RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
I would like to make special mention of one of our students who certainly demonstrated his school citizenship to the wider community. Two weekends ago, James Illsley, from Year 4, gave up his Saturday morning to go busking in Baylis Street. James put to use his excellent juggling skills to impress passers by and raised $100. In a very generous gesture, he has donated this money to the school to purchase resources. This is such a thoughtful act and my big thanks go to James (and his family).

SCHOOL UNIFORM
With the cold weather well and truly here this week, please ensure your children come to school dressed in their warm winter uniform. Jackets, coats, scarves and beanies are allowed to be worn, but we ask that these are in our school colour of navy blue. To avoid the rapidly growing pile of lost property, please ensure all items of clothing which may be removed during the school day are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to our boys’ soccer and cricket teams who were victorious in their matches last week. Both teams will continue on in their PSSA competitions. The next games are in the process of being scheduled. Thank you to Mr O’Dea, Mrs Dunn and Mr Holloway for their efforts with these teams.

EUBERTA CWA VISIT
This Wednesday, Mrs McKenzie will accompany her class on her annual pilgrimage to Euberta for their cultural awareness CWA meeting. Students in 5/6M have produced some wonderful posters on this years’ chosen country of Botswana. In addition to receiving acknowledgement for their efforts in learning about another country, a highlight of this event is the wonderful morning tea the ladies provide for the children. Thank you to the many mums who have volunteered to transport students to Euberta.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
This Thursday 5th June is World Environment Day. The theme for 2014 is Raise your voice, not the sea level.

World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations’ principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Over the years it has grown to be a broad, global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated by stakeholders in over 100 countries. It also serves as the ‘people’s day’ for doing something positive for the environment, galvanizing individual actions into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact on the planet.

More information about WED is available at: http://www.unep.org/wed/

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN YOUR CHILD
Resilience is one of the five dispositions we focus on at school when we look at HOW2Learn. It is the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens. The ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.

The following is an excerpt from an article by Michael Grose, author and educator, on how parents can help their children to develop Resilience.

Some children are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those children. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their children.

Resilient children share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

BUILDING RESILIENCE
From a resilience perspective parents need to coach children through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.
You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your children by:

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when they meet some of life’s curve balls.

2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many children’s learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that children can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. **Make children active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of children that are necessary for resilience.

4. **Build children’s coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to children to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in children is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

Have a great week and enjoy your long weekend.

**Leanne Harvey**
Relieving Principal

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**CHESS REPORT**

Wagga A Team had a win against Kapooka B Team 2 1/2 : 1 1/2. Congratulations to Will Gray and Jake Campbell.

Wagga B Team had a loss 3 : 1 against Sturt C Team. Congratulations to Ben Dunn on his win.

**Round 5 Friday 6th June:**
Wagga A Team play Mater Dei D Team (away game)
Wagga B Team play Lake Albert B Team (Home Game)

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This year the whole school will be participating in Gymnastics lessons. The lessons will run for 8 weeks at a cost of $40 per student. Next term all Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have their lessons. A note will be sent home with more details within the next few weeks.

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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

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ErinEarth Open Day
Saturday 21 June 2014
1 Kidare Street, Wagga Wagga

**Tours of the Garden**
Enjoy a winter’s day stroll through the sheltered garden

9:30am-3:00pm
Come for a guided tour or just explore

Entry: donation only
Visit our website at www.erinearth.org.au
TABER SHIELD CRICKET

Wagga Public defeated Kooringal in round 3 of the State Cricket knockout last Friday. After winning the toss and electing to bowl first, our boys restricted the opposition to only 64 from their 25 overs. Our bowlers and fieldsmen were at their best and wickets fell regularly. Best bowlers were Blake Walker 3 for 6, Kai Watts 3 for 5 and Kein Crevatin 2 for 14. Everyone worked tirelessly in the field-Declan, Joe, Will Nathan, Bailey and Luke all contributed. Sam held four tidy catches. After a short lunch break, openers Kai and Peter gave Wagga a good start, but both fell to accurate Kooringal bowling. After that it was Sam McCready (35 n.o) and Lachlan Hart (9 n.o) who steered Wagga Public to victory. We passed their total after 13 overs with 8 wickets to spare and moved into round 4 against Young Public School. Well done Wagga boys!

FROM THE P & C

Hi there everyone,

• Fundraising Meeting in the staffroom this Thursday, 5th of June at 2pm for anyone that can make it. We are going to discuss the outline for a casual Social evening for parents and children on Thursday, 26th of June. (week 9).

• As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, the Bunnings BBQ was a success despite the cold weather. We have the final tally for the day: $895.39. Thanks again to all those who helped!

• We have decided to have a BBQ at Masters later in the year so please everyone save the date: Saturday, 29th November 2014. I’ll put the call out for anyone that might be able to help closer to the time.

• For those needing second hand WWPS uniforms, there are still items of clothing available for sale in the room out the back of the staffroom. Most items of clothing are under $15 (except for the odd Hoodie and girl’s winter uniform that come in). If you are in need of anything, ask the ladies in the office or you can contact Jackie on 0428 618 077 and she can let you know what’s available.

• There was a great turnout at the P & C meeting in Week 2. Thank you to all those who attended, including a couple of new faces. We appreciate your input. We have our AGM in September so have a think about if you’d like to put your hand up for a position.

Thank you,

WWPS P & C
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015

Child’s name ____________________________    Sex ______

Date of birth ____________________________

Siblings   Yes / No   Name ____________________________

Parents name ______________________________________

Address   ______________________________________

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In Zone ______

Phone No. _________________________

Please return to the office by Friday 20th June, 2014.
If you have already given your child's name to us you no need to return this form.