PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the 2013 school year. It is great to see all the students and staff back safe and well. Classes have been organised and are listed further on in the bulletin. We have a number of new enrolments and we welcome those families to our school. I am sure you and your children will settle into the routines of our school quickly and we hope that you find our partnership happy and productive.

From tomorrow Mrs Seaman will be on leave for a number of weeks, recuperating from major neurosurgery. I am sure you join me in wishing her the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Mrs McLeod will be taking extended long service leave at the beginning of next week. Alison Bird will be relieving in her place. We wish Melissa all the best for her leave.

Once again if you have any concerns during the year please ring and arrange an appointment so that together we ensure that your children have a successful school year.

Rita Pittman
Principal

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

CLASS STRUCTURE

We have formed 11 classes this year:

KD - Mrs Dun  KM - Mrs Manwaring
1W - Mrs Wilson  1/2F - Mrs Frendin
2C - Mrs Collins  2/3M - Mrs Moore
3/4S - Ms Savell  4G - Mr Gillogly
5W - Mrs Williams  5/6I - Mr Isaacs
6B - Mr Barriball

DIARY DATES - TERM 1, 2013

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KINDERGARTEN 2013

Wingham Public School welcomed 40 Kindergarten students this week. They have settled in well and are all enjoying the various activities at ‘big’ school.
SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the students who have been elected Captains of their Sport House for 2013. These captains will have an active role in the running of sport this year.

Parkes – Jack Kelly, Emily Loretan
Manning - Blake Carey, Rylka Summerfield
Macquarie – Harrison Lewis, Memphis Nash
Oxley – Josh McTaggart, Lilly Border

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Friday 22nd February, 2013 at Wingham Pool commencing at approximately 9.45am. Only children who are entered into the events will be going to the pool. Entry forms will be sent out today. Please indicate the swimming ability of your child. We would appreciate any parent who could attend on the day to help with timekeeping.

Michelle Williams

PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Our school will once again be represented in the Primary School Basketball competition played on Saturday mornings in Taree. The competition starts this Saturday at 9.30am with our players to be at Saxby’s Stadium at 9.15am ready to play.

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will commence tomorrow, Thursday 7th February and will be conducted weekly on Thursdays. If your child is new to school banking, it is easy to participate. If they have an existing Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank, then all they need to do is complete the deposit slip and bring it in with their money to the class teacher or front office on Thursday mornings. If your child wishes to open an account simply call in to a Commonwealth Bank branch and the staff will be happy to assist you. Each week that your child makes a deposit (regardless of the amount), they will be given a reward token. These tokens are accumulated and can be redeemed for reward items such as torches, handballs, wallets and headphones. Each item is worth ten tokens. If you have any questions about the School Banking Scheme please don’t hesitate to contact our Banking coordinator Alison Bird at the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting year. A new canteen list is going home with the newsletter today; additional copies are available from the canteen. We have quite a few Kindergarten children starting which is great to see. It would be a big help if new kinder kids could have their recess/lunch orders written on a lunch bag (available from the canteen or at the supermarket). It is also a good idea to make sure they have the correct money to avoid them carrying change. Infant’s children have their recess delivered to the classroom to save them having to line up with the “big kids”. They need to order their recess and lunch when they first get to school. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in the canteen I am only too happy to hear from you and can be reached at the canteen on 65535030 or mobile 0418600815.

N.B. Last chance for Year 6 shirts – must be ordered by this Friday 8th February.

Volunteer roster for the next week:

Thursday 7th February Ronda
Friday 8th February Liz Halfacre, Jenny Tonkin
Monday 11th February Narelle Brislane
Tuesday 12th February Noeline Darby
Wednesday 13th February Sandy Osmond

There are still vacancies on the roster so if you are interested in helping in the canteen, (quite often it can be combined with helping in the classroom too) please give me a call or drop in a note advising what day suits you best.

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor

JUNIOR SPORT REGISTRATIONS

RUGBY LEAGUE – 14th February at Central Park 4-5.30pm, 16th February at Coles Complex 9am-noon. Enquiries 0429153798.

NETBALL – at the Log, Central Park 31st January & 1st 7th & 8th February 3.30-6pm, 2nd & 3rd February 9.30 – 11.30am. Enquiries 0437308776.

AUSKICK – at Taree City Centre, 28th February 4-6pm. Enquiries 6553 3345.

SINGING/MUSIC TEACHER

Pat Taylor enquiries 6553 4304.