DIARY DATES

Term 1
March
Thurs 14 Infants Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 15 Netball Gala Day
Thurs 21 Primary Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 22 Hunter Rugby League
Wed 27 Rugby Union 7’s Gala Day
Wed 27 Zone Winter Trials - Hockey, Soccer
and Netball
Thurs 28 Infants Assembly 2.15pm with Easter Hat Parade K-2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,
I'd like to give you advanced warning of the school development days which have been set down for Term 2 this year. We will have two school development days to start the term. These days are April 29 and 30. An additional development day has been granted to all NSW public schools so that they may address the needs of implementing the Australian curriculum. The teaching staff at Wingham Brush Public School will be participating in two on-line courses. These courses are: Teaching for the New Curriculum and The Learner and the New Curriculum. It seems that more and more of our professional learning opportunities are being delivered on line. The school executive must complete seven hours of on-line training around curriculum implementation before the end of term. I hope our eyes are up to it.

We are currently involved in the merit selection process for the position of Learning and Support Teacher. Mrs Newman, Mrs Edwards and I put together the advertisement on Monday afternoon and we are currently awaiting approval to publish. It looks like interviews for this position will take place early in term 2. The successful candidate will become a permanent member of the Wingham Brush staff and will be a key member of the learning support team headed by Mrs Newman. I have recently had a timely reminder of the damage the sun can cause to your skin. Even in the autumn and winter months, damage to skin cells still occurs. Please ensure your children have a hat (preferably a broad brimmed hat) and please encourage them to wear it.

Regards,
Phil Rees, Principal

P&C

Don’t forget to mark our AGM to be held on Monday March 25 at 6.30pm. Joining the P & C is the best way to find out about all the things happening in your child’s school.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER
MARCH
Thurs 14 S Deacon B Hall
Fri 15 B Hall K Flewitt R Whitbread
Mon 18 L Minns M Reeve
Tues 19 S Green S Heffernan H Zanardi
Wed 20 B Hall T Oldham
Thurs 21 B Hall L Minns L MacKenzie
Fri 22 B Hall K Flewitt R Whitbread

Congratulations to Bree Urquhart and Ben Butler-Kwa who were the winners of our Healthy Salad competition!

St Patricks Day is coming and the canteen is celebrating! Monday and Tuesday recess will see us selling potato wedges for $1, green mousse for 80c, green milkshakes for $1 and green slushies for 50c/$1! Tuesday will also have scones for 50c, mini pancakes 20c and green jellies with frogs $1! Ordering is essential to avoid disappointment!
A special lunch day note with order form is being sent home today with this newsletter.

ASSEMBLIES
Thursday March 14 - Infants Assembly hosted by 1/2W beginning at 2.30pm.
Thursday March 21 – Primary Assembly beginning at 2.30pm.
Thursday March 28 – Infants Assembly hosted by K/18 beginning at 2.15pm. K-2 children will parade their Easter Hats that they have made at school.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders for Issue 2 will close on Friday March 15. Regrettably orders cannot be accepted after this date. All orders together with payment need to be given to Mr Clifton. Please complete order forms in pen and make any cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo day will be March 26. School photo order envelopes will be sent home today with this newsletter. These envelopes need to be returned with the money included on photo day March 26, not beforehand. On the order form there is a new online ordering facility. If you wish to use this new online facility the envelopes can be returned to the classroom teacher before photo day once the online order has been placed. Sibling order forms are available from the front office.

MISSING CHAIR
A fold up chair was left underneath the Wingham Brush shade shelter at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Wingham Pool. If you own it could you please ask at the front office.

WINGHAM BRUSH CROSS COUNTRY
On Friday March 8 our 8 year olds to 13 year olds competed in their Cross Country. The competitors performed brilliantly and it was great to see so many children entering in their events and completing the testing course. Our Cross Country Champions were:-
8/9 Girls – Ashlee Riggs 8/9 Boys – Alex Clarke
10 Girls – Zali Baker 10 Boys – Sam McIntosh
11 Girls – Allie Clarkson 11 Boys – Jesse Googh
12/13 Girls – Talea Fernance 12/13 Boys – Sam Morse
The winning house was Rosellas.

STATE SWIMMING
Congratulations to Talea Fernance on being selected in the Hunter Swimming Team to compete at the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival. We wish her all the best.

MANNING ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Congratulations to Ryan Kriss and Callum Berry on attending the Manning Zone Rugby League Trials. Ryan made the Possible/ Probables and Callum was selected in the Manning Zone Team to attend the Hunter Trials at Raymond Terrace. Well done boys!

GOOD NUMBER SENSE
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.
Find out more:

REMOVING HEAD LICE AND NITS
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.
Find out more:

COMMUNITY NEWS
TAREE AUSKICK AFL CENTRE REGISTRATION DAY
Taree Auskick’s next Registration Day is Thursday 14 March at Stockland Mall, Forster between 5pm & 7pm. Registered Participants in the program receive an Auskick backpack containing a football, pump, drink bottle, cap, pencil case and lots more. For further details contact Taree AFL Auskick on 6553 3345.

MANNING VALLEY PHYSICAL CULTURE
Physical Culture provides a combination of Exercises, Dance, Ballet and Gymnastic all rolled into one. Enjoy it as an individual or in a Team environment. Physical Culture builds good posture, fitness, strength and flexibility through Exercise to music. A fun and inexpensive way to enjoyment and good health to suit all ages. For more information contact 0419 237 715 or 6551 2831 or Robyn on 6551 3255 A/H.

TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE
Saturday 16 March 10am – 3.00pm Venue: Tinonee Public School, Manchester Street Tinonee. Join us for fun at the fete! With over 40 stalls to visit. Showbags, Rides, Putt Putt Golf, BBQ, Country Kitchen and many more.

School Security Number: 1300 880 021
To report unauthorized visitors to the school after hours or on weekends