Welcome to another fabulous year at Wyrallah Public School! I hope you all had a particularly pleasant and rejuvenating holiday break. It has been delightful to see all the smiling faces arrive at school today. It has been a rather soggy start to the school year, with two of our families unable to get to school yesterday. Our hearts go out to all the many families affected by the floods, especially the devastating floods in Queensland as well as to the dreadful fires in Victoria.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND SPORTS CAPTAINS
The Year 6 students each presented a short speech to the students and staff setting out the reasons why they believed that they would be the best choice to represent our school. It was great to hear all three of them display a belief in such cores values as respect, inclusion and responsibility. The secret vote revealed a very close result, reflecting well on all Year 6 students. Congratulation to our School Captain for 2013 Hayley Creed.
As part of their leadership responsibilities our new School Sports Captains are Wade Ashcroft for Boorabee and Georgia Scott-Wales for Breckenridge. We are very proud of them and know they will represent themselves, the other students and the school well throughout 2013.
2013 TREGEAGLE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The swimming carnival always comes around so quickly at the beginning of Term 1. Attached to this newsletter is a permission note which needs to be signed and returned to the school. The swimming carnival is for students who are willing to compete in races and are capable of swimming 50 metres (or more).

LIBRARY will be on Thursday this year. Don’t forget your library bag. Happy reading!

ANAPHYLAXIS
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen (such as a food or an insect sting). If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.

Towards the end of 2012 the Department of Education released new Anaphylaxis Procedures for Schools 2012. All staff at Wyrallah PS have been trained in these procedures. Learning about anaphylaxis and appropriate emergency response is important in every school irrespective of whether or not the school has a student diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Schools may have students who are at risk but have not been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information designed to minimise the risk to students. To find out more information, including Action Steps for parents, the following internet link provides lots of information: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php

Lisa Fahy
Principal

Community News

Go4Fun® has an emphasis on practical, fun learning. This FREE program by NSW Health is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families’ diet, fitness levels and overall health. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years and their parents or carers.

Go4Fun® runs for 10 weeks alongside the school term and is delivered twice a week for two hours - the first hour consisting of interactive discussions and activities about nutrition and behavior change. The second hour focuses on interactive fun games and exercise for children.

Go4Fun® encourages a family approach and as such a parent or a carer must attend all sessions with the child.

Program starting TERM 1
4th February, 2013:
Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre
50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah
Monday and Wednesday
4pm – 6pm

Places in the program are limited, so call the Lismore & District Women’s Health Centre today on 66219 800 or free call 1800 780 900 or email your interest to go4fun@lismorewomen.org.au

School website: www.wyrallah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au