School Planning

2015 will see the introduction of our next school planning document. Term 4 will be even busier than it usually is because our plan is yet to be written.

We will welcome your feedback to much of the planning that needs to be done and it is important that you help us identify specific directions we need to add to our management plan.

Two strategic areas will have targets, as always, that will address the Key Learning Areas with particular emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy. The scope of our learning will occur across three strategic domains. This means that we are looking for something that will benefit our school and our students as a new and different, third strategic direction.

Good students and good children sit in the green of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) triangle. Pictorially “Growing the green” is what we try to achieve with all of our students. We expect that we should be able to achieve 85% or better. The 15% remaining are students in

A typical PBL triangle
For behaviour referrals
need of help and need to change – they sit towards the apex of the triangle. These are still sitting in the “yellow or red”. The red is for the children who do not have too much working in their favour and choose to continue to make the wrong choices and unless we can help them change, they are likely to continue on the wrong path into the future. We need to, as a community, try to help students so that they all want to be in the green. That’s why we teach the right values and attitudes through PBL but we must have the support of their parents in partnership with the school because we cannot do it on our own.

What should the third strategic area be and what will we call it? Student Welfare or Wellbeing? Social Change? What? How do we grow the green for every student?

Our academic achievements vary from the extremely good to the other end of the spectrum, where some are very poor. We are Public Education and proud to be part of such a significant educational institution. What happens in the school is a direct reflection of the community we serve.

“It takes a community to educate a child”.

An example of one of our concerns is that there is a very strong correlation with poor performance running parallel with poor attendance, apathy and the lack of parental support and guidance.

We know that literate students live in environments where education is valued, promoted and supported.

We know that students with a lust for learning are have a reason for wanting to learn but what is their motivation or inspiration?

For the following you are asked to think about the bad to the good – the worst to best – the most serious to the least – or the negative to the positive etc. because these influences are having varying damaging, or supporting influences, in student learning.
From a school community point of view, we are asking you to think about the following, beginning list and how situations may affect classroom learning:

Health and hygiene; correct modelling of behaviour; domestic violence; love and nurturing; inappropriate consumption of drugs and alcohol; provision of life experiences; respect; mental health; wealth or poverty, attentive or neglectful, well-behaved or defiant; etc.

In our school, like most, we seem to have something of everything – the big question is how do we take away the negative impact some of these things have on student learning and behaviour?

The “Why?” is because we want to enhance appropriate learning and social behaviour.

The “What?” is to turn attitudes to be what we want, and that is for all students to strive for improvement in as many areas of learning and social behaviour as they can.

The “How?” will be the strategies we design to achieve our desired outcomes for students and that will be the hard part but achievable if we are able to have most families engaged and helping. We see the children who are keen to please and try really hard and on the other hand we see some children who don’t care and don’t try………..and: How will we measure where we start and the gains we make?

In conclusion, this week, please estimate where you think your children are in their attitude towards gaining a good education and most parents should be very pleased to know that their children sit within “The Green” and are doing OK.

What would parents see if their children are in the green? What would it look like if they were in the yellow or red?

15% of 520 is 78 students and this is still too many to leave in the yellow or red, and is it satisfactory to only have 442 in the green?
Early next term you will be asked to complete a survey on where your children are sitting in regard to their commitment to learning and where they are in relation to being respectful children. If they are learning the lessons in PBL they should be in the green and rarely/seldom getting into trouble for inappropriate behaviour.

Focus On Learning

Within the next six weeks, our teachers will have completed a “Focus on Learning” survey. This will be where they are able to identify the teaching strategies they use in the classroom to bring about improved student learning outcomes and to address the inhibitors to student learning.

The “Why?” is because it will give teachers the chance to critique their pedagogy (science and art of teaching) as well as give us data to drive some of our school planning.

The “What?” will become apparent after the survey is completed and the “How?” is where we will address some of the reasons we find to be hindering progress. We can’t achieve all of our aims and objectives at the moment but hopefully we will see an improvement in the future through gaining greater help of our parents and wider school community.

What A Bus!

It’s a great bus and it belongs to every student who is enrolled at Wellington P.S.

It is an ‘oldy but a goody’ and will be used to help our students.

It came to us at a good price. Only reregistered late in August, it has passed all of the Roads and Maritime Services’ safety checks. It is fully insured and fuelled ready to save our families some money and make some future visits and excursions possible where otherwise they were getting too expensive.

Recent experience tells us that it is increasingly likely that a lot of students would probably not be able to take part in local excursions
because of the significant transport costs. While it will only take small numbers it will be good for short trips to local excursions or sporting fixtures.

Yesterday it had its first maiden voyage to Dubbo and only half full, it carried our footballers whose money paid for the fuel with some left over for future running and maintenance costs. Minimal charges should keep the bus on the road and be of benefit to all students who will be the passengers.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN reports were sent home to parents last week for students in Year 3 and 5 if they were students here at the time the tests were administered. Schools from this week on have all the data and we will start the process of analysing the results of our students to see if there are particular areas we need to address.

A quick scan of our reports seemed to show there were a number of students who achieved at high levels.

If parents feel they need to discuss the NAPLAN results please make an
appointment to see the class teacher.

**Teddy Bears’ Picnic**

Kindergarten students will be taking their favourite teddy to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre which is something special that happens for kindergarten children every year. It’s always a day to look forward to. Two classes will attend the picnic today (KG and KY) and two tomorrow (KR and KB).

**Regional Finals**

The Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals will be held tomorrow at Dubbo West Public School. We have four finalists to go to the finals and we will keep our fingers crossed as we wish them well.

Thankyou Mrs Everett and Thankyou to WACHS

Yesterday Mrs Everett and the WACHS dental team continued to monitor some of the children with hearing concerns who were identified in a recent school assessment. We realise that some of our students’ learning is impeded by hearing deficits and that is why this work is so important.

**Next Week**

Just a reminder that next week is the last week of school before the Spring Holidays. We hope all children get to do something special with their families in the holidays.

**Jamahl Stanley wins Town Library Competition**

Congratulations to Jamahl Stanley from 2G who won the Town Library’s Book Week colouring competition. Jamahl received his prize from librarian Amy Swan at Monday’s assembly.
## Wellington School Holiday Activities Sep/Oct 2014

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**NOTE:** Adult supervision is required for all children under 13 years, event organisers cannot be responsible for children.
Seed Creations Fundraiser

Thank you again, to all the wonderful children who helped to sell our cats, dogs and flowers. Thank you also to the people who purchased them! I still have a few left, so if you missed out, please send in $5 with your child and what they would like, to Mrs Nicholas’s room. Below are they names of the children who kindly and very maturely, assisted in the fundraiser.

Thank you—Sue Nicholas

Edwina Barton, Alex Barton, Josie Taylor, Jorja Beavis, Faith Beavis, Maykala Beavis, Heidi Ballantyne, Paige Pascoe,

Sophie Boland, McKenzie Humphries, Heavenly Dwyer, Hannah Petrovic, Amy Ryan, Giaan Cubby, Alex Morley, Aylssa Bancroft, Alisha Bancroft, Anna Everett, Bethany Bell, Gemma Dickerson and Miss Pedron

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and the USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scce aust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
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.

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner | Be Safe | Be Respectful

Callum KY, Jamarl KG, Seth KY, Dominique K/6KN, Jackson K/6H, Declan1/2F, Lochlan 1/2F, Kate 3/4T, Harry 3/4T, Bec 5/6M, Taleah 5/6M and Case 6A.

Stay in touch with the Wellington PS app.

Free download available for android (Google Play) and apple OS (Apple App Store)
Welcome to Week 9.

Last week we enjoyed making a book about the circus and getting ready for Father’s Day making presents. We hope all of our families had a wonderful and relaxed Father’s day.

There have been many changes to the preschool classroom and we would like to thank all parents for being so supportive and positive about this process. As staff we believe the changes we have made bring a sense of freshness and excitement to the space we use everyday.

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and our preschoolers will be moving on to Kindergarten. In response to this transition we will need to make some changes to the foods we bring to preschool. As of the beginning of term 4 staff will no longer cook noodles, heat food, open packets or cut up and peel fruit for children. If your child’s preschool morning tea and lunch require any preparing before it can be eaten we ask that this be done when you pack it.

Preschool fees are now due, please pay ASAP.

In order to stick to our healthy food policy we will no longer be allowing children to order their lunch from the canteen unless it is a designated canteen day. We are sorry for any inconvenience regarding this decision.

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 2015, please tell them to come into the Preschool to pick up a waiting list form.

What’s Happening This Week – Father’s Day

Monday– NAIDOC dot painting

Tuesday– NAIDOC painting

Wednesday– Wiradjuri with Mrs Burns and Mrs West

Thursday– ”Aa” and ”Bb” craft
Last week at Preschool

Amber used her gross motor skills to practise circus tricks.

We enjoyed water play and adding it to the sandpit.

We must be doing a good job watering our garden. Look at those vegetables grow.

Decklin made a floor for the circus tent.

In Wiradjuri we made emu headbands.

Emma thinks drawing is fun both inside and outside.
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/)
Let’s dance!

WPS Social

Date: Thursday 11th Sept

Where: Gould League Hall

Time: K/1/2 – 5.00pm – 6.00pm
3/4/5/6 -6.00pm – 7.30pm

$2 Entry

Canteen Available
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
## Wellington Public School

**Principal | Mr Denis Anderson**

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO EITHER YOUR CHILD’S PRESCHOOL OR WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL (By September 5th)

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Parent/career name. Please print

Child’s name. Please print

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.

Wellington Public School | NSW Department of Education & Training
Percy St Wellington NSW 2820 | PO Box 426 Wellington NSW 2820 | ph 02 6845 4080 | fax 02 6845 2843 | Email wellington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Do you enjoy riding a bike?

Come and join the Dubbo Cycle Club

Where: Victoria Park No1 Oval

When: Tuesday

Time: 6pm

Cost: $3 per wk + registration with Cycling NSW

Registration with Cycling NSW is easy !!!

www.nsw.cycling.org.au

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.
Indigenous Sky Stories

17th of September
6pm-8pm
Free BBQ & Drinks
Aboriginal Dancing
Using Telescopes
Sky Stories performances
Help us celebrate a Wellington icon and commemorate 50 years of the Mount Arthur Reserve

PHOTO COMPETITION

Prize money in 17 categories across Open, Primary and Secondary School sections.

Landscape/Scenery, native flora and fauna, recreation, panoramic, black and white and photographic art/digitally manipulated

ALL PHOTOS to be taken within, or of, the Mt Arthur Reserve

ENTRIES CLOSE
14 November 2014
Entries will be exhibited

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS:
Pick up an entry form at the Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Centre OR www.mtarthurreserve.org.au

Prize Sponsors to date:

Major Prize donors
- Mt Arthur Reserve Trust
- Project Analysis
- Imajenit Commercial Photography
- Lola and Neil Hanington

Category donors
- Lion of Waterloo
- Twin Rivers Printing
- Papillon Foundation
- Friends of Burrendong Arboretum
- Wellington Redbacks
- Trim Hair Studio
- Brian Holmes
- Geoff and Penny Cook
- Leo and Marion Dawson
- The Baigent family
- Kimbells Cafe
- Pacific Seafoods
- Bell River Estate

SPONSORS STILL NEEDED! If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact the Mt Arthur Trust via mount.arthur@hotmail.com
THE MARTY GORDON MEMORIAL NAIDOC GOLF

Date: Friday 26th September 2014
Location: Dubbo Golf Club (Peak Hill Road)
Time: 9:00am for Registration—10:00am Tee Off
Cost: $60 covers (18 holes of Golf-BBQ-T-shirt-hat)
♦ 2 man Ambrose, Teams selected on the day
♦ Fantastic prizes up for grabs

All money raised on the day will be donated to the Dialysis Unit at the Dubbo Base Hospital

Our Sponsors and Supporters:
Mission Australia Dubbo
PSG Holdings Pty Ltd
Carpet Court
National Disability Services
Castleragh Hotel
Gulbri Aboriginal Men’s Group
Dubbo City Toyota
Orana Disability Sales & Service
Dubbo RSL

Payment can be made at Mission Australia - (02) 6884 8526
White Balloon Day
White Wash Walk

Join Mission Australia on a White Walk to help raise awareness of the importance to “Educate, Empower and Protect Australian Children from Sexual Assault”

When: Friday September 12th
Where: Meet at the Rotunda on Macquarie St. at 10am- finish at 12pm

We will walk from the Rotunda, along Macquarie St and across the L H Ford Bridge and finish at the Biddybangie Reserve (near the boat ramp).

Mission Australia will provide Morning tea for a gold coin donation which will go directly to Bravehearts. Information will be available and White Balloon Day Merchandise will also be for sale.

Everybody is welcome!

Nanima Pre-school
Invite you to join us at our
NAIDOC DAY
Monday 15th September, 2014
Starting at 10.00 am

Entertainment by
Nanima Pre-school children
Wellington High School
Wellington Primary School
Ruth West
Tom Sloane

MONSTER RAFFLE!
With heaps of prizes

BBQ lunch
Bush tucker tasting & Johnny Cakes
Face painting
Boomerang decorating
Jewellery making
Balloons
Community displays
Hear our Heart puppet show
And much, much more!

Baiyai Library Day

Come and celebrate Aboriginal culture and community at Wellington Library!

Friday
26 September
from 10am

Morning tea with Aboriginal flavours
Performances by local youth people
Aboriginal books and resources on display

Everyone welcome
No bookings required
Wellington Branch Library
6845 2156
Mumbil P & C
HALLOWEEN FUN TRIVIA
AND AUCTION NIGHT
Saturday 1st November

Trick or Treating around town from 5pm – 7pm
Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like the children to
call into your house, please identify your house by hanging a decoration.

Trivia Night 7pm – 10pm at Mumbil Progress Hall
MC for the night – Farren Horham
$5 per person, children under 16 yrs free
Tables of 4 to 8
BYO Food and Drinks
Prizes for Best Dressed Costumes
Items to be auctioned off throughout the night to raise money for the students of Mumbil Public School

Halloween Dance from 10pm – Midnight

Who’s In Wello
Do you know what services are available in Wello?

COME TO THE WELLINGTON CIVIC CENTRE
9TH OCTOBER 2014
BETWEEN 10AM – 2:30PM TO FIND OUT

OVER 80 EXHIBITORS
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FREE INFORMATION BAGS

Brought to you by Wellington Community Services Interagency

Clean-up Nanima Day Project
18th of October 2014

Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council is inviting you to join us to clean-up at Nanima.

The project aims to improve the health and well-being of local residence by providing a safe and clean environment for the children at Nanima and their families.

The Nanina Village currently has little or no resources to achieve a well needed clean-up and are seeking local community’s involvement to play a part.

If you can help out on the day or would like to contribute in anyway please contact Melodie Nutt at Wellington Aboriginal Land Council on 6643 2229
NRL JUNIOR CLINIC, Wellington
Tuesday, September 16

NRL Development will be conducting a junior coaching clinic for any interested BOYS AND GIRLS aged from 5 to 16 years at Bicentennial Park, Wellington on September 16, 2014.

Where: Bicentennial Park, Wellington
Date: Tuesday September 16, 2014
Time: 4.00pm - 5:15pm (Children aged 5-16)
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