MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,

At last week’s assembly, a special award was presented to Mr Newman for ‘Excellent Service to School Sport’. It was presented by Mr Geoff Pensini who is the president of the Manning PSSA and I was most appreciative to Mrs Pittman, Principal of Wingham Public School who was very happy to support Mr Pensini so that he could attend our assembly to present this special award. Mr Newman has contributed much to school sport, not just at Wingham Brush but at all the schools at which he has taught all over New South Wales. A framed certificate was presented to him, along with a citation and the school was presented with a framed certificate as well which is proudly hanging in the administration block. This is a fine acknowledgement for the outstanding job he has done for students, staff and school communities all over NSW. We are most fortunate to have such a skilled, quality teacher here at our school.

Good luck to our 4 public speakers who will be representing our school at Tuncurry Public School today and next week. Jesse Linton, Elise Montague, Connor Debono and Jim Byrne will be competing against other schools from the area.

Regards,
Liz Newman
Relieving Principal

Walking Safely to School
A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the ‘wig-wag’ lights are showing. If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

ASSEMBLY Week 8 – Thursday November 27
Just a reminder that next week is our final regular assembly for the year. If your child has any merit awards which need handing in, this week is the time to do it. This is most important for Year 6 students. All awards need to be handed in to the front office by Tuesday November 25.

Art Week
All students are thoroughly enjoying their experience during Art Week. They are showing their creative side and it has been great to see their responses during this time. Mr Ron Hindmarsh along with members of the P&C have been expertly guiding the students in a number of different activities and I look forward to seeing the finished products.

QuickSmart
The QuickSmart program is a wonderful program which supports our Year 5 students to become ‘quicker and smarter’ when approaching mathematics. Results show great improvement in the students who participate in the program and we are very happy to be able to offer it again in 2015. Here are some comments from current participants in the program:

Natasha: It’s very fun and it is teaching me a lot with my times tables.
Emilee: I like QuickSmart because it is teaching me new things. I love it!
Mitchell: I like everything at QuickSmart and especially Mrs Reeve.
Destinee: I like QuickSmart because it teaches you times tables and plus, divide and minus.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER
Our upcoming Year 6 Farewell Dinner on December 9 is approaching quickly. All money was to be paid by yesterday November 18 so that numbers can be relayed to the caterers.

WINGHAM BRUSH ART SHOW
Wingham Brush P&C Art Show 2014 will be held on Friday November 21 from 5.30 – 7.30pm in the hall. Come along to see the exhibition. Drinks and food available and some special activities. For further info contact Jill 0432 307 765.

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WINGHAM BRUSH ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT
Our Annual Concert will be held at the Manning Entertainment Centre on Tuesday December 2. The concert will commence at 7.00pm. Approximate finish time is 9.00pm. Tickets will cost $12.50 each. Tickets will be sold through Video Ezy Taree (6552 5699) and there will be a booking fee of $0.50 per ticket purchased through Video Ezy. Tickets will also be sold through The Greater Taree City Council website at www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au and there is no ticket booking fee for internet purchases through this site. Under “Recreation” click on “Manning Entertainment Centre” then “Upcoming Shows” then click on “Wingham Brush Primary”. If you do not have the internet at home the website can be accessed at the Town Library. A Credit Card or Visa Debit or Mastercard is required for payment using the website. Tickets will be available at the door if not sold out beforehand. Information regarding organisation will be sent home in a separate note.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY
Wingham High School Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday December 3. Year 6 students will spend most of the day at the High School participating in activities. A permission note will follow with more information.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY - DONATIONS PLEASE
We are calling for donations for the white elephant stall. If you have any spare items that you would like to donate to raise some funds please leave goods at the front office. No electrical, glass or sharp items, chemicals or aerosols etc can be accepted.

COMMUNITY NEWS
WINGHAM CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL
It’s not long until Christmas and the Wingham Chamber of Commerce is getting excited about the 2014 Christmas Street Carnival. This year it will be held on Thursday December 11 from 5-9.30pm.

HIGH SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY
This year’s Manning Great Lakes High Schools Technology display and awards is to be held at the Manning Regional Art Gallery Macquarie Street Taree Nov 25-28 2014. The display will be open to the public from 10:00am to 4:00pm Tuesday November 25 to Friday November 28 when the prize giving ceremony will occur from 6:00 to 6:30pm. The technology display showcases students work from local high schools from Gloucester, Bulahdelah, Tuncurry-Forster, Taree and Wingham.

SAVER PLUS 2014
Enrolments for Phase 5 are closing soon. Join Saver Plus by December 31 and match your savings up to $500 for education costs. To find out more call or SMS 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS FOSTER CARERS
We are looking for people who can provide a nurturing and stable home to a child or young person. We provide our carers with 24/7 support and extensive training. If you would like to make a positive difference in a young person’s life we’d love to hear from you. Phone 02 6539 2100 or 02 6618 2605 or visit lwb.org.au

Good for Kids good for life
Healthy Drinks
Did you know that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one but 6 teaspoons of sugar? Water has no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy so it’s the best way for kids to quench their thirst.
Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.
Tips to help children drink more water:
- Offer water when children are thirsty
- Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes
- Keep water in the fridge so it’s cold
- Freeze half a water bottle the night before and fill the remainder with cold water before packing the lunchbox
- Send a water bottle to school for Crunch&Sip®
Milk is also a nutritious drink that children should consume, as it’s important for strong bones and teeth.