**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every afternoon I do bus duty at the North-East corner of the school. Isabella Street is certainly a busy road at this time of day with buses and high-school students and regular traffic going to and fro. I have noticed on a number of occasions that some parents and carers will call their children across this busy thoroughfare, even though there is a pedestrian crossing on the corner of Isabella and Wynter Streets. I encourage all parents and carers to have their children use the crossing.

Last Saturday, our P&C members operated a stall at the Wingham Show. I would like to express our appreciation to our hardworking P&C members as the stall ran from set up (7.00am) to fireworks (past 8.00pm). It was a long day but we are very grateful for your efforts.

The great hat competition rages on. It is very pleasing to see that our senior students are running neck and neck at the top of the table. What a great example for the younger students. The uniform draw also shows that our students are wearing their uniforms with pride as I can’t remember any student whose name was called out, not being in school uniform.

Next Wednesday is the AGM of the Parents and Citizens Association; I hope to see lots of parents and carers here on the day.

Regards,

Phil Rees

P&C

The P&C AGM will be held on March 25 at 2pm and will be held in the meeting room (the weatherboard building near the canteen, last year’s 2/3N classroom). Membership is due which is $2 per person. All P&C and canteen positions will be appointed.

Thank you to all the helpers last Saturday at the Wingham Show.

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Uniform Shop
New hats have arrived $10.00 each.
Microfibre Jackets available $35.00 each.

Opening Hours
Monday 8.45 – 9.30am
Tuesday 8.45 – 9.30am
Thursday 8.45 – 9.30am

**NRMA SCIENCE ROAD AND SAFETY DAY**

A reminder to students to bring their bike helmets this Thursday for our safety day. Parents are welcome to attend the first session at 9.30am in the hall.

**HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS**

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Expression of Interest forms for high school need to be returned by this Friday to Mr McWhirter.

**HARMONY DAY**

This Friday March 20 we are celebrating Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The students are invited to come dressed in clothing representing different cultures or wear something orange. The National Day of Action Against Bullying which coincides with this day ties in well – the key messages are acceptance of others’ differences and respect for all.
SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION
The School Chess Competition has been held this term. The competition is held in 2 divisions, Junior (Yrs 3 & 4) and Senior (Yrs 5 & 6). The School Chess Champion is then decided with a play off between the Junior and Senior Champion. The winner of the Junior Competition was Jesse Linton with the runner-up Brody Kriss. The winner of the Senior Competition was Lincoln Harrell and the runner-up was Morgan Saxby. The School Champion was decided with a play off between Jesse and Lincoln with Lincoln prevailing. Congratulations to Jesse and Lincoln, and to all competitors, for their fair play and gracious way they accepted either a win or a loss. The Champions and Runners Up will be presented with their trophies at the School Assembly on Wednesday April 1.
P.Clifton

WINTER TRIALS
The Cricket and Rugby League trials have been conducted and a very big congratulations to Cooper Staff for being selected in the Manning Zone Cricket Squad and our rugby league boys, Sam McIntosh, Grady Lewis and Peter Oldham on their inclusion in the Manning Zone Rugby League team. Cooper Staff has more trials later in the year before the Manning Zone Cricket team is announced. Sam McIntosh, Grady Lewis and Peter Oldham will now attend the Hunter Rugby League Trials to be held at Raymond Terrace on Friday March 20. We wish all these boys further success. On Wednesday March 18 our Netball, Hockey and Soccer players will be attending their respective trials. We wish Khiarna Pointi, Amelia Hansen, Jayde Turner and Mia Polley all the best as they attempt to make the Manning Zone Netball team. In Hockey, Tara Lawton will be representing Wingham Brush and we wish her the best of luck as she tries to be selected in the Manning Zone Hockey team. Lincoln Harrell, Morgan Saxby and Connor Debono will be representing Wingham Brush in soccer and we know these boys will give their best in an attempt to make the Manning Zone Soccer team. We are extremely proud of these children and we can confidently send them to the trials knowing they will do their best and represent our school well.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS
March 24 – Rugby Union Gala Day at St Joseph’s Taree for Years 5 and 6. Travel is by private transport. Mouthguard is compulsory.
March 30 – Athletics Field Events Day on school grounds.
April 2 – Athletics Carnival at Wingham Central Park.
April 22 – Rugby League Recruitment 7’s – Years 3/4 Day.

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.

Facts About Fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more:

Amazing Art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more:
http://artexpress.artswit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding Out Aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading. Find out more:

COMMUNITY NEWS
WINGHAM GOLF CLUB – MY GOLF COACHING CLINICS
Looking for something different for the kids over Easter? Monday April 13 to Wednesday April 15, programs will run from 8am to 12pm each day. Activities include putting, chipping, pitching, the full swing and modified golf. Tuition will be provided by qualified Community Golf Coaches. The activities have been developed by Golf Australia to be full of fun and entertaining and are simplistic in their nature. Cost for the 3 days is $50. This includes a participant’s pack of a seven iron, cap, pvc ball and a drawstring bag. You will also be registered with Golf Australia and receive a starting Golflink number. To register for the clinic and /or further details please phone Ray 0403 649 516 or Wingham Golf Club 6553 4761.

WINGHAM NETBALL CLUB
Wingham Netball Club is looking for players turning 10, 11 and 12 in 2015. Wingham netball teams play at the same venue and timeslot every Saturday in Taree. Competition starts May 2. There will be a registration night held on Monday March 23 at Wingham Services Club at 6.30 - 8pm. Enquiries to Angela on 0409 085 342.

MEC PRESENTS 360 ALLSTARS
Manning Entertainment Centre Saturday 18 April 8pm. 360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal theatrical performance exploring all forms of rotation. A performance like no other, 360 ALLSTARS reinvents the traditional circus. Replace acrobats with breakdancers, substitute a basketball freestyler in place of a juggler, swap the unicyclist for a BMX flatlander and you get an exhilarating circus performance, like nothing you have seen before! Purchase tickets online at www.themec.com.au or at Taree Movies, Games and More or Forster Stockland Information Desk.