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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,
Well done to all students who participated in the NAPLAN tests last week. The tests which included language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy are important as they indicate what the students know and the information gathered supports future teaching and learning programs. Results from these tests will be forwarded to the parents of Years 3 and 5 students later in the year.

We are planning for the Sesquicentenary of Public Education in Wingham. If there are any members of our school community who have photos from either their time at Wingham Brush Public School or perhaps even their parents or grandparents who may have attended our school (when it used to be called ‘Wingham Public School’) and would be happy to contribute these for public viewing, please send them to the front office. They will be scanned and returned to you. It will be interesting to see the changes in our school over the previous decades.

Regards,
Liz Newman, Relieving Principal

P&C
Don't forget our major fundraiser for the year being the Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival on Saturday May 31 in Central Park Wingham. All money is 100% for the benefit of your children! I hope that you have checked out the cook book suggestions to donate on the Friday 30 for the stall. So Mum's, Dad's, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents ...friends we are asking for help with serving at the stall on the day, even an hour would be greatly appreciated. Let's share the work load to help your kids. If you are able to help either ring or txt 0428146210 with name and time available.

CANTEEN SPECIALS
Garlic Bread 30c
Mini Sausage Rolls (limited stock) 50c
Fish Cocktails and Salad $3.50

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Each year the school asks for a small contribution towards the resourcing of the school. Invoices are being sent home today for Voluntary School Contributions. This year the voluntary contribution is $23 per child or $28 per family. This goes towards stationary items and curriculum resources and is excellent value for money as well as significantly assisting the school. Your payment of this contribution can be made at the front office between 8-45am and 1-30pm.

BOOK FAIR
Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Our Book Fair hopefully will encourage children to understand the benefits of reading as a life skill; help promote a reading culture in every home; and invite families to share books with their children every day.
The Book Fair will be open in the Library and books will be available for purchase on Monday May 26, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Friday May 30. Times for purchasing will be between 8-50 and 9am, recess and lunchtime each day.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
Beginning this year many schools across Australia will be taking part in a new national data collection on students with a disability. The information gathered is aimed at assisting children with a disability to have the same opportunities as other children to succeed at school. Only students with a disability are included and their personal details are kept confidential. An information note and a nil consent form will be sent to every family shortly. If you do not wish your child to be included in the data collection you must return the note by the end of Term 2. More information can be found at http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/ or you can contact Mrs Johnston at school if you have any further questions.
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Our school will be celebrating Walk to School Safely day on the last day of this term, June 27. Each class will be completing activities relating to this important topic and there will be information in newsletters regarding pedestrian safety.

This week’s message:
Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather. NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.

TENDER - FAX MACHINE
We are calling for tenders for a Canon Phone/Fax machine. This machine is in full working order. It is a Canon L390 Phone/Fax/Copier 2010 model with a spare ink cartridge. Viewing is available if needed. Tender submissions must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to WBPS ‘Tender of Fax Machine’ by May 30, 2014.

THE SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS PROGRAM
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
To be eligible you must:
- be 18 years or over
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
- have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card
- have some income from work (even a few hours will count)
Saver Plus is giving families a brighter future by providing an incentive to save for education. For more information contact Amy Hogan, Saver Plus Worker on 6557 8284 or 0429 820 974 or email amy.hogan@thesmithfamily.com.au

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

LIVE LIFE WELL
Environmentally friendly snack foods
Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

Treats for special occasions
Food is an important part of special occasions for everyone and should be enjoyed. Your child may be invited to a party with lots of foods high in fat and sugar or to a meal at a fast food restaurant. These meals will do no harm as long as they are only eaten occasionally. But remember, children’s parties don’t need to be filled with junk food to be fun. Try to include some healthy foods as well. Here are some suggestions:
- pretzels
- mini pizzas
- fruit platters
- fresh berries
- finger sandwiches
- low-fat mini fruit muffins
- homemade popcorn
- slices of watermelon
- frozen orange wedges
- hummus and pita bread
- cheese cubes and crackers
- vegetable sticks and rice crackers with dips
- toasted Lebanese bread in place of corn chips and crisps

COMMUNITY NEWS
KERRIE RENEE DANCE STUDIO
Kerrie Renee Dance Studio, Wingham are now taking enrolments for term 2. KR Dance offers a safe, fully equipped studio with all the correct tools to aid in your child’s training. There are numerous discounts to cater for students in performance classes and for those choosing to do multiple lessons. And if you have more than one child wishing to dance we also offer discounts for siblings. Classes on offer at KR Dance are for all ages and include Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Contemporary and also a Pre-School program which introduces them to the world of dance. KR Dance not only teaches your child to dance correctly, we equip them with the skills that last a lifetime. Call 6553 1206 or 0450 704 544 or email kerrie@krdance.com.au for more details.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Taree AFL Auskick Centre are hosting “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” this Sunday May 25 from 10am to 12pm at the Johnny Martin Oval, Macquarie St, Taree.