MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with some sadness I inform that a much respected member of the Wingham Brush Public School staff will be taking extended long service leave with a view to retirement. Mr Clifton began duty at the Brush in January 2006, the same time our current Year 6 began school, and has mentored so many students along the way. Not only has he delivered engaging library lessons over this time but he has also been responsible for Chess Club, Bike Safety Days, Book Week Parades and the delivery of class programs in Science and Technology. He is also a most important technology support for the school. Mr Clifton ensures that our website is kept up to date and he has also filled the role of technology coach for a number of years.

Mr Clifton’s contributions to the school have been invaluable over the years and we wish him all the best for his retirement.

The Easter break is just around the corner and we would like to wish all families a happy Easter. If you are travelling, it is important to remember the rules regarding children travelling in motor vehicles. I have included a quote from the RMS regarding children and restraints.

The new national child restraint laws state:

- Children younger than six months must be secured in a rearward facing restraint.

The new national child restraint laws state:

- Children aged six months to under four years must be secured in either a rear or forward facing restraint.

- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in forward facing child restraint or booster seat.

- Children younger than four years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows.

- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.

Regards,
Phil Rees, Principal

P&C

Last Monday evening (25/3/13) the Annual General Meeting of the Wingham Brush Public School P&C was to take place. Unfortunately, due to illnesses and unavailability, the date for the AGM has been rescheduled for May 6 at 6.30pm in the library. I would encourage you all to attend P&C meetings so that the load can be spread, rather than leaving things up to a small number of parents. A general meeting will follow the AGM.

Canteen Volunteers Roster

MARCH

Thurs 28 B Hall S Deacon L Minns
Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL

Mon 1 EASTER MONDAY
Tues 2 S Green HELP NEEDED
Wed 3 B Hall T Oldham
Thurs 4 B Hall L Minns M Bisley
Fri 5 B Hall K Flewitt R Whitbread
Fri 5 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY HELP NEEDED

NEWS FROM THE BRUSH TUCKERBOX

Next week sees us holding one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We will be running the Zone Cross Country canteen at the sporting complex on Friday April 5. We need many hands on deck for this huge day as well as people running our school.
canteen. If you can lend a hand at all please contact Di Stewart via the canteen. We also need donations of cakes and slices to sell so if you can’t come out on the day we would appreciate your cooking skills being put to work! Donations can be left at the canteen first thing that morning.

**GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**
Accounts for the Year 5/6 Great Aussie Bush Camp will be sent home tomorrow. The next instalment is due tomorrow Thursday March 28 with the final instalment due on Friday April 12.

**SPORTING CALENDAR**
- Rugby Union 7’s – Wed March 27
- Buderus Rugby League 7’s – Wed April 3
- Zone Cross Country – Fri April 5
- Athletics Field Events Day – Mon April 8
- Athletics Carnival - Wed April 10

**MANNING ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**
Congratulations to Alex Clarke, Lleyton Moore, Isaac Smyth, Kane Gale, Ashlee Riggs, Talita Jenkins, Josephine Stewart, Tiana Norton, Sam Mc Intosh, Connor Debono, Dominic Portelli, Lachlan Oliver, Zali Baker, Maria Hanna, Bella Handel, Amanda Bradbury, Jesse Googh, Cody Chambers, Griffin Heam, Sam Diehm, Allie Clarkson, Kristen Riggs, Olivia Hardy, Zoe Clarkson, Sam Morse, Jamieson Hanna, David Diehm, Callum Berry, Talea Fernance, Bianca Debono, Lily Murray and Astare Braaksma on being selected in the Wingham Brush Cross Country Team to compete at the Manning Zone Cross Country which will be held at the Wingham Sporting Complex on Friday April 5.

We wish them all the best!

**ATHLETICS FIELD EVENTS DAY**
On Monday April 8 children turning 8 to 13 years old will be taking part in the Field Events Day where the Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump and Ball Games will be conducted. The organisation is as follows:

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Children are encouraged to wear House Colours. On this day we will also be taking entries for 100m, 200m and 800m events which will be featured at our Athletics Carnival Day on Wednesday April 10.

**MANNING ZONE WINTER TRIALS**
Congratulations to our Manning Zone Winter Trialists. We wish them all the best as they endeavour to make the Manning Zone Teams. The trials are taking place on Wednesday March 27 for Hockey and Soccer with the Netball earlier on Monday March 25. The following children were selected to take part in the trials:
- **Hockey** – Talea Fernance, Jayden Fernance, Georgie Moss and Griffin Heam.
- **Soccer** – David Diehm, Sam Morse, Sam Diehm, Emily Madden and Jade Clarke.
- **Netball** - Kate McWhirter and Aleah Heldon.

The Rugby League trials which are a part of the Winter Trials were held earlier and our trialists were Ryan Kriss and Callum Berry. Ryan made the possible/probables game and Callum was successful in being selected in the Manning Zone Team to compete at the Hunter Trials which took place on Friday March 22.

Callum played very well at the Hunter Trials.

**NETBALL SCHOOLS CUP**
On Friday March 15 Wingham Brush Netball Team participated in the Inaugural Schools Cup for the Netball. Although our team was not successful in advancing to the next level, a great day was had by all. Many thanks go to Helen Zanardi, Garry Thomas and Tanya Madden for helping to transport the team to Taree. Thanks also to Mrs Burden for coaching the team and Samantha Litjens for umpiring the game on the day. Mrs Jolly – Team Manager

**ASSEMBLIES**
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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CARTOONING CAMPS**
This program will be held at Chatham High School on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May 2013. Brochures will be sent home with this newsletter.

**TAREE AFL AUSKICK REGISTRATION DAY**
Taree Auskick’s next Registration Day is Thursday March 28 at Triple C, Taree between 4pm and 6pm. 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 65533345.

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