DIARY DATES

MARCH
Thurs 19  NRMA Science Road & Safety Day
Wed 25  P&C AGM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers, Parents and carers of students who are in years 5 & 6 will be receiving a letter regarding scripture groups and ethics. This information will help us determine our groups for ethics for the 2015 school year. If your child is already enrolled in a scripture group they will not be eligible to participate in the ethics classes (this was an agreement between the ethics providers and the SRE providers) but all others will be able to access these lessons if room exists in the class.

I am really pleased with those sensible students who present to the office their phones, ipods and other expensive devices. Students know that if they go missing from their bags or from under their desks the chances of getting them back are limited, but, when delivered to the office, they are my responsibility.

The Wingham Show is quickly getting close, if the email traffic from the P&C is any indication, there will be a wealth of items for sale at the Brush Booth on Saturday March 14. If you can help out, please give me a call here at school and I will relay your offer of help to the organisers.

Very soon you will be receiving a timetable of opportunities to talk with your child’s teacher. This is a great way of finding out how students have settled into the school year and which particular area they are excelling in and which areas need a bit of focus. The first written report will be sent home at the end of term 2.

Regards,
Phil Rees

NRMA Science Road and Safety Day

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day on Thursday March 19, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe on the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combine important road safety messages with science. Messages such as ‘wear their seatbelt’ have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home. This session will begin at 9.30am in the hall.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host this day and with your help we aim to make it a great success.

P&C

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

Wingham Show Stall

The P&C will be running a stall at the Wingham Show this Saturday March 14 from 8am onwards. We will be selling various items and would love some help. So if you have an hour or so to help please do. Either text or ring Jillian on 0428 146 210. If you can’t spare some time, please come and support us by buying one of our fun items!

Athletics Carnival

We will be having a sausage sizzle on the Athletics Carnival day on Thursday April 2.

Mothers Day Stall

Next term we will be holding a Mothers Day Stall. More details to follow.
GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FORM
A General Permission to Publish and disclose information form was previously sent home. This
form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please ensure there is a
tick in the appropriate response box.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will now be open on Mondays
again from 8.45 – 9.30am.
We have new stock of hats for $10.00 each.
Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Monday 8.45 – 9.30am
Tuesday 8.45 – 9.30am
Thursday 8.45 – 9.30am
Alternatively you can call Jill 0432 307 765 to
arrange a time that suits you.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
We have entered our school in the NSW Premier’s
Reading Challenge (PRC).
The main aim of the Challenge is to promote a
love of reading. It is not a competition, but a
challenge to each student to read, to read more,
and to read more widely. The Challenge runs until
21 August 2015. Students who successfully
complete the challenge will receive an official
PRC Certificate and will appear in the PRC Honour
Roll. Students must read a required number of
books from the booklists provided by the Premier’s
Reading Challenge. The book lists are available in
the school library.

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Students who are interested must register with Mr
Clifton. Once registered students can use their
school usernames and passwords to access their
own Student Reading Record. The required
number of books read must be entered online. This
can be done via any computer with internet
access from home or at school.
Further details are available at:
https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
P.Clifton

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking day is conducted at school every
Wednesday. If your child is new to school banking
it is easy to participate, all they need to do is pick
up an information pack from the front office or call
into the local Commonwealth Bank branch and
ask to open a YouthSaver School Banking
account. When children join the program they
receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet and a
Platybank money box.
It’s also a great fundraising activity, with the school
receiving 5% of every individual deposit made at
school.
Then after they open their account it’s as easy as
filling in the deposit slip and bringing it in with their
money to their class teacher each Wednesday.
Each week that your child makes a deposit (regardless of the amount) they will be given a
Dollarmites reward token. Once they’ve collected
10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of
exciting reward items including handballs, a torch
and also ET on DVD. We look forward to your child
joining the school banking program.

COMMUNITY NEWS
GTCC OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT PLAN
We understand that playing at the park is an important part of
growing up, whether it’s kicking a ball, climbing a tree or
having a family picnic. These are memories we cherish forever.
We’re currently asking the general community what they’d like to
see happen in our parks – and since families with children
are amongst the most frequent users of our open spaces, we
really want your input! We’re exploring opportunities to improve
our existing parks, by reducing some of those that are under-
utilised. Although some residents may be disappointed to lose
vacant lots in their area, the broader community will benefit
from better facilities at some of our larger parks. But to improve
the parks that our community values, in ways our residents
would like us to, we need your ideas. We’re seeking everyone’s
feedback on the draft Open Space Improvement Plan by 27
March 2015. Help us understand what matters to you, your
family and your school by telling us what you’d like to see in our
parks and open spaces. You can visit our website
(www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au) to view the draft plan and fill in a quick
survey, drop into one of our libraries to view the draft plan or
come into the customer service centre.

WINHAM NETBALL REGISTRATION DAYS
Wingham Netball final registrations will be held at the log,
Central Park, Wingham on Thursday March 12 and Friday March
13 from 4.30 to 6pm…. this is your last chance to register with
Wingham Netball Club…. enquiries to Angela on 0409085342.

PCYC YOUTH ZONE
PCYC Taree will be running their ‘Youth Zone’ each Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday afternoon from 4pm – 6pm.
commencing Tuesday March 24. Each afternoon will consist of
homework help sessions and FREE FUN ACTIVITIES for those
young people aged 8 - 17. The Youth Zone is a supervised
space, which will be a great opportunity for young people to
meet new friends, keep active and receive the homework help
they might need to continue their education. Furthermore,
each Wednesday there will be an offer of assistance with study
for the Driver Knowledge Test for those who wish to obtain their
learner licence. Come check us out or find us on Facebook.