DRUMBEAT

A fantastic time was had by all last Wednesday. The sound could be heard all around Wellington. 520 children, staff and some community members participated, each with a drum! The children were mesmerised by the performers who very quickly had everyone drumming to the same beat. From the Preschool to Year 6 everyone participated. Family members were given the opportunity to participate at the Drum Café held on the Thursday evening. The pictures tell the story. A big thank you to Leanne Everett and Tracy Petrovic for organising the event.
Welcome to Week 9!!

What a busy few weeks we have coming up before we break up for the Easter bunny to visit all of us.

This week is VIP Day!!  We are holding this in our preschool this Thursday the 26th at 12.30pm.  We invite a special person to come along for each child, to bring along a packed picnic lunch to enjoy with the preschoolers and other family members as well as the preschool staff.  Don’t forget to check out all the wonderful things our preschoolers have been doing this term, and join in with the preschoolers while you are here to get an idea of what goes on at preschool all day.

Our Easter Hat Parade and End of Term party is on Thursday 2nd April at 10.00am.  Please make sure you come along to see our preschoolers parade their lovely Easter hats that they will be making. We will also be drawing our Easter raffle.  If you have not yet donated any yummy eggs we still have our basket in the front foyer and any more donations would be very much appreciated. The more eggs that are donated the more prizes that can be handed out on the day. We will need all the raffle tickets back by next Wednesday 1st April to put in our Easter hat for drawing on the Thursday.

School photos are next week - 31st March & 1st April. Please return your child’s personalized order envelope ASAP, as these will need to be handed to the photographer on the day of the photos.

We celebrated Jaylen’s 5th birthday this week with Miss Allison making some yummy cupcakes to share around with the class - Happy Birthday Jaylen!!  We hope you had a wonderful day and enjoyed celebrating your special day with us here at preschool.

Have a great week!!

Preschool Staff – Allison, Lyn, Cheryl, Catherine & Kylie
We enjoyed our week at Preschool!!

Playing on our balance beams outside in the lovely Autumn weather.

Computer time for Billy and Brock.

Miss Lyn showed our Preschoolers how to make Playdough.

Lots of fun and a lot of interest making Playdough with Miss Lyn.

Callie and Logan decorating some of our Easter art with Miss Catherine.

Learning our Numbers by sing-along play.
Cricket Coaching

Last Monday years 3 to 6 went to Pioneer Park to take part in the cricket coaching. Bowling, throwing and running between wickets, were some of the skills taught. All of the students received signed posters of the ACA Masters. Merv Hughes was the most popular ‘Master’ with all the students asking what it was like eating grass hoppers, when he was in “I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!”. 
Congratulations at Brad O'Brien and Artie Taylor who were selected in the Western Region PSSA cricket team. The boys will travel to the state carnival at Barooga in October.

Artie has another success to celebrate! He has just been announced as being a member of the ten-strong Western PSSA Tennis team to play at Rockdale on 27th – 30th April, 2015.

Cronulla Public School Arrives today
Alternating year to year, it is Cronulla's turn to visit Wellington. This reciprocal arrangement started many years ago and the relationship has withstood the test of time. This is because city kids get to visit a country community and in turn, our country students get to visit a Sydney school. Our visitors left their homes on Monday morning and stayed overnight at Jenolan Caves. This evening they with camp in our school hall after they have a BBQ. Tomorrow morning our visitors will have a farm visit before moving on to Dubbo. They will return on Thursday and be here for the social evening after our VIP day. Friday morning it will be time to say goodbye and wish Cronulla Public School a safe journey back home.
School Leaders Conference
Accompanied by Mrs Styles, our school captains and vice captains travelled to Sydney on Sunday ready to attend a leadership conference on Monday. Our school leaders do this each year as they learn what their leadership roles look like and come back with an expanded knowledge of what good leadership looks like. Many thanks to Mrs Anemaat for organising this fabulous learning experience for four very lucky young people.

Cricket Coaching In pioneer Park
Yesterday Stage 3 students went to a cricket coaching clinic at Pioneer park. The feeling was that this was also a great experience for our students and an opportunity to sharpen up some of their cricketing skills.

Mr Cronk To Visit
Mr Cronk, Director Public Schools NSW (Macquarie Network), is to visit our school today. His main purpose is to oversee our School's Strategic Planning process and discuss quality improvement measures being introduced into the operation of our preschool.

Very Important Person (VIP) Day
An initiative of our KidsMatter program, VIP Day is a chance for all students to invite that special person in their life to share a picnic lunch with themselves and their parents on Thursday this week. Hopefully we will have a lovely day and the playground should be scattered with lots of families where children have invited a very important person to come and spend time with them at school. In the afternoon everyone is invited to visit classrooms and see what their little friends have been doing in their classrooms.
Seeing Eye Dog visit
Next Monday students will have a chance to meet trainers and guide dogs that are specially trained to escort and care for their owners who have a significant visual impairment. This can be a valuable lesson about normalising life for people living with disability. Learning and understanding the important work of these dogs can help students appreciate the difficulties some people live with, that others take for granted.

Don't Forget Next Tuesday and Wednesday because these two days are photo days. Students should all make that special effort to look their best in summer school uniform. This is the second year we have engaged Cliff Dykes Photography and trust that everyone will enjoy the photos that represent the 2015 school year at Wellington Public School.

Easter Fun
Thursday next week is the last day of Term 1 as Good Friday this year marks the commencement of the Autumn Vacation Break. This day is to be marked by three important events. In the morning inter-denominational groups will come together for a combined scripture service which will be held at the Uniting Church this year. This will be followed by a Bunny Hop back at school and then in the afternoon a parade of students sporting their own designer Easter Hats. This day should be a happy day for everyone.

State Election
Just a reminder to cast your vote on Saturday in the State Election and that the Gould League Hall will be operating as a polling place.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Years 2 – 12 have these tests available to them each year. They are offered through the University of NSW and assess some of the main curriculum areas. Participation is voluntary and based on a user-pay system.
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.

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
2016 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), which design and deliver 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.
- Assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.
- Gather performance information through a 30-60 minute supervised online test.
- Provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling.
- Enables the progress of each student to be mapped at each stage, against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement or failure the starting point.
- Uses a final student results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting in the same year level in Australia.
- Provides an excellent preparation for national testing.
- Enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the skills of students of all standards - this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement.
- Awards are given to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently numerous) and this list is sent in the official sitting date.
- Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- Results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely.
- ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary avenues or scholarship opportunities.
- Entries are administered through the school; no teachers can access the information.

To enroll your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form, oversize and return it, with your entry fee, to your school by Wednesday 1 April 2015.

For more information about ICAS go to www.edassessments.com.au/contact or call Customer Service on (02) 9345 1066 or send an email to info@edassessments.com.au.

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.edassessments.com.au/practice-online.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Sofia Kasidou
Principal
Wellington Public School

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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

Child's name of Class

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 date for each subject to be eligible for UMSV marking. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

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

Please tick enclosed , total entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
CRONULLA VISIT 2015

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL WSP STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS/ CARERS, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE WOULD REALLY AP- PRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF FOOD FOR OUR CRONULLA VISITORS AS WE WILL BE SUPPLYING BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER FOR THEM ON THEIR STAY HERE IN WELLINGTON.

THANKS KINDLY Mrs Morley
Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week’s Buzzie Winners

Be a Learner  Be Safe  Be Respectful


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.

REMINDER—SCHOOL PHOTOS MARCH 31ST AND APRIL 1ST 2015. Sibling family photo envelopes available from the office.
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.
Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students,

Thank you for your support of our school Scholastic Book Club Orders.

**The School Library received $95 worth of books for FREE thanks to the orders YOU made!**

Issue 2 orders are due at school on Monday the 16th of March.

You can also use the LOOP system to order and pay online.

A few students have received a prize for being a frequent borrower. These cards are stored in the library and **each time a student borrows 10 books for reading at home, they will get to choose a prize!** So remember to bring your library bag – you cannot borrow without it.

$8 in the Main Office

Thank you,

Mrs Fitzsimmons
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
- 24th Cronulla School Visit
- 26th VIP Day and Social
- 27th Girls Softball
- 30th Guide Dog Visit
- 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

WPS Canteen Reminder
Next week is week 10, the last week of school. There will be NO $5 SPECIALS available to order from the canteen. Thanks kindly Di
Wellington Public School

Bunny Hop & Easter Hat Parade

EVERYONE WELCOME

When: Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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
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.
Wellington Public School
P&C Fundraiser

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.

P&C are fundraising to update the classroom interactive Smart Boards.
RESPONDING TO PEOPLE WITH AUTISM AND THEIR CARERS WORKSHOP

For Service Providers and Carers of People on the Autism Spectrum

Are you a frontline responder?
Work with the general public?

Did you know that Autism diagnosis is on the increase?

Special Guest Speaker: Steve Den-Kaat
Clinical Psychologist – Clinic Director
MSc(Psych) PGDip(ClinPsych) MAPS MCCP
Founder Director Diverse Minds Psychology Clinic and International Speaker

Other Speakers...
Betty Ross: Founder and Director of ICAN
Nominee Law and Justice Foundation Volunteer Award 2014

PLUS Carers and people on the autism spectrum

WHEN & WHERE... NO REGISTRATIONS ON THE DAY

ADDRESS: Salvation Army Hall, Corner Lee and Gisborne Sts, Wellington, NSW.
SERVICE PROVIDERS... 17th April, 2015
Fee: $30 which includes catering... morning tea, afternoon tea and light lunch.
Dietary needs? Please bring your own food as we cannot cater for specific dietary needs.
Check In: 8.30AM FOR 9.00AM START FINISH AT 4.30 PM

CARERS... 18th April, 2015
WORKSHOP TIME: 9.00 AM FOR 9.30 START FINISH AT 3.00 PM
FREE... Bring own lunch, morning tea provided.
Carers: What do you want to know? Let us know on registering

Supported by Wellington Salvation Army...

REGISTRATION: Please Register with Betty Ross via MOB: +61 409151467
International Carers Autism Network Inc., PO Box 506, Wellington NSW 2820, Australia
www.autismcarers.org

South Dubbo Oval (Come and Try Day)
Friday 20/03/2015 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday 27/03/2015 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Orana Mall & Dubbo Square
Saturday 21/03/2015 - 11am - 1pm
Saturday 28/03/2015 - 11am - 1pm

South Dubbo Tavern
Sunday 22/03/2015 - 1pm - 3pm
Sunday 29/03/2015 - 1pm - 3pm

For more information contact:
Kim Woodward 0429 424 128
www.dubbodemons.com
Facebook: Orana Junior AFL

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**Information Seminar:** Sydney
**Where:** Langham Hotel The Parade, 93-113 Kent St.
**Date:** Tuesday 7th April
**Time:** 4.00 – 6.00 pm

**Contact us to register your interest**

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**Teachers to Teach in London**

"I am so thankful that I attended an information session about teaching in the UK by the one and only Bron. Your advice, support and individual interest in me and my teaching was such a blessing. You were completely honest from the day I met you about life in London and that was so refreshing and truly made me all the more prepared when I arrived and starting my time here."  - Ashley, Australia

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**London calling!**

**Meet Bron - Manager of the DJM London Team**

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**RSVP Attendance:**
E: bron@djm-teach.co.uk
E: dave@djm-teach.co.uk
W: www.djm-teach.co.uk
WELLINGTON COWBOYS JRL

This year we currently have u6's, u7's, u9's, u11's, u13's & u15's, registration is $120 per child & can be done on our training days Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4pm-5pm.

Any further info you can call our club president Graham (Nooty) Blackhall on 0412376444 or myself Blake Wheeler (u11's coach) on 0447167996.

COMMUNITY NEWS!!!!!!!

WELLINGTON Junior Soccer

Registration Days

Saturday 14 March 2015
Saturday 21 March 2015
Saturday 28 March 2015

Pioneer Park Canteen 10am – 1pm

Rego Fees $70 per player
Warriors Rep players additional $44 - $48 (dependent on age group)

Players must be registered & paid before playing

You need Both Rego forms - FFA and Local - Available on website
www.wellingtonsoccer.com.au