MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,
This year is an important one in the history of our school along with Wingham Public School and Wingham High School. The name Wingham Public School dates back 150 years and has been on a number of different sites since its beginning. In 1877 buildings were established on the current Wingham Brush site. In 1987, the name ‘Wingham Public School’ was taken to its new site at Murray Road and Wingham Brush Public School was established. Our situation is unique due to the fact that 3 schools have been on this site. Public Education started in Wingham in 1864. It then expanded to include secondary education in 1964 (when WHS was opened) and expanded again in 1987 due to overcrowding (726 students and 18 demountable classrooms) on our site. 23 teachers (18 classroom teachers) and 473 students occupied the new WPS site on Tuesday 9 June 1987. A committee has been formed consisting of interested people from all three schools and they are organising a Sesquicentenary for Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September. More information will be in future newsletters.
Regards,
Liz Newman, Relieving Principal

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

MARCH
Thurs 27 I Buckley G Thomas
Fri 28 B Hall K King
Mon 31 S Green K Flewitt

APRIL
Tues 1 R Whitbread I Buckley
Wed 2 B Hall T Oldham

NEWS FROM THE BRUSH CANTEEN
SPECIALS
Fish Cocktails and Salad $3.50
Quiche and Salad $4.00

DIARY DATES
Term 1
APRIL
Tues 1 School Photos
Mon 7 Field Events Day
Thurs 10 Athletics Carnival

2014 ICAS COMPETITION
The University of NSW is offering children from Year 2 to Year 6 an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students. This year our school is offering assessments in Computer Skills, English and Maths and each assessment will cost $8. A registration form is being sent home today with this newsletter. To enrol your child please complete the registration form and return it with the entry fees, in an envelope marked attention Mrs Jolly, to the front office by Friday April 4. For more information visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

MESSAGE REGARDING BUS TRAVEL
We have received the following information from Deanes Coaches (Wingham Coaches) regarding bus travel. Children in Kindergarten to year 2 irrespective of the distance from home to school are entitled to a bus pass. A bus pass application form must be submitted for your child to receive a bus pass. Your child must present the bus pass to the driver to gain access to the school bus every time the child boards the bus. Children in year 3-6 who reside more than 1.6 kilometres (radial distance) from the school are entitled to a bus pass. As your child enters year 3 a new bus pass application must be submitted for your child to receive a bus pass. If you want your child to catch the bus and live within the 1.6 kilometre radius and do not have a current bus pass and are in years 3-6 the child must pay the appropriate fare or will be denied boarding.
If any parents have any questions regarding our school bus services they are encouraged to call 6554 6431 and ask for assistance.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo day will be Tuesday April 1. School photo order envelopes were sent home last week. These envelopes need to be returned with the money included on photo day April 1, 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. A copy of the
internet banking receipt is to be enclosed in the envelope.
Family order forms are available from the front office. The family portrait pack is for school age students attending Wingham Brush only.

**PRICES FOR PHOTOS**

**Student Individual**
- Premium Pack $48
- Classic Pack $38
- Value Pack $33
- Essential Pack $30
- Basic Pack $28
- Group Only $22

**Family**
- Deluxe $25
- Value $20
- Standard $15

**Bonus Family Package**
Order 3 or more individual student packages and receive a standard family pack FREE! See family envelope for details.

**ATHLETICS FIELD EVENTS DAY**
On Monday April 7 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. Children are encouraged to wear House Colours.

The organisation is as follows:

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**WINGHAM BRUSH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
On Thursday April 10 Wingham Brush will be conducting their annual Athletics Carnival. We are hoping for lovely Autumn weather to enable the children to have a wonderful day competing in running races, ball games and novelty events. The Autumn sun is still very strong so hats, sunscreen and appropriate clothing would be a great idea. Remember, be proud of your House and wear House colours.

Looking forward to a very enjoyable day and an excellent opportunity for the children of Wingham Brush to showcase their “athletic prowess” and disciplined behaviour.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
The following are some students’ thoughts on our Breakfast Club and a very generous bakery. Three days a week 4 loaves of bread are picked up from Pottsy’s Bakery for Breakfast Club. Some pieces of toast have butter and some have vegemite. A big thank you to Pottsy’s for donating the bread. Will thank you Pottsy’s for donating bread to our Breakfast Club. Some kids need breakfast because they don’t have breakfast at home. They need breakfast so kids can work properly. Some kids have breakfast early and when they get to school they are hungry so they have breakfast at school. Thank you Pottsy’s – Nalani

Will thank you Pottsy’s for giving us your bread. It is good bread and I would eat all of your bread because I love toast. Jaxon

The Breakfast Club is for people who don’t have breakfast. We get bread 3 times a week. Thank you Pottsy’s – Arron

We cook toast for kids who have not had breakfast and do not have any money. Thanks Pottsy’s for the free bread you donate. Hayden

Thank you for the lot of toast. It is tasty. We appreciate it. Thanks Pottsy. We are happy now. Scarlett

The Breakfast Club is where they serve toast to our school if kids don’t have breakfast. They serve it three days a week. Pottsy’s donate the bread for us. Thank you Pottsy’s – Elliot

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WACKY WAX CANDLEMAKING WORKSHOP AT WINGHAM SHOW**
Wacky Wax is back!!! Many locals would remember making candles with locals Bear & Paula, Bohdan & Lexi many years ago. It’s a unique old fashioned “dip” candlemaking method where you build up your candle in warm high quality multi coloured wax until it’s thick enough to carve and shape. This is a great opportunity to support your local rural show and join in to make a candle. The workshop has been subsidised to keep the cost affordable. Each candle takes approx. 20 - 30 mins to create and will cost only $6 a candle.

Paula 0411202822

**LOST AND FOUND**

- Found – set of keys outside front office
- Found – sunglasses in school grounds

Please contact front office for further information.