This is Term 3, Week 6 and it’s BOOK WEEK!

The theme this year is Connect To Reading. There is a definite message in the theme because connecting to reading is something everyone should do on a regular basis. It is important especially to students while they are improving their reading skills and developing a love of reading.

Children should enjoy their ability to read and engage with a text so that they can use this valuable tool to read stories; grow their knowledge; help them understand the world they live in; research and find answers to questions; understand how other people think; to
expand vocabulary, broaden their imagination; and see that reading is or can be integral to nearly everything they do. The list of things you can use or need reading for is endless but it's all about the structure of language and the way it is used correctly.

Parents have an important role in developing a love for reading by making sure that from the youngest age children are surrounded with books. They can read to their children and as the children get ready they can share the reading and get the children involved in the text to expand their understanding of what they are reading. If you want to help develop that love of reading adults have the responsibility of developing favourable attitudes so that their children grow a confidence in reading. With skill and confidence children are well on the road to become independent in their reading habits and read for their own reasons of engagement and purpose. Reading should never be made to be a task to labour over nor should it ever be used as a punishment. Encouragement, recognition and praise will go a long way to help children become life-long learners.

If you can, Support your children by helping them to dress up as their favourite book character. Join them as they parade their costumes to everyone at Friday’s Parade and perhaps (weather Permitting) bring a morning tea to share as a family picnic at recess time.

After the parade, students will go back to classrooms for 30 minutes of DEAR – Drop Everything And Read. As parents you might stop to read your book, magazine or newspaper to help demonstrate the importance of reading. I’m sure that if you were to do this you would be welcome in classrooms providing there is room.

DEAR in some schools is called USSR. This acronym stands for Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading and the meaning is clearly conveyed in the words.
Canteen Upgrade

Our P&C have been working towards upgrading the canteen facilities at our school. Luckily we have been successful in being offered a State funded grant to the value of $72 000. Today (Tuesday) we will be having a meeting with Public Works and Assets management to determine the best time for this work to take place and of course discuss the tendering process.

We approached Assets Management in the first place to ensure that our proposal would meet with Departmental Specifications and to determine what would be expected. Public Works were brought in to discuss the design changes as well as the overall scope of works.

It is anticipated that we will be trying to have as much of the work completed over the Christmas holiday period as possible. Tradespeople usually take a period of their annual leave at this time so we will have to see what we can arrange. It is likely that there will be some disruption to the canteen’s service either before or after the
end of year holiday period.

**Emergency Evacuation Practice**

We practise our emergency procedures according to our DEC guidelines. The lock-down procedure is practised in Term 1 and each of the other terms we practise the evacuation procedure. The preschool is required to have 4 evacuation practices each year so they have at least the one additional practice to conform to the regulation – otherwise the preschool join with the rest of the school when they have their practices. (sorry about the practices and ‘practises’ – spelling varies according to its part of speech – usage as nouns or verbs respectively).

**A Cleaner Playground**

In PBL we have a focus on keeping our playground clean and tidy and the student representative council are promoting that tidy people help to keep our playground clean by putting their rubbish in the bin. When the rubbish is in the bin there is less litter for others to have to clean up from the ground. Our playgrounds appear to be getting better and let’s hope all students are doing the right thing.

**Waiting For Today And Watching The Weather**

Everything has been ready for our WPS Commonwealth Games Day. With the weather the way it has been and with the forecast for more bad weather we have been concerned that our games might have to be cancelled. We said we would just have to wait and see that the day turns out to be.

These thoughts were yesterday’s thoughts. In speaking with the organisers we decided to play it safe and run the games here at school. In that way we could keep the children under shelter and dry. The program is being adjusted to run the junior school and the
senior school separately. The opening and closing ceremony, however, was planned to involve everyone together. Let’s hope the day is still as much fun as ever for our students and staff. Photos from this event will be uploaded to the school website and a report published in the “Whisper” next week.

**EAR BUS Has Been**

Because of the support our school has shown to the Hearing Team and a special initiative (The Ear Bus project) we were one of the first schools to be visited. Although the actual bus is yet to be purchased, The Ear Bus project is gaining momentum as a number of western communities see the need to provide hearing screenings for their children.

Over two days (last Thursday and Friday) the team, joined by WACHS on Friday, were able to assess 104 students. That was the good news and the not-so-good news is that 42 of the 104 tested were in need of follow-up medical attention. Without these tests ear and hearing problems in many cases can go undiagnosed and this can have very serious consequences for some children. Of the 42 students in need of attention a few of these require immediate attention.

Immediate attention is not always available and this is the next problem because the urgent attention is often linked to private health care or the ability of parents to pay the medical and hospital fees. Normal wait time can be excessive for public patients, time some children don’t really have.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden National Program**

We have registered our school's interest in joining the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden National Program and signed the
Memorandum of Understanding.

All schools joining the Program receive:

Australian Government-subsidised training for your staff

Access to a community of Kitchen Garden Program schools, including an online network

Access to an online resource library including: material on how to develop affordable and flexible gardens and kitchen spaces, how to recruit volunteers, how to plan and deliver classes, and how to engage your community

An Implementation Manual covering the fundamentals of an ‘ideal’ Kitchen Garden Program

The Kitchen Garden Program Syllabus, a specially written Syllabus customised to your school’s climate zone, including instructions for 16 garden classes and 16 kitchen classes per year, garden activities, menus, recipes and curriculum extensions for the first two years of running the Program

Tools for Teachers, sets of curriculum resource books for classroom teachers including comprehensive units, lesson plans, proformas and student activities on a range of topics e.g. using leaf shapes to explore the cataloguing of plants, experimenting with rising agents, using ICT to design garden areas and investigating cultural cuisines. The resources complement the learning objectives explicit in the Australian Curriculum

Access to the Schools Support Line, where friendly Foundation staff provide ongoing support for schools seeking advice on establishing and maintaining their Kitchen Garden Program.

Mrs Sue Nicholas has been Keen to join this kitchen garden
program for quite some time. Previously the rules were very stringent in having to have a kitchen of a certain standard. Now it seems the emphasis is on teaching students about growing of fresh produce and the way it can be delivered to the dining table and maintain the nutritional value of fresh food.

Mrs Nicholas and another staff member will attend the training sessions prior to the participation of our students.

Principal
Denis Anderson

Future Moves Program

During Week 5, Stage 3 had the opportunity to participate in the Charles Sturt University, Future Moves Programme. Each class in Stage 3 were able to participate in a 45 minute session with two leaders from Charles Sturt University.

Students were involved in activities that encouraged them to communicate and work together to solve problems as a group. They were then able to draw and discuss what they would like to do when they finished school, their pictures were then placed into a snow globe for students to be able to take home and keep. Charles Sturt University leaders then spoke about the different courses that students could study at university if they wanted to.

The students really enjoyed their sessions and learnt a lot from their experience.

Written by Taleah, Erin and Jacqui
Welcome to Week 6.

Last week we visited Kinder Green where we listened to a story about vegetables and collaged different fruits with the Kindergarten children. Thank you to all of those parents who filled in notes to participate in hearing tests conducted by the hearing bus team.

Happy Birthday to Matthew who turned 5 last week, we hope you had a great day.

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.

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.

The preschool has been invited to attend the “Music Bus” located in the library car park on Monday this should be a great experience with lots of fun and noise.

This Friday will see the school book parade, as pre-schoolers do not attend on Friday we are declaring Thursday a “dress up day”, please come dressed as your favourite book character.

Next Monday 25th August, the Solid State Circus will be performing at the Primary school. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the attached form and return it with $5.50 to the Preschool.

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 – Numbers 1 to 10

**Monday**– Music Bus 11:30-12:30  **Tuesday**– Phones

**Wednesday**– Exploding numbers  **Thursday**– Book week dress up day
Last week at Preschool

Lincoln found a caterpillar in the sandpit which Amber named Pretty.

Alex discovered that if you turn a witches hat upside down it makes a great funnel.

Teaka made button numbers with Miss Erin on the beautiful she and Kirsty helped paint.

Name recognition has become an important part of the preschool day.

Decklin and Matthew made a “farm camp” with the sheets in the campsite.

Daniel, David and Jarell are engaging in some artistic time at the easel.
Premier's Spelling Bee 2014

Successful Applicants

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 completed Spelling Bees held in classes during Week 5, our 'School Spelling Bee' will be held on Thursday 21st August 2014, in the Gould League Hall at 9.30am. Parents and guests are welcome to attend the Spelling the Bee. The successful four applicants will then attend a Regional Finals knockout to be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014, at Dubbo West Public School.

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who were successful in gaining a place in our 'School Spelling Bee'.

Junior Spelling Bee
Giaan Cubby
Ben Smart
Cohen Budd
Bronte Runciman
Logan Budd
William Dimmick
Charlie Edwards
Aisha Sullivan

Senior Spelling Bee
Erin Fowler
Shayarnee Burns
Nick Musgrave
Ezekiel Turaga
Talisa Stanley
Zachary Robinson
Bryn Thomas
Ella Gregory
Thomas Hawke
Kiara Sullivan
“Strong women are our future leaders”

A special place for girls to come together!

Build lifelong friends, learn valuable life skills, develop strong self esteem, dignity and character, team building, discover purpose and potential unique to every girl.

Enjoy FUN hands-on-activities including crafts, sewing, cooking, event planning and so much more.

TUESDAY
3.30pm-4.30pm
During School Term

| 19 Aug 2014 | 9 Sep 2014 |
| 26 Aug 2014 | 16 Sep 2014 |
| 2 Sep 2014 | Term 4 dates to be advised |

CAUTION
GIRL ZONE
ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK

FREE
Girls 6 to 12 years
WINS
Swift Street
Wellington

...Girls Empowering Girls...

To book in or for information:
6889 1422 or 0428894180

NARROMINE COMMUNITY SKILLS PROJECT INC.
A POSITIVE START TO EMPLOYMENT
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.

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

- Be a Learner
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful


Stay in touch with the Wellington PS app.

Free download available for android (google play) and apple OS (app store via itunes)
The Walan-may-a (Empowerment Camp)

Jake Veech, Tyreek Frail and Mrs Anemaat attended an Empowerment Camp from Tuesday 5 August to Wednesday 6 August at Red Hill Environmental Education Centre. The main aim of the Camp is to show young people that they have many skills and are capable of achieving great things if they have a go. The children also learn how important it is to work together and support each other.

Jake and Tyreek joined 38 students from Dubbo, Mudgee and surrounds participating in games, art work, learning how to tie fishing hooks, make nets and drama activities. The students were required to cook their own lunch on the first day with only a few ingredients including rice, flour, potatoes, mince and tomatoes. The small groups were only given two matches each to light their fires. They did a great job, sitting down to damper, savoury mince and chips. They had a great time.

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.
Wellington High School believes that giving incoming students a strong start in Year 7 helps to assure their continued success throughout secondary school. All Year 6 students are welcome to join in our upcoming transition events.

1. **Transition afternoons** will include the following dates:
   - Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) August 2014 (Week 6)
   - Wednesday 3\(^{rd}\) September 2014 (Week 8) and
   - Wednesday 15\(^{th}\) October 2014 (Term 4 – Week 2)

   Students to meet at the front of the school at **1.45pm** and can catch buses home at 3.10pm.

2. **Year 7 Orientation Day** - this will be a whole day event held on **Tuesday 4\(^{th}\) November 2014**.

   Students will follow a timetable where they will be given the opportunity to see what it is like as a high school student. Lunch will be provided for the students and a sit down lunch for parents as per previous years.

3. **Testing** - There will be a series of testing for our Enrichment and Opportunity classes as well as literacy and numeracy testing later in Term 4, dates to be confirmed. This collection of data will allow us to appropriately place each student according to their skill set.

If you have any further questions please contact Alicia Stevenson Head Teacher Transition on (02) 6845 2344.

Alternatively download our Wellington High School app on your smartphone or visit our school webpage [http://www.wellington-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.wellington-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)
WELLINGTON Public School

Pre School to Kindergarten Transition Program

Is your child starting "big school" in 2015?

Information Session

Friday 5th September
11:30am

Gould League Hall

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.

Parent/carer name. Please print  
Child’s name. Please print
Ear Bus Project

HEART OUR

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.

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.
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 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-alongs 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
  13-14 October & 16-18 November
  Berry Sports and Recreation Centre

- Price: $400 per family, includes all meals and activities

- Additional: RYO tent and sleeping bags

To secure your place or for more information:
P: 13 13 02
Be sure to check out the video on our website.
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.
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
ANYONE WISHING TO ORDER SHIRTS FOR NAIDOC DAY AT $35.00 EACH PLEASE SEE SIMONE SMITH AT THE SCHOOL. **MONEY NEEDS TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST.**
Home Reading Program

New books! New books! New books!

Students have been asking for some books that the Home Reading Program didn’t have. Well, we do now. (Thanks Mr Anderson)

Roald Dahl, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, detective stories, more Goosebumps and lots of animal stories. Why not return the book you have and borrow a new book!

If you haven’t joined the Home Reading Program, it’s not too late. Either see Kaylene in the Home Reading Room on Wednesday or ask your teacher for a permission note.

For those of you who have joined, don’t forget to return your book, Kindergarten and 2G on Tuesdays and everyone else on Wednesdays. Thanks.

Home Reading Coordinator.
Kaylene Brien