Swimming Carnival
What a fantastic day for a carnival. Last Friday, when I walked into the carnival, I was immediately met by the feeling that everything was going well and everyone seemed to be doing the right thing and enjoying themselves. Everything seemed very orderly but relaxed at the same time. Everyone seemed very busy with formal races happening in the big pool and novelty events organised for children a little less competent with their swimming. Parents and families had settled in for an enjoyable day, there to support the special young people in their lives.

From the announcing, the marshalling, the timekeepers to the judges, lifesavers and recorders there were so many teachers and community supporters ensuring this day was going to be very successful. My thanks go to everyone who made the day work so well.

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who got in the water, tried so hard and had so much fun. It was a wonderful day! At the end of the day all of our swimmers in Mitchell House are to be congratulated as the winners of the overall house competition. We must also congratulate students chosen to go on to district level of competition and perhaps even further to a regional or state level if they continue to try hard and do well.
Captains & Student Leaders – Induction Ceremony

Commencing this Thursday 19th at 12:30 pm we will be holding the induction assembly for our student leaders for 2015. Parents and friends are invited to attend the Gould League Hall to help celebrate the investiture of these students.

Road Safety  Witnesses continue to be appalled by the behaviour of some drivers when children are either dropped off in the morning in family cars or in the afternoon when school is over. Double parking, pulling directly into the bus area, making quick u-turns, calling students to walk across the road, letting children out on the driver's side of their vehicle and driving at a fast speed are among the many offending driving behaviours. Many potentially endanger students' safety. Please be concerned for the welfare of all children not just the ones directly in your care. This is 'some' and fortunately only the minority of drivers and if everyone is conscious of doing the right thing all children and road users will be safe.

Preschool  Last Thursday we had two wonderful planning meetings at the preschool. The first was in the morning with representatives from Bunnings. We discussed extending the preschool's boundary fence about seven metres towards the Gould League Hall. This will allow the newly acquired area to be developed into a garden area with above-ground beds being supplied along with soil additives, mulch and a selection of plants to make a sensory garden. In the afternoon we met with Kristy Roberts from the Taronga Western plains zoo and some other colleagues who came prepared with pictures and lots of good ideas, ideas to develop the outdoor areas and turn them into exciting learning places for our youngest students. Allison Grant, our new preschool teacher also came with lots of pictures and wonderful ideas she has seen in other centres and her enthusiasm soon spread to all who were present.

We will be seeking lots of community consultation to decide how the ideas will fit together and we decided we wanted a Wiradjuri theme to link all of the elements in our design. Yesterday a fencing contractor came to look at the job of moving the fence so this task will begin hopefully in a few weeks’ time.
New Classroom  Public Works were on site to plan where to place our new classroom building. It looks at the moment as though it will be on the edge of the Maxwell St grassed area under the big Kurrajong tree towards the side retaining wall on the driveway side. When asked how long this project should take it was said that we could probably expect to see the arrival of the building in April and that the associated work would be finished mid to late May. Like the school residence, we are having discussions and planning the best way to occupy these new facilities and maximise their benefit to our school. The Residence has had the outside cleared and the fence removed. The power has been turned on and the painters should be starting today. The repair of walls and the painting is expected to take at least two weeks.

Sporting Schools  Mr Bullock and Mrs Eather have just received advice about the proposed new Sporting Schools Program. The first step is to register our school's interest and nominate our school coordinator. Mr Bullock has offered to take on this role as it is believed that it will replace the program previously known as the Active After-School's Program. Our involvement will be dependent on a successful registration and being eligible for program funding. Without the funding schools would not be able to take part.

An Apology  Last week I had written that Sharon Ford had put her hand up to succeed Miss Pedron in the role as PBL internal coach. This was in error as it rolled out of my past memory without thought where there had been a 'Sharon Ford' on staff. I this instance, of course, it is Sharon King who is willing to take on the internal coach's role on the PBL team. I apologise for this mistake and want to apologise to Mrs King.

Roadwork On The Mitchell Highway – Hawkins St to Maughan St  $300 000 is the funding allocated to resurface this section of the highway. Work is to commence at 7:00 am and conclude at 6:00 pm for 3 days (Tues, Wed & Thurs) this week. Reduced speed limits in the area will apply and motorists may experience some delays. There will also be temporary changes to street parking with no parking on the highway while the work is being conducted. Detours will be directed by electronic signs. There is to be some associated noise but we are told every effort will be made to minimise this.
Wellington Public School's Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 13th February. The weather was kind to us with some cloud cover keeping it reasonably cool. A great day was had by all and there were lots of children who entered the 50m and 17m races while others were happy participating in the novelty races. Thank you to those teachers and staff who ran the successful novelty races.

A big, big thank you to all staff who were there nice and early on Friday morning to help set up. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Eather who was outstanding on the microphone throughout the day and contributed to the smooth running of the carnival. Thanks.

I would like to thank the staff who time kept throughout the day and the wonderful parents who gave up their time to time keep also. A huge thank you to St Mary's Central School and Wellington Amateur Swimming Club for the use of their tents and equipment. Your generous support means a lot to us. A big thank you also to Di from the school canteen who prepared a beautiful morning tea for staff and officials and to Stella-May Miller for handing them out.

Thank you to all of WPS staff who were fantastic in their roles. Also to the students of our wonderful school who were brilliantly behaved.

To our great House Captains and Vice-captains:

**Evans Captains**
- Julia Bancroft
- Tom Kiss

**Mitchell Captains**
- Maykayla Humphries
- Taylor Cubby

**Oxley Captains**
- Ellie Gollan
- Thomas Hawke

**Sturt Captains**
- Letia Lousick
- Brad O'Brien

**Evans Vice-Capt.**
- Bethany Bell
- Isaiah Ahsee

**Mitchell Vice-Capt.**
- Taleah Stanley
- Clayton Tye

**Oxley Vice-Capt.**
- Mikaela Solomons
- Harlem Pascoe

**Sturt Vice-Capt.**
- Sharneyce Stanley
- Ezekiel Turaga

You were great leaders and organised your houses well.

The overall house winner for the 2015 Swimming Carnival was Mitchell house with a total of 182 points, followed by Sturt with 137, closely followed by Evans with 134 and Oxley with 97. Entry points definitely make a big difference to the final score.

The 2015 Pedron Medal was awarded to Emerson Humphries for her participation in all events and her team spirit.

The 2015 Swimming Age Champions were as follows:

**Junior Boy** – Rusty Taylor

**11yrs Boy** – Arthur Taylor

**Senior Boy** – Brad O'Brien

**Junior Girl** – Bronte Runciman/

**11yrs Girl** – Kyla Tasker

**Senior Girl** – Hannah Petrovic

Alex Morley

Congratulations to all the ribbon receivers, the Pedron Medal winner, the Age Champions and Mitchell house on their success.

The Dubbo District Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 26th February. A note will go home if your child will be representing WPS in this carnival.

Thank you

Kate Boland
Welcome to Week 4!!

Health Checks

This week we have been approached by WACHS to conduct 4 year old health checks for the children attending our Preschool. These checks will be conducted on **Tuesday 17th March** here at the Preschool. Permission notes have been put in your children’s pockets in the front foyer. Can you please sign and return these ASAP.

Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Next **Tuesday 24th February** Mel Matheson from WACHS is presenting a session for our families on healthy lunchbox ideas for Preschool. Healthy eating is an important part of children’s development and Mel will be bringing along some ideas for our families to use when packing a healthy lunchbox!!!! The session will start at 9am, so parents & carers can stay after dropping off their children for this session.

Emergency Procedures at Preschool

Last week we began speaking with the children about what we need to do at Preschool when we have an emergency situation. It is important to be able to prepare the children for such an event if it takes place. It is required under the National Regulations that regular practicing of these procedures takes place. If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss with Allison.

Outdoor Environment Re-development

Last week we had a visit from Bunnings & representatives from Taronga Western Plains Zoo who are helping us with ideas and resources to redesign our outdoor play space. This is a very exciting time.....watch this space.

Fees

A number of our families have been enquiring about the payment of Preschool fees. We are anticipating providing all families with more information about this in the coming week.

Have a great week!!

Preschool Staff – Allison, Lyn, Cheryl, Catherine & Kylie

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We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

Orlando (Spiderman) & Maleik (Superman) with the dress ups.

Julia, Danny & Zachary showing us how well they can cut and paste.

Danny at the playdough table making us dinner.

Enjoying our outside play equipment.

Sandpit time with the bull dozers.

Zachary enjoying doing his balloon paintings.
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 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.
The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project would like to thank the P and C committee of Wellington Primary School for the very generous donation of $1000 that was made recently to support hearing education and testing in our schools.

The Ear Bus will be back in Wellington soon, ready to test more children’s hearing, follow-up on people we have seen before and continue the education programs that are already in place at Wellington Primary School.

If you would like to talk about having your child’s hearing tested by the Ear Bus team please ask your child’s teacher or speak to Leeanne Everett at the school.

Patrick O’Donnell at Western Region Disability Carnival
Mrs Petrovic and Miss Everett have been away training in a new programme called Drumbeat, which will be introduced at our school in Term 2 this year. It is a very exciting new initiative that aims at developing resilience, self-esteem and communication skills through activities around a drumming circle.

To launch this programme in our school we will be having a major performance by the internationally renowned group Drum Café. Every child in attendance on the performance day will be participating in an interactive drumming workshop where 550 participants will all be drumming at once! This will be an amazing experience for all involved.

This performance is very expensive to bring to our school so we have asked for community sponsorship and donations to help make it possible for every child to join in on the day.

We would like to thank
Wellington Primary School P and C
Keirle’s Pharmacy
Wellington Soldiers Club
Wellington Rotary Club
Wellington Council
Mark Coulton
Swift Street Medical Centre
for their very generous donations. Please thank these sponsors by supporting them in their local endeavours. If you or anyone you know would like a sponsorship letter, for more information please contact Tracy Petrovic or Leanne Everett at the school. Sponsors will be mentioned in all our advertising and will be invited to attend on the performance day to be acknowledged by the school at a sponsor's morning tea.
Wellington Primary School is a proud KidsMatter School.

This week at school our PATHS lessons are focussing on our **Feelings**.

**There are many things that the students will be learning about.**

Everyone has the same types of feelings.

Feelings are on the inside, but can show on the outside.

There are many different feelings.

**Feelings are either comfortable or uncomfortable.**

There are no bad feelings.

All feelings are OK to have.

Wellington Primary School—because our KidsMatter.
"Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk" by Gregory Cooper

Date Thursday 5th March, Cost $5 per student, Time 1:40pm in GL Hall.

"Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk"

It’s an environmental emergency of preposterous proportions! Giant pieces of garbage keep dropping on the hapless inhabitants of A Land Far Far Away and nobody knows who’s responsible.

As usual when anything bad happens, all eyes turn to Jack Flash, the young boy with a long history of practical jokes and mischief making. The Mayor even decides to ‘cowfiscate’ his favourite cow and only friend Daisy as punishment.

Jack knows the only way to clear his name is to find out who this giant litterbug really is, and with the help of a feisty Mexican Jumping Bean determined to sprout, Jack begins the climb of his life.

Our popular writer Greg Cooper is back with more laugh-a-minute theatre catering for ages 5-13. This interactive adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk will have your school (including teachers) on the edge of their seats from start to finish as they join Jack in his quest to save the environment.

I give permission for my child/ren

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to attend “Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk”. On Thursday 5th March 2015, costing $5 per student. Total $.....................
Children need to attend school every day. This poster is displayed in many shop fronts around Wellington and is an initiative of the Wellington Learning Committee to encourage children to attend school. Children entering businesses during school time without an adult will be asked why they are not at school. Please contact Debbie Anemaat at school if you would like further information.

Wellington PS School Calendar—Coming events

February 2015

• 19th Induction Day

Stage Assemblies for Term 1

Please come and join us!

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Recycling School Uniforms
This is a call to all parents and carers, if there are any school uniforms that no longer fit your children please remember to recycle and bring them into the office.

Stay in touch with the Wellington PS app.
Free download available for android (Google Play) and apple OS (Apple App Store)

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.
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner | Be Safe | Be Respectful
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Teaka KY, Daniel KB, Dean-Aaron KY, Claudia 1C/L, Tahlia 1C/L, Kate 2J, Alice 3K, Joel 3K, Angus 3K, Tailor 5/6K, Pat 5/6K and Kate 5/6K

Tennis

Wellington Primary School Special Education teachers are asking for donations of tennis racquets or tennis balls for our sports program.

Community News...

For sale: Brand new black converse shoes, kids size 7 $60 please call 0488174886.
### $5 MEAL DEALS

3rd February – 16 April 2015

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Wellington Public School

CANTEEN PRICE LIST
Term 1 – 2015

All Orders to be in before 9:30 am
All Lunches must be pre-ordered.

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Concerned about mental health?
Friends
Yourself
Family

Community Support Skills
Connecting community members with the help they want

Would you like to know how to recognise when someone may not be travelling well? Would you like more information about how and where help is available for mental health concerns?

This workshop will cover:

- signs that someone may not be travelling well
- understanding services and how to access them
- how to have a conversation with someone you’re worried about and encourage them to seek help
- how to provide simple and helpful support
- how to help someone at risk of suicide
- how to look after your mental wellbeing

When: Friday 20th February 2015, from 7pm
Where: Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club,
Corner Swift & Arthur Streets,
Wellington
RSVP: Chris Driver, 0427 890 848

Tea and coffee will be available after the presentation, and all are encouraged to stay around afterwards to ask presenters questions or collect information resources.

Proudly supported and organised by Wellington Lions Club
13\textsuperscript{th} February, 2015

RE; WELLINGTON JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REGISTRATION DAYS.

Wellington Junior Rugby Union Registration Days at Montefiores Oval
Thursday: 19\textsuperscript{th} February 2015 from 6pm-7.30pm
Thursday: 26\textsuperscript{th} February 2015 from 6pm -7.30pm
Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} March 2015 from 6pm -7.30pm

All Registrations will require a photocopy of their Birth Certificate.
Please contact Leigh on 0408 463 853 with any question about Registrations.

Thanking you,
Leigh Chandler
Registrar
Wellington Junior Rugby Union Club
First Aid for Parents

This is a 2 Day Workshop covering all aspects of First Aid. These are important skills for any parent especially those with children who have an eye for adventure. Parents who are ready to re-enter the workforce this is a great qualification to add to your resume. For our hidden hero’s in the community running community events and activities for children these skills are essential to help you keep your precious children safe and cared for.

When: 17th & 18th March 2015
Times: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Where: WINs
Swift Street, Wellington
Cost: FREE
Bookings: Bookings are essential
Childcare: Unfortunately no childcare can be provided as this is a Red Cross requirement. Content within the course is deemed traumatic for children.

Bookings and Enquiries to:
Sharon Milnes — Communities for Children
Community Mentor Coordinator
(02) 68891422 or 0428894180
sharonm@narruminecommunityskills.com.au

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BORN TO FLY

Free Workshop
Making good choices, living a life of purpose, strength and influence.
LIFE LESSONS WITH FUN HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

GIRLS 6—12 years

TUESDAYS  3.30—4.30 pm
Term 1: 10 Feb to 31st March
Term 2: 28th April to 23rd June
WINs Community Rooms : Swift Street, Wellington

CHANGE YOUR WORLD FROM THE INSIDE OUT!
EveryGirl is a blessing, unique and wonderfully made.
EveryGirl has a purpose and individual blueprint for their life.

FOR BOOKINGS or information, call:
Sharon on 6889 1422
or 0428 894 180
sharonm@narruminecommunityskills.com.au
**The Baby Bunch**

(for pregnant parents and babies under 12 months)

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**Baby Massage**

Enhance self-esteem and confidence in Baby Care

Fun and Relaxing

Enhances bonding between parents and babies

Morning Tea Provided

Please Bring a Towel

**FREE**

**TIME:** 10:10-11:30AM

**WHEN:** Thursday 19th February

**WHERE:** Community Health OT room on the hospital grounds in Grisborne Street

For more information call Maree Thomas on 5840 1734 or 0427 635 023

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**Little Learners**

**Where?**

Mission Australia Office (opposite Commonwealth Bank)

**When?**

Wednesdays

**Time?**

12:30 pm until 1:30 pm

**Cost?**

FREE and a light lunch will be provided

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

**SOCIAL SKILLS**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**FUN!**

Play

Come along and enjoy having fun with your child and meet other parents and children!

**Supported by:**

MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand
Wellington PCYC Timetable

Timetable will start as of Monday 2nd February

Monday 2pm to 5.30pm
* KinderFun: 2pm to 2.45pm in Judo Hall - (2 to 5 years) $7
* Mixed Jnr Sports: 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Main Hall - $4
  (Slap Hockey, Dodgeball, Basketball & Soccer)
* Gymnastics: 3.30pm to 4.20pm in the Judo Hall - (5 to 15 years) $8
  (Fees will be paid per term)
* Jnr Basketball: 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Main Hall - $4

Tuesday 5pm to 7pm
* Adult All Sports: 5pm to 7pm in Main Hall - $25 per team per game
  (Soccer, Basketball, Dodgeball & Slap Hockey)
* Judo: 5.30pm to 7pm in Judo Hall - $5

Wednesday 3pm to 6pm
* Jnr Indoor Soccer: 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Main Hall - (5 to 12 years) $4
* Snr Indoor Soccer: 4.30pm to 6pm in Main Hall - (13 to 18 years) $4

Thursday 6pm to 8pm – PCYC will only be open to Archery & Judo participants.
* Archery: 6pm to 8pm in Main Hall - $5
* Judo: 5.30pm to 7pm in Judo Hall - $5

All prices quoted are per session.
All activities participants must be PCYC members.
PCYC memberships $5.50

To enrol in any of these activities call 6882 3273 or email MDevenish@pcycnsw.org.au
MUMS TO MENTORS

Come along and join the group for lots of fun activities, opportunities to learn and plenty of laughs!

Lunch is provided and transport can be arranged if needed.
The group is FREE to join and children are welcome.
For Aboriginal families with children aged 0-12 years
(everyone welcome)

For more information, please phone Maree on 6840 1734 or Chanelle on 6845 3545

WHEN?
Every second Friday
(School Term Only)

WHERE?
Wellington Baptist Church Hall
Swift Street

TIME?
10:00am to 1:00pm