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Welcome Kindergarten !!!

What a wonderful start we had welcoming our newest students to Kindergarten. The boys and girls looked stunning in their school uniforms, and were very excited to get to work with Mrs Longhurst. There were only a few tears and none of those were from the students! Kindergarten attended their very first assembly as WFPS students the next day and were a beautiful audience. I am very impressed at how quickly these students have settled into school life.

Absences / Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

Please remember that if your child is away from school for the day, a note is required explaining the absence. Teachers are required to mark absences, late arrivals and early leavers in the roll as it is a legal document.

If your child arrives late to school, he/she needs to go straight to the office to be signed in. It is preferred that a parent/caregiver signs the child in before taking him/her to class.

If you need to collect your child from school before the home time bell, please send a note in to the office so the teacher can have the student in the office ready to go.

School Fees

These will be sent home with students next week. You will note that a significant portion of the total costs represents the cost of the textbooks/workbooks that the students use on a regular basis. We attempt to keep these costs at a minimum. These fees can be paid off over 4 terms. The money that these fees bring into the school allows us to offer things above and beyond the ‘basics’. Our aim is to offer students exceptional education and to do this, we ask for small contributions from parents. We understand the financial

Principal's Report

Strategic Planning

A new strategic plan is being developed for our school to define our directions and vision over the next three years (2015-2017) in order to develop a shared vision for the education of our students. This plan has been informed by international research into what makes a high performing educational system. We are seeking your input into this planning process and we will be seeking input from students and staff. Our focus will be upon continuous educational improvement, delivering consistently high standard educational programs in providing quality education, building the capacity of all staff to deliver high quality education and teaching and student learning that is driven by research, data analysis and assessment data.

I realise it was a busy time at the end of last year so I am sending home another questionnaire for you to complete. Those who return the questionnaire by the due date will go into a draw for a $20 Woolworths voucher!!!! Questionnaires will be sent home next Monday. Parents/carers who return the survey by next Friday 20th February will go into the draw.

Uniforms

The boys and girls of Wisemans Ferry PS look very smart in their school uniform. A reminder that black school shoes or joggers and white socks are to be worn Monday to Thursday with the school uniform. Other joggers can be worn on Fridays with the sport uniform.

Teachers will be handing out rewards to students wearing the correct uniform over the next few 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.

P & C Meeting
Thursday, 5th March
The Annexe 3.00pm
Principal’s Report (cont’d)
pressures that families are under (we feel these pressures too!) and you can rest assured that we aim to keep the costs of education as low as possible while still offering a high quality education to all students.

Scripture
Scripture begins today. A big ‘thank you’ to those who volunteer to teach scripture lessons. Students that do not attend scripture groups will be supervised at non-scripture. At this time, students are to bring a book for silent reading, school work to catch up on, or homework. This is not a talking session. If you DO NOT wish for your child/ren to attend scripture classes, we request that a note be sent to school. It is important that parents send in a NEW NOTE EACH YEAR so that our school information is current and up to date. Scripture is not compulsory at school, however, we work on an OPT OUT basis. If you do not wish for you child to attend scripture classes, it is important that you send in a note, otherwise students will be asked to attend these classes. Every year we have a number of students telling us that they don’t want to attend scripture, so it is important that we know what each parent’s wishes are.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival was held on Thursday 5th February at The Retreat pool. At the end of the day, 20 students were successful in progressing through to the Small Schools’ Carnival, which was held on Tuesday, 10th February at the Hawkesbury Oasis in South Windsor. The school is still waiting to be notified as to who progressed to the District Carnival. We would like to thank Mrs Bourke for organising the students at the carnival.

Fantastic Ferry Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received awards during the past fortnight.

K/1
- Payton
- Zakari

2/3/4
- Leo
- Carly
- Maddison
- Tess
- Jessica
- Daniel
- Tyler

5/6
- Ella
- Ataahua
- Mykaela
- Liam
- Duke

Students are reminded that when they have collected 5 Ferry Awards they then qualify for their BRONZE award. If they have collected 10 Ferry Awards this year then they qualify for their SILVER award. These Ferry Awards are handed in at the school office. Bronze/Silver/Gold awards are presented at our fortnightly assemblies. Please note that parents are always welcome to attend these assemblies. Students are responsible for looking after their Ferry Awards and lost Ferries are not usually replaced. If students are away on the day their Ferry Award is presented, it will be held over to the next assembly.

Principal’s Report (cont’d)
Boat Safety Presentation
Last Wednesday, Emily from Roads and Maritime Services came and gave students in Years 3-6 a talk about boat safety. She informed the children about the different types of lifejackets, and when they should be worn before talking about the safety equipment required for both enclosed and offshore waters. For Years 5 and 6, Emily spoke about the possibility of getting their young adult licence when they turn 12, and what this entails.

Changes to Student’s Routines
At times, something will happen where your child needs to change his/her routine to get home in the afternoon. Thank you to the parents and carers who call the school to let us know. As Mrs Oliver is not here full time this term, messages need to be left on the answering machine.

If you have left a message and we have NOT contacted you back, please presume we do not have the message.

Recess and Lunch
It is wonderful to see healthy food in the children’s lunchboxes. At recess, teachers allow 5 minutes ‘eating time’ and 10 minutes at lunchtime where the students must sit down to eat their food. After that time, students are encouraged to play and go to the toilet before going back into the classroom. Some of our students have too much food in their lunchboxes and are missing out on play time because they don’t finish all of their food. An example of food for your child’s lunchbox could be:
- A piece of fruit for ‘Read and Feed’ (in class time)
- Recess - a healthy snack (eg fruit or a carrot stick or a museli bar, etc)
- Lunch - a sandwich or a wrap or a salad, et.
This is plenty of food for children each day.

Students are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle each day. Water only can be kept in the fridge in the classroom.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
Principal’s Report (cont’d)
A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

High School Applications
High School applications went home today with Year 6 students. These need to be completed and returned to Mrs Oliver by Friday, 20th March.

Dance Lessons
Last Friday, Wisemans Ferry PS students had their first ‘hip-hop’ dance lesson with Alysha from Australian School Dance. This dance program runs for 8 weeks. If you are paying weekly, please remember to send the money in by the Friday of each week. The feedback from students was very positive. A great time was had by all!! Unfortunately, the dance lesson was cancelled today as Alysha was sick. This lesson will be made up on Wednesday, Week 10.

Mrs Jo’elle Frampton
Principal

P&C News
AGM
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th March at 3pm. Enclosed in this newsletter is a Nomination Form for the P&C Committee with a short description of each position. If you would like to nominate for one of these positions, please fill in the form and return it to Mrs Oliver by 5th March.

Food Day
Our first Food Day for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, 24th February. Cost will be $5 per child. Please return orders, as outlined below, to Mrs Oliver by Monday 23rd February.

$5 Food Day
Tuesday 24 February
1 cookie, 1 sausage in a roll, 1 piece of fruit

Please place correct money in an envelope labelled ‘Food Day’, with your child(ren)’s name on it and take to the school office no later than Monday 23 February.

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
Term 1 Week 3

Friday, 13th February 2015

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 Lili (02) 45662119
danceforjoywf@gmail.com

DANCE FOR JOY!

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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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-Rental/ holiday house maintenance
-Brush-cutting, clearing & green removal
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