**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

There have been significant changes in our administration staff this year. As you are aware our long term Senior Administration Manager (SAM), Chris Garland, retired at the end of last year. This was a huge loss to us and the community. We wish Chris all the best in her retirement. This week we also say goodbye to Melissa McLeod, our School Administration Officer (SAO). Melissa has been appointed as Senior Administration Manager to Taree Public School and we wish her all the very best. Chris and Melissa have made significant contributions to our school organisation and we thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students, staff and community of Wingham Public School. We are all very sorry to see them leaving.

At this stage Alison Bird is Relieving SAM and Letitia Murphy is relieving in the SAO role.

Rita Pittman, Principal

"Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself."  
Henry Ward Beecher

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

At last week’s assembly, Merit Certificates were awarded to the following students:


**ASSEMBLY**

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the school assembly held each Friday in the school hall at 12.15pm. 1/2F will present an item.

**DIARY DATES 2015**

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| 17 February| Book club due  
Pancake day canteen                                      |
| 19 February| P&C Meeting 6pm – staffroom  
Zone Basketball                                               |
| 25 February| Zone Swimming Carnival                                      |
| 24 March   | School photos                                              |

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Notes have already been sent home about the parent information sessions being held this week. Even though Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have been held we wanted to remind you of the meeting for Stage 2 to be held this afternoon at 3.30 and Stage 3, which will be held tomorrow afternoon (Thursday 12th Feb) at 3.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.
**2015 SPORTS LEADERS**

At the assembly last Friday our student Sports leaders were presented with their house badges. These students will be responsible for organising equipment for Sport and games. They also organise our lunchtime PALS program for students who like structured play. Congratulations and welcome to the student leadership team.

Parkes - Zarly Ruttley, Beau Brown
Manning - Ava Beck, Jordon Darby
Macquarie - Taylah D’Elboux, Jack Shepherd
Oxley - Jenna Rodgers, Nathan Smith

**BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED**

We are looking for boys in Years 5 & 6 who would like to play Saturday competition basketball. If interested, contact Mr Pensini for more details.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Student banking will commence tomorrow, Thursday 12th February and will be conducted weekly on Thursdays. If your child is new to school banking, it is easy to participate. If they have an existing Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank, then all they need to do is complete the deposit slip and bring it in with their money to the front office on Thursday mornings. If your child wishes to open an account simply call in to a Commonwealth Bank branch and the staff will be happy to assist you, or you can open an account on-line if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. Each week that your child makes a deposit (regardless of the amount), they will be given a reward token. These tokens are accumulated and can be redeemed for reward items. The theme this year is “Outer Space Savers” and rewards include ET dvd, handballs and martian pens. Each item is worth ten tokens and only available to order in the term listed. If you have any questions about the School Banking Scheme please don’t hesitate to contact our Banking coordinator Alison Bird at the school.

**FOR TENDER**

The following items are for tender until Wednesday 18th February. Items can be viewed during school hours, please contact the office for details. Please place your tender with your name and contact details in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of the Principal Mrs Pittman. Successful tenders will be responsible to pick up items from school.

1. **PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER**  
   Model – Polocool PC-53AP/C (with manual)  
   Cooling capacity 5560 watts 19000BTU

2. **STOVE**  
   Euromaid Model – SC1531 (with manual)  
   4 x hotplates/grill/oven

**CANTEEN NEWS**

New Price List – this was sent home with last week’s newsletter, if your copy didn’t make it, spare copies are available from the canteen. The main change has been to milk and juice which is now $1.90 each.

P & C Uniform shop – the shirts and jackets are back from the printer. There are also a limited number of V-neck red jumpers in limited sizes which sell for $25.00.

Pancake Day – next Tuesday the 17th is Pancake Day, the canteen will be selling freshly made pancakes for 40c at recess and lunch.

Volunteer Vacancies – there are still vacancies on a Friday to help in the canteen. Whilst this is a busy day we have me plus two others working so it’s a good chance to “learn the ropes” – your child will certainly get a kick out of seeing you there. Just call the canteen on 65535030.

Volunteers for the following week are:

- Thursday 12th Feb  |  Lauren
- Friday 13th Feb  |  Liz and Jenny
- Monday 16th Feb  |  Maxine
- Tuesday 17th Feb  |  Ray and Jodie
- Wednesday 18th Feb  |  Amanda

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor, ph 65535030

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

WINGHAM FC SOCCER 2015  
Register online at live.myfootballclub.com.au. Payment via cash or cheque can be made at the Wingham Bowling Club Saturday 14th & 21st February between 10am-12pm but please note, all registrations must be completed on line. For information call Narelle Walker on 0429655063.

WINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE  
Register online www.winghamjuniortigers.com.au

TAREE CATHOLIC PARISH  
Introduction to Sacraments session Wednesday February 25, 7pm at Catholic Church Taree. Information phone 65521084.