**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our school activities this term. On Friday we break for the Autumn holidays, with students resuming school on Wednesday 1st May. Teachers resume on Monday 29th April and undertake 2 days of Professional Learning. Our topics for these days are “Building an understanding of the Australian Curriculum, English K-6”, plus Anaphylaxis, Asthma and CPR training. Quite a full program.

We have had some great sporting achievements this term, the latest being Molly Antone’s selection in the Riverina Girls Soccer Team. Congratulations also to Peter Naumann who participated in the 50m Butterfly for 10 year old boys at the State Swimming Championships held at Homebush, Peter finished a creditable 30th in the state.

We conclude this term with tomorrow’s Major Assembly at which students will receive Academic, Behaviour and Sporting awards. Let’s not forget Friday’s P&C Disco and Fun Evening. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible at that for a fun, social get together.

Thank you to all those parents who have come along for parent/teacher interviews, to keep up to date with your children’s progress at school. The staff appreciate your support and interest.

Thank you to those parents who have paid their voluntary contributions. However still less than 1/2 of families have done this. Please assist to buy much needed resources by contributing.

Have a safe Autumn break.

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**Voluntary Contributions 2013**

- 1 Student $45
- 2 Students $55
- 3 or more Students $65

A big thank you to Lee and Tacita Murrell for their help in running the Grandparents’ Day Book Drive.

Jim Roworth
Principal

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**SCHOOL DIARY**

**WEEK 11**

Wednesday 10th April
Major Assembly—10am
Friday 12 April
Last day of Term. School resumes for Term2 29th April for Staff and Wednesday 1st May for students.

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**WOW!**

The Grandparents’ Day Book drive was an overwhelming success! Thanks to the wonderful support of WWPS families and friends, nearly 140 books were donated. That’s over $2000 worth of books! The books have now been delivered to Miss Harvey (with certificates placed into them detailing the donor and child for whom the book was donated) ready to be placed in the library for everyone to borrow. A special thanks to Lisa Jones, Melissa Heazlewood, Nicole Russell, Sally Guise, Emily Johnson, Denise and the office administration staff for your help. This is another reminder of the great community that we share at WWPS.
P & C FUNCTION

Twilight Disco

End of Term 1 celebration!!

Friday 12th April - 5.30 to 7pm

Look out for a note coming home with your child with all the details.....

Photos from our very successful Easter Hat Parade.
Chickens For Sale
Class 3/4O has 7 chickens for sale. We hatched them in the incubator 21/2 weeks ago and they are fully feathered now. Price-best offer. See Mr O’Dea if you are interested.

Taber Shield Cricket
Wagga Public moved into round 3 of the State Knockout with a good win over Kooringal Public. Our top scorer was Blake with 33 not out and everyone contributed to the win. Next we play the winner of North Junee and Young Public.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Woolies Earn and Learn is back again for 2013. It was great to see WWPS get over 90,00 points last year. All the fantastic goodies arrived two weeks ago such as listening posts, teaching clocks, music stands and class sets of calculators and will be distributed out to classes this week. Start collecting your family and friend’s points and send them into school. Once again you will be able to bring your points into your class or leave them in the box at the front office.

Tarryn Birthsel

Some of the great products we received from our 2012 Earn & Learn points!

Primary Ethics
The Primary Ethics program has been so popular new volunteer teachers are needed for Term 2. Training is now offered in Wagga Wagga with places limited for training in May. It is a great opportunity to explore philosophical ethics and work with children to help develop critical thinking skills.
Contact Marion, mbenjamin@spin.net.au, mob.0431 935 774 or apply direct online at http://www.primaryethics.com.au
Learning Disposition: **RECIPROCITY**

**Capacity:** **IMITATION**

This involves constructively adopting methods, habits or values from other people whom you observe.

**When you use this learning muscle, you...**
- Are ready to learn from others
- Notice the approach and detail of how others do things
- Improve physical skills, and absorb ideas, strategies and thinking patterns, by observing other people

**LANGUAGE TO ENCOURAGE IMITATION**

Look very carefully at someone you think is doing ...... really well and think about how you can do it like that.

I like the way you do that.

Who have you learnt something from today?

What would you like to be able to do that ... can do?

Who do you think could be a good model for this?

What was it that ... did next to ... make the difference?

What do you think s/he was thinking to be able to do it so well?

What sort of beliefs did ... have that helped him succeed?

Picture ... doing this. Ask her some questions in your head about how she did it before you try.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?**

- Believe that everyone has something to offer others and everyone can learn from others.
- Use children’s ideas to find better strategies for more effective learning.
- Model how to respond to others doing things well.
- Model not being afraid to go wrong.
- Give children chances to reflect on how an expert would do the task they want to do and mentally see themselves doing the same before putting the actions into practice.

Learning Disposition: **RECIPROCITY**

**Capacity:** **INTERDEPENDENCE**

This involves knowing when it is appropriate to learn on your own or with others, and being able to stand your ground in a debate.

**When you use this learning muscle, you...**
- Know how much interaction you need with others to assist your learning
- Make informed choices about working on your own or with others
- Are capable of maintaining your independent judgement when working with others

**LANGUAGE TO ENCOURAGE INTERDEPENDENCE**

What do you enjoy about learning with other people?

How does this help you become a better learner?

Do you prefer this to learning on your own?

When is it good to learn by yourself?

Do we need a group to be able to get that information?

What does it feel like when other people disagree with you?

What would help you to stick with your own ideas?

What makes you change your views and adopt/take up those of other people in your group?

What sort of things do you find easier to learn on your own/with others?

Who do you learn with best? Why do you think that is?

Maybe this is the moment to go and think about this quietly by your-

**HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?**

- Structure opportunities for your child to do things in different ways; by themselves, with siblings or friends, with adults etc.
- Ask your child what they have learnt about themselves as a result of working in particular ways.
Wagga Equestrian School
April School Holiday Horse Riding Clinics
Thursday 18th April
2 half day clinics for beginners 9am till midday and 1.30-4.30pm
Cost: $75 (half day)
Friday 19th April
half day clinic for intermediates 1.30 - 4.30pm
Where: 7 Blackbutt Rd, Lake albert
Enquiries phone Jane Lindholm
0416221781
waggaequestrian@bigpond.com
www.waggaequestrianschool.com.au

BEST STREET STUDIOS
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS
Open to school aged children aged 5-13 years (and interested parents) for two weeks.
$37 per session
All materials, tools, protective clothing, morning and afternoon teas are provided.
Lunch and supervision -12-1pm for a fee of $10.
Book early
26 Best Street Wagga. Phone or text 0427212977
6921 2977 or email: kath@beststreetstudios.com.au

2013 Holiday CRL Development Camp
Monday 22nd-Wednesday 24th April
Specialist coaching catering for all skill levels of players 12 to 16 years
$220
Further information
dskinner@crlnsw.com.au
Or register online
www.bidgeebulls.leaguenet.com.au

INDOOR NETBALL
Xceler8 indoor sports will commence Junior Netball from week 1 of term 2.
Netball will commence from 9am on Saturdays, 7 a side for ages 5 & up. $20 registration and $4 per player per game.
Contact 6921 7449
www.xceler8.com.au or
indoorsports@xceler8.com.au

Sports Crazy Camp
Date: Mon 15 to Fri 19 April 2013
Time: Camp commences at 12 midday on Monday and concludes at 12 midday on Friday.
Venue: Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre (25km east of Wagga Wagga)
Age: 10 – 13 years (boys and girls)
Cost: $295 (includes GST)
Transport: Own transport is required
Program number: 0062400
Make new friends, try new things and discover your hidden talents!
Join us on a five day fun-filled camp where you’ll try a range of sports and activities that provide loads of fun for the April school holidays.
Our qualified coaches and instructors will make sure you get the most out of this fantastic holiday camp. All sports and activities are tailored for boys and girls and are guaranteed to provide loads of fun.
To enroll or request more information please call 13 13 02 or visit