PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As many of you know students in Years 3 and 5 are sitting the NAPLAN assessments this week. Areas assessed include language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. These tests provide us with important information about what students do and are used to support teaching and learning programs. Yesterday students arrived at school quite nervous and apprehensive, however, they settled well. Two assessments were held yesterday, language conventions and writing. Today students sit the reading test and tomorrow the numeracy test. Other classes in the school have displayed the school value of co-operation by moving around the school quietly during testing time. Thank you everyone. Results will be forwarded to parents later in the year.

Rita Pittman, Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATES

At last week’s assembly, Merit Certificates were awarded to the following students
Lauren Zanardi, Frank Downs, Joseph Seddon, Summer-Rose Hyde, Hollie Leaver-Wells, Cindi Turner, Magea Brown, Sarah Smith, Jaydon Brown, Bailey Mercer, Liam Walsh, Rose Leslie, Nate Back, Ki’elle Burnes, Jessica Finnigan, Nate Dawson, Larissa Clarke, Emily Turner, Matthew Fittock, Jade Jones, Taila Hawksford, Jesse Osmond, Tamika Brown, Georgia Lane, Liam Andrews and Harry Fittock.

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 assembly will be hosted by 1/2F.

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GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Monday the school leaders and sports leaders went to Club Forster for a GRIP Leadership Conference. The GRIP Leadership team consisted of Mason, Andy, Freya and Rachael. All of the leaders learnt not to be a watermelon leader and to be a strawberry leader. A strawberry leader is good all the way through. We also learnt if you wanted to be a HERO you had to be a good role model, organiser, encourager and a good helper. We also learnt to have BERRY good integrity. To have BERRY good integrity means to be sure to do the right thing, encourage others to do the right thing, refuse to lie, respond when you see something that is not right and to overcome criticism. Also we learnt that the five P’s are present to other leaders, permission from the teacher, plan the steps, prepare to start and to prioritise and focus.

All the school leaders and sports leaders had a great day and they would like to thank all the parents for driving all the students to Forster.

Hayden Essery & Tim Walker

It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer.” Albert Einstein
**BEEF WEEK**

Last Monday 12th May Year 6 students went to Beef Week activities at Wingham High School. When we got there we were split into 7 groups. Our first activity was to go to the bottom farm. We were told what breed of cattle there were. There were Angus, Charolais and Murray Grey. We got to lead the cattle, wash them and judge them.

*Clancy Johnston & Nathan Gutterson*

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

School contributions for 2014 have been set at $40 per family. Please complete details on the attached envelope and return to school as soon as possible. Contributions paid before 25th June will go into a draw for a gift voucher to the value of $100 at a local business.

**SESUICENTENARY**

In previous bulletins we have alerted you to our upcoming Sesquicentenary of Public Education in Wingham which is coming up on September 12th, 13th and 14th. This involves all three schools of Wingham Public, Wingham Brush and Wingham High school. Planning for this event is well under way and the committee is looking forward to a great weekend. There is a website, with old photos, a program of events, and some historical facts, if you are interested in having a look [http://winghamsesquieducation2014.blogspot.com.au/](http://winghamsesquieducation2014.blogspot.com.au/). Further information on this wonderful event will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

**1/2 W ASSEMBLY ITEM**

At last week’s assembly 1/2W enjoyed performing a dance to the song “The Locomotion”. They dressed up in colourful and sparkly clothes. Many wore wigs, sunglasses, ribbons and hats. It was a lot of fun and some children demonstrated great dance skills and rhythm. It was also very encouraging to see so many parents at the assembly to support their child’s efforts.

**NETBALL**

Our school netball team will be playing Round 2 of the PSSA Netball Knockout tomorrow 15th May at 1.45pm. It is our home game so we would like to invite as many parents and spectators as possible.

**BOYS SOCCER**

Our Boys Soccer team will play the Round 2 game against Tinonee Public School next Wednesday 21st May at 11.30am at Tinonee Sport Fields. All interested spectators are welcome to attend.

**HUNTER CROSS COUNTRY**

Our Manning Zone representatives ran strongly at the Hunter Region PSSA Cross Country Championships at Newcastle last Friday and recorded excellent results.

- Ryan Allen – 18th 10yr 2000m
- Ashlee Vickers – 24th 10yr 2000m
- Emen Smith – 21st 10yr 2000m
- Tim Walker – 28th 11yr 3000m

We are very proud of the efforts of these four talented athletes.

**ZONE TOUCH TRIALS**

Our boys and girls Touch teams played at the Manning Zone PSSA Touch trials last week at Taree. Our best performed students were Danny Bisby and Hayden Essery who played in the Possibles v Probables final selection game. Well done Danny and Hayden.
PARENT HELPERS WANTED

We require parents/carers to assist Mr Pensini with the running of our annual athletics carnival on Friday 20th June on our oval. If you can help out on the day, please contact Mr Pensini.

CROSS COUNTRY PRIZES

The prize winners for our Cross Country sponsorship fund raisers will be announced at this week’s Friday assembly. This year we raised a massive $4527.65 for our school. A huge thank you must go to our students, parents, carers, relatives and the Wingham PS community for their amazing support of this fund raising event. Well done everyone!

CANTEEN NEWS

Winter Menu – please add the following items to your canteen price list in the space provided for winter menu - Spaghetti Bolognese $3.80, Fried Rice $3.00, Party Pies $1.00 each, vegemite* or pizza scrolls* 30c each (*recess only). As new items are tried and tested they will be added, so please keep an eye out.

Brainy Burger – four fish fingers with lettuce and your choice of tartar sauce or mayo on a bread roll with a popper juice for just $4.00.

Volunteers for the following week are as follows:

- Thursday 15th May: Ronda Brislane
- Friday 16th May: Liz and Jenny
- Monday 19th May: Kathy
- Tuesday 20th May: Sandy Osmond & Andrew Green
- Wednesday 21st May: Tara

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NEXT WEEK ARE CURRENTLY VACANT, IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW, ESPECIALLY AT RECESS TIME.

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor, phone 6553 5030

P&C NEWS

We hope all the mums, grandmothers and carers had a beautiful Mother’s Day on Sunday. It was great fun to have the students come to our stall and choose their special gift/s, especially when their eyes would grow wide as they saw the treasures we had on offer!! Thank you to everyone who supported the stall. It was a great success, and all money raised from the stall is going towards purchasing a sign for the front of the school. Our next meeting is this Thursday night, 15th May, at 6pm in the staffroom.

Bree Seddon-Wickenden, Vice-President

LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SALE

The library has some old books that are being cleared out. They can be purchased for 20c each at lunchtime.

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY (MINKEY HOCKEY)

Minkey Hockey is a free program for children aged 3-7 each Saturday morning @ 11.20am at Taree Hockey Centre. Information ph 0400952556.

MANNING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents ‘A Glimpse into the Past’ 100 years of fashion at 2pm on Saturday 24th May at Wingham Services Club Auditorium. Tickets $20 from Wingham Services Club or M.V. Historical Society.

‘ISABELLA THE PLAY’

‘Isabella the Play’ is being held at Wingham Town Hall on Saturday 21st June from 6.30pm. Tickets $15/person $10/concession available at door or to book a table phone 6557 0929.

WINGHAM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

WJRLFC are seeking more players for the 2014 season. If you are interested please visit website www.winghamjuniortigers.com.au for details.