Wadalba Community School

Progress with Pride

Creating a quality learning community through opportunity, innovation and participation

PRIMARY NEWS

Harmony Day
This year to celebrate Harmony Day our Primary students enjoyed ‘A Taste of Harmony’. During the week of 17-23 March each class studied a different culture and had the opportunity to cook and taste some of their national cuisines. Check out our cookbook on the website. Bon appetit!

Anzac Day 2014
Students are invited to attend the Anzac Day March again this year. Last year a large number of students represented our school. We are hoping for even greater numbers this year. By taking part in the march students fulfil the community service part of their gold awards. Students taking part are asked to wear school uniform. A number of teachers will be present to organise the students.

The details are as follows:

9:15 am Assemble in Wyong Town Centre Park (Cenotaph)
9:30 am Morning Service commences
10:15 am Marchers assemble in Rankens Court
10:30 am March commences in Rankens Court, proceeds down Hely Street, left into Anzac Avenue, left into Margaret Street and terminates in the Wyong RSL Car Park

Our school ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Friday, April 11 at 11.00am. This assembly is traditionally a whole school assembly and is held in the High School gym. There is no Primary assembly on that day.

Peer Support
Next term Year 6 students will be implementing a Peer Support program called ‘Moving Forward’ to groups of students in K-5. Year 6 students will be peer support leaders and will be responsible for running weekly sessions with their nominated group. The Peer Support program provides a fun and engaging environment for students to investigate relationships, resilience, optimism and values. The ‘Moving Forward’ module focuses on resilience. This module will support students with the capacity to adapt and develop protective factors necessary to help them approach situations with confidence and enthusiasm. As peer leaders, Year 6 will have the opportunity to build positive relationships across the school whilst practising great leadership skills. They will develop social skills and confidence in leading a group. To implement each session successfully Year 6 will have to be organised and have good time management skills. Year 6 students spent two days (Monday & Tuesday) training to become leaders. As a result of this training students will be able to confidently implement and lead peer support sessions within our school. These were two fun filled days where students participated in the activities that they will be running with their peer support groups next term.

WEEK 11, TERM 1

Netball News
Last Tuesday some students from our school were lucky to be able to attend a netball skills’ session run by Netball NSW and Gerald Bradshaw with a strong focus on Indigenous inclusion. It was an amazing day where the girls were split up into age groups and were either taught new skills or given the chance to enhance their current skills. All nine girls were awesome on the day with Ciara and Jorgia being awarded ‘most improved’. Congratulations girls and thank you for being excellent representatives of Wadalba Community School.

After School Sport Term 2
After school sport has finished for this term. ‘Expression of interest’ notes, for Term 2, have been sent home. These need to be returned by Friday.
StartSmart Workshops

Last Thursday, students 1 – 6 participated in the Commonwealth Bank Foundation’s free, financial education StartSmart workshops. Delivered by a facilitator, StartSmart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, students are equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

Cross Country Carnival
The Primary Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, May 9 (Week 2) commencing at 9.00am. All students K – 6 will participate in this event. Students have to run between one and three kilometres depending on their age. On this day students are permitted to wear a plain Bond’s type t-shirt or polo shirt in their house colour, with their normal school sports shorts. Parents are invited to watch. All races are usually completed by recess time.

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Term Reports
Each term, classes write a report for the website. Check them out by going to Primary and clicking on the relevant class.

Award Winners this term:

**SILVER**
- Luke B
- Elizabeth D
- Kaylem M
- Sarah C x 2
- Emilie S
- Angus M
- Mariah-Lee R
- Summa-Lee J

**BRONZE**
- Angelica V x 2
- Ryan M
- Erica M x 2
- Ayrlia P
- James S
- Emilie S
- Bailey H
- Daniel S
- Mariah-Lee R
- Kane G x 2
- Brent S
- Emilie V
- Jake L
- Lauren M x 3
- Annaliese B
- Declan Y x 2
- Brianna S
- Lachlan O
- Elizabeth D
- Sarah C x 2
- Angus M x 3
- Summa-Lee J

Congratulations to all these students on their wonderful achievements.

REMEMBER:
Awards carry over from year to year until the end of Year 6.

Uniform Awards
In the Primary at Wadalba we are very proud of the high standard of uniform wearing that is maintained by the students. Every fortnight a $4 canteen voucher is awarded to a student who has had perfect uniform for the previous fortnight. At the end of each term one student receives a $50 gift voucher from ‘Beach & Surf’ at Toukley. This term’s winner was Dakota M in 4/5S. Thanks go to the management at ‘Beach & Surf’ for sponsoring half of the amount of the vouchers and to the P & C for the other half, as well as the canteen vouchers.

Reminder – Uniforms are available for purchase at the school. Please continue to support us by ensuring that your child is dressed in the correct uniform, including their hat.

Note – Some girls have been wearing bike pants for sport. The correct uniform for sport is either WCS shorts or track pants in the colder months.

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for students on Tuesday, April 29.