PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wingham Public School delivers a diversity of education and opportunities to our students. This term students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. In the previous few weeks students have been engaged in leadership activities, agricultural experiences at Wingham High School, sport, debating training, NAPLAN assessments and one class has even experienced a personal performance by a clarinet player from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. In the coming weeks students will be involved in the following events; PSSA knockouts, Manning Valley Eisteddfod, International Competition and Assessments for Computers, National Simultaneous Read, school disco and a visiting performance. This demonstrates that our school is a diverse learning environment with a rich range of experiences for everyone.

Rita Pittman, Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATES

At last week’s assembly, Merit Certificates were awarded to the following students: Max Wells, Jerome Bramble, Bella Atkins, Ryan Brokenshire, Mackenzie Garnett, Bridgit Turner, Amelia Townsend, Kaden Lane, Tarla-Jo Smith, Lachlan Dawson, Michael Moore, Noah Wickenden, Toby Vickers, Haylee Cole, Darcey Andrews, Courtney Fulton, Tamika Townsend, Joseph Osmond, Jordon Darby, Jordan Barwell, Breanka Hinton, Cale McPherson, Grace Boyd, Joel Jarvis, Blade Letcher and Taila Hawksford.

ASSEMBLY

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the school assembly held each Friday in the school hall at 12.15pm. Our school choirs will perform at this week’s assembly.

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1/2 F ASSEMBLY ITEM

We did a play about the book called ‘The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog’. We dressed up as Camille and her friend who wanted to be a frog. I liked dressing up as a frog. At the end we went to each other to show we were friends. I liked the pictures we put on the screen.

Amelia Haddow & Tahlia Sandford

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

School contributions for 2014 have been set at $40 per family. Contributions paid before 25th June will go into a draw for a gift voucher to the value of $100 at a local business.

EFTPOS

EFTPOS facilities are now available at the front office for your convenience.
MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on math strategies at [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY).

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php).

NON SMOKING SITE

This is a reminder that in accordance with the Smoke Free Environment Act of 2000, smoking is not permitted in any departmental buildings, enclosed areas or on departmental grounds. This includes all buildings, gardens, sports fields, cars and car parks and bus bays. We would appreciate you supporting us and the wellbeing of our students in this matter.

NETBALL KNOCKOUT

Our team scored a comprehensive 36-3 victory over Wingham Brush PS in Round 2 of their State PSSA Knockout last week. All team members played strongly and have certainly benefitted from the coaching of Mrs Urquhart and Mrs Lane. Thank you to these two parents for helping our team with coaching and game day preparation. The girl’s opponent in Round 3 is yet to be decided.

HOCKEY GALA DAY

Good luck to the boys and girls representing our school at this Friday’s Manning Zone PSSA Hockey Gala day. Our school is well represented with 5 teams taking part.

HELPERS WANTED

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Winter warmers are available – fried rice $3.00, spaghetti bolognese $3.80, vegemite scrolls at recess time 30c, party pies recess and lunch $1.00; more tasty ideas to come.

Volunteers for the following week are:

- Thursday 22 May: Lauren, Elicia, Elysha
- Friday 23 May: Suzie, Jenny, Liz
- Monday 26 May: Narelle
- Tuesday 27 May: Ray, Noelene
- Wednesday 28 May: Allison (morning only), Liz

Extra helpers needed for the canteen at the Sports Carnival on the 20 June, please pencil in on your calendar.

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor, phone 6553 5030

TAREE AFL CENTRE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Biggest Morning Tea this Sunday 25th May from 10am at Johnny Martin Oval Taree.

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.