PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We are very lucky to have some very talented staff and students at Wingham Public School. 6B have been completing some extraordinary art work with Mrs Foster. The art work involved looking at cityscapes and perspectives and is based on Australian artist Jeffrey Smart’s work. They have also completed impressionist landscapes and paintings based on Sydney Nolan’s Ned Kelly series. Well done Mrs Foster and 6B. I would be happy to hang this work in my home.

Rita Pittman, Principal

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

21st Century Education is a term being widely used in schools and the media. So what is it? As we are aware, we now live in an increasingly diverse, globalized, complex, media-saturated society. It has been said that technological revolution will have the greatest known impact on our society. It is interesting to think that this year’s kindergarten students will retire in the year 2072 yet we are not sure what technological changes we will see in the next 12 months.

So what does all this have to do with Wingham Public School? There are many things occurring in our classrooms that are designed to meet the needs of our 21st Century learners. Lessons are customised to meet specific needs of students; all, air-conditioned, classrooms have SmartBoards in them with wireless internet connection across the entire school. We run programs designed to cater for the range of students’ skills and interests and most recently has been the purchase 36, yes 36 mini laptops! Last week these were shared amongst the infants’ classrooms and are already being utilised each day across a range of subjects. They are being used for publishing, internet research as well as a range of educational games and activities.

DIARY DATES – TERM 4, 2014

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ASSEMBLY

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the school assembly held each Friday in the school hall at 12:15pm.

This week’s class item will be presented by 1/2W.

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

Scott Adams

Kindergarten students busily working on the new mini laptops
SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Arrangements have been made to include a Learn to Swim program in our school curriculum. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m CONFIDENTLY unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Learn to Swim program. The program focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6. The program will run daily for two weeks from Monday 10th November to Friday 21st November. The cost is: BUS - $1 per day POOL ENTRY - $3 per day
The total cost of the 10 day scheme is $40. This money may be paid prior to the commencement of the program or daily.

Regards, Michelle Williams

HEADWAY SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Today Stage 3 were delighted to have Hasting’s Headway come to our school for a talk on brain damage. The people were: Matthew who was trialling for the Penrith Panthers at the age of 18 had a car accident that ruined his life. Glenn was a golfer who had a handicap of 6 and was only 15 when one day at school he was about to walk home but someone offered him a lift on a motorbike. He did not have a helmet and kept refusing but then he gave in. Just outside the school the rider did a wheelie and went straight into a tree ruining his life. Warren went with a few of his mates to watch a movie. After the movie they went to the pub and got drunk. Warren decided to drive home. He was nearly home when he had a car accident which caused physical damage and brain injury. Stage 3 students would like to thank Hasting’s Headway for sharing these stories and for teaching us the importance of wearing a helmet.

Tim Walker and Tom Martin 6B

Today a man named Warren came to our school to talk to us about brain damage and how it affects your body and life. He brought two other men named Glenn and Mat and they both have brain damage the same as Warren. He told us to always wear a helmet on a bike and to always wear a seatbelt.

Luka Urquhart and Emily Brood 5/6W

PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT

This Friday our cricket team will play in the Hunter Regional Final against Paterson Public School. The game will be played at Wingham Central Park. Good luck to all the boys!

SPORT UNIFORMS RETURN

With the school year coming to an end we would appreciate the return of school sport uniform items (shorts, singlets, shirts, socks) handed out to students during the year. Special thanks to the many parents who have cared for our sport uniforms this year.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to the wonderful families who supported the Hot Dog Day - we ended up with 176 orders on Tuesday which is a great response. A very big THANK YOU to the terrific band of helpers on the day: Alison, Liz, Jenny, Ray and Andrew. I hope it wasn't too stressful and thankfully it wasn’t as hot. You all did a great job! These new meal deals are proving very popular, so why not give one a try? The first three include a popper juice making it great value.

Brainy Burger – fish fingers with lettuce and tartare sauce on a bread roll and an apple blackcurrant popper juice ($4.00)
Jurassic Park Meal Deal – lettuce, tiny tomatoes, cucumber sticks and a carrot “flower” with 2 Dinosaur nuggets and a popper juice ($4.00)
Chicken Little Salad – chicken pops with lettuce, tiny tomatoes, grated cheese & carrot served in a salad box and a popper juice ($4.00)
Chicken Caesar Wrap – chicken meat, shredded lettuce, Caesar dressing, diced bacon and parmesan cheese ($3.00), Road Runner Wrap – chicken pops with grated cheese & chopped tomato on a toasted wrap ($3.00)

Volunteers for the following week are:
Thursday 30th October Ronda
Friday 31st October Liz and Jenny
Monday 3rd November Maxine
Tuesday 4th November Ray
Wednesday 5th November Tara

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor, ph 6553 5030

YEAR 7 2016 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is available from the front office.