Welcome to 2016

Welcome to Wisemans Ferry Public School for the 2016 school year. This is the first fortnightly newsletter for the year. The newsletter ensures you receive timely information about what is happening at the school. If you do not have email access, your child will receive a paper copy from the school office. A small number of copies are run off and available on request.

Our newsletter is a very important way we keep you informed about school activities. Please note that our school website calendar, [http://www.wisemansfe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.wisemansfe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/), is where you can find information about activities, excursions and other important dates. Soon we will be attaching notes so if your child misplaces a note, it can be easily downloaded for your convenience.

We will also be using the ‘Wisemans Ferry Public School’ Facebook page to keep you informed of what is happening around school too. Please note, photos of students will not be placed on our Facebook page.

If you are new to our wonderful school community, I offer a very special welcome. It is terrific that your child is now part of the Wisemans Ferry Public School community.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held in the school annexe on Thursday afternoon, 4 February at 3 pm. All are welcome to attend. The P&C is an important part of the school, a forum where parents are able to assist the school in many and varied ways. These meetings are organised and run by a parent committee and attended by interested parents and local citizens. The first meeting will be a chance to get to know one another. All are welcome to attend. Come along and see how you might be able to help out around the school.

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**Principal's Report**

**Weekly Events**

**Dates to Remember - Term 1 2016**

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<td>P&amp;C Meeting - 3pm</td>
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**Wisemans Ferry Public School P & C Committee are as follows**

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<td>Kate Sako</td>
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<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Jenni-Mae Clissold</td>
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Change of times during school hours

To ensure we are using our teaching and learning time efficiently, we are making a small adjustment to the beginning of lunch time. The changes are as follows:

9-11am – Class time
11-11.20am – Recess
11.20am-12.50pm – Class time
12.50-1.35pm – Lunch (eating time 12.50-1pm)
1.35-2.45 – Class time

School Parking

For the safety of your children, parking is not permitted in the school carpark between the hours of 8.30-9.15am and 2.15-3pm. Also, there is no car parking in the bus zone at the front of the school. The safety of your children is extremely important to us.

Punctuality

Children are expected to be at school ready to line up at 9am each day. Children who are not in lines when the bell goes at 9am are required to go to the office and have a late note filled in which is to be handed to the classroom teacher. In addition to children missing important information when they arrive late, it is also disruptive for children to be joining classes during morning announcements or when teachers are giving instructions at the beginning of the first lesson. It is a legal requirement that teachers document all student absences in the class roll, regardless of the duration time of the absence. The Home School Liaison Officer, from the Department of Education monitors class rolls and follows up on children whose records show an unusual number of absences, patterns of repeated partial absences and/or unexplained absences.

Welcome Kindergarten Students

Our new Kindergarten students began their Best Start assessment on Thursday. We look forward to them beginning school formally on Monday.

Parents/Carers Visiting the School

While we are keen to involve parents in many aspects of the school, we do request that all parents/caregivers and visitors sign in at the school before going to classrooms throughout the day. If you have anything to drop off to your child/ren, please bring it to the office and we will ensure it is delivered. We would rather that, than having people wandering around the school during school time. This is another way we make certain all children are safe.

School Holiday Dates 2016

Term 1 - Wednesday, 27 Jan (teachers), Thursday 28 Jan (students) to Friday, 08 Apr

Term 2 - Tuesday 26 Apr (teachers), Wednesday 27 Apr (students) to Friday, 01 July

Term 3 – Monday 18 Jul (teachers), Tuesday 19 Jul (students) to Friday, 23 September

Term 4 - Monday 10 Oct (teachers & students) to Friday 16 Dec (students), Tuesday 20 Dec (teachers)

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) will open on 7th March 2016 and closes on 19th August. Remember titles read since the close of last year’s challenge (September 2014) are able to be put onto this year’s reading list. Children are able to enter their own book titles by logging onto the challenge website through their DET access. That is they use the same method they use to access the internet at school. If you are not sure of their ID and password please speak to your child’s class teacher.

If you go into a search engine you can type in ‘NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge’ and then at the PRC homepage log in the same way as your child logs in at school. A quicker way is to type ‘DET student portal’ into your favourite search engine and the first two links should be to the NSW Education site. One URL says Student Portal - https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/ and the other Students - NSW Department of Education & Communities - www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students

If you take this link it will bring your child to their portal page where they can log in exactly the same way they log in at school. On their portal page you will find there is a direct link to the PRC. All the rules are available on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Please ensure that you read them.

Mrs Jo’elle Frampton
Principal
From the Office

Welcome back everyone, we hope you have all had a wonderful break.

Current Notes:
1. 2015 Outstanding Fees
2. Yr 6 Shirts note + payment
3. Dancing Term 1 2016 Note + payment

If you were not able to pay your outstanding 2015 fees please organise to fix this up ASAP as 2016 fees will be sent out shortly.

Thank You.

Payments

We do not have Eftpos or Credit Card facilities in the office but please remember you can to make a payment easily with your credit card through our website.

www.wisemansfe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on the link $ Make a Payment.
Please make sure you fill in your details so we know who the payment is from and what it’s for.

FROM THE P & C

Fundraising 2016

Our first fundraiser for 2016 will be a BBQ at Bunnings Dural on February 28. These events are hugely successful and raise a substantial amount of money for the school.

Please contact me if you think you might be able to help run the BBQ stall.

Sarah Hall
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Wisemans Ferry Public School Newsletter Advertising

Book now to be part of our 2016 fortnightly newsletters.

Prices are as follows:
- A4 colour page = $25.00 + gst per term
- ½ A4 colour page = $15.00 + gst per term
- ¼ A4 colour page = $12.00 + gst per term
10% discount for 4 terms paid in advance

Distributed to all families in the school community, staff members past and present and various other community members.

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Jenny Macarencu or Jo'elle Frampton on 4566 4345 or
E: wisemansfe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Contact us for further information.

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