Calendar Changes

Thank you for your patience with all of the recent calendar changes. Due to the recent weather, a lot of events both within our school and externally from our school have had to be rescheduled. This has had a huge impact on our regular calendar. The dates listed on this newsletter are accurate at the time of print. You will be notified of changes if they occur.

Year 5 Opportunity Class
Last week all students in Year 4 received an intention to apply note for a Year 5 Opportunity Class. Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Our nearest school with this class is Wyong Public School. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. If you would like to apply for this class please send in your intention to apply note as soon as possible. You can print another note on our notes page found below: http://www.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/primary-classes/permission-notes

Please use our Crossing
Many families have been seen crossing our roads without using our crossings. Our school zone is very busy in the mornings and afternoons and this is a dangerous practice to be teaching our students. Please model safe behaviours for our students as they learn by example.

Our Road Safety Focus for Term Two is PASSENGER SAFETY

Transport for NSW recommend that children under 12 years do not travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

Dates to Remember:
6th May- Mother’s Day Stall
7th May- Letterland Day
8th May- Mother’s Day morning tea
10:30am
11th May- Assembly - K
12th-14th May- NAPLAN
16th May- No assembly
19th May- UNSW Digital technologies competition
19th May- GRIP Leadership conference
20th May- Cake Day (Yr 5 & Yr 2 to provide cakes)
22nd May- Cuppa & Cake afternoon 1:30-2:30
22nd May- Zone Cross Country
25th May- Assembly- Yr 1
27th May- Biggest Morning Tea
29th May- Central Coast Dance Festival Dress rehearsal
1st June- Assembly- Yr 5
3rd June- UNSW Science Competition
4th June- Susan Berron Author Visit
5th June- Yrs 5&6- World of maths
8th June- Public Holiday
10th June- P&C Meeting 6pm
15th June- Assembly- Yr 2
22nd June- Assembly- Yr 4
23rd Pet Program- K-2

Awards
Bronze Awards:
Amber Wilson- K/1
Jhye Dostine- 4
Claudia Wheat- 4
Jorja Boyden x3 – 5
Charlotte Robertson- 5

Silver Awards:
Jorja Boyden- 5
Shelby Thompson- 2/3

Wadalba Winner Draws:
Thorpe: James Cameron
Bradman: Baylen Johnston
Hall: Jessie-Lee Lynch
Freeman: Rebecca Stewart

Assembly Class of the Week: 2/3

PBL Values Awards
Tayla Bott
William Keegan
Ciara Milson
Homework
Our first week of homework will begin in Week 4 for all classes. Teachers have been busy putting together packages for each child based on your feedback. Each child will be receiving:
- A trial maths mentals booklet
- A note to purchase a full mentals booklet if they wish
- A homework booklet which is consistent across the school.

This is a trial which will be reviewed again towards the end of the year. Again, thank you for your input.

NEW
Warm Canteen Menu Options!
As the cool weather begins to set in, our canteen has added a few new options for children to purchase from our Primary canteen each day.

Students can now buy a warm Milo for $1 as well as party pies and sausage rolls for 50c each. Yum!

Whole School Newsletter
This newsletter is written with our primary families in mind. However, if you would like more information about what’s happening at our school, our fortnightly whole school newsletter has lots of fantastic information, stories, events, pictures and more. This is available on our school website at:


If you would like to be part of the email distribution list for the whole school newsletter, please email Mrs Brown on melinda.pinkerton@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you Scholastic
We would like to thank Scholastic Books for their support of our Home Reading program. They have donated enough bookmarks for the whole school as part of our reward scheme. Remember, home reading every night is required of all students K-6.

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

Community Board:
Triple P: Positive Parenting Program

http://www.triplep-parenting.net/glo-en/home/

Triple P is an online program that gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life. Problems like toddler tantrums or teenage rebellion. Self-esteem issues. Bedtime battles. Disobedience. Aggression. Triple P can help you deal with them all – and more!

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In the Spotlight:
Two New Kindergarten Students

James Cameron

Age: 6 Years
My friends are: Tallon and Noah
My favourite teacher is: Mrs Collins
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: Making friends
My favourite subject at school: Reading
Outside of school, I like to: Play tips
Someone I look up to: My buddy Ben
I look up to him because: He is nice
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A zoo keeper

Indibelle Cassin

Age: 5 Years
My friends are: Kadence and Tamzen
My favourite teacher is: Mrs Calverley
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: Playing in the playground
Outside of school, I like to: Play with my toys
My favourite subject at school: Science
Someone I look up to: My sister
I look up to her because: I love her
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A zoo keeper
ANZAC Day
On Friday 24th April Wadalba Community School paused to remember and pay respect to those who have served and fought to protect our great country. This year was a special year as it was the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

During this special event we were joined by former WCS student Kyle Osbourne who is now with the Australian Defence Forces. Eleven of our current students dressed in army cadet uniforms making our assembly feel even more special.

On ANZAC DAY 60 of our students including our captains marched at Wyong Town Centre. Of all of the local schools, we had the most students march. Our two primary drum core students Tayla and Karla lead the march.

Our primary and high school captains shared a heartbreaking ANZAC day poem and laid two wreaths on the cenotaph in the town centre park.
K/1 are an **amazing** class who have lots of **fun** and are making great gains in their learning every day! They love dressing up and creating art and craft. **Exploring creativity** helps children to learn and develop their skills, as well as encourages individuality!

Reading and writing are areas they are working really hard in to improve. The new **L3 literacy program** implemented in the classroom ensures that each and every student has several sessions with the teacher each week to guide them in reading and writing. The students love rotating through a range of activities to improve fine motor skills, problem solving and literacy.

They are forming great friendships and learning exactly what it means to show **Respect, Excellence and Responsibility!**