Up & Coming Events

Term 1

Week 2

Mon 1 Feb ~ Gymnastics 1:30 - 2:45pm
Thur 4 ~ P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
Fri 5 ~ Tennis lessons 1:45 - 2:45pm

Week 3

Mon 8 ~ Gymnastics 1:30 - 2:45pm
Fri 12 ~ Tennis lessons 1:45 - 2:45pm

Week 4

Mon 15 ~ Gymnastics 1:30 - 2:45pm
Tue 16 ~ Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival @ Alstonville Pool
Fri 19 ~ Tennis lessons 1:45 - 2:45pm

Welcome to 2016 School Year!

I hope you all have had a fun, safe and rejuvenating holiday break. So quickly, we are already back into the swing of things, ready for a year filled with great learning experiences and personal fulfilment for everyone.

In addition to warmly welcoming back all our current students and their families, it is also exciting to extend a warm Wyrallah Public School welcome to all our new students and their families.

In 2016 we welcome six new families and know that they will settle in quickly and become a very positive element of our school and community. All parents and extended family are invited to become active participants in the school and are able to do so in several ways, including joining the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), which meets monthly at the school (information in weekly newsletters).

During the holidays:

Ruby V & Caitlin
last Week: This Week:
Xander Ruby Q

Happy Birthday!

Staffing

This year we welcome back:

- Mrs Rebecca Dicinoski, School Administrative Manager (SAM), who continues to provide our school with outstanding quality and support (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays);
- Mr Brian Grey, General Assistant, who keeps our wonderful school looking so picturesque as well as safe;
- Mrs Nikkita Lazzaroni, Classroom Teacher, returning full-time, with her energetic presence, primarily working with the Junior students;
- Ms Annie Leishman, Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO, part-time), providing a range of our students with important targeted one-to-one support;
- Ms Janelle Jeffery, District School Counsellor, who provides services to a group of small schools.

In addition, we welcome to our school ‘family’:

- Mr Greg Nolan. Mr Nolan has extensive teaching experience and has worked here on several occasions. This year he joins us each Thursday, during Mrs Fahy’s administrative/release period, and will present an integrated music and IT program to stimulate the minds of all students.
Wyrallah Public School has once again been fortunate to have our grant application approved to receive federal government funding, from the Sporting Schools Commission, to present high level and quality sporting activities for our students. At no cost to the students or families, all students will benefit in Term 1 from receiving professional sports coaching. For several Tuesdays students will travel to Lismore for coaching in Gymnastics by the North Coast Gymnastics Academy. On Fridays we will continue our positive development with coaching in Tennis from Aces High Tennis Academy.

**Meet Our 2016 Wyrallah Public School Leaders**

**School Captain**

Our School Captain for 2016 is Lucy Quinn. Lucy is very excited to take on the responsibility of the School Captain and shared that she feels excited to be school captain because she will have more responsibility and she looks forward to leading the school.

**Sports Captains**

Year 6 students, Indikah and Xander, have taken on the role of Sports Captain. Indikah will represent and lead Boorabee sports house while Xander will represent and lead Breckenridge sports house.

Students also voted Rebecca as Boorabee Vice Captain and Caitlin as Breckenridge Vice Captain

**Student Representative Council**

As a result of our ongoing commitment to inclusion at all levels of our school, drawing on an admirable student collaborative agreement, this school aims to enable opportunities for every single student, Year 1 to Year 6, participating in the Student Representative Council (SRC) during their years at Wyrallah Public School.

The SRC for Term 1, 2016 is:

Year 1  Liam  
Year 2  Crystal  
Year 3  Jovana  
Year 4  Deegan  
Year 5  Brody  
Year 6  All of Year 6

As school leaders they will work to show exemplary behaviour and represent themselves, their fellow students and the school with pride. Congratulations to all our school leaders!

**Meet Our Staff**

Hi I’m Annie Leishman and a member of the wonderful team here at Wyrallah Public School. I’d like to share a little about myself. As SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) I support teachers in their role to bring the best results for each and every student. I support a number of students in their learning, that is, one-on-one in the classroom and in the playground.
I am passionate about children learning in a positive way and very much enjoy being here making a difference.

I am a parent of 3 children and believe I understand some of the challenges and rewards each child brings into our lives.

**School Voluntary Contribution & Book Packs**

Each year we ask our school community for a voluntary school contribution. The amount for these contributions is not set by the school but instead by the DoE. For 2016 the contribution is $30 per child or $50 per family. Monies raised through these contributions are used to purchase additional resources for our students to use in their classrooms and also support programs operating within the school. This voluntary contribution can be sent to the office in an envelope marked “School Voluntary Contribution” (Also known as school fees).

This year we are also asking families to purchase Student Book Packs. In past years the P&C has very kindly paid for the Student Book Packs, however is has been decided that this year due to a lack of fundraising support, that the responsibility has been placed back to families. The costs for Student Book Packs are $40 per student.

If you are having financial difficulties in paying these fees please feel free to contact the school. All information will be treated confidentially.

**House Keeping**

Sent home with today’s newsletter are the following:

* Contact Information
* Parent Driver Declaration
* K-6 General Permission Note
* Absent Notes
* Payment Envelopes

Could these forms please be completed, and where necessary, returned as soon as possible. For Parents / Carers volunteering to provide transport to various activities / events throughout the year, a photocopy of your Driver Licence and Registration will need to be held on file at school. Unfortunately without this documentation on record we are not able to let students travel in other vehicles.

Attached to this newsletter are absent notes. When a child is absent from school we are legally required to ask for a written explanation of the absence. If you have phoned the school to let your child’s teacher know that they will not be attending **you must still follow this up with a note** when your child returns to school. Parents / Carers who are **dropping students off after 9:15am** or are **departing early** please see Rebecca **at the office to sign your child in or out**.

It is a legal requirement that all visitors and parents (unless picking and dropping off children) who are entering the school must sign in at the office, eg if you are helping in the classroom. This is necessary in case there is a fire or an evacuation.

**SRE Letter**

Students will be bringing home a letter today to clarify the student’s involvement with Special Religious Education (Scripture) in 2016. All students in NSW government schools are required to be “enrolled in a SRE class for their particular religious persuasion if they have identified as being of that religious persuasion on enrolment and a SRE class is available for that persuasion.” (Memorandum to schools regarding SRE policy and implementation procedures) Scripture in our school is ‘interdenominational’ and is provided in 30 minute lessons on a weekly basis.
This service has been very successfully delivered within our school for many years. Parents are asked to complete and return these letters selecting to either have students participate in the interdenominational SRE classes offered at school or to withdraw from SRE. This will help us to clarify parents’ wishes when students have varied identified religious persuasions or did not nominate a child’s religion (if they have one) upon enrolment at school.

An early response to these letters is important as scripture will this Thursday. Students/families who do not respond will continue to attend/not attend scripture the same as they have done in previous years.

**Book Club**

Issue # 1 of the Scholastic Book Club will be issued today. Orders are due back to the office by Tuesday 16th February.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our first major event for the year will be the Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival to be held at Alstonville Pool, Tuesday 16th February 2016. All students who turn 8 years of age during this year and can swim 50m without stopping are eligible to attend. Transport will be by private vehicle and students are required to be at the pool by 9.30am.

Students will be required to bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and snacks for the day. The swimming pool canteen will be in operation and students are welcome to purchase but there will be no official lunch break on the day. Entry to the pool is $3.50 per person (including spectators). Classes will be as normal for K/1 students and the Year 2 students not attending. Mrs Lazzaroni and Rebecca will remain at school. Permission notes will be issued next week.

Wyrallah has a proud traditional of participation and excellent results as the swimming carnival so come along ready to have a go and bring your best cheering voices!!

**School Banking**

2016 Back to School packs will be available next week at the office. These packs will contain everything you need to know about School Banking for the upcoming school year, including samples of the new rewards. For those students who will continue to do their banking, this will continue to take place on a **Tuesday**.

**P&C News**

*The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held this Thursday 4th February 2016 commencing at 6:30pm. We invite new members and welcome everyone to attend.*
Lismore & District Netball invites you to our NetSetGo and Junior COME & TRY DAY!

We extend an open invitation to parents and children to join us, and find out more about netball and all the fun that can be had playing one of the worlds most popular sports in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment.

Saturday 13th February 2016
Marie Mackney Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore.

9am – 9.45am – Children aged 5 – 7 years in 2016 – NET is an introductory platform program designed to build the fundamental skills that young netballers need to succeed!

10am – 10.45am – Children aged 8 – 10 years in 2016 – SET is modified games with modified rules that commences the understanding of netball on the court and builds upon foundation skills developed in NET.

11am – 12.15pm – Children aged 10 – 12 in 2016 – GO & New players to our junior competitions will participate in drills and skills sessions incorporating foot work, ball work & basic positional play and rules.

For further information please contact Leslie Kirk, secretary.lismorenetsball@bigpond.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Lismore Netball!

School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo

This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
ABSENCE NOTE

My child: _________________________________  Class: _______________

was absent on: ____________ Message letter / verbal / phone: _____________________

Reason for Absence:

☐ Sick   ☐ Medical Appointment   ☐ Family Reasons   ☐ Other

Details: ___________________________________________________________________________

Signed _____________________________________    Date: ______________________

(Parent/Guardian)