Principal’s Report

Welcome to Wisemans Ferry Public School for the 2015 school year! I am very excited to be part of such a wonderful school. The teachers, parents and students have been very welcoming.

If you are new to this fabulous school, I offer a special welcome. It is terrific that your child is now part of the Wisemans Ferry community, one that includes many opportunities to be involved in extra curricula activities, all within a safe and happy environment. I look forward to witnessing the talents of our students over the year.

I would encourage parents and community members to join me in being involved in the school community through the P&C, volunteering as a helper/tutor, assisting on food days, attending information sessions and maintaining good communication with class teachers. Support of wonderful parents is essential in the successful education of our children and creating strong ties with the community. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time at school, please come and see me. Your help and support will be greatly appreciated.

Weekly Events

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I am delighted at the way in which our students have settled into their classes and have already actively engaged in learning activities. At the moment, our class structure is as follows;

- K/1 – Mrs Longhurst
- 2/3/4 – Mrs Harris
- 5/6 – Mrs Frampton / Mr Bessell

At the moment, we have been lucky enough to retain Mr Bessell for five days this term. This will allow us to allocate time for Stage 1 students (Year 1 and 2) to concentrate further on literacy and numeracy skills. Mr Bessell will also be working closely with other small groups.

School Organisation

This year there have been some changes to school organisation that you should be aware of. These include;

- Hip Hop dance classes to begin Friday Week 2
- Class sport to begin Friday Week 2 (No AASC Sport until Term 3)
- Scripture will now be 12.30pm each Friday, beginning Week 2
- Different library days for different classes (K/1 – Mondays, 2/3/4 – Wednesdays, 5/6 – Tuesdays)
- School assemblies will be held every second Thursday (even weeks) from 2pm
- Newsletters will continue to be handed out every second Friday (odd weeks)

Wisemans Ferry Public School P & C Committee are as follows

- President: Simone Hayhurst 0423 483 563
- Treasurer: Jenny Smart 0425 248 586
- Secretary: Jenni-Mae Clissold 0415 880 936

Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.
Principal's Report (cont’d)

Parent Information Night
Once again we will be holding a Parent Information night where parents can learn more about what their children will be doing in 2015. Teachers will be providing an outline of the units they will be covering, any special programs they will be running and also how homework will operate in the class. The date for the Information Night will be Wednesday, 11th February in your child’s classroom commencing at 6pm. We hope to see you there.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 5th February at The Retreat pool. Permission notes for the carnival have been sent home with every child (please notify the office if you did not receive a note). These notes need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 4th February. (One note per child please). On the permission note, parents are asked to indicate the level of swimming competence of their child. It is important that parents tick the appropriate box so that students can be grouped accordingly. The carnival will commence at approx. 9.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend and support the children. While we do use the carnival as a means of selecting students to attend the Small Schools’ Carnival, the emphasis is always on fun and participation.

Swimming Scheme
Due to the pool being closed while installing new pumps, we will continue our Swimming Scheme from Friday 30th January to Wednesday 4th February, with our school swimming carnival being held on Thursday 5th February. Years 5 & 6 will need to come to school dressed ready for swim school. All students will need to bring their swimmers, rash shirt, sunscreen, goggles and towel each day for the classes. A reminder that students need to bring their full school uniform including enclosed school shoes each day when the swimming lesson has completed.

Principal’s Report (cont’d)

Technology Agreement
Today, each child will bring home a ‘Wisemans Ferry PS Technology Agreement’. Would you please take time to read and sign this agreement with your child, explaining the importance of the points listed? Cyber safety is a focus within the school this year. One permission note per child please.

Information Cards
Each child will receive a blue information card. These need to be supplied every year, so even if your details have not changed, please complete the new one and return it to the office. (One card per child please.)

Permission to Publish & Disclose Information
Also today, each child will bring home a ‘Permission to Publish & Disclose Information’ note. We need this information to update our records to coincide with the new enrolment form. Please fill in and return to the school office. One permission note per child please.

House Captains
This year’s house captains are:
- Dharug - George & Liam
- Wollemi - John & Zahara
- Marra Marra - Mason B & Sean

Jo’elle Frampton

Wisemans Ferry Public School is turning 150 years in 2015!!!

Wisemans Ferry Public School is turning 150 years in 2015 and we need your help. If you are an ex-student, parent or teacher we’d love to hear from you. Perhaps a souvenir from back in the day that we can borrow, an oral history or something else that captures the feel of Wisemans Ferry Public School from another time.

The teachers, parents and students at Wisemans Ferry Public School are in the process of forming a small committee to ensure that we are able to celebrate 150 years of education in style and are looking for committee members that would be able to help. If you are interested in being on the committee OR have memorabilia that we could use please contact Jenni-Mae Clissold: gazmae1@bigpond.com.au or 45668154. Looking forward to hearing from you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday 14 February and 28 February
8pm – 10 pm
These nights will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

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P&C News

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Our first P&C meeting will be on Thursday, 5th February at 3.00pm. This meeting will be an informal one with afternoon tea to welcome our new parents to the school and the P&C. Looking forward to seeing you.

Simone Hayhurst
President, P&C

Uniforms

Uniform orders can be sent in to the school office at any time and these will be filled if we have the items in stock, however, as the uniform co ordinator is placing a bulk order next week, the final date to place your order is Wednesday 4th February to guarantee we have enough items in stock. Please find enclosed in this newsletter our recent order form. Please include payment with your order.

Wisemans Ferry & District Sports Inc (WF&DSI)

ABOUT US:
Wisemans Ferry & District Sports Inc is a non profit organisation providing sporting opportunities to the children in our community aged 4 years and older. The organisation has been operating since 1995 and our aim is to give the children in our community exposure to a variety of sports. This provides experience of sporting skills for the children, and teaches participation as an individual and as a team member.

WF&DSI meet Wednesdays after school during school terms (we have a break in the cooler weeks) and is facilitated with several volunteers from the community. We sometime have specialised coaches of various sports run workshops and clinics. We also provide a swimming program in the warmer months.

EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2015:

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Note: Activities may change due to unforeseen circumstances, if you do not attend regularly please contact us prior to the activity.

COST:
General Fees: $50 per child per year; $15 per term; $2.50 per week
Swim program only: $17.50 for 4 sessions or $5 per session.

VOLUNTEERING:
If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer we would be happy to hear from you. We have a variety of positions available in the areas of paperwork, equipment, coaching, fundraising etc.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
If you require further information Phone 4566 4212 (Chris) or 0425 248 586 (Jenny)
Or email: wfsportsinc@gmail.com
WISEMANS FERRY DANCE SCHOOL
Combining classical and contemporary dance styles, students experience a celebration of strength, beauty, innocence, expression and technical excellence. The French/Russian method of training in expressive interpretive dance, gives students understanding of core muscle groups and postural alignment providing a safe way to train limbs and muscle to a high level of expertise.

All classes on Mondays at WF Community Hall
For more info contact: Miss Lilli (02) 45682119
danceforjoywf@gmail.com

DANCE FOR JOY!

WISEMANS FERRY HAIR DESIGN
SHOP 7/5557 OLD NORTHERN ROAD
WISEMANS FERRY
NSW 2775

PH 0245 664 300

BUSINESS HOURS
MONDAY 9AM TO 3:30PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM TO 5PM
THURSDAY 9AM TO 5PM
FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM
(Wednesday and Thursday evening available by appointment)
CLOSED TUESDAY,SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO HOURS AND DAYS

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- Handyman jobs with trade qualification
- Rental/ holiday house maintenance
- Brush-cutting, clearing & green removal
- Domestic cleaning

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