Welcome to week 5 – almost half-way through Term 3 – ALREADY!

Everyone enjoying the activities at SNAICC day. More pictures on the WPS website

SNAICC Day
SNAICC day celebrates the Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day. The day is coordinated by Helena Stanley and Jenny Slack-Smith. Children from Kindergarten, as well as visiting children from local preschools and daycare centres participated in a variety of activities including face painting, healthy eating advice and samples and traditional games. Activities were provided by various agencies including Barnardos, Uniting Care Burnside, WACHS, Mission Australia, Wellington Lands Council and others. A highlight was a visit by the “Snake” Man!
What Students Can Bring To School Every Day
It would be good if you could help your children come to school with the following things every day:
Number 1 is simply themselves. A student’s regular attendance, and not miss out on valuable foundations for new learning, is to be encouraged and valued,
2 might be a happy disposition seen as a smiling face and free of worries or anger,
3 can be ears to listen and learn demonstrating they are always attentive,
4 would be their optimism - the positive way they think about themselves to build confidence and resilience,
In the middle at number 5 we might suggest a good knowledge of manners and how to use them to show how respectful they can be,
6 can be their mouth to engage in appropriate conversations and to ask and answer questions,
7 can be to have their own books, pens, pencils and other necessary stationery and equipment and be ready to do their best,

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.
Number 8 can be a **determination to be good learner** and know that you go on learning for the rest of your life, 9 can be guided as **an ambition** of what might be possible in the future **with the right attitude and lots of hard work**. Dreams can come true.

*Parents might discuss these, and other things with their children and help to reinforce the right attitudes in trying to be the best they can be. I’m sure that parents would want their children to succeed in the future and be happy in their relationships with others and be able to contribute in a meaningful way to the community in which they live. We all expect that children will value their education for they can see the purpose because knowledge and skills will open opportunities in the future.*
Great News
We recently learned that we were successful in an application made for funding to upgrade our school canteen. The expertise has been obtained from Assets Management and Public Works in designing our new canteen and soon there will be a call for tenders from qualified builders. Hopefully most of the work associated with this upgrade will happen during the Summer vacation period but we do realise that many trades people take their annual leave at this time. Irrespective of when this does happen, it will be a terrific improvement to our school. Many thanks for our canteen staff and the members of the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association for helping us see the need for these new improvements.

The Wellington Eisteddfod Means Busy times
This week we have the school choir performing on Tuesday and Special Education classes showcasing some of their talents on Thursday - good luck to all acts and congratulations for getting in and having a go!

Karl and Kiamma enjoying the snakes at SNAICC day.
What’s Behind The Looking Glass?
This was the next step in Professional Learning offered to Teachers, School learning Support Officers and Principal of schools with preschools.
Over two very full days, participants from all over the state, went to Sydney to engage in specific workshops offering expertise to further guide and develop staff who work directly in the early years of learning.

Keynote Addresses were titled: *Making Robust Curriculum Decisions; Beyond Just Playing – Exploring The Educator’s Role; Teaching With Passion And Power; and, Taking A Risk With Play: Resilient children And Resilient Futures.*

Some of the many workshops were titled: Intentional Relationships: Planning For Interactions; It’s A Mystery! Teaching Forensic Science In The Early Years; Telling Tales Together; Bridging The Divide For A positive Transition To School; Effective Leadership Of The Preschool; Documenting Learning: What Does It Look Like? Bangs And Beats; Flexible Programming: Young Gifted Children – Choices And Challenges; Child’s Play: practical Ways To Encourage Development Through Play; Keeping Kids Safe: and, Stocking The Library: Engaging Our Children In language And Literacy.

There were lots of important themes and ideas to absorb and process and there was certainly lots of things presented that would challenge a person’s philosophy about the way young children learn.

The Sun Woman And The Moon Man
This was the title of an Aboriginal Dreamtime story I once shared with a Year 6 class quite a long time ago. It was published in a book, however, I gave no thought of challenging its authenticity. If we had
a Wiradjuri Elder who perhaps knows of an Aboriginal story about the Sun or the Moon it would be terrific if they would share this cultural knowledge with some of our Year 6 students who are working on “Sky Stories” in conjunction with people from the Charles Sturt University.

Have you looked at the Super-Moon the last couple of nights? It is appearing to be a little bigger and brighter than normal. Astronomers tell us that at this time the moon is full and it is at a point in its orbit of the earth that is physically at its closest point to Earth (Some 50,000 Klm closer than the furthest point), and therefore appears more vivid than usual.

**Future Moves**

The Charles Sturt University (CSU) also runs a program called “Future Moves” in some schools. At Wellington Public School we recognised the potential importance of this program for our students and put our hands up to be involved. This is part of the University’s focus in workplace training, aimed at ensuring that young people have an understanding of different career options, and what it is that
they need to do in education, to prepare themselves for a job in a very competitive world some-time in the future. It is wonderful to have the university working so closely with our Stage 3 students. Our next visit by the CSU is Today (Tuesday).

Good Luck To Our Boys’ Touch Football Team who play again in the next round this Thursday.

Don’t Forget to come and join us on Friday next week (22\textsuperscript{nd} August) for our Book Week Parade and stay afterwards with your children and share your picnic morning tea.

Advanced Notification
We will be celebrating NAIDOC Day on 18\textsuperscript{th} September – please not it on your calendar and hopefully you will be able to join us.

Thank You to the Student Representative Council (SRC)
The SRC are currently looking at ways for keeping our school clean and tidy. This means that we are having a major focus on being positive that we can put our own rubbish in the bin. Sometimes we can blame the wind or the birds but a lot of the time we have lots of rubbish in the playground is because some people are too lazy to put their rubbish in the bin. Yesterday our playground was very good so we are sure that with a little effort it can stay that way all the time. Wellington is a beautiful town and council work hard to see that the park gardens are well cared for and that our streets are clean. Most people are proud to see it that way. It is a shame that there have to be some people who don’t care and spoil it for others.
SCHOOL UNIFORMS... Due to increasing manufacturing costs, the girls school dresses will cost $50.

All uniforms are available from the office, school uniform is compulsory.

Last University of NSW Tests.
Mrs Anemaat, yesterday ran the last of the academic competitions that have been administered through the University of NSW. This was for Mathematics a subject among many that are tested every year and have continued over many years. Students pay to be in these tests and it was good to see so many children at our school participating this year. Mrs Anemaat will share the results of these tests when they are returned to us.

Premier’s Spelling Bee 2014
The Premier’s Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The programme includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.
Wellington Public School will this year participate in the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee. The competition comprises of two divisions – Junior for Years 3 & 4 and Senior for Years 5 & 6. Students will be selected from Spelling Bees held in classes at the beginning of Term 3. The successful four applicants will then attend a Regional Finals knockout to be held in Week 9, Wednesday 10th September 2014 Term 3.
Welcome to Week 5.

Last week we had a great time at preschool where we learnt how to make loom bands with our fingers (Thank you Miss Georgie for teaching us). We also started to make our pictures with buttons which is coming along very nicely.

Miss Donna and Miss Lyn had a great time in Sydney learning about all things Preschool and discussing what we can do to make our preschool a better place for our children and families. If you have any thoughts on how we can make preschool more inclusive of and enjoyable for your child and family we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

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 our peers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Peyton Chatfield for last week we hope you had a great day

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 7, 8 and 9

Monday – Number 7  
Wednesday – Number 9  
Tuesday – Number 8  
Thursday – Revising numbers 1-6
Last week at Preschool

Amber is concentrating very hard on her loom bands.

Hoops help us with our gross motor development especially when we throw them in the sandpit.

Everyone is busy in the sandpit making a variety of things.

David knows how to make loom bands because he does it with his sister at home.

Decklin and Jarell have to put our campsite sign up again so we know where to find it.

All of the children enjoy our campsite.
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 Ether

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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Parent/carer name. Please print  Child’s name. Please print

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 HearourHeart 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 Leeanne 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
Wellington Little Athletics

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.

Family, Fun and Fitness.
Busking and Street Performance Competition

Do you love to sing, act or dance and would like a chance to perform in public? If so, why not enter the Wellington SpringFest Busking and Street Performance Competition?

Not only are some great prizes on offer, but you have the chance to showcase your talent to our local community.

WHEN: 1pm, Saturday, September 27

WHERE: Cameron Park

For further details or to enter, visit the SpringFest website, www.wellingtonspringfest.com.au and fill in the entry form or contact Gloria on 0428 928 166.
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 instil 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

**Details**
- **Dates & Locations:**
  - 6-7 September
    - M1 son is and Sport and Recreation Centre
  - 16-18 October &
    - 15-16 November
    - Berry Sport and Recreation Centre
- **Price:**
  - $400 per family, includes all meals and activities
- **Additional:**
  - RYO tent and sleeping bags

**Numbers are limited so book now to secure your place!**

*This weekend is also open to boys and close family members such as an Uncle, grandfather or step dad.

To secure your place or for more information:


P: 13 13 02

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 - Maugham 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 Marie for more information on 68401734

FOR FURTHER DETAILS www.themusicbus.net
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

Now you can apply online for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.
Indigenous Sky Stories

17th of September
6pm-8pm
Free BBQ & Drinks
Aboriginal Dancing
Using Telescopes
Sky Stories performances
The Circus is coming to school.

The Solid State Circus will present State of Play to Wellington Public School on Monday, 25th August, 2014, starting at approx. 9:30am.

Solid State Circus is a fresh Australian comedy acrobatics troupe. Combining seasoned presenters with the youthful exuberance of Australia's best young performers.

"Students will be amazed and amused by this tight packed and energetic show, featuring an array of circus skills, including mini tramp, juggling, high level acrobatics and the Terrifying Teeterboard- the circus see-saw that launches performers up to 5 meters in the air."

The dynamic, inspiring trio reinforce by example: the healthy mind, healthy body theme, promoted at Wellington Public School.

The cost is $5.50 per child. Additional information can be found in the Whisper. Please complete the permission note below and return to classroom teachers.

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I give permission for my child _______________ in class _____________ to attend the Solid State Circus Show on 25th August. I have enclosed $5.50 for the cost of the performance.
ANYONE WISHING TO ORDER SHIRTS FOR NAIDOC DAY AT $35.00 EACH PLEASE SEE SIMONE SMITH AT THE SCHOOL.