PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is pleasing to see so many parents take up the offer of parent teacher interviews this week. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and to let the teacher know if your child has any issues or concerns. It is also a way to get to know your child’s teacher a little better. Researchers have evidence for the positive effects of parent involvement on children, families, and school when schools and parents continuously support and encourage the children’s learning and development. If for some reason you were unable to attend an interview please ring the school and make an alternative time to meet with the teacher.

Rita Pittman, Principal

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.” Jane D Hull

DIARY DATES 2015

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MERIT CERTIFICATES

At last week’s assembly, Merit Certificates were awarded to the following students: William Murray, Melanie Hobson, Nykalas O’Brien, Lilly Leslie, Eliza Dedman, Matayer Thomas, Jaxon Rodgers, Liam Hoare, Bridgit Turner, Bailey Shields, Jake Andrews, Natalie Bendeich, Tarla-Jo Smith, Rhiannon Dyet, Sara Zoanetti, Dylan Taniwha-Kennett, Bailey Gardner, Tallis Taylor-Wilson, Courtney Fulton, Ethan Lane, Jack Ryan, Taliah Dahlstrom.

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 item will be from class 4/5J.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken Tuesday, 24th March (Week 9). Order forms have been sent home for individual and class photos. These envelopes need to be returned to the school on or before Tuesday 24th March, either with on-line payment details or the correct cash enclosed. Family photos will also be taken on this day and order forms are available from the office. School leaders and choir photos will be taken as well. All sporting photos will be taken at a later time. Students are required to wear their full summer school uniform.

**Girls Summer Uniform**
*Navy and white short-sleeve dress with red tag or sky blue polo shirt with emblem and navy blue shorts.*
*Black shoes and white socks.

**Boys Summer Uniform**
*Sky blue shirt with emblem, grey shorts*
*Black shoes and grey socks.*

LIBRARY NEWS

**NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2015**
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015 is now open. Students can use their school username and password to add books to their online Student Reading Record. The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015 ends on the 21 August 2015. Further information is available from the Premier’s Reading Challenge website [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html), or from our teacher librarian, Mrs Gregory.
ZONE SELECTION

Congratulations to Nathan Smith and Josh Rees on their selection in the Manning Zone P.S.S.A. cricket squad following trials at Forster last week.

Lucas Payne also represented our school at the trials.

ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE

Travis Fazio and Ryan Allen represented our school at the Manning Zone P.S.S.A. rugby league trials at Tuncurry this week. Although Travis and Ryan played well they weren’t selected in the Zone team.

CROSS COUNTRY - A-THON

The support of parents and carers to help their child to collect sponsorship money for The Cross Country-A-Thon would be greatly appreciated.

All money raised will be retained by the school to purchase equipment and resources for students.

A reminder that no money or sponsorship forms are to be returned to class teachers until after the Cross Country on Friday 27th March.

REGIONAL SWIMMING

Congratulations to Josephine Manks who came in 11th in the Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival in the 50m backstroke. Her time was 45.81 seconds. Well done Josephine.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Mr Pensini who has been awarded Life Membership of the Hunter PSSA. He truly deserves this award for all his work in the Manning Zone over the past 30 years.

CANTEEN NEWS

Milkshake & Donut day – we have had a huge response to this special day, with over 140 orders already. The donuts are the cinnamon style, not iced. Please get your orders in as soon as possible as this will help with the organising. Last day for orders is this Friday.

The Norco supplier has been kind enough to sponsor the milkshake day with approximately fifty 2lt bottles of milk supplied. Banana milk has been discontinued, and milk will soon be in 300ml bottles, in chocolate and strawberry flavours only.

Cross Country meal deal – a meal deal is being offered for the cross country – a Hebby’s Pie and a popper for $4.50 or a Hebby’s sausage roll and popper for $4.00. Order forms going home this week, please get them to the canteen as soon as possible, last day for orders is 23rd March.

Also available from the canteen on the cross country day will be fresh small salad wraps for $2.00 for a light, quick and tasty lunch.

Volunteer roster for the following week is:

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Verlie Blackmore
Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE
Register online www.winghamjunior.tigers.

PCYC ‘YOUTH ZONE’
“PCYC” will be running their “YOUTH ZONE” Tue, Wed & Thur from 4PM – 6PM, starting Tue 24th March. Homework help sessions and FREE FUN ACTIVITIES for people between 8-17. There will be assistance for people trying to get their learners permit on Wednesday. Any enquiries Tamara Davis 6551 0292

WINGHAM NETBALL REGISTRATIONS
Final Registration Days will be held at the Log, Central Park, Wingham. Thursday March 12th. 4:30 – 6pm & Friday March 13th 4:30 – 6pm. Enquiries call Angela 0409 085 342.

TAFE PLAYSESSIONS
Taree Tafe Campus are holding play sessions for children 0 - school age. Wed, Thu & Fri mornings and afternoons during school terms. For more information call Katrina or Linda on 6591 3638.