PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week our teaching staff will be conducting parent/teacher interviews. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child’s progress, let the teacher know if your child has any issues or concerns and also get to know your child’s teacher a little better. Notes were sent home at the beginning of last week and many parents have returned their booking sheet. However, if for some reason you were unable to book a time and you would like to have an interview please do not hesitate to ring and make an alternative appointment.

Thank you to all parents and carers for their understanding of wet weather issues on Monday and we appreciate that it may have inconvenienced many families. You may not be aware but any staff who were unable to attend school that day reported for duty to the school nearest their home.

Help Your Child Achieve

- Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
  Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

Rita Pittman
Principal

“No individual raindrop ever considers itself responsible for the flood.”  Author Unknown

LATE ARRIVALS

It has been noticed by the administrative staff that some students who arrive late to school have just been dropped off by their parents and then enter the office alone. This is just a reminder to parents that it is policy for parents to bring their children to the office in order to verify the reason for the partial absence.

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ASSEMBLY

3/4S will host this week’s Assembly on Friday at 12:15pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

At last Friday’s assembly, Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the following students: Lydia Ridgeway, Jordyn Miller, Riley Fazio, Chloe Buddle, Jacob Russell, Amelia Paton, Noah Wickenden, Kaydance Wills, Kai Wickenden, Nate Back, Joseph Osmond, Jack Ryan, Jordan Darby, Stephanie Davis-Stone, Halle Dawson, Lucas Payne, Zayden Dahlstrom, Emily Brood, Luke Dwyer, Sam Menser, Nash Atkins, Connor Pigott.

UKELELE LESSONS

Many children would like to learn how to play a musical instrument and one of the easiest to learn is the ukulele. We are seeking expressions of interest from students who would like to pay for lessons during school time and then form a school ukulele group. The approximate cost of lessons is $7.00 per half hour and tuition groups would be a maximum of 6. We are able to lease a ukulele to students for approximately $10 per term. If you are interested please contact Chris Nesbitt at school.
Mrs Gregory, our new Teacher Librarian will be working at Wingham Public School’s library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Gregory has worked as a classroom teacher and teacher librarian in the Manning and Great Lakes region for the past seven years. She is passionate about children reading and the use of Information and Communication Technology in education. Children can borrow books from the library for two weeks before they need to be returned. If children would like to borrow the books for a longer period, these can be renewed. Students will be encouraged to take part in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. More information will be sent home regarding this Challenge at a later time.

Parents or carers willing to volunteer as library helpers please contact the school. Initially volunteers will be welcome Thursday mornings from 9:10 to 10:10am or before school Wednesday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country carnival will be held next Friday, 15th March with students running around the school grounds. All races will start and finish on the oval. Students in Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 will run 1km. The distances for primary students are 8yrs (+ year 2 students born in 2005), 9 years and 10 years – 2km, 11 years, 12 years and 13 years – 3km.

Due to the wet and muddy nature of the track it would be advisable for students to bring in a change of shoes and socks.

The times for the runs are;

- Primary (+ 8 year olds in Year 2)
  9:30 - 11am
- Infants (Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2)
  12:00 – 1:00pm

All parents, grandparents, carers and friends of our school are invited to come along.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen volunteers for the following week are:
Thursday 7th March       Ronda
Friday 8th March         Marie, Jenny, Liz
Monday 11th March       Narelle
Tuesday 12th March      Noelene, Kath
Wednesday 13th March    Sandy

Verlie Blackmore
Canteen Supervisor
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ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the 15 swimmers who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Wingham Pool last Wednesday. Blake Carey came in 3rd place in the 12/13 years Backstroke. Many students improved their times from our school carnival; Laura Waters 12/13 years Backstroke Layne Watson 12/13 years Backstroke

12/13 years Breaststroke
Josephine Manks 10 years Freestyle
Kate Rourke 10 years Freestyle

Thank you to the parents who helped with timekeeping on the day. They were Bev Bisby, Jodie Carey, Gary and Rhonda Barkwill and Rachel Bartlett. Special thanks to Rhonda who made three delicious slices for our hardworking officials.

P & C NEWS

P&C’s Easter raffle is underway. We are asking all students if they could kindly send in donations of Easter eggs, baskets, cellophane etc. to go towards this raffle. Please leave donations at the front office. Ticket books will be going home next week.

Thanks, Louise Smith
President

REGIONAL BASKETBALL

Georgia Lane, Nash Atkins, Lisiate Hull and Josh McTaggart will represent Manning Zone P.S.S.A. at the Hunter Regional Basketball selection trials at Maitland on Friday. We wish these talented basketballers good luck in their quest for Regional selection.

HOCKEY GALA DAY

Students in 3/4S and 2/3M will participate in a Hockey Gala Day at Taree Hockey Centre tomorrow, Thursday 7th March. Students who have not returned their permission notes need to do so before the buses leave. The Gala Day is being conducted by Wingham Hockey Club.

BASKETBALL REPORT

Our teams both scored comfortable wins in the Primary Schools Basketball competition last Saturday morning at Saxby’s Stadium. Luke Dwyer with 14 points drove his team to victory over St Joseph’s with Harrison Lewis and Lisiate Hull scoring 20 points each in their team’s win over the second St Joseph’s team. Congratulations to new player Harley Pike on scoring his first basket last Saturday.

Both Wingham PS teams play at 9:30am this Saturday and are up against the teams from Taree West PS.