Japanese Drumming Session

EZ Japanese will be at our school tomorrow for an energetic Taiko workshop. This interactive performance is an introduction to taiko. Students learn about taiko, Japanese greetings, counting and more through the show. It will also include an excellent introduction to Japanese culture. The school will be covering the cost of this event.

Spelling Bee at Wardell

Congratulations to Grace for her great achievement in coming second at the SCSS Spelling Bee last Thursday. Well done to all our students in Years 3-6 who participated in the Southern Cross Community of Small Schools Spelling Bee Last Thursday. You should all be very proud of your efforts. We are proud of you!

A big Thank You to our parents - Tina, Tanya and Angie for transporting the students to this event. This would not have been possible without you.

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. On Wednesday, 25th June we have arranged for our school to travel to Ballina High School to participate in NAIDOC traditional games day. The day will commence at 10am and finish by 2:15pm. All schools in our Southern Cross Small Schools community will be participating.

This is a great opportunity for our students to take part in activities recognising Aboriginal culture not normally available to us. A bus has been booked and will carry a reduced cost of $8 per child, with the school covering the remaining costs. Parents are asked to complete the permission note at the end of this newsletter and return it to school by Friday 20th June.

For your Diary

Term 2

Week 8

Tue 17  Japanese Drumming session
AASC - Table Tennis
Fri 20  Poppers for sale
AASC - Basketball

Week 9

Tue 24  AASC - Table Tennis
Wed 25  NAIDOC Sports Day @ Ballina
Thur 26  Mrs Kearney’s last day
         BBQ Lunch @ 12noon
Fri 27  Poppers for sale
         AASC - Table tennis
         Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Week 1

Mon 14 Jul  Staff Development Day
Tue 15    Students Return

Week 2

Thur 24  Healthy Harold
Fri 25   Tregeagle District Athletics Carnival
**Tregeagle District Athletics Carnival**

It’s on again! The Tregeagle District Athletics Carnival will be held at Tregeagle Public School on Friday, 25th July (Week 2 of next Term). All students will run in their age races on the day. With the inclusion of some games, students will have the opportunity to be more involved in the carnival activities this year.

We will be travelling to the carnival by Quinn’s buses. The cost per child is $5, again with the school / P&C covering the remaining costs. **Could you please complete the permission note attached to this newsletter and return by Friday, 18th July.**

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**Lismore Performing Arts Festival**

The Lismore Performing Arts Festival 2014 will be held on August 27th, 28th and 29th at the Lismore & District Workers’ Club.

There will be three evening performances commencing at 6:30pm (we have not as yet been allocated a date or time for the performance). There will be one matinee performance commencing at 10:30am on Thursday 29th August. Each concert will be approximately 2 hours in duration with no interval. Information on this festival will be updated in early Term 3.

**In the meantime we have been asked by the organisers for families to please complete the Parent / Student Agreement form. I have attached this form the newsletter. Could this form please be return to school by Friday, 25th July 2014.**

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**Life Education Van**

Our school will be participating in the education programs presented by the Life Education Van. Students will be attending different sessions, suitable to their age and school stage. The Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) activities have been planned to supplement the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) work being done in the classroom.

The programs are presented in a mobile classroom which is located at our school for the day, which will be Thursday, 24 July 2014 (Term 3 Week 2).

The cost per students is $4.50. This program is normally $9 per student, but is being subsidised by the school. Please complete the permission note attached to this newsletter and return by Thursday, 24th July.

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**School Hours**

Please be aware our school hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday. The Department policy states that students are not permitted to be on the school premises until half an hour before the start of school and must leave at the conclusion of their lessons in the afternoon.

We understand circumstances change from time to time, but due to staff meeting and training we ask if families could please make prior arrangements with teaching staff. **Student must also be signed in by parents / carers if arriving before 8:30am.**

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**Mrs Kearney’s Last Day**

As you may (or may not) be aware Mrs Kearney is taking long service leave until the end of the year. We are having a BBQ lunch for her on Thursday 26th June, which will be her last day. If your child does not want a sausage sandwich can you please pack a lunch as usual.

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**Awards - week 7**

**Spelling:** Kirra-Lee, Ella, Ruby, Brady, Lucy & Grace

**Merit Awards:** For excellent participation at the Spelling Bee - Grace, Jacob, Drew A, Indikah, Lucy, Rebecca, Jiah & Drew C.
**Social Media Survey**

Attached to this newsletter is a survey about how best to communicate to our families and community through social media. We are looking to improve our knowledge and understanding of parent and community communication methods.

The introduction of a Facebook page may be a better way to inform our families and the community the importance of hearing messages.

*Could you to please complete and return this survey by Friday, 20th June.*

**Dorroughby Environment and Education Centre Excursion**

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, planning is underway a whole school excursion for Thursday 14 August and Friday 15 August (Term 3 Week 5). This year we plan to spend 1 night camping at Dorroughby.

The anticipated cost for this excursion is a total of $115.00 per student, including accommodation, all meals provided and educational activities and transport. Full details of the excursion will be finalised a little later. this term but for now students will receive a separate note requesting a **$25 deposit** before the end of this term to indicate their commitment. We intend having two staff in addition to the Dorroughby staff.
General Meeting
Thursday 5-6- 2014 AGENDA

Meeting opened: 6.45pm
Present: James Quinn, Charlotte Walker, Peter & Sue Graham, Nathan Rose and Lisa Fahy
Apologies: Nil
Moved: Sue Seconded: James

Minutes from previous meeting: Read by Sue Moved: Sue Seconded: Nathan

Business arising from previous minutes:
- BBQ at Wyrallah Shopping Village (date booked for July)
- Charlotte waiting a reply for school shirts
- Poppers sold (50% profit P & C/ 50% profit Year 6 (term 2)

Correspondence:
- Letters received-
  - P & C Journal term 2
  - Signage Magazine 2014

Treasurer’s Report

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Moved: Peter Seconded: Charlotte

Principal’s Report Read by: Lisa (attached to minutes)

Committee Reports (Canteen, Fundraising, Sustainability, and Media): Charlotte has applied for a $5000.00 Grant put out by NESTL’E; if our school is successful the grant will be used to improve the kitchen and the garden.

General Business:
- A motion was moved that the profit from the poppers sold would be 50% to P & C and 50% to Year 6 for term 2. Moved: James Seconded: Nathan
- Charlotte has spoken to the owner of Wyrallah Shopping Village again to see if he could persuade the one shop owner to allow us to hold a fundraising BBQ. The date for the BBQ is Saturday 26th July 2014 from 7.30am - 11.30am. If anyone is able to help on the day a roster will be available closer to the day. PLEASE SUPPORT these fundraising events for the school as money raised goes towards helping our children and the costs of excursions, bus hire etc.
- We have one of our teachers RETIRING, “MRS KEARNEY”. Mrs Kearney has given her time and dedication to teaching over many years, we will miss you and on behalf of the P & C we wish you well and a happy retirement.
- The P & C received a letter from Lismore City Council in regards to the school signage at the intersection of Wyrallah Road and Bridge Street. Arrangements have been made to erect a new sign that reads WYRALLAH PUBLIC SCHOOL. The Council’s Works Section has been asked to investigate the potential for reducing the vegetation on the inside corner opposite the school to improve the vision of oncoming traffic for motorists wishing to turn into the school.
- Charlotte is waiting on a reply from Tania’s T’s in regards to a quote on school shirts.
- A discussion was held about the TRIVIA NIGHT, and the idea was to have one at the end of October and have a HALLOWEEN theme. More details as time gets closer.

Next meeting scheduled for 17th July 2014 Meeting closed 8.45pm
**SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY**

Would you mind filling in this survey to help us direct our resources

1. Do you have a social media account?   Yes   No
2. Are you on Facebook?    Yes  No
3. Are you on Twitter?     Yes  No
4. Other social media you use: ________________________________________________________________
5. Would you be interested in seeing a Facebook or Twitter account as other means of getting information from our school?   Yes   No

Comments: __________________________________________________________________________________

Thank You,

Lisa Fahy

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**Dorroughby Environment and Education Centre Excursion**

**Thursday 14th & Friday 15th August 2014**

My Child / Children ________________________________________________________________

*will / will not* be attending the Dorroughby Environment and Education Centre Excursion on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th August 2014.

I have enclosed $______ deposit ($25 per student)

Name:________________________________   Phone: _________________________

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**Permission Note**

**Life Education Van - Thursday, 24 July 2014**

I give permission for my child / children ______________________________ to visit the Life Education Van at Wyrallah Public School on Thursday, 24 July 2014.

I understand the cost will be $4.50 per student. I have enclosed $______

Signed: _____________________________  Date: ______________