Term 2 Week 2

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

ANZAC Day

ANZAC day was commemorated as a community. We had our 2006 school captain, Kyle Osborne, return to the school as a Lance Corporal with 5 RAR to address the two formal assemblies we held across the school. It was terrific for students to hear about ANZAC day from someone with a strong connection to their school.

The primary choir also sung at both assemblies.

Our school was also well represented at the Wyong ANZAC Day march by close to sixty of our student leaders and the Drum Corp who led the procession. Students from our school also went to other local events in school uniform as ambassadors for our community. Thank you to the students, families and staff who were able to support the organisation of activities.

Exams, Assessment and Reports

Term two is always an important term for assessment and reporting. The focus is finding ways to support improvement for each child and young person.

Y11 have commenced their half yearly exams in positive style. All students will be engaged in a range of assessment activities that support learning. There will some changes to this year’s reports following some research and development. Primary reports will include use of dot point comments in the primary to clarity to what students have achieved and next steps for development.
Primary reports will also include a general prose comment to reflect student social development and commitment to learning. As shared last term, on each secondary subject report there will be new categories for social development and commitment to learning. These are:

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**DP Report**

Welcome back. This term is always busy with assessments, exams and reporting, we hope you are refreshed and ready to embrace what term 2 has to offer at Wadalba Community School.

Thank you to the parents, carers and students who were so accommodating when we endured the powerful East Coast Low that battered the Hunter/Central Coast last week. I hope that you have not sustained too much damage to person and property and that those who have been many days without power are back to normal in your homes by now.

Week 3 is the **Athletics Carnival**, we are all hoping for a fine day to hold this event, having been washed out once already this year. Remember to wear the appropriate colours for your house and support the Wadalba Cup with your enthusiasm and spirit.

A reminder, as we move into the cooler months of the year, that students are expected to be in full school uniform, including their jumpers. Week 2 and 3 is a **Wadalba Cup ‘Uniform Blitz’** to remind students how they are expected to be dressed each day. Bonus house points for those in uniform.

All Yr 10 students should by now have received a **RoSA booklet**. If you do not have one, please visit me in my office so one can be issued to you. Some year 10 students who have received **N Warning letters** for outstanding classwork or assessment tasks should ensure that they meet with their class teacher to negotiate how they will resolve this warning. This is an important step in preparing for life in meeting deadlines. In the event of misadventure that may impact on your ability to complete work, refer to the assessment booklet for guidelines on what your responsibilities are.

Due to an increase in staffing allocation in the school, some students have experienced **class changes**. I hope the reduced class numbers are proving positive for the students concerned. All students have been issued with new timetables as a result of these changes. Students are encouraged to take a photo of their timetables, if their phone allows, as continued requests for printing of timetables will not continue.

**Year 12** – have completed their **Half Yearly exams** and have been given explicit feedback from their teachers on where they did well and where there is room for improvement. Students should be revising the styles of questions (multiple choice, short answer and longer response) and where they can improve. Another strategy is to make a check list of areas of the Syllabus areas that they feel confident with their knowledge, and areas where they need to revise. Students could also redo questions from the exam and ask their teachers to remark and provide them with feedback.

The majority of Year 12 students will have at least two **assessment tasks** remaining in each of their subjects. It is important that students discuss these with their teachers so they understand the marking criteria in each task. Students should attempt to complete these to the best of their ability and be ranked as high as possible in each of their subjects. Students with **major works and PIP’s** need to manage their time to ensure they are on schedule to complete these by the due dates. Major works and PIP’s are worth up
to 60% of HSC marks. Year 12 have been asked to complete a reflection sheet to help them evaluate their progress so far. I will be interviewing all Year 12 over the next few weeks to help ensure they are on track to achieve their goals.

Mrs Erica Burge
Deputy Principal

HSIE

On Friday, Ms Clark and Ms Morgan are taking a group of interested Year 7 students to the IMAX theatre to view a film on Egypt in 3D. They will then make their way to Macquarie University to the Museum of Ancient Cultures. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in a hands-on program developed by the University to assist students in understanding the Ancient past and the work of an archaeologist. Congratulations to Mr Hancock and Ms Trumm for their outstanding organisation for the ANZAC day ceremony. Mr Hancock once again created an excellent audio-visual piece that engaged the students and guests.

Year 12 have all received their results from their half year exams and some deserve congratulations as it is clear that they have been committing to a regular study program. All have received valuable feedback and should make sure they act on this for future exams and assessments. Some other students need to start with a study program – it is never too late to start!

Year 10 will be invited to participate in a fieldwork activity at Lakes Beach and Norah Head on either the 11th or 12th of June. Classes will be allocated to a particular day. Students do not attend on both days. There will be a cut-off date for payment and return of permission slips. This will be on Tuesday the 9th June. No notes or payments will be taken after lunch on this day. This is because we need to notify buses and the Environmental Education Centre of our numbers. Please do not ask if exceptions can be made.

I will be asking students for an expression of interest in the trip to Vietnam in the next week. Initially I will provide some information for interested students to take home and, if interested to return a slip to me by a nominated date. If there is sufficient interest, I will organise for a parent and student meeting to give further information. The proposed time would be for the June/July holidays in 2016.

Year 12 and 11 Society and Culture are visiting the Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong for an overnight visit on the 10th and 11th of June Ms Moes is organising this event and both she and Mr Hancock will be accompanying students.

Jenny Bennett
HT HSIE

PDHPE

It has been pleasing to see the majority of students following our school policy in regard to bringing and wearing correct PDHPE uniform for all practical lessons even despite the recent bad weather. As we approach the winter months and a colder time of year, I would like to remind all students that while it is acceptable to wear jumpers and tracksuit pants during practical lessons, students must ensure clothing items comply with our school guidelines and either contain our school logo or are school sport uniform. Unfortunately, the recent bad weather has impacted on some sporting venues and has led to the postponement or cancellation of some sporting events. All stages have had the opportunity to engage in relevant and appropriate learning activities throughout Term 1. Congratulations to those students that have successfully completed and submitted their in class assessments and in particular to those who have achieved pleasing results. As we head into another term of assessment, we also have the distribution of Half Yearly reports towards the end of Term 2 and I look forward to reading positive comments from my colleagues that reflect good levels of student achievement.

Sport

Term 2 sport choices are now up and running and students are able to make their sport selections through our school Moodle site. Follow the links to Student resources and then Student Sports Selections: http://web1.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/login/index.php

Students are reminded that buses taking students to sport leave school at 12:15pm (half way through lunch). If students are yet to make a sport selection for term 2, they should see Mr Marlin in the Middle School staffroom to make their choice. Buses cost $5.00 and some venues have additional charges involved. Students must make sure they have their correct money for sport with them on Tuesday afternoons. Please understand that changing sports during Term after rolls and routines are set up is a very difficult and time consuming process. It is therefore not advised for students to be making sport changes after
initial selections have been made for the term and in particular on the morning of sport (Tuesday).

**CHS KO Team Results**
Congratulations to our Open School CHS KO teams that have been successful in their preliminary rounds and we wish you all luck in your upcoming games.

**Carnivals**
Unfortunately, our school Athletics Carnival was postponed due to wet weather on Friday 13th March (Week 7) at Warnervale Athletics Track. The new date for our carnival will be Wednesday 6th May (Term 2 Week 3). Our Cross Country Carnival will also be held in the same week on Friday 8th May. I expect to see a good number of students attending these events, supporting their house for the Wadalba Cup and competing to the best of their ability.

*Mr M Sawyer*
*Head Teacher PDHPE*

**ANZAC SPIRIT**
Last Friday we commemorated the Anzac Centenary with a formal assembly. Our 2006 school captain, Kyle Osborne, returned to speak to us about his time at school and in the Australian Armed Forces. He paid tribute to the teachers that have had such an important impact on him, and his training in the army.

The pride and respect he demonstrated for his school and his country was inspiring.

**NAPLAN - National Assessment program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015**
Just a reminder that NAPLAN is coming up next term in week 4 for years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Language conventions will be on Tuesday 12th May, Reading 13th May and Numeracy 14th May.

The results of these tests will provide important information for schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. Students in Years 7 and 9 will require a calculator for one of their Numeracy tests. Please ensure students come to school prepared for this.

Please contact the school if you require any further information.

*Ms Karen Jones*
*English and Humanities*

‘*Wotz up Wadalba’*

Wadalba Community School is pleased to announce that we have revamped the ‘Wotz up Wadalba’ website. This website is used as a means to report bullying for students that attend Wadalba Community School, and enables us to follow up with the issues that are occurring.

The launch aims to spread the message that bullying is not tolerated here and all students have the right to feel safe when coming to school.

The website also has a section for parents, links to other websites that can help, resources and news of what is happening in the school.

Please encourage your child to look at the website and navigate their way around the information, this can be useful to help themselves or those who are being bullied.

**Homework Centre**
I would like to remind all students about the English Homework Centre that runs every Monday afternoon for students in Years 7-12. This is a great opportunity for students in all years to get help with ANYTHING they need help with in regards to English. Students can and should attend to get help, especially with assessment tasks.

"Struggling with English concepts? Need some extra assistance understanding those tricky texts? Want to spend even MORE time
with your English teachers?
The English Faculty Homework Centre is here for you!
Every Monday afternoon from 2.45pm to 4pm at the top of J Block.
English teachers will be on hand to help with any English work that is giving you trouble or any work that you want to perfect.
To be there or not to be there? That is the question. The answer is BE THERE!"

Niven Williams
Year 7 Middle School News
NAPLAN Test

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all state and territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.
The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.
The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:
Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.
Wednesday 13 May – Reading test
Thursday 14 May – Numeracy tests – Non- Calculator and Calculator Allowed

Year 7 students must bring a calculator for the Numeracy test on Thursday. If you are able, it is recommended that you equip your child with a Casio fx-82AU PLUS II scientific calculator. This is the calculator used by both the Middle School and Mathematics faculty in Years 7 -12.

Camp
Fortunately, Year 7 did not go ahead as originally scheduled last week. We would have been cabin bound. The new dates are May 25 to May 27 inclusive.

Jumpers
Many parents may be wishing to purchase school jumpers as the weather, especially in the mornings is becoming cooler. Here are some details about the uniform shop and ordering jumpers on line.

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:15am to 9.30am

Can’t make these times, TRY THIS!!
...NEW UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM...

We are now using a great new online ordering system called FlexiSchools to make purchasing of uniforms easier for the school community, you can order from home or work. High School orders can be picked up by the students from the High School Canteen

Visit www.flexischools.com.au click Register Now, enter your email address, you will then be emailed a link to click on which will then ask you to enter a username, password and personal details. Deposit funds into your account using your preferred credit card. For each of your children you will need to Add a Student and select their class or year, you are then ready to login and order any time.

Registration is free but there is a 25c transaction fee per order.

For more information contact the canteen or call FlexiSchools customer service line on 1300 361 769.

Beverly Partridge
Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning

The Wadalba Community School Drum Corp

Drum Corp represented the school proudly in their new uniforms and shiny military type drums. They lead the march proudly at the Wyong RSL Anzac Day March. Well done to the students and Mr Vojkovic who directs them every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.

Jarrod Walters
Head Teacher CAPA
The simplest way...to understand Health Star Ratings.

You may have noticed Health Star Ratings on the front of many packaged foods.

What do they mean?
Health Stars will help you make healthier choices when choosing packaged foods at the supermarket. The star rating is based on an assessment of the nutrient content of the food including the kilojoules, saturated fat, sugars and sodium (salt) as well as fruit, veg and fibre content. The more stars, the healthier the product.

Why?
63 percent of adult Australians, and ¾ children are now classed as overweight or obese. The Health Star Ratings help us make healthier choices for our whole families – with a quick glance at the packet.

Cancer Council NSW helped develop the Health Stars – because we want healthy eating to be easier for everyone. Remember, nothing beats fresh – but if you need to buy a packaged snack – look for five stars!

For more information visit
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The simplest way...to work out how much fruit + veg you need.

Eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day will help keep you and your kids healthy. But what does a serve look like?

A serve of fruit is 150 grams or:
- 1 medium fruit (apple/banana) or
- 1 ½ tablespoons dried fruit (apricots/sultanas) or
- 1 cup of chopped or canned fruit (fruit salad)

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:
- ½ cup of cooked veg or
- ½ medium potato or
- 1 cup of salad

Pack fruit and veg every day for school lunches – every bit counts towards your child’s daily total – plus healthy food gives them extra strength to concentrate longer.

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The simplest way...to add fruit at brekky

This delish recipe will give your kids a great start to their day!

Ingredients:
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2½ cups reduced-fat milk
- 3 bananas, sliced
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp margarine, melted
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method:

Adding fruit in fun ways can make it more appealing to fussy eaters – for more ideas, visit our website today!

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The simplest way...to add healthy snacks to lunch boxes

Kids have little tummies and need small amounts of food often. Try these simple + healthy snack ideas in your child’s lunch box:

- Plain air-popped popcorn (without salt or butter) mixed with sultanas + dried apple
- Dried fruit snack packs: buy them ready made, or make your own at home in reusable containers
- Fruit salads: buy small tubs of diced fruit in natural juice, or cut up small pieces of fruit + make your own!
- Crackers + veg: Slice up some avocado or tomato + send with some rice crackers
- Little vegie bags: cherry tomatoes, capsicum, carrot and celery sticks
- Frozen fruit bags: freeze grapes, orange quarters or strawberries + then send to school!

Remember: kids love small portions, so cutting up fruit + veg will help make sure they don’t bring it home at the end of the day!

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The simplest way

...to prevent skin cancer.

Autumn is well and truly here, and as the days get shorter and cooler it’s easy to think that we don’t need to be as vigilant about sun-safety.

However UV levels are not linked to the temperature, and can still be high enough in Autumn to damage children’s skin.

To help keep your kids safe, check the UV Alert daily. Where possible, it’s best to minimise outdoor activities when the UV levels are three and above.

You can check and download the SunSmart UV alert at cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart

For information about SunSmart Visit: www.sunsmartnsw.com.au