Lismore Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival this year. Wyrrallah put on a fabulous spectacle of shadow puppets. Their smiling faces at this evening performance is testimony to how much they enjoy these activities and was reward for the effort they put in.

This year the students’ had a great supporting cast!

Many thanks go to:
• Mrs Lazzaroni’s mum, Lyndy – who sewed our shadow screen;
• Mr Grey – for constructing, painting and transporting our performance screen;
• James Quinn – for transporting the screen to and from Lismore;
• Sue Graham for assisting and supervising students on performance night;
• Rebecca – for tirelessly completing all the administration tasks that are necessary for such a big event to happen;
• Mrs Hewetson – for creating the puppet shape designs; and an extra big Thank You! to
• Mrs Lazzaroni for all her extra time and effort, enthusiastically working to ensure that the performance was a success and something all students could be proud of.

The Biggest Thank You, however, goes to all our wonderful students!!

I would also like to thank all the parents of our students who ensured they arrived on time and were collected promptly. This is a huge commitment from parents but is well worth it when we see our students shining on the big stage.

Great job everybody!

HUGE WEEK Coming up at Wyrrallah!!

• Tuesday: Senior students in a Public Speaking competition
• Tuesday: Whole school overnight excursion – school sleepover
• Wednesday: Kids in the Kitchen delicious and healthy cooking session
• Thursday: visit by Lismore High School staff for our Year 6 students

In addition to literacy and numeracy lessons to keep those wonderful brains sparking, today our students learned about the traditional art of Japanese ‘Taiko’ Drumming. Yiyomi actively led students through an energetic and fun lesson learning to play Taiko.
On Tuesday, four of our senior students will be competing in a Public Speaking Competition with the Southern Cross Community of Small Schools. The four students were selected after in-class assessment, which included top-secret assessment and voting by all senior students. We wish our competitors all the best: Tameka – Year 6, Lucy – Year 5, Jiah – Year 4 and Ruby – Year 3.

On Tuesday afternoon/evening we have a whole school overnight excursion which will be fun and exciting: actually, it’s called an ‘incursion’ because it is our School Sleepover.

But wait – there’s more!! On Wednesday students will yet again display their masterful skills in cooking with a delicious Kids in the Kitchen session. Then on Thursday our Year 6 students will be joined by staff and students from Lismore High School, discussing ways to make an effective transition from Year 6 into Year 7. Then we can all relax with Sport on Friday afternoon!!

School Intensive Swim Scheme

It is that time of year again when our school will participate in the Department of Education School Swimming Scheme. This program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days commencing from Monday 7 September to Friday 18 September (weeks 9 & 10 this term) at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre. Each daily lesson is 30 minutes.

The school will be paying for instruction by the qualified instructors. However, there will be a charge for pool entry and bus transport. It has been agreed that the school and P&C will subsidise costs. A very big thank you to the P&C who, each year, subsidise the costly bus travel. Without this support our participation in the Swim Scheme might not be possible.

The total cost to parents for the 10 day scheme, entry to the pool and bus transport is $45.00 per student. This equates to just $4.50 per session, for small group instruction by qualified staff.

Attached to this newsletter is a permission note. Payments can be made in total ($45) or on a weekly basis ($22.50). Could notes and money, if paying weekly please be returned by Thursday 3rd September 2015.

Magpies

One of the special things about our lovely school is all the wildlife we are lucky enough to experience up close. We have lived harmoniously with our magpies for many many years. Sadly, this year some students have repeatedly been mean to the magpies. In this, their breeding and protective season, some student behaviour has caused the magpies to defend themselves with some very aggressive behaviour. The very sad downside is that, for the overall protection of all students, we probably have to have the male magpie removed.

Thank you

Thank you to Harry Ferris, a former student (from about 70 years ago) for donating 3 truck loads of mulch to our school.
School Sleepover - reminder!

Students are very excited about the school sleepover tomorrow night. Just a quick run down on the procedures for tomorrow and Wednesday.

Students will remain at school on Tuesday, 1st September for the night. Dinner, games and popcorn will be provided Tuesday night. Cereal for breakfast, Crunch & Sip and a healthy recess will be arranged on Wednesday, 2nd September. Lunch will be prepared by the students themselves with the ‘kids in the Kitchen’ session.

Please remember, no electronic devices allowed (i.e. no mobile phones – except adults, iPod, iPad, tablet, PS DSI Mp3 etc.)

Attending staff and parent/s for the evening will be Mrs Lisa Fahy, Mrs Lazzaroni & James Quinn.

Daffodil Day

Wow!! What a fantastic effort from our school and the community. We raised a total of $200 for Cancer Council!

P&C NEWS - Biggest Garage Sale

Don’t forget if you have any saleable items for the North Coast “Biggest Garage Sale” on Saturday 26th September (middle weekend of the school holidays) to bring them to the office. Remind your family and friends - all donations greatly accepted!

Wyrallah Public School Sleepover 2015

To save you all the hassle of trying to figure out what to bring with you to the camp, we have organised a quick and easy list.

What to bring:

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag and/or blankets
- Pyjamas
- Dressing gown
- Slippers / thongs / thick socks
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, tooth floss, deodorant – no sprays)
- Towel, face washer
- Hair brush/comb
- Plastic bags – 1 for wet towel & 1 for dirty clothes
- Favourite sleeping toy (one only; optional)
- Happy smiling faces
- Casual clothes (appropriate for school) to wear on Wednesday
- Underwear, socks (not optional! 😊)

➢ No lollies, chocolates or electronic devices

(It is possible that some treats might be available, provided by the school...☺☺☺)

If there are any other items you feel have been missed, or you think would be appropriate to bring, please discuss it with Mrs Fahy on Monday, before the Sleepover.

*** Any prescribed medication will need to be clearly marked with your child’s name on the prescription label and all essential details written clearly. Please hand the prescribed medication to a staff member. Please note only medications prescribed for your child by a doctor, with your child’s name attached, can be legally administered by the staff.
Student reports

NAPLAN 2015 results will be provided to schools from mid-August to mid-September, depending on your state or territory Test Administration Authority.

If you are the parent of a student in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 you will be receiving an individual report of your child’s results for the tests they sat in May. These tests in key areas of literacy and numeracy provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing — individually, as part of their school community and as a nation.

NAPLAN results enable parents and teachers to see how students are progressing, not just within their class but also against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments.

How do I read the results?

The front page of the student report provides some general information about the tests and an explanation of how to read the report.

The second and third pages have diagrams that show your child’s results for each area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) on the common assessment scale. The common assessment scale has ten bands and is used to report results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. However, only the relevant six bands for each year level are shown on the student report.

The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 per cent of students, the national average result and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories show the school average.

The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of the skills students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.

How to read the achievement scale

A student’s result is shown on an achievement scale for each assessment area.

Results across the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in the assessments.

For example, the large majority of results for Year 3 are reported across the range of Band 1 to Band 6, as illustrated in the diagram above.

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SLEEPOVER • TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015

My child / Children ______________________________________
will / will not be participating in the School Sleepover on Tuesday 1st September 2015.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________