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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I begin this newsletter by congratulating the students of Wingham Brush Public School for their excellent conduct at our swimming carnival on Friday. There was great participation in all events and those students who were not involved in competitive events waited very patiently for the novelties in the afternoon. Our newly elected house captains and vice-captains showed the way for their respective houses through their involvement and enthusiasm. A very big thank you goes to the parents and carers who supported the children and helped out in a number of roles. This was very much appreciated by us all. Congratulations also to Mr Newman for his excellent organisation on the day.

I have recently read some research into what makes an effective reader. Parents and carers have always been encouraged to read to their children but are seldom informed as to why this is so important.

“The more a child is exposed to reading, the more likely the child is to acquire the necessary skills for reading. Children must learn that words on a page have meaning and that reading is done from left to right and from top to bottom. Rhyming words and repeating lines help a child develop an ‘ear’ for language - he or she begins to appreciate the sounds of words. Parents can also start teaching their children the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.

Reading helps children expand their thinking skills, learn to concentrate and enlarge their vocabulary. Children who have been read to in childhood are more motivated to learn to read, and they appreciate that reading is a gateway to new ideas.”

As Dr Suess says:

'The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn the more places you’ll go.’

Regards,
Phil Rees, Principal

BRUSH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday February 8 Wingham Brush held their swimming carnival. The weather was most kind and we had a fantastic day due to the wonderful support of parents, grandparents and carers and the exemplary behaviour of all children. The enthusiasm and ‘have a go’ attitude made for one of the best carnivals at Wingham Brush and it was great to see the same level of applause for those children not winning events as for those who won events. Both competitive and social swimmers are to be congratulated on a fabulous day. Our winning house for the carnival was Rosellas and our champions were:

Jnr Girls – Zali Baker and Amelia Hansen
Jnr Boys – Grady Lewis
11 Years Girls – Allie Clarkson
11 Years Boys – Sam Diehm
Snr Girls – Talea Fernance
Snr Boys – David Diehm

A special mention must go to Talea Fernance for setting a new school record in the 13yrs 50m Freestyle. Talea’s time of 36.15 beat the old record of 37.50 which has stood since 1992. A very big thank you to all the parents and teachers who worked so hard to make the carnival a great success.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

To be held at Wingham Pool on Wednesday February 27. Further information will be in next week’s newsletter.

AFL COACHING CLINIC

To be held at Central Park from 2-3pm on Tuesday February 19. Classes invited are 2/3O, 4N, 4/5B and 5/6R. The players conducting the clinic are Swans players Nick Smith and Alex Brown. Nick played in
the 2012 Grand Final. A big thank you to Craig and Julie McLachlan for organising the clinic.

WINGHAM SCHOOLS HOCKEY GALA DAY
To be held at Taree Hockey Centre on Thursday February 21. Children from Years 1, 2 and 3 are eligible to attend. We have been allocated 40 places and once these notes have been sent out we will accept the first 40 who have brought their note and money. Cost is $4.00, this covers bus fares and a sausage sizzle lunch. Buses leave our school at 9am and return by 3pm.

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CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Volunteers Roster

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Don’t forget Valentine’s Day tomorrow. There will be extra special things to purchase. Next week is our Special Day on Wednesday so get your order in as early as possible. Order forms are being sent home today with this newsletter.

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club will be running again this year. Book Club provides opportunities for students to purchase reasonably priced books from a variety of titles.

The catalogues will be available from the library. The order form together with payment needs to be completed and returned to the Library. Payment can be made in cash, online using a credit card or cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic and not the school).

There will be 8 issues of Book Club throughout the year, 2 issues each term. Issue 1 has been distributed and all orders need to be returned to the Library by Thursday February 14. P.Clifton

TERM 1 P.E./SPORT

In line with our Cross Country and Athletics Carnival the emphasis for P.E. and Sport will be fitness, running, long jump, high jump, shot put and ball games.

CHILD HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE REGISTRATION DATES

Holding registrations on Thursday February 14 at Central Park from 4pm till 5.30pm and on Saturday February 16 at Coles Complex from 9am till 12 midday. Cost is $60.00 x 1, $110.00 x 2 and $140.00 x 3 or more. All enquiries to Helen Cross 0429 153 798.

GROUNDWATERS GUITAR TRAINING CENTRE

Get your first music lesson free! Plus 25% off remaining term enrolment. Primary school age music tuition for guitar, drums, piano, bass, recorder, flute, singing & more. We provide inspiring music lessons to help you reach your goals. Starter instruments are available to use free at lessons, so call now and start to make great music. • Guitar • Drums • Bass • Piano • Singing & more! Ph: 6552 1444 or 0407 114 112.

TAREE AUSKICK AFL CENTRE – FREE COME AND TRY DAY

Being held on Sunday February 24, at Taree Rec Grounds, adjacent to the Rotary Park, where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm. A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun! Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2013 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday 7 April 2013. For more information please contact Taree AFL Auskick Centre on 6553 3345.

WINGHAM NETBALL CLUB FINAL REGISTRATION DAY

Wingham Netball Club is doing one final day of registrations on Saturday 23 February at 9.30am - 11.30am. We need more players for the ages of 11s, 13s, 14, 15s, 16s and 17s. The ages go by the age you are turning in this calendar year up to 31 December 2013. If you need any further information please contact President, Renea Lane on 0437 308 776.

TENNIS COACHING 2013

Wingham - Monday Intermediate 4-5pm, Tuesday Beginners 4-5pm, Advanced 5-6pm. Tinonee – Thursday Beginners 4-4.40pm, Intermediate 4.40-5.40pm and Advanced 5.40-6.40pm. Students are invited to join the Wingham Junior Comp 4-6pm and Competitive Hitting Sessions 6-8pm Friday nights. For further info contact Shane Ludeke 6551 4218 or 0410 696 359.

FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS (SOCCER)

Registrations and sign on days at Wingham Bowling Club on Friday 15 February 4pm – 6pm

Saturday 16 February 9am – 12 noon

School Security Number: 1300 880 021

To report unauthorized visitors to the school after hours or on weekends