Newsletters and School Information in 2015
Thank you to all of those families who have returned their yellow slip to enable them to join our email distribution list. We feel this will be a great way for us to get information out to our families. Anyone who has not yet sent in their slip can find a copy on our website or can simply write down their child’s name, class and your email address and send it to school. At this stage we are still setting this system up for use. You will be notified when the first email is sent via a note home so families can make sure we have the right email address recorded.

Dates to Remember:
12th Feb- Photo catch up day
19th Feb- Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6
25th Feb- Cake Day (2/3 & 5/6 to provide)
25th Feb- Cuppa & Cake afternoon 1:30-2:30pm
25th Feb- Yr 7 2016 Info night
3rd Mar- Parent/ teacher interviews
4th Mar- Zone swimming carnival
10th Mar- Start Smart workshops Yrs1-6
18th Mar- Yr 7 2016 academic test
20th Mar- Harmony Day
20th Mar- National Day against Bullying & Violence
1st Apr- Letterland Day K-2
2nd Apr- Last Day of Term 1

Term 4 class Reports, 2014
Due to a technical difficulty the final class reports from last year were not uploaded properly onto our school website. These are now available through the ‘Class Report Archives’ tab.

Class Newsletter Page
Rather than each class creating an end of term report to be uploaded to the website in 2015 classes will be taking turns to create their own page in the newsletter. This will mean that more people will get to see the great things happening at our school.

Clothing Pool
The welfare team at our school will be starting to run a clothing pool. We are asking for donations of any school uniform items that are no longer needed or no longer fit in order to build up a stock pile of clothes. Please send these items to Ms Sanday or drop them in at the office.

Awards
Bronze Award:
Taylor Simpson (Yr 4)

Wadalba Winner Draw:
K-2= William Keegan (Yr 1)
3-6= Aidan Van Meeteren (3/4)

Assembly Class of the Week:
Year 5

What is the Wadalba Winner Draw?
Wadalba Winners are awards used by teachers and staff to recognise students in their efforts in meeting school expectations. These awards are essentially raffle tickets that enable students to win a canteen voucher in the schools weekly draw at assembly.
Start Smart
You may have noticed ‘Smart Start’ in our ‘Dates to Remember’ section. This is a free program provided by the Commonwealth Bank. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. The StartSmart Primary program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy. It was developed with a panel of leading specialists in primary education, cognitive development, instructional design and financial literacy. There are no notes or money needed as all students in Years 1-6 will participate in this program on 10th March.

Assembly Roster
Assemblies are held on Fridays commencing at 11:00am. Each week one class is responsible for organising and conducting the assembly. Parents are welcome to attend on any Friday.

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Swimming Carnival
This will be held on Thursday, February 19 for all students in Years 3 – 6 and for any student in Year 2 who is turning eight this year and can competently swim 50 metres. A note was sent home this week which needs to be returned along with $7 for your child to attend. This note is also available on our website.

In the Spotlight:
Our Assistant Principal K-2

Name: Mrs Lee-Anne Collins
I started teaching at Wadalba in: 2004
This year I teach: K/1
My favourite colour is: Royal Blue
My favourite food is: Anything I didn’t have to cook
My favourite book is: All of them!
My favourite movie is: The Notebook
My favourite subject at school is: English
In my free time I love: Reading in my egg chair, going to the beach, and spending the day at the shops
My kids are: Libby (aged 12), Nathan (aged 7) and Katie (aged 5).
If I could be introduced to anyone in the world from the following categories I would choose:
Actor/ Actress: Angelina Jolie – she does great things for others
Musician: Rob Thomas from Matchbox 20
Cartoon Character: Maggie Simpson
Sports Persona: David Beckham
Book Character: Katniss Everdeen
School Banking
Our School banking day through the Commonwealth Bank will be on Wednesdays. Our co-ordinators are Melissa McNally and Natalir Greco. If you would like more information on how to open a Dollarmite account for you to make deposits through our school banking please go to your local Commonwealth Bank Branch (Tuggerah or Lakehaven).

P&C Fundraising
Thank you to all of the families that returned their blue School Fundraising Ideas Survey last week. The top ideas voted by you include:
- Fathers’ Day Stall
- Mothers’ Day Stall
- Easter Raffle
- Christmas Raffle
- Movie Night
- Bunnings BBQ Stall
- Pie & Lamington Drive
- Wadalba Markets
- Chocolate Drive
- Walkathon
- School Recipe Book

The P&C meet once per term on a Wednesday from 6:00pm to approximately 8:30pm. Please come along to our next meeting to find out what we are doing to support and provide opportunities for your children, over tea/coffee and a biscuit. You will be made most welcome!

Helping at School
We greatly value the help given to us by parents and caregivers. If you or someone in your family are interested in helping at the school whether it be on a regular or casual basis please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or alternatively speak to Mrs Lee-Anne Collins who is our volunteer co-ordinator. We often have grandparents and other extended family members come to visit and we welcome all!

We must remind you, however, that if you help at school in any way you are requested, on arrival at the school, to report to the school office to sign the volunteer helper’s visitor’s book and receive a visitor’s badge. (This is for your own protection should you have an accident and for the safety of all students in the school.) A ‘prohibited employment declaration’ form must also be filled out by any person who works in the school.

Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to those parents who have already paid their $20 school contribution. This may be paid through the class money bag. Revenue raised from school contributions is used to provide classroom resources.

Facebook Page
Don’t forget to like our Facebook page so you can get instant updates of what is happening at our school.

Our Road Safety Focus for Term One is PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Help your child to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK anytime they must cross a road - STOP one step away from the kerb, LOOK both ways, LISTEN for any cars, and THINK about the safest time to cross.
Primary Home Reading is changing!

Teachers at Wadalba recognise the importance of reading every day. To help encourage students we have started a new incentive program.

It will be more structured and motivating. In addition to awards being given for every 25 nights of reading, students will also now receive exciting prizes. Their reading can earn them bookmarks, stationery items, books and extended lunchtime play! Students should aim for 175 nights of reading, when they will receive an invitation to an end-of-year party.

We need all of our families to support their students and encourage them to read every night as part of their daily routine.

Happy Reading!!

Community Board:

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Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils invite NEW RESIDENTS to join a FREE kayak and rowboat tour of Wyong River to learn about our water supply system.

- Enjoy a leisurely row on the 1.5km long weir pool.
- Visit the fish ladder and pumping station.
- Learn about our local platypus population.
- Tour times give participants the best chance of seeing platypus.

When: Friday 13 February 2015 4pm – 8pm (dusk) and Sunday 15 February 2015 7am – 11am (dawn).
All equipment, instruction and meal included.

Where: The Old Milk Factory, Alison Rd Wyong.
Cost: Free!

Bookings are essential and places are limited, so reserve your place by using the online booking form at www.gwwater.nsw.gov.au or phoning Council’s Water Education Officer on 4350 5555.

Living Water Smart

To view the Central Coast’s Water Wise Rules visit www.gwwater.nsw.gov.au
Don’t forget there are LOTS of resources and information about our school, education and much more on our website:


For Primary specific information, just click on the Primary Tab
Welcome to 2/3!

The Year 2 and 3 class have been getting to know each other and the new class routines.

We have just started an exciting new inquiry-based Science topic about pencil cases! We have been thinking about the best design for our needs, looking at the different pencil cases that are available and testing different materials. We’re even going to pull some of Mrs Kinsela’s pencil cases apart to see how they were made and how each small part functions.

“My pencil case is better than yours!”