New Neopost Boards - P&C generosity
In the recent school holidays Mr Walsh gave up a number of days to be at school to oversee the installation of three new Neopost Interactive boards in classrooms. These boards are the latest technology and will be gradually replacing our older interactive whiteboards as they become beyond economical repair. Each of these boards cost just over $6000 so the exercise to replace boards comes at a considerable cost.

Two of these new boards were generously donated by your/our Parents and Citizens Association. Two of these boards have affixed to them a plaque recognising the P&C’s donation and we are extremely appreciative.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Points
After families helping their children to collect Earn and Learn stickers recently we were able to amass a sizable number of points enabling the purchase of classroom resources. Mr Walsh once again, coordinated this collection and has traded our points so that he is able to put resources in every classroom. We will await the arrival of this new stationery and be keen to see everything put to good use. Thank you to everyone who assisted by collecting stickers each time they shopped at Woolworths.

Attendance
Student attendance is running well below 90% at the moment and this means that it is even much lower than the state average. Every day is a loss of learning. At the moment some grades are disgraceful. Please try to ensure that your children attend every school day except where there is a very good reason.

Last time the Home school Liaison Officer (HSLO) Team visited last week 22
students in one grade had accounted for over 1000 days lost. Some students have personal losses of 50, 60 or even 70 days away – it is no wonder these students are not coping well at school. Referrals are made to the HSLO team and this can lead to court proceedings. One family only yesterday received a Compulsory Schooling Order. High levels of absenteeism is reportable as a neglect issue to Family and Community Services. We ask families to assist us in helping students be excellent attenders at school and we would certainly see better academic results. The students who do attend, on average perform better and those that achieve at high levels are certainly at school and take pride in their work ethic.

**TRANSITION TO SCHOOL**

Last Friday saw children begin their transition to Kindergarten at Wellington Public School. They had a wonderful time getting to know staff, the classrooms and playground. We are looking forward to seeing them again this Friday.
SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK

The Following is taken from the School Excellence Framework - an Overview. This framework is integral to school planning implementation and review in regard to the three broad domains. The school will determine where we believe we are sitting in regard to this framework and establish if we are delivering, sustaining and growing or excelling in each of the three domains and fourteen elements (mentioned below) and use the framework for continuous improvement. A cycle of formal assessment will be undertaken for schools by visiting, experienced principals whose job it will be to make their independent assessment and write a report. This will come with accountabilities to ensure continued school improvement.

NSW public schools are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high-quality educational opportunities for each and every child. This in turn facilitates the consistent improvement of student outcomes and the narrowing of achievement gaps between students.

Our aim is to maximize learning in our schools, including that students achieve at least a year’s worth of learning from every year’s teaching.

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.

The Framework describes 14 elements across these three domains which define the core business of excellent schools in three stages. Each year, schools will assess their practices against the Framework to inform their school plans and annual school reports. The description of excellence in the Framework supports schools as they engage their communities in the development of a shared vision, the identification of strategic priorities, and the ongoing tracking of progress towards them.

The focus is on students

All parents want the very best for their children. In education, this means teachers and schools with a commitment to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students – to find the joy in learning, to build their
skills and understanding, and to make sense of their world. In the early years, it means having confidence that each individual child will be known and understood, and their individual potential developed. As students progress, it means knowing that they are well-supported as increasingly self-motivated learners – confident and creative individuals, with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

**Excellence in learning**
The journey to excellence for students in NSW public schools begins during the first important weeks of Kindergarten. Every child brings a different set of experiences, knowledge and skills to school with them, and understanding these is essential to planning their individual learning paths. From the earliest school days and throughout their time at school, teachers use information about individual students’ capabilities and needs to plan for students’ learning so as to engage them in rich learning experiences, developing the vital skills for flourishing – now and in future years. By sharing information about learning development, teachers engage parents as active participants in their children’s education. At the other end of schooling, teachers and schools support students to make successful transitions to future learning or employment, with the skills to make informed contributions as citizens and leaders.

**Excellence in teaching**
Student learning is underpinned in excellent schools by high-quality teaching and leadership. Teaching in these schools is distinguished by universally high levels of professionalism and commitment. Lessons and learning opportunities are engaging and teaching strategies are evidence-based. Individually and collaboratively, teachers evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching practices, including sophisticated analysis of student engagement, learning growth and outcomes, to plan for the ongoing learning of each student in their care. Teachers take shared responsibility for student improvement and contribute to a transparent learning culture, including through the observation of each other’s practices.

**Excellence in leading**
Strong, strategic and effective leadership is the cornerstone of school excellence. Excellent leaders have a commitment to fostering
a school-wide culture of high expectations and a shared sense of responsibility for student engagement, learning, development and success. Students benefit from the school’s planned and proactive engagement with the parent and broader community. Leaders in excellent schools ensure that operational issues, such as resource allocation and accountability requirements, serve the overarching strategic vision of the school community. Ultimately, leaders in these schools enable a self-sustaining and self-improving community that will continue to support the highest levels of learning as a lasting legacy of their contributions.

**Touch Football**

Last Friday our Boys’ team made it to the final knockout round and played against Orange P.S. Unfortunately our winning streak was not to continue but from all accounts it was a terrific game, well challenged on both sides. We were proud to know that our boys gave everything they had and played well together as a team. Congratulations to all players on their efforts and their sportsmanship. What an achievement to get so far in this year’s competition.

**An Important Reminder:**

**An invitation to be part of a special event in Wellington**

Coo-ee March 2015 Inc. (Gilgandra Sub-Committee) is organising a centenary re-enactment of the 1915 Gilgandra to Sydney Coo-ee March, which will be held from 17th October to 11th November 2015, to remember the 1915 recruitment march, the 263 men who answered the call of “Coo-ee! Come and join us!” joined its ranks, and the support of the local communities
along the route, with parades and commemorative services at the villages and towns where the Coo-ees stopped and recruited men to join up and enlist in the AIF during the First World War.

100 years ago, on Saturday 16th October 1915, the Coo-ees were met by officials, bands, militia, police, riflemen and cadets outside Wellington and escorted into town. The bands played ‘It’s a long way to Tipperary’ in the procession to the Council Chambers where Ald. McLeod, Cr. A. E. Fuller, President of Macquarie Shire Council, Cr. Donald Ross, President of Cobbora Shire Council, and Mr. T. H. Thrower, M.L.A., member for the district welcomed the recruits. About three thousand people had lined the streets to welcome them. The local Red Cross Society provided afternoon tea for the recruits, and they then marched to their sleeping quarters at the Protestant Hall. A recruitment meeting was held that evening at the corner of Nanima Crescent and Warne Street. About 10.30 am the next morning, the bands, cadets and military led the Coo-ees in a march around the town, and there were special services at the churches. Another recruiting meeting was held at Bell Park that afternoon. When the Coo-ees left on Monday morning 18th October 1915, the Wellington school children lined up and gave the men a cheer. Thirty one recruits were added to the contingent from Wellington.

100 years later, the Coo-ee March 2015 Re-enactment will arrive in Wellington on Thursday afternoon 22nd October 2015, and will hold a street parade starting at 5.30 pm from Market Square via Lee Street and Nanima Crescent to the Wellington War Memorial in Cameron Park, for a commemorative service starting at approximately 5.40 pm, to which everyone is invited to attend. It would be terrific to have a huge contingent of students from our school attend in their school uniform to let our community know that we are proud of Wellington’s history and that it has been chosen again for this special commemorative re-enactment.
BOOK CLUB ORDERS make great presents!

Book club orders are due back to the office by Friday 23rd October 2015. All orders help the school to purchase new books for the library. Remember with only 65 days left until Christmas – Books are a wonderful present.

Borrowing will stop in week 7

Borrowing from the library will finish at the end of week 7 – 20th November 2015. This will allow time for some stocktaking to be completed and for the shelves to be all neat and tidy to start next year. Remember though, it is free to be a member of the town library and you can borrow all throughout the holidays.

BORROW BOOKS and receive a prize!

Our frequent borrowers who received a prize this week are:

- Isaac Johnson (KP)
- Benjamin Gale (KB)
- Laughlan Bailey (3BT)
- Chloe Dench (1S)
- Abigail Milgate (KR)
- Jackson Fleeton (K-6H)

Annabelle Hardwick, Georgia Veech, Bronte Runciman (3/4B)

Xavier Parker (1L)

William Denovan, Hamish O'Brien (1/2W)

Ruby Scott (3/4N)

Jayden Longhurst (2J)
NEWS

Last week we entered the Rotary and Wellington Times Garden competition. The children were very excited to be entering their garden, in a competition. The judge came and looked at our garden on Wednesday.

Last week the children were busy in the kitchen preparing a delicious feast to share, using lots of lovely fresh produce from our garden. On the menu was, Leafy Garden Salad, Wheat Tortillas, Hummus, Beetroot Raita and Homemade Lemonade!

This week we will be jazzing up our wooden vegetable plots, with a little paint. Please bring an old shirt to wear.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Klein family, for donating lots of lovely Sage for our herb garden.

DONATIONS

If you have unwanted, leftover or sample pot paint (water wash up) at home, we would love it!

If you would like to donate it to the garden, just send it in and we will use it on our wooden garden beds. Bright paint especially wanted!

SUE NICHOLAS
Grandparents and Friends Day

Who: Grandparents and friends

What: Picnic style lunch and classroom activities

Where: Central Grass/Maxwell Street Grass (then open classrooms)

When: Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of November from 1pm – 2:45pm

Please bring a picnic lunch or pre order your lunch from the canteen
This October to promote Mental Health Month the Love Your Life Program is bringing Drumming workshops to Gilgandra, Narromine and Wellington to promote community connectedness. Come along to your nearest workshop to explore exciting drumming rhythms from Africa, South America and other world music traditions. Workshops are suitable for all ages and levels of experience.

**Coo-ee Heritage Centre, Gilgandra**  
Friday 23 October, 10:30am - 11:30am

**Narromine Historical Museum**  
Friday 23 October, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

**Cameron Park, Wellington**  
Saturday 24 October  
Workshop 1: 10:30am  
Workshop 2: 11:30am

Workshops are FREE but you must book a place by contacting Paige Williams on (02) 6884 0638 or emailing projects@oranaarts.com.au

The drumming workshops will use a variety of drums and percussion instruments. Traditional African djembes and new Kalani Flex drums, these are great for hand-drumming in world music styles. There will also be hand percussion instruments like maracas, shakers and cow bells, which add contrast to drumming rhythms.

Dale Freeman is the workshop tutor, he is a staff member of Macquarie Conservatorium Dubbo, where he teaches hand-drumming and drum kit, guitar and ukulele.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED BOOK NOW!**
Grandparents and Friends Day

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of November 2015 at 1pm

$5

Canteen Special

Chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise wrap

or

Ham, cheese and tomato wrap

and

Juice or water

and

Watermelon tub

Pre order and pay at the Canteen by Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} of October 2015
Grandparents and Friends Day

ORDER FORM

Monday 2nd of November 2015 at 1pm

$5 Canteen Special

Please circle your choice!

Chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise wrap

or

Ham, cheese and tomato wrap

and

Juice or water

and

Watermelon tub

Name:

Class:
Australia in the Great War

Commemorative Coin

To commemorate the service and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who fought in World War One and to coincide with the 100-year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, Wellington Public School will be selling commemorative coins as keepsake of those who fought for our country.

The coins can be purchased at the Wellington Public School front office for $5 each, with all profits from the sales going to the SOLDIERON charity, a wonderful organization that helps current service men and women to overcome physical and emotional challenges caused by experiencing war.
BUS ZONE PARKING...

PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO PARK IN THE BUS ZONES, IT IS A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUSES.

Police will be patrolling the school bus stop during home time. THANKYOU.

COMMUNITY NEWS.. FOR SALE: Junior Cricket Kit $80, Gray Nicholls bag. Batting and wicket keeping pads, batting and wicket keeping gloves and helmet 0400613145.
Wellington Public School

2015 Year Book

All students have contributed in one way or another to the 2015 Year Book. It is a great summary of the 2015 School Year and a precious keepsake for your child. Pre-order your very own copy NOW. Available December.

$20.00

Stay in touch with the Wellington PS app.

Free download available for android (google play) and apple OS (Apple app store)

THE APP CALENDAR IS NOW UP TO DATE..

Use the App Calendar to stay up to date with all the events happening at the School.
## Wellington Public School
**CANTEEN PRICE LIST**
**Term 4 – 2015**

All Orders to be in before 9:30 am

All Lunches must be pre-ordered.

### BEFORE SCHOOL

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### $5 MEAL DEALS

**Term 4**  
**12 October – 11 December 2015**

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Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10"x13" family portrait (of your family – valued at $200) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you found your family together for a group photo? Update your family with their retrieved fun photographs. View gorgeous samples for those who check out available packages online at laurajean.com.au /facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

Every family can receive the personalized photographic service, chosen to be

Flexible options include portrait choices, complimentary 3 pose sitting and $10 for each additional portrait to suit your needs (see book for more details)

We will receive 100% of funds raised from the special framed family portrait, plus bonuses (including a 3 pose portrait pack which you may win) when 25 families participate.

Go please help us by inviting an extra family to our fundraiser.

WIN a 3-Pose Portrait Pack

When we get 25 families participating there will be a complimentary 3 pose portrait pack, a CD up for grabs and a sneak peak for your help in getting 25 families.

Please help us

Laura Jean

WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

FOUNDERING PRIDES FOR

BOOKS FOR THE HOME READING PROGRAM

CONTRACT:

KAYLENE

0428 452 735 – ONLY AFTER 1PM PLEASE

kaylene8111@gmail.com

DONOR:

520.00 & RECEIVE A 10"x13" FRAMED PORTRAIT

PHOTO DATE:

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER – WHITE BACKDROP

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – BLACK BACKDROP

Speak to your photographer on the day about your option/appointment

Laura Jean

Voucher for 1 Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price

Older child's full name:
First:
Middle name:
Last:
Preferred line:
Very special limited offer – please see back for details

Laura Jean

Voucher for 1 Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price

Oldest child's full name:
Class:
Mobile or home no:
Email:
Preferred time:
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