going to participate in a Commonwealth Games Day on Tuesday 19th August at Pioneer Park with the staff from ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’.
All the students at WPS are going to be placed into ‘countries’ to participate in the day. They will march in their country at the Opening Ceremony and then join their country in rotating activities.
The students will have a ‘country meeting’ in the next couple of weeks. A flag will be coloured in at school for them to wave in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. A note will be sent home with suggestions on what coloured clothes each student could wear for their country. Please note that students don’t have to wear the ‘colours’ of their country, their sports uniform will be fine.
The students will come to school as normal on Tuesday 19th August. They will then be walked down to Pioneer, so that the Games can begin! At the end of the day Little Athletics NSW have a representative to speak to the students. The students will then walk back to school for the end of the school day.
WPS P&C will be cooking sausages and providing poppers for $4 per student. Parents and friends you all also invited to come and eat a delicious sausage sandwich.
So that the P&C have an idea about how many sausages to buy we ask that you and your child/ren pre pay and order your sausages. Please fill in the form at the bottom and return it to your child’s classroom teacher.
Students will need to bring their recess, lunch (if not buying a sausage), a drink bottle and a hat.
The day is all about participation and having fun, so please come along and support WPS

The programme
10-10.30 Opening Ceremony
10.30-11 Recess
11-12.30 ‘The Games’
12.30-1 Lunch
1-1.30 Closing Ceremony
1.30-2 Little A’s talk
2.30 Walk back to School

Yours in Sport,

Michelle Eather
Please fill out one order form for each child. Parents please add your order to one (1) child’s order.

My child ________________ of class ___________ would like to order ____________ sausage sandwich/es and popper/s.

Total cost $______________ ($4 each)
Come to Wellington Public School and learn all about our exciting Transition to Kindergarten program.

This innovative program runs each Friday morning for 8 weeks during Term 4.

Come along with your child to meet the teachers, support staff and other parents.

This year there will be an information session at 11:30am followed by a tour around the kindergarten classrooms and a free BBQ.

Please contact the school on 6845 4080 for further information.
WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2015 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Wellington Public School will again run an eight week Kindergarten (2014) Transition Program this year. The program will each Friday from 10th October (Week 1 Term 4) until 28th November (Week 8 Term 4) from 9am until 11am.

This program is designed to achieve a number of goals. These include:

- Preparing children for the commencement of primary school.
- Placing children in the structured learning environment of a Kindergarten classroom, allowing the children to gain familiarity with their surrounds and feel more comfortable in their learning environment.
- Build on experiences gained at preschool, daycare or at home to ensure that fundamental concepts are familiar prior to the commencement of formal schooling in 2015.

We encourage all children who are attending Kindergarten in 2015 to take advantage of this opportunity.

Attached is an expression of interest and permission form for the Kindergarten 2015 Transition Program.

Please fill it in and return to either your child’s preschool or Wellington Public School office. This expression of interest will form the basis of our planning for the transition program. Once these forms are collated we will contact you with an outline for the commencement of the Kindergarten 2015 Transition Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information regarding this program and enrolment for 2015.

Kind Regards

Mrs Debbie Milgate
P-K Transition Coordinator

Mr Denis Anderson
Principal
Please detach and return to either your child’s preschool or Wellington Public School (by September 5th)

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I ___________________________ give permission for my child ___________________________ to attend the Wellington Public School each Friday morning from 9am until 11am for the Kindergarten Transition Program from 10th October until 28th November 2014.
RAFFLE 2014

UNIQUE PRIZE

**Lee Kernaghan**

Autographed guitar

Lee presents David Hayes of **Dubbo City Toyota** with the autographed guitar which David kindly donated to Hear our Heart as a fundraiser for the mobile children’s ear health clinic. Bringing hearing testing back into schools.

Tickets $2.00  Drawn: 23rd AUGUST 2014 by Lee himself at his Dubbo show.

Proceeds to: Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project. www.hearourheart.org

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please see Leanne Everett at school.
Book Parade

Dress as your favourite Book Character

When: Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August (Week 6)

Time: 10am Gould League Hall

10:45: Return to classrooms with parents and friends for D.E.A.R

(Drop Everything And Read)

11am: Recess- Parents and friends are invited to stay and have recess with the students.

Click on the following links for dress up ideas

Book Week Costume Ideas

Costumes to Make at Home

Easy Costume Ideas
WPS is participating in a Seed Fundraiser

We would like you to help!

Please read the information sheet attached to the Whisper. This will tell you all about how it works.

If you are interested in selling or buying some cubes, ask your son or daughter to see Mrs Nicholas. They can either take home a carton of 12 cubes to sell to other people at $5.00 a cube or bring in $5.00 to buy a cube for themselves!

The profits are going towards our ‘Kitchen Garden Program’ which we would like to implement into our School Program. We need considerable funds and this is one way you will be able to help!

Thank you—Sue Nicholas
Registration days:
11th, 18th and 25th of August.
4-5:30 at Rygate Park.

Season starts on the 1st of September at 5:30 - 7:30.
A REMINDER TO PARENTS..

Full school uniform is compulsory everyday, if you are having trouble please come in and see the school.
THE BEST BOYS’ WEEKEND IS THE ONE WITH YOUR SON

Our YoungStars camp is the perfect father-son weekend for primary school boys aged seven and up. This adventure-filled camp gives dads the space to connect and bond with their sons while taking part in lots of fun activities away from the demands of modern life and technology.

The weekend will help build confidence and resilience in young boys while giving dads the chance to share their experience of raising sons with other dads.

Time together to
• Pitch a tent and set up camp
• Roast marshmallows around the campfire
• Play games and do craft activities
• Share sing-a-longs and stories
• Camp out under the stars

Numbers are limited so book now to secure your place!

Details
Dates & Locations:
6–7 September
M1 Sports and Recreation Centre
19–20 October
16–17 November
Berry Sports and Recreation Centre
Price:
$400 per family, includes all meals and activities
Additional:
RTO tent and sleeping bags

To secure your place or for more information:
P: 131302
Be sure to check out the video on our website.
The music bus is coming there will be singing dancing and lots of fun

Where: Wellington Library Car Park - Moaughan Street 9:30 am until 12:30 pm and Wellington Community Children's Centre - Williams Street 12:30 pm until 3 pm

When: Monday 18th August 2014

Free Music Sessions for young children on board the bus. Come along and have some fun.

Call Maree for more information on 68401734

FOR FURTHER DETAILS www.themusicbus.net
The 2014-15 Cricket season is just around the corner with the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** taking place on **SATURDAY 16th August** at 4pm, Venue:- Wellington Bowling Club

*All parents of intending Junior players and all Senior Players are strongly encouraged to attend so great plans can be organised for the coming season.*

McDonalds have just come on board as a major sponsor with Cricket NSW for all Juniors and some Senior Competitions with specific details to be mentioned at this meeting.

Wellington Council and the Association are waiting to see if we have been awarded a major Cricket Game and visit in October or November.

Plus the "One Day International" World Cup being hosted by Australian and New Zealand beginning in February.

What a season to look forward to, so come along to this very **important meeting** for cricket in Wellington.
When school is a long way from home

Find out if you’re eligible for the PVC subsidy at transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you’re not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

Can't get online?
Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

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