Principal's Report

Leadership Camp
On Thursday 13th February, Henry and I went to Camp Lutunda at Yarramundi for leadership camp. We did archery, rock climbing, intuitive, sport and leadership skills. In leadership skills, we learnt what skills a good leader needs. They need to be good listeners, have good communication skills and be good at making decisions. We learnt about team building and trust.

Archery was fun. I didn’t shoot a bullseye but that didn’t matter. We also played sport. The sport we played was Oz Tag. At intuitive, we played games to get to know some other students at the camp. When I was rock climbing I made it all the way to the top. The food we had was really good. We had toast, eggs and bacon for breakfast, nacho’s for lunch and steak and vegetables for dinner. Over all it was a really good camp. I recommend it to all captains!

Mykaela

Advertising at the school
If you know of anyone who wishes to advertise in our school newsletter or display a sign on our front fence, please have them contact Mrs Frampton or Mrs Oliver at the office for further details

Community Survey
A big thank you to those who returned the survey about the direction you would like to see the school go in the future. The winner of the $20 gift card was Elijah’s family. Congratulations and thanks for handing the survey back.

Weekly Events

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‘Coffee with the Principal’
Next term, I will be organising a couple of sessions each term to meet with parents and community members about any school matter that people would like to discuss. Our session would run for 30 - 45 minutes. It may be topics about different teaching strategies and how children learn or how you can support your child’s learning at home or being a parent helper at school.

If you have any suggestions as to what you might like to see discussed over a cuppa, please feel free to come and see me, send me a note or email me (joelle.frampton@det.nsw.edu.au). I am happy to run an evening session if that suits people who can’t make it to day sessions.

EnviroMentors
Last Tuesday, Emma from EnviroMentors spoke to our students about recycling and sustainability in our environment. She encouraged students to ‘Reduce’, ‘Reuse’ and ‘Recycle’ and the reasons for it. Emma talked about sustainability being about individuals taking small steps in their own lives to lessen their impact on the environment. For example:
- Use cloth bags instead of plastic bags
- Turn off lights and appliances at the power point when not in use
- Place sandwiches and snacks in a reusable container
- Snack on fruit like apples and bananas that do not need packaging

Sunshine Club
Last Wednesday, Mrs Longhurst escorted our first group for the year to the Sunshine Club where Year 6s spent time with the sunshiners. The students enjoyed themselves playing games and
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and having a morning tea. Other students from our wonderful school will visit the Sunshine Club each Wednesday to also enjoy the company of the sunshiners. The teachers and students of Wisemans Ferry Public School look forward to another enjoyable year of socialising!

School Song and National Anthem
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Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history’s page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.
Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We’ll toil with hands and hearts;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who’ve come across the seas
We’ve boundless plains to share;
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SCHOOL SONG
Our school Wisemans Ferry belongs to us alone.
In class and at play our pride in it is always shown.
Beside the flowing Hawkesbury
That’s where our school is to be found.
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Friendship and in Learning bound.

(Sung to tune of “Ode to Joy”)

School Lunches
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Parent Helpers
We are looking for ‘Parent Helpers’!!
If you interested in spending 30-60 minutes at school one or two days a week, either in the mornings or afternoons, we’d love to have you. Some activities you may participate in are listening to children read, assisting students with their spelling, or being a helper in the classroom. Your time is very much appreciated. Please complete the slip below if you can help.

I ______________________________________ (parent/carer name) can help at school on the following days.

My child _______________________________ is in ____________ (class)

Please circle your availability
Monday – morning or afternoon   Tuesday – morning or afternoon   Wednesday – morning or afternoon
Thursday – morning or afternoon   Friday – morning or afternoon
P&C News
Wisemans Ferry P&C Easter Raffle
Easter is not far around the corner and we are having our annual Easter Raffle Hamper.
Easter Hamper donations are needed and would be greatly appreciated, big or small.
Please help us raise money for your P&C and sell some tickets to family and friends.
Tickets will be sent home. Tickets are $1.00 each.
Please write the purchase name and phone number on the ticket stub.
Please return all tickets whether sold or not by Wed 1st April 2015.
More tickets are available at school office.
Raffle will be drawn on the 2nd of April 2015 at assembly. Winners notified by phone.

150 Years Celebration
Are you a Graphic Designer?
We need a hand preparing some signage for print to celebrate WFPS 150 Year Anniversary.

Collecting Tins for Craft – Can you help?
Please bring empty washed tins to the office until the end of March. eg. Beetroot 425g, Milo 385g tins or similar.

If you can help with either of these please call Kate 0403 397 886.

Wisemans Ferry & District Sports Inc (WF&DSI)
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Swimathon: Next week we have our annual Swimathon. The children and adults can swim laps to raise money which will be donated to a charity organisation in Tanzania called Amani, an amazing group that works tirelessly helping children get off the streets. They provide food, shelter, medical assistance & long term care, if they are unable to be reunited with their families. Please join us or sponsor a swimmer.

Food Art Workshops:
- which is creating art/creatures/pictures out of healthy food.
- Envirocom workshop called Food Glorious Food which teaches the children about food waste in the home and school.
All materials provided for these workshops.

BMX: We have organised for Luke Madill, a BMX rider who represented Australia in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, to be the coach for these sessions. You will need to bring your own bike. Children will also need to wear long sleeve top, long pants, socks, shoes, helmet (full face if you have one) and gloves. We will also be riding on the tennis courts/grass areas for those not confident to ride on the BMX track.

Meeting: 25/3/15 If you have any business you would like discussed please forward to me. Please remember Sports inc. is run by volunteers and your help and support is appreciated.

Excursion: Fagan Park
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 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.