MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the 2015 school year. We did not get our additional students so we have formed our 8 classes.

The classes are:

- KB: Mrs Burden
- K/1W: Mrs Walker
- 1/2 O: Mrs O’Connor / Mrs Pasolini
- 2/3 N: Mr Newman / Mrs Jolly
- 3/4D: Miss Dixon
- 4B: Mrs Broadfoot / Mrs Cooling
- 5/6 B: Mrs Boyd
- 6M: Mr McWhirter

We have tried to accommodate moves of students among classes but as you would appreciate class sizes are a numbers game and it is extremely difficult to move students around without affecting other students as well.

We have had, on a number of occasions, students who are not sure what arrangements have been made for returning home after school. Our practice is that if we haven’t heard from parents, carers or emergency contacts about changes to transport plans, then the usual transport method applies. If you do not wish your child to take the bus on a certain day, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can let class teachers and teachers on bus duty know.

Tomorrow is our swimming carnival and it is wonderful to see so many children wishing to take part. The P&C association is organising a sausage sizzle and there will be events for swimmers and non-swimmers alike. Let’s just remember to be sun safe on the day and I’m sure the carnival will be as successful as last year.

It has been great to see students wearing hats. Mr McWhirter’s class (6M) were all wearing hats yesterday which sets a fine example for all our students to follow.

Our fortnightly combined assemblies begin on Thursday February 19. Our first assembly will see Mrs Boyd’s class reciting some poetry. The usual rewards for hard work and participation will also be given out on this assembly.

It is wonderful to be back. The students are settled, our older students are looking after our kinders and it’s just a great place to be.

Regards,

Phil Rees

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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CANTEEN NEWS

Please note the canteen will be closed Mondays. No food will be available.

Volunteers Needed

Calling all mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grandmas and pops….we need your help! Our canteen desperately needs helpers to keep it going. If you can help for a day or even an hour please contact the school canteen on 6553 4443.

ASSEMBLIES

School Assemblies will be held every second Thursday afternoon on even weeks (2, 4, 6, etc) with the first Assembly being held February 19 which is Week 4, Term 1, 2015.

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2015.

ROSELLAS –
Captains – Hayden Kriss and Maria Hanna

FINCHES –
Captains – Lincoln Harrell and Zali Baker

KINGFISHERS -
Captains – Sam McIntosh and Jorja Bulley

HONEYEATERS –
Captains – Hayden Moore and Caitlin Dark
BRUSH SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Tomorrow Wednesday February 4 we will be holding our Annual School Swimming Carnival. All students from years 3-6 and year 2 students who are 8 or turning 8 are eligible to attend. The cost of entry for the day will be $3 which will be paid to the pool on Wednesday. Season tickets will be accepted. We encourage children to wear their house colours. Please wear suitable clothing when not competing, a hat and bring sunscreen. Hoping for good weather and a very enjoyable day. Wingham Brush will require the assistance of parents on the day to help with time keeping and other duties. If you could assist on the day this would be greatly appreciated.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM
Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Wingham Brush Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth again in 2015 for our primary students. There is both a Stage 2 and Stage 3 Seasons for Growth program. If it has been a year since your child previously participated in the course they may benefit from undertaking the next stage. If your child has experienced a significant change or loss in their life and you would like them to participate in this program please complete the accompanying permission note and return it to the office by Friday February 6. Alison O’Connor
Seasons For Growth Coordinator

LIBRARY – BOOK CLUB
Scholastic Book Club will be running again this year. The book club order form together with payment needs to be completed and returned to the Front Office (on any day) or directly to Mr Clifton (on Wednesday & Thursday only). Payment can be made in cash, or cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic and not the school). You will note on the Book Club brochures this year that Scholastic have introduced a new system for parents to order and pay online. It is called LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment) and our school has opted to make this facility available to parents. Using LOOP will mean that there is no need to return order forms or payment details to school. All LOOP orders will be linked directly to school for submission to Scholastic. Remember using LOOP is just an option available to parents, normal ordering through the school will still operate as usual. There will be 8 issues of Book Club throughout the year. Two issues each term, Issue 1 will be distributed on Thursday February 5 and all orders need to be returned to the Front Office or to Mr Clifton by Wednesday February 18. P.Clifton.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KERRIE RENEE DANCE STUDIO
We are pleased to announce that we are now open in Taree and are taking enrolments for 2015 for Taree, Taree & Tinonee classes. Correct and proper training is essential and is available to all students at the school whether dancing for fun and exercise or striving towards a professional standard. All students participate in the end of year concert. KR Dance offers safe, fully equipped studios 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 those with 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 the children to the world of dance. Call 6553 1206 or 0450 704 544 for more information or check us out on Facebook or www.krnestudio.com

WINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE
Wingham Junior league is accepting on-line registration. Just visit www.winghamjuniorlagers and register. On February 10 the Cronulla Sharks will be at the Wingham Sporting Complex from 4pm to 6pm. Players and intending players are welcome. Girls wishing to play league tag in the under 14’s competition please contact Helen Cross on 0429 153 798 for enquiries.

MID COAST COMMUNITIES – ABILITY LINKS NSW
Ability Links is a new and different approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities. Ability Links Coordinators, known as ‘Linkers’ work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, hopes and goals and help to make these possible. To find out more about Ability Links phone and speak to ‘Linker’ there are numerous discounts to cater for students in performance classes and for those choosing to do multiple lessons and those with 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 the children to the world of dance. Call 6553 1206 or 0450 704 544 for more information or check us out on Facebook or www.mldcocalincommunities.org.au

TAREE AFL AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS
Taree AFL Auskick Centre is now taking registrations for this season commencing on May 3. Registration is a one off fee of $85 per child. They will receive an Auskick backpack full of goodies including a Sherrin footy! Family discounts are available. AFL Auskick is for boys and girls aged 5 - 12yrs where they learn the fundamental skills of AFL and play a modified game all at the one place, Johnny Martin Oval Taree. Auskick is held on the same day, Sunday from 9:45am to 12pm, no training nights, no uniforms to purchase & footy boots are optional. For more information call 0423 730 130, visit our Facebook page Taree AFL Auskick Centre or www.tareeafc.com.au where you can register online now!

WINGHAM HOKEY CLUB
Wingham Hockey Club will be having a registration day on Sunday February 8 at the Wingham Pool from 10am till 2pm. A free sausage sizzle will be provided. Anyone wanting to play hockey in 2015 is invited to come along and register your interest. All ages and skill levels are catered for with teams nominated in Under 7, 9 and 11 mixed competition, Under 14 and 17 girls and boys, Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 Women and Division 1, 2 and 3 Men. Training will be held at the Taree Hockey Centre on a Monday night starting from February 23 with the competition to start late March. Any enquiries to Donna on 0421 773 548, Leanne on 0427 534 716 or Grant on 0418 203 006

TAREE GREAT LAKES PHYSIE
Does your daughter love to dance? See her eyes light up as she twirls, bounces, skips and plays! Hear her giggle and laugh in a caring class with friends! Watch her gain confidence and pride! Join Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture Club, where girls and women come together to dance their way to confidence. You can contact us on www.tarerealgreatlakesphysie.com or phone 0428 210 800. Physie.....The fusion of dance and sport!