RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN
Today our Year 3 and 5 students completed the first of the NAPLAN assessments for 2014. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, and will be held next week at school.

There are three days of testing this week. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- Writing (Tuesday)
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) (Tuesday)
- Reading (Wednesday)
- Numeracy (Thursday)

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Children in Years 3 and 5 should make sure that they are at school before 9.15 on testing days so as they have time to have a play and a chat before the tests start.

DANCE GROUP PRACTICE
Last Thursday evening Mrs Gooden came in to hold a special dance practice with our 3 school groups in preparation for the eisteddfod next week. Thank you to all the students who were able to attend, to the parents who fitted yet another activity into their busy schedules, to Mrs Cesnik, Mrs Thorpe, Miss Crouch and Mrs Dunn for giving up their after school time and especially to Mrs Gooden for being so generous of her time and energy to help us out. I must say that all three dances are absolutely amazing and everyone involved should be very proud. I am looking forward to seeing the performances on stage on the 23rd.

BOOK FAIR
Our first Scholastic Book Fair for 2014 was a great success last week. Sales were in excess of $5000 and through commission we raised close to $1400 to purchase resources for our school library. Well done to Mrs Allen for her great organisation of this activity and thank you to all students and parents for your support.

SCHOOL CARNIVALS
Each year there are three major sporting carnivals on all school calendars. These are; Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. These carnivals are part of our sporting program for the year and attendance is expected by all students (with the exception of under 8 year olds for swimming and cross country). These carnivals are competitive events, but for the majority of our student’s their participation is about learning new skills, having a go, being part of a team and school and having a lot of fun with their friends and family.

This term’s carnivals have seen a growing number of students come to school without permission note, money or intention to take part in the carnivals. This is not only disappointing as it sends a negative message to students but also creates significant disruption to the extensive planning that goes into these events. Please consider this for future whole school activities and let your child’s teacher know in advance if your child will not be attending and the reason why. If payment is an issue, contact me via the school office and arrangements can be made. Thank you.

EAT LOCAL THURSDAY + FOOD REVOLUTION DAY
This Thursday 15th May, a group of Wagga Wagga Public School Students will be collaborating with Eat Local Thursday to celebrate the 2014 Food Revolution Day. Miss Nye and Miss Birthsel will be guiding our students in picking their fresh local produce directly from the growers and then taking part in a cooking demonstration to create a delicious vegetarian spaghetti meal. The Food Revolution activities run from 3.30 to 5.30 at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club in Travers Street. Good luck to our budding master chefs, it sounds like it will be an exciting ‘pressure test’ for you all.

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 3
Tuesday 13th
Wednesday 14th
Thursday 15th May

WEEK 4
Wednesday 21st May
Musica Viva
Friday 23rd May
Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod
OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Those applying for opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement).

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form which are available from the office. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

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SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER

Wednesday 14th May
Sushi Roll
$3.00 each

USED UNIFORM SALE

Thursday 15th May
8.45am - 9.30am
Nothing over $15

Natalie and Caitlin Eyres enjoyed looking around the Book Fair.
Congratulations to our representative cricket team on their win over The Rock in the second round of the NSW state knockout last week. Our work in the field was excellent and was really the difference between the two teams. Wagga Public goes on to meet Kooringal in the next round and if we win, we'll be up against the very strong Young Public School. Many thanks to all parent supporters who provided transport and came along to cheer the boys on.

ABOVE: These boys enjoyed coming to school in their PJs last Friday for the Asthma Foundation.

TOP RIGHT: Mr Wall with students from KS.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chris Forbes enjoying his game of chess.

EAT LOCAL THURSDAY
Meet the R-E-A-L fresh food people!

Buy meats, fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, sauces, wines, dressings, juices, rice, flour, herbs, preserves and more directly from the growers Riverina people having access to Riverina foods EVERY WEEK

2.30 until 6.30 pm Murrumbidgee Turf Club Travers Street WAGGA WAGGA

Comic and meet Stewart the Celebrity piggy 😃

Contact: gennie scott
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E: founder@eatlocalthursday.org
W: www.eatlocalthursday.org
### Canteen Roster for Term 2 2014

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### Looking to get fit or stay fit over winter?

OUTDOOR GROUP FITNESS CLASSES
WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
MON & WEDS @ 6PM, BOLTON PARK FRI 430PM, SAT 730AM

$10 per class - Catering for all levels of fitness, age and are child/baby friendly.

To START “KICKING BUTT FOR LIFE” like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/boots2glutes](http://www.facebook.com/boots2glutes), contact Nicole on 0404 698 091 or email: boots2glutes@outlook.com

Primary Ethics at Wagga Wagga Public School needs your help! If you are able to spare some time to volunteer (either as a coordinator or as a teacher) please call Emily on 0427 219882 [http://www.primaryethics.com.au/infoonvolunteering.html](http://www.primaryethics.com.au/infoonvolunteering.html)
Yesterday the students in Kindergarten and their buddy classes participated in a Super hero day. The superheroes that we focused on were **Rezlia**, **Ethicon** and **Innovatrix**.

**With Mrs Thorpe and Miss Nye**

We learnt that **Rezlia** can handle herself when things are tough. She can ride the waves of life and can bounce back when things don't go according to plan. The buddy groups discussed what to do when things get tricky and made a poster about resilience.

**With Mrs Elsley and Miss Gault**

We learnt that **Ethicon** understands the importance of his actions and uses this to act responsibly. He is open minded and willing to explore new options. The buddy groups made a “responsibili-tree” and discussed how we can use this in our lives.

**With Miss Geaghan and Miss Birthisel**

We learnt that **Innovatrix** uses her head and her heart to make reasonable choices. She capitalises on resources available and uses imagination. The buddy groups made a paper aeroplane and tested them. They then modified their design based on the ideas of others and from visual stimulus.

Please take the time to speak with your child about their day. Thank you for your support.
Photos from last weeks Cross Country.

More Athletics Carnival photos.