PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—WEEK 7

Congratulations to Claire Heazlewood who came equal 5th in the State finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Claire made it through to Round 8 of the Junior Division, having correctly spelt: emblem, vibrato, colic, chemistry, rationale, peripheral and epsilon. She was knocked out by jettison (a very tricky unfamiliar word which means to throw or drop something from an aircraft or ship).

All at Wagga Wagga Public School are very proud of you Claire – what a great achievement.

2015 EXTERNAL VALIDATION PILOT

This year Wagga Wagga Public School was selected to participate in the 2015 External Validation pilot. Over the past 2 weeks, the Assistant Principal’s and myself have been extremely busy collating evidence to support our school submission about progress and achievements. Yesterday we met with the validation panel to elaborate and clarify our evaluations. This meeting went very well and it was a rewarding feeling to be able to share with others the wonderful learning opportunities and environment provided at Wagga Wagga Public School as well as our directions for the future.

My sincerest thanks go to Erin Elsley, Meg Reynolds, Belinda Cesnik and Tarryn Birthisiel for their long hours of work put into collating evidence and their invaluable contributions to this whole process.

We will be sharing the outcome of this process in this year’s Annual School Report.

2016 CLASSES

Over the coming weeks the teachers will be spending a great deal of time planning tentative classes for 2016. This process involves a great deal of thought and energy to ensure that we make the best placement for all students. I understand that parents may have their likes and wants, but these are not always possible when trying to find the best match for 430+ students. Unless there are extenuating circumstances for a specific placement request please trust that our teachers will do what they, as professionals, believe is the best thing for your child.

Principal’s report continued..........................
MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG  Tyler, Insaf, Meaghan
KT  Stella, Tessa, Cooper
K-1R Jamal, Angus, Syvannah
1N  Jaiden, Ava, William
1H  Nate, Ruby, Sam
2-3H Riley, Abudula, Tamara, Sophie
2-3L Oliver, Ava, Bailey, Trinity
2-3N Austin, Zoe, Charli, Holly
2-3P Jordan, Henrietta, Seth, Mackenzie
2-3S Levi, Niam, Morgan, Aerwyn

If you do have a serious concern or a valid reason regarding your child’s placement in 2016, please put it in writing and email the school or leave at the front office for me. All concerns will be considered, but that is not a guarantee that your requests can be met.

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS

Today our Year 5 students and staff completed our initial voting to short list our candidates for 2016 School Leaders. I would like to thank all the students who put themselves into the running for leadership positions. This is a big commitment and we are very fortunate to have had such an outstanding selection of students.

The results of this initial voting will be announced to students before the end of this week. Student Leaders speeches will be presented to the students and staff on Friday 27th November at 11.40am. Student leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

LEAVING WWPS

Included in this newsletter is a return slip to inform us if your child/ren may be leaving WWPS at the end of this year. I ask that you return this to the school office as soon as possible to enable us to plan our classes for the new year.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Classroom teachers are in the process of writing end of year Student Progress Reports. Teachers will analyse assessment data and prepare a summation of your child’s achievements and progress in 2015. Reports will go home in Week 10 this term.

CLAIM THE DATE

Some important dates for our end of year calendars:

Tuesday 8th December –  K-2 Christmas Concert - am at school
                        Presentation Night – pm at WW High School
Wednesday 9th December - Major assembly – am at school
Thursday 10th December - Reward Day/Class Parties
Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Farewell – pm at Commercial Club

More details will be provided for each activity closer to the dates.

Have a great week!
Leanne Harvey
Principal

Medication Requirements for School

To safely manage your child’s medication needs, all medication needs to be labelled with a chemist prescription label and be in the original packaging. All children require an indemnity form available from the Office indicating dosage amount and time of administration. This form needs to be completed by a parent/carer otherwise we cannot administer any medication. This medication is stored in a locked cupboard at school.

Asthma education usually says to keep “puffer” with the child at all times. It is important that:
* We have signed indemnity permission note to administer any medication. Not just a handwritten note.
* Actual dosage to be used is written down on the form available in the Office.
Class 4/0 students have been constructing our coffee tables in recent weeks. We’ve been doing sandpapering, lots of measuring, drilling, countersinking, driving in screws, gluing, varnishing, tightening and trimming. The tables were fun and we’re almost finished!

We have to measure carefully.

We’ve enjoyed making these coffee tables.

Woodwork is fun, but you have to be able to follow instructions and measure accurately to the nearest millimetre!

Smooth brush strokes.

Next thing we do is glue on the vinyl tops and trim them.
School Happenings

Raising chickens in class

Fun on the fixed equipment

Claire—Riverina’s Best!

Art in 4B’s Classroom

Cricket Clinic

Drinking Mango Lassi’s
IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

There has been a reported case of School Sores within the school community. If your child has any of the symptoms below please act accordingly.

Time from exposure to illness
1 to 3 days.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?
Careful hand washing.

CROW ORDER FORM $17 PER COPY

I wish to order __________ copy/ies of WWPS 2015 Crow Magazine.

PARENT/CARER NAME: ___________________ STUDENT NAME: _____________________

CLASS: ___________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED: ___________________

ORDERS DUE BACK BY: Friday 13th November.

FINAL ORDERS FOR CROW MAGAZINE WILL BE WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 3.30PM

School Leavers 2015—excluding Year 6 students

My child/ren: ___________________________________________ of class/es__________ will not be returning to WWPS in 2016.

Reason/School they will be attending in 2016:
______________________________________________________________

Signed:_________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian) Date: ___________________________
Community Announcements

January Vacation Care Special at PCYC

It’s almost school holiday time and PCYC will be open for Vacation Care for January 2016.

PCYC will be running exciting activities during the following weeks:

- Monday 4th – Friday 8th Jan
- Monday 11th – Friday 16th Jan
- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Jan

If you book into our January Vacation Care program before Friday 27th November, you will go into the draw to win…….

ONE WEEK OF FREE CARE IN JANUARY FOR ONE CHILD*

*You must book a minimum of 3 days of vacation care to be eligible for this promotion

Contact the club on 69215873 for more information

Fitting your kids into new school shoes ??

The good news is the expert staff at Athletes Foot Wagga Wagga can help prevent problems caused by badly fitting and poor quality shoes. Using Fitzi, the qualified fit technicians are trained to analyse your child’s feet and recommend the best Ascent School Shoe for their comfort and needs plus for every pair purchased $5 is donated back to the school for important items such as equipment and building works for your child’s school.