VIP Day at Wellington Primary School!

Last Thursday, our school held a VIP Day! The atmosphere in the school was buzzing with smiles as very important people to our students and school community joined together with all our students and staff for a combined picnic lunch. After an extended lunch, VIP’s stayed to be involved in a variety of open classroom activities across the school.

In the evening, the days events were followed by an Infants and Primary social where the ‘red carpet’ was laid out for our students.

Thank you to all VIP’s, students, staff for such a successful occasion.

**Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies** because our **KidsMatter!**
School Photos
Several pushes have been sent out electronically reminding families that school photos are being taken today and tomorrow. By now envelopes should have been returned ordering your choice of photographs. Notification of photographs have also been sent out through the Whisper.

Wishing You Well Mrs Anderson
At the end of this term we are saying farewell to Mrs Anderson who has been teaching class 5A. Mrs Anderson is leaving as she is taking maternity leave until the end of the year. We were very appreciative of Mrs Anderson taking on the class at the beginning of the year because there has been a significant shortfall in the availability of casual teachers. Mrs Anderson has been terrific for the class and we are sure she will be missed. It is exciting, however to have a new teacher. 5A’s teacher for the remainder of the year will be Miss Nicole Reid.

Autumn Holiday
We all agree that time seems to be racing along and it's hard to believe we are in the final week of Term 1.
It has been a great term and we seem to have achieved so much. Thursday, 2nd April is our last school day as Friday, 3rd is Good Friday and this marks the beginning of the Easter weekend.
Teachers return on Monday, 20th April and students start back on Tuesday, 21st, April, 2015.
The Monday when teachers, administration and support staff return is a pupil free day with this day set aside for professional development. We are planning to renew our First Aid Certification and engage in a refresh-er course in Cardio pulmonary resuscitation.
In the meantime we wish our students and families all the best and hope that everyone enjoys the time they are able to spend together.
Congratulations to everyone who came to share their day together last Thursday.

Celebrating a day to recognise *very important people* in our students' lives brought a lot of people together in our school. A big thank-you to everyone who was able to share this day with us.

It was reported to be a very successful day because of the number of adults who were able to accept their invitation and come along.
At Wellington public school we encourage and expect everyone to be safe, respectful learners.
Learning is a life-long commitment and our hope is that everyone will continue to use these simple words to guide the decisions they make throughout their lives. Learning happens all around us wherever we happen to be. Please use these words in a positive way at home to respect the need to promote inquisitive minds. Children, naturally have lots of questions and they want to know the answers. Everyone can recognise the importance of getting a good education and parents and carers have a responsibility to create opportunities for their children to learn.
A challenge to parents might be to see how many ways you can create learning opportunities.
If every student keeps a diary / journal to record their learning during the holidays, this can be shared with their classroom teachers upon their return next Term.

ANZAC Day
We have again been invited to participate in the community’s ANZAC Day parade and commemorative assembly on ANZAC Day. Times have not been advised for 25th April but the invitation mentions that we will get a copy of the program shortly after it comes off the printing press.
Last year, as is always the case, we had a very big group of students dressed up in their winter uniforms, wanting to participate. Please support our students, our school and community by allowing your children to represent our school on this extra special day. This day is extra special because it marks the 100th anniversary for commemorating the landing of the ANZACS, where Australia and New Zealand soldiers were immediately under attack from Turkish forces and where many Australian, allied and enemy soldiers were killed or wounded.
Our school usually has around 50% of our students identifying as indigenous children. It is really important to acknowledge that many of our brave soldiers were Aboriginal and when we commemorate ANZAC Day we are acknowledging all of our defence services and all of the brave men and wom-
en who went off to war and an unknown future.
ANZAC Day is on a Saturday this year and it would be fantastic if everyone could come. A reminder will be sent out in Week 1 Term 2 with times and other details.

On the Friday of Week 1 we are intending to stage a special commemorative assembly in the Gould League Hall. A number of students and staff have been work towards this special event.

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Waratahs

Waratah Rugby Sevens

Last Thursday 22 keen footballers travelled to Dubbo to compete in the annual Waratahs 7s. Our junior team were unbeaten on the day, although they still narrowly missed out on winning the title due to for and against points. Alastair Hardwick, Rugby Taylor and Rusty Taylor were our star players, they made plenty of damaging runs and were rewarded with a few meat pies each. The attitude and sportsmanship shown by our junior team was outstanding, I was extremely proud of their efforts. Our senior team didn’t enjoy the same success, they were placed in a tough pool against much bigger and faster teams. Artie Taylor and Cooper Taylor were tireless in defence and attack, they lead by example all day. A great day was had by all. Special thanks to Johnno for driving the bus and Trent for running the water. Mr Bullock.
Wellington Public School

Bunny Hop & Easter Hat Parade

EVERYONE WELCOME

When: Thursday 2nd April (Last day of term)

Times: 11:30 – 1:00 Fun Activities
1:00 – 1:45 BBQ Lunch
1:45 – 2:45 Easter Hat Parade

Where: Playground & COLA

Make an Easter hat for the parade and enjoy a BBQ Lunch with family and friends.

Lunch is $5.00 which includes a sausage sandwich, popper or can of drink and a ticket in the Easter raffle. Family & friends welcome to order.

happy easter
Our Swimming Reps.

Patrick O’Donnell and Naylise Thompson attended the State swimming championships with Naylise gaining a bronze medal in breaststroke and backstroke. Both Patrick and Naylise had a great time away.
Please see scanned information within this issue of the Whisper if you are interested in your child/ren participating, and complete the registration form supplied. Registrations and payments need to be returned to the office. Mrs Anemaat will collect the registrations and oversee the administration of these tests. Please note the registrations need to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday, 1st April, 2015 with the necessary payment.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), the design and deliverer of the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12;
- assesses in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Sociology;
- identifies patterns and trends in students' performance and improvement;
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate;
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing;
- students sit exams at their school;
- results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia;
- provides a benchmark for students and teachers;
- results are supplied to students, teachers, and principals.

ICAS is a national testing program that enables students at all levels of ability to participate. It assesses students in English, Mathematics, Science, History, and Sociology. Results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia. ICAS provides a benchmark for students and teachers, and results are supplied to students, teachers, and principals.

2015 ICAS registrations are now available. Please register your child for the 2015 ICAS assessments by completing the registration form supplied. Registrations and payments need to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday, 1st April, 2015 with the necessary payment.

Dr. John Pearl
Managing Director
Educational Assessment Australia
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school.

I give permission for my child ___________________________ to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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TOTAL: $__________

Students should sit on the official sitting dates for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

** Students may do Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Amount $__________

Name of Parent/Guardian ________________ Date ________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ________________
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.
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

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Zayne KP, Tanaya KR, Courteney KB, Zac 1S, Jacob 1/2W, Kohle 1/2W, Caleb 3BT, David 3BT, Naylise 3BT, Ben 5/6M, Coran 5/6S and Kiara C 5/6S

REMINDER—SCHOOL PHOTOS MARCH 31ST AND APRIL 1ST 2015. Sibling family photo envelopes available from the office.

EASTER SCRIPTURE SERVICES

Scripture classes will be held at the Uniting Church on Thursday 2 April.

Kindergarten to Year 2: 9:30am

Stage 2: 10:00am

Stage 3: 10:30am

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend these services.
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.

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.
Wellington PS School Calendar

March 2015
- 31st SCHOOL PHOTOS

April 2015
- 1st SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 2nd Easter Scripture Services
- 2nd Bunny Hop, Hat Parade and P&C Easter Raffle and Guessing Competition
- 2nd April is the Last Day of School for Term 1
- Students return to school on Tuesday April 21 for Term 2

WPS Canteen Reminder
This week is week 10, the last week of school. There are NO $5 SPECIALS available to order from the canteen.
Thanks Kindly Di
Bushranger Dress up Day

A bucket load of fun was had in 3/4B last Friday. To celebrate the due date of our bushranger projects, we treated ourselves to some good old Aussie bush damper and came dressed as our favourite bushrangers. The students and parents must be congratulated on the effort put into their dress up costumes.

Thanks for a great day 3/4B. Mr Bullock.
Easter Guessing Competition

Can you guess how many chocolates are in the jar?

50 cents a guess

P&C are fundraising to update the classroom Interactive Smart Boards.
Easter Raffle

- 10 prizes to be won
- $2.00/ticket or 3 for $5.00
- Tickets on sale NOW at Recess every day in the COLA
- Feel free to collect tickets from the office to sell at home

Drawn: Thursday 2nd April at 2:30pm at our Easter Hat Parade.

Wellington Public School
P&C Fundraiser
The National Young Leaders Day.

On Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of March our school leaders Charlotte Boland, William Eather, Hannah Petrovic and Cooper Taylor went to Sydney for a leadership day on Monday 23rd.

The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event created in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The National Young Leaders Day was held at Qantas Arena. We were there with 6000 other young leaders. The speakers there were Bindi Irwin, Rachel Leahcar who came 3rd in the Voice, Mike Martin who is the executive director of the Halogen Foundation, Mike Baird who is the Premier of New South Wales and Dylan Parker and James Norton who are the inspiration of the movie Paper Planes.

They all entertained us, Bindi talked about her dad and how he was a leader to her and all of us through his passion and love of wild animals and how Bindi and her family will carry his legacy and passion on in his name. Rachel talked about how singing led her to become more confident with singing and in herself. Mike Baird discussed his son and how he is a leader in his school. He also talked about how you don’t need to be the most popular person at school to become a leader. Mike Martin talked about how stories and science can work together, scientist who are leaders in their particular fields can work together to solve issues. Our last speakers were Dylan and James, they were fantastic. They spoke about how anything is possible. They were at Uni when someone asked them to compete in a paper plane competition. They won that and then went to the world championship of paper plane flying where they came 3\textsuperscript{rd}. A movie director saw a story about them and decided to make a movie inspired by their journey. The movie ‘Paper Plans’ was made. Dylan and James brought with them hundreds of different types of paper plans and flew them all over the arena. At one point there were
hundreds of paper plans flying everywhere.

A massive thanks to Ms Anamat for organising the trip and Mrs Styles who took us to the conference.

By Charlotte Boland and Will Eather
Wellington Netball
Registrations

Will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st April 4pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 8th April 4pm – 7pm
- Friday 10th April 4pm – 7pm

Where:

- 43 Whiteley Street, Wellington (opposite Nott’s Rural & Domestic)

Registration forms will be available there.

Netball will commence Saturday 2nd May 2015

Contact details:

- Kaye Jacobson 0427710291, 68451669
- Simone Keirle 0409982999

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Parents and Friends
Wellington Public School is running a training course for classroom helpers.

The Volunteers in Classrooms Course is a 12 week training program that equips volunteers to support children learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling both at home and in the classroom.

The course involves 6 x 2 hour training sessions and a minimum of 15 hours practicum in classrooms.

An information session will be held
On Wednesday 22nd April 2015
At 2:00 – 2:30pm in The School Residence

For more information contact
Pam 0429849008 or Beck 0400355590

Expressions of interest close Friday 24th April 2015
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HAPPY EASTER WELLINGTON !!!!!!

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