PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Friday, Wingham Public School is participating in the national day of action against bullying and violence 2013. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Over 1400 schools across Australia have registered for this day. As part of our Personal Development syllabus our school also focuses on an anti-bullying unit during the year. Both of these initiatives are designed to give students strategies to recognise bullying and how to deal with it effectively. Below is the definition of bullying and we ask that you talk about this issue with your children so that a consistent message is conveyed from home and school.

**Definition of Bullying**

Bullying is a pattern of repeated physical, verbal, psychological or social aggression that is directed towards a specific student by someone with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear.

**Help Your Child Achieve**

- Participate fully in class and school activities

There is a huge body of evidence that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

Rita Pittman
Principal

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DIARY DATES - TERM 1, 2013

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ASSEMBLY

As the Cross Country is being run on Friday there will be no weekly assembly.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

At last Friday’s assembly, Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the following students: Dylan Farmer, Natasha Farrawell, Braydn Garrett, Hailey Turner, Charlie Gee, Rickie-Lee Choppin, Ashanti Wrettan, Bailey Mercer, Liam Andrews, Kaleb Kucinski, Ellie D’Elboux, Dylan O’Hara, Mykella Wynter, Joshuah Williams, Alan Graham, Lauren Fulton, Aaron Smith, Danny Bisby, Logan Corbet, Layne Watson, Coby Borg, Matthew McKellar.

JUNK FOOD AT SCHOOL SHOULD BE BANDED

An excerpt of persuasive text written by Aaron Smith 5W:

**Opening paragraph**

Junk food at school should be banned because you could get obese or diabetes and that could lead to you getting bullied and not wanting to come to school and eating junk food all day at home. You are also wasting your money because junk food cost more than fruit such as grapes, watermelon, rockmelon, banana, strawberry, apples, mango passionfruit and so on.

Kay Redfield Jamison

Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country will be held this Friday March 15th with the start and finish of races on the oval. Students will be running around our school grounds.
The times for the runs are;
- Primary (+ 8 year olds in Year 2 born 2005) 9:30 - 11am
- Infants (Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2) 12:00 – 1:00pm

Students are to wear sports uniform and to bring in a drink bottle for use after their race. The track is dry so a spare pair of socks and shoes will not be needed. All parents, carers and relatives together with friends of our school are invited to come along and watch all the action.

RUGBY LEAGUE SELECTION

Congratulations to Harrison Lewis and Nash Atkins on their selection in the Manning Zone PSSA Rugby League team to play at the Hunter Regional selection trials at Newcastle next week. Hudson Bird, Josh McTaggart and Lisiate Hull also represented our school at the Manning trials and played well. Thank you to the parents who provided transport for our Rugby League players to play in the Manning trials at Tuncurry. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Blake Carey got 3rd in the 12/13 years Butterfly at the Manning Zone Carnival, not the Backstroke as previously reported.

Michelle Williams

P & C NEWS

P&C’s Easter raffle tickets are coming home today. The tickets sell for $1.00 each and are to be returned to school by Wednesday 27th March. All monies raised from activities organised by our P&C are given back to the school to support your children. Just a couple of things we do include providing lovely gifts for the writing competition that is held every year; holding discos, movie nights and other events. Without the support of our P&C members and your continuing support, there would be no more events like these. We are asking for donations of Easter items towards this raffle to help with assisting in this fundraiser. Please leave your donations at the front office. Our P&C AGM will be held next Thursday night 21st March at 6pm in the staffroom, so please come along & support your school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Cross Country – looks like this is going ahead on Friday if the sunshine hangs around. The bottom canteen will be operating for coffee/tea, cakes/slices, drinks, chips and hot Timbertown pies and sausage rolls.

LOL Meal Deal - this has taken off really well with lots of orders coming in. It is great value for $5 – four chicken fingers and your choice of two salad items or cheese on a wrap and your choice of LOL juice flavour (raspberry, blackcurrant, tropical or mango).

Infants Orders – we’ve had a few children coming to the canteen with money but no lunch order or note saying what they need to buy. Please always send at least a note stating what you want your child to buy, it saves a heap of time in the busy morning rush.

Slush Puppie Promotion - a new promotion has commenced with the major prize of a kite, second prizes of yoyos and free slushies. A new flavour of bubble blast is also proving popular.

Volunteers for the following week are:
Thursday 14th March Elysha Scarr, Bec, Tara Hawksford
Friday 15th March Jodie Payne, Liz, Jenny, Mel, Michelle.
Monday 18th March Narelle, Lyn
Tuesday 19th March Evelyn Aiken
Wednesday 20th March Kylie Menser, Monique

Verlie Blackmore
Canteen Supervisor ph 65535030

BASKETBALL REPORT

Both of our teams in the Primary School Basketball Competition scored comprehensive wins last Saturday and currently sit one and two on the competition ladder. Nash Atkins, Lisiate Hull, Logan Corbet, Harrison Lewis, Andrew Nielsen, Blake Carey, Luke Dwyer and Josh McTaggart all scored double figure points for their teams. This week’s games will see Wingham 1 play Taree West at 9.30am with Wingham 2 to play St Josephs at 10.20am. Both teams are on track to play each other in the grand final.

TAREE AFL AUSKICK REGISTRATION DAY

Where: Stockland Mall Forster
When: Thursday March 14 5pm-7pm