MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe but we have passed the half-way point for term one. We have had swimming carnivals, cross country carnivals, Life Education, Go 4 Fun, meetings and visits by sporty types. It really makes the days go fast. Even though we have been flat out, I would like to commend the students of Wingham Brush Public School for their respect and responsibility over this time. We have had a minimum of green cards given out and the vast majority of students just want to get on with the job. Our senior students continue to set an excellent example for our younger students and our student leadership team have demonstrated that they have the confidence and initiative to be excellent leaders. In this busy time I would like to thank Mr Newman for his organisation of all the sports events we have had over the last two months. The participation rate of students in all events is a testament to Mr Newman’s enthusiasm, encouragement and desire to see all children get in and have a go.

Very soon March 14 and 15 is the Wingham Show. The P&C have the opportunity to operate a stall on the Saturday and will be looking for some volunteers to help out on this day. You don’t have to be a P&C member to roll up the sleeves and give a couple of hours to help the students of the Brush. I will provide details as they come to hand but please pencil in a couple of hours in your diary for March 14. Thank you to those parents and supporters who attended the P&C meeting, it is great to see so many interested and keen parents and carers.

Although it seems a long way off, I would encourage you to consider allowing your children to march with the rest of Wingham on April 25. We have had wonderful support in the past and this is a special year, the 100th anniversary of ANZAC. It would be fitting to have the largest turnout ever.

Regards,
Phil Rees

P&C AGM

DIARY DATES

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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CANTEEN NEWS

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 Tracy 0418 672 273.

P&C
The P&C AGM will be held on March 25. All P&C and canteen positions will be appointed.

LIBRARY – BOOK CLUB
Brochures for Issue 2 of Book Club will be distributed this week. 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 Wed & Thur only). Payment can be made in cash, credit card or cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic and not the school).

The closing date for orders will be Wednesday March 18.
Parents who wish to make use of the Scholastic online ordering and payment facility (LOOP) also need to have their orders submitted by March 18, to ensure they are submitted with the school order. P.Clifton

GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FORM
A General Permission to Publish and disclose information form was sent home last week. This form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher before Friday March 6. Please ensure there is a tick in the appropriate response box.
YEAR 5/6 AUSSIE BUSH CAMP DEPOSIT
A reminder that a deposit of $100 for attendance to the Year 5/6 Great Aussie Bush Camp must be received at the front office by Friday March 6. Payments can be made between 8-45am and 1.30pm. Total payment is due by Friday April 27.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Each year the school asks for a small contribution towards the resourcing of the school. This year the voluntary contribution is $23.50 per child or $28.50 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.

NOTIFICATION OF CHILD’S HEALTH
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from the school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.
Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please see the staff in the office who will assist you with choosing the correct forms for your child. These forms need to be returned to the office on completion. This will greatly assist in our planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.
Please remember to notify the staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.
We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

LATE ARRIVAL
If your child is late coming to school you need to accompany your child to the school office and complete a ‘Student Leave Form’ to take to your child’s teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE
Sometimes students need to leave the school during school hours for various reasons such as doctor’s appointment, travel, etc. If you wish your child to leave early a note must be sent to the child’s teacher. Where the child is being collected from the school by a parent you must make the initial approach to the office where you will be given a ‘Student Leave Form’ to take to the student’s teacher. You should not make direct approaches to the teacher nor give your child instructions to wait outside the grounds for you during school hours. These measures are for your child’s safety.

HELPFUL HINTS
Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

COMMUNITY NEWS
SNUGGLEPOT’S FAMILY MOVIE FUNDRAISING EVENT
In 2015 Snugglepot is celebrating 30 years in our community. A movie fundraising night ‘Cinderella’ is planned for Friday March 27 at Fays Twin Cinema Taree at 6.30pm. All tickets are $15.00. Tickets are available from Snugglepot Day Care Centre, Myall Avenue, Taree or phone 6552 6630 to secure your tickets today.

NATIONAL PARKS WEEK 2015 – FREE ACTIVITY
Digging up the Past – Archaeology for kids 6-12 years
Sunday March 15 at Saltwater National Park 10am to 11.30am
Get the kids involved with a fun activity and exploration of a beautiful landscape. Come exploring Saltwater National Park along the sandy tracks and dense coastal rainforest. You and your WilderQuest buddies will search for mystery objects that have been buried, and discover the reconstructed shell mound or midden made from cleaned and moulded shell material. Some of the mystery objects are ancient and others come from long ago. We’ll take a look at these objects and learn where they fit into Australia’s past. This WilderQuest activity has been designed for school children 6-12 years and their parents.
Remember to wear enclosed shoes and a hat and bring a water bottle in a small backpack.
Meet: Meet Guide near Amenities Block
Guide: Discovery Ranger Keith Davy
Grade: Mostly level track with rough, sandy surface. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.
Price: Free but bookings essential as strictly limited to 30 places.
Bookings: Essential. Phone (02) 6588 5519 or email susan.phillips@environment.nsw.gov.au
Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.