MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,
This week we are celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Each day, individual teachers have special books to read to the students and at 11:00 each day, the students can decide from which teacher they would like to hear a story. Mrs Walker was very popular on Monday! Today there is a numeracy focus, especially with measurement and all classes are involved in poetry writing which they will share with a buddy class. Some will be selected for publishing in the newsletter or read at assembly. After Book Week last week which was so well attended, it’s wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown both in participating in school activities but also a real interest in literacy. Thanks to all parents for your input – the costumes were fantastic! Reading for enjoyment is so important for educational, social and personal development. Research also shows that if your child reads to you regularly, this impacts most positively on their learning.
Regards,
Liz Newman, Relieving Principal

Walk Safely to School Day
This week’s message:
For the safety of all school children, please do not stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing.

SESQUICENTENARY OFFICIAL RECEPTION TICKETS
We have released additional tickets for the Official Reception being held on Saturday September 13 at Wingham Services Club Auditorium from 6pm. The additional tickets are $40 each and are available from the school office between 8.45am and 1.30pm.

PSSA SOCCER
Well done to the Wingham Brush Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer teams for participating in the PSSA knockout competition and PSSA gala day this year. Both teams trained and played well and showed great team spirit. They all represented our school proudly. We would like to thank the parents and carers who, when they can, help to transport and support our students for these sporting events.

DEBATING
This year, our school has a Year 5 team and a Year 6 team participating in the Lower North Coast Debating Competition. We are currently in Round 3 and our Year 6 team will be debating via video conference next week against Buladelah CS. The topic is: That country life is better than city life. Year 6 is the affirmative side. Unfortunately the Year 5 team’s round 3 debate was forfeited (by the other team) and they are waiting until round 3 results are finalised to know whether or not they are in the finals. Well done to both teams so far. They have developed their skills and strengthened their team rebuttals.

SING OUT LOUD TOGETHER
This term 5/6R have been participating in the Sing Out Loud Together buddy program with Wingham Court Aged Care Facility. Our students have been visiting their buddies each Tuesday afternoon to join in with some singing and entertaining, conducted by Maestro Giri. Our class and their buddies have been developing a mini concert to showcase the songs that we have been learning over the last 7 weeks. 5/6R would like to invite parents and carers along to our final performance on Tuesday afternoon in Week 9.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

| AUGUST  | Thur 28 | S Deacon | P Waldron |
| SEPTEMBER | Fri 29 | K Martin | K King |
| Mon 1 | K Flewitt | D Stewart |
| Tues 2 | R Whitbread | HELP NEEDED |
| Wed 3 | B Hall | T Oldham |
FOOTY COLOURS DAY
On Friday September 5 we will be having a ‘Footy Colours Day’ fundraiser for cancer. Students are asked to wear ‘Footy Colours’ on this day and bring a gold coin donation.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
During Weeks 6 & 7 Wingham Brush has been conducting the semi-finals of the Public Speaking Competition. The standard has been outstanding and the competition is clearly showing the benefits of our public speaking program from previous years. The children are most confident and the speeches are demonstrating excellent public speaking techniques. Congratulations to all the children who delivered speeches in their class and for the semi-finals.

Our Grand-Finalists for 2014 are:-
Year 3 - Isaac Smyth, Chloe Bisley, Delaney Todd, Patrick Montague and Bella Balcombe.
Year 4 – Amelia Hansen, Shari Urquhart, Isobel Butler-Kwa, Elise Montague, Josiane Rodrigues and Khiarna Poini.
Year 5 – Lincoln Harrell, Connor Debono, Lachlan Oliver, Mitchell Bisley and Sam McIntosh.
Year 6 – Sam James, Allie Clarkson, Cody Chambers, Jesse Googh, Jim Byrne, Tatyana Fowler and Zoe Clarkson.

The Grand-Finals are in Week 10 and parents are most welcome to attend.
Years 3&4 - Monday 15 September 9.30 – 11.15am
Years 5&6 – Wednesday 17 September 9.30 – 11.15am

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Each year the school asks for a small contribution towards the resourcing of the school. 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
In order to ensure that we provide the best possible care for your children, it is important that we have the following information:

- Updated addresses and updated contact details, including emergency contacts.
- Information about medical conditions, particularly information concerning allergies which may provoke an anaphylactic response. All staff have been trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis awareness. We have a number of staff with updated first aid qualifications.

REMINDER
In the case of late arrival to school or an early departure it is essential for parents to visit the front office to obtain a slip to hand to the teacher.

PHOTOS AND SOCIAL MEDIA
If you take photos at school events, in which other students are visible, please check with their parents first before posting images or names anywhere online.

In any school community there can be families with private legal issues, who have genuine concerns about maintaining their child’s privacy and security.

Thanks for helping to keep all our kids safe.

COMMUNITY NEWS
WINGHAM JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAYS
Wingham District Junior Cricket Club will be holding registration days on Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Monday 8 September at Wingham Central Park, near the Log. Times are from 3:30 to 5pm. For enquiries, phone 0438 530 955 (AH)