DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, 17 February
School Photographs
Friday, 20 February
Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hello to all,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to what is sure to be a wonderful year. It is always so nice to return for Term 1 and see lots of energetic little faces eager to meet their new teacher and start lessons.

A big thank you to all parents who have put such a fantastic effort into ensuring all children are in full school uniform. It really looks lovely when standing at the front of the assembly seeing students in their red and green.

Welcome to all new families who have joined us in 2015 and especially to all of our new Kindergarten students who commenced their “big school” adventures today. I’m sure you will find Wyoming Public School to be a place where you feel welcomed and your children thrive both socially and academically.

I am very excited to be back in the role of Principal for 2015. Thank you to all parents who have popped in to welcome me back and especially those who I have seen out in the community during the past year. Your support and encouragement as I found my feet in my new role as “mum” is much appreciated. I will be returning in a 4 day per week capacity (Monday-Thursday) allowing me to spend Fridays with my special new family.

I would like to particularly thank Mrs Michelle Francis who was relieving Principal during 2014. Michelle has done a wonderful job not just keeping the school running but building on its successes. Michelle will return to her class 3-6F on Mondays-Thursdays and will remain as relieving Principal on Fridays.

Staffing 2015

Thanks to the hard work of all teachers we were able to form classes and commence learning from Recess on the first day. We are reasonably confident that classes will remain in this current form for 2015 however as always some slight changes may be required due to staffing changes beyond our control or significant changes in student numbers. A full list of classes and teachers will be provided in the next fortnight.
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**Good News and Bad News.....**

The good news is that Nicole Spencer, who has been an invaluable member of staff at Wyoming Public School has received a permanent teaching appointment at Belmont North Public School. The bad news is that Wyoming loses a talented and dedicated teacher. Nicole has worked at Wyoming for more than 10 years. She worked mainly on Stage 1 and Early Stage 1, and also taught Reading Recovery for several years. She will be sorely missed by staff and students alike and I know you will join me in congratulating Nicole on her new appointment and send all our very best wishes for the future at her new school.

In the interim we have been lucky to secure Lauren Stevenson who has started as our second Kindergarten teacher.

**Farewell Carleen**

Our wonderful Canteen Manager Mrs Carleen Byway has announced her resignation as of February 9. Carleen has been a longstanding and highly valued member of the school community who works above and beyond her duties each and every day. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Carleen for her dedication to our school and skill in keeping the canteen running with delicious homemade food. We wish you and your family the best of luck as you embark on your new adventures.

Have a great fortnight.

Rebecca Wild
PRINCIPAL

**MONEY COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

Money is collected at the Front Office. Please follow the procedures below:

- **Correct** Money must be enclosed in an envelope or plastic bag with the following details marked:
  - Student Name and Class
  - Name of Excursion or Event
  - Amount Enclosed
  - Permission Note Signed and dated. Do not send in permission note without a payment.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- Each student needs their own separate permission note for an excursion or event (please do not put other siblings names on the same note if they attending the same excursion or event) as permission notes are then given to their class teacher after being receipted. Receipt is placed in envelope or plastic bag that money was sent in and then returned to student.
- Please ensure correct money is placed in the envelope, as change will not be available until receipted (receipting is not carried out everyday). Change will not be available for recess or lunch orders. The front office does not have petty cash to give change.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**K-2 ASSEMBLY**

There will be no K-2 Assembly this week.

**3-6 ASSEMBLY**

There will be no 3-6 Assembly this week.

**ALERT ALLERGIES**

We have some students enrolled in our school program who are allergic to several food items and who may have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to fish and all seafood (especially salmon), nuts, cow's milk and egg.

In order to minimise any risk to any student's health, we are requesting that parents do several things:

- **Do not send** tuna, salmon, any fish, peanut butter, or egg on sandwiches or in school lunch boxes.
- **Label** all items in your child's lunch box with his/her name. This includes sandwiches and packaged food.
- **Inform the teacher** if you are bringing in food to share with the class (eg. birthday cake)
- **Talk to your child** about how important it is not to share food with others.
- **Talk to your child** about how important it is to wash their hands before and after eating.

If you have any questions or concerns about anaphylaxis and how it might impact on your child, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Rebecca Wild at school.

Michelle Francis
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
ATTENDANCE

The Education Reform Act (1990) states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 are required by law to attend school each day that instruction is provided.

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to ensure their children attend school every day. Parents/caregivers must provide satisfactory written explanation for absences within 7 days of occurrence.

Schools are required to monitor and to keep an accurate record of daily attendance for each student and to take appropriate action to assist students with unsatisfactory attendance.

At Wyoming Public School, regular attendance is considered to be an important component in the achievement of learning outcomes.

Daily hours of attendance: 8.55am – 2.45pm

Roll marking takes place at the start of the school day. Students not in attendance at this time will be recorded as absent. It is the parent/caregivers responsibility to provide written explanation for a whole day absence within 7 days of the absence. Notes should be handed in to classroom teacher with child’s name, date of absence and reason for absence clearly written on note. A letter will be sent to parents or caregivers requesting a written explanation for an unexplained absence following this 7 day period. Please ask your child if they have handed in notes to avoid receiving a request of explanation.

All partial absences, late arrivals and early departures, require a note of explanation at the time of absence.

Jacqueline Nagle
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who tutor a small number of students in Stages 2 and 3. They listen to the children read and deliver a short intensive program of work. These students enjoy and benefit from the one-on-one attention that they receive from their tutor.

If you could spare an hour a week or four hours a week we would like to hear from you. We need the tutor to volunteer for the same amount of time and on the same day in order for continuity to be established. If you are interested could you please leave your name and phone number at the office and I will contact you.

For all the tutors who have already agreed to work in 2015, we will be having a get together in my room on Wednesday 11 February at 9.00am. Hope to see you all then. If you can’t tutor this year then just remember how valuable your work has been and how much you have been appreciated.

Lois Gillett
LAST (LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEACHER)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Recent research has shown that 1 in 4 children come to school without having eaten breakfast. There is evidence that skipping breakfast impacts on concentration and performance in class and may be a contributing factor to the increasing rates of childhood obesity. Ideally breakfast should be eaten in a home environment. However, with the busy lives that many people lead today, this is not always possible.

Wyoming Public School’s ‘Breakfast Club’ operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 8.15am-8.45am in the Wingello Cottage commencing on Monday 16 February. This program is supported by, Central Coast Outreach.

Breakfast Club will provide children with a healthy and nutritious breakfast including: cereal, toast and fruit. This is completely FREE of charge.

If you would like your child to participate in ‘Breakfast Club’, please return the permission note.
to your child's classroom teacher. If you require additional information about 'Breakfast club' please contact Lisa Matthews at school.

Please note that this program is currently under review due to lack of attendances. This review will continue throughout Term 1, with the possibility of closure.

**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup resumed today in Wingello Cottage and will continue Mondays from 9.15am to 11.00am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation. All welcome to attend.

Lisa Matthews  
**PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER**

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**P&C & CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to all our 2015 families. I look forward to another busy and successful year.

Our first P&C meeting will be held Monday 16 February at 2.00pm in Wingello Cottage. Our AGM meeting for this year will be held Monday 16 March.

We would like to invite our new families to come along with some fresh ideas and also gain more information on what’s happening in our school and to meet new families. Meetings run for around an hour. Children are welcome to have a play for the duration of the meeting. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

Any agenda items please email to Natasha at nmartin78@optusnet.com.au

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**GOOD-BYE**

As some of you may know Carleen our Canteen Manager is resigning. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK her for her dedication to running our canteen. It wouldn’t be what it is without your hardwork. Thank you Carleen.

**CANTEEN MANAGER POSITION VACANT WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Position Title:** Casual Canteen Manager  
**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am-1.30pm

Contact Wyoming Public School office for an information package and position criteria.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS C.O.B FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2015.**

**Allysha Parry**  
**P&C PRESIDENT**

**CANTEEN NEWS**  
Parents please encourage your children to make a healthy choice. Fruit in season is now available every day.

Just a reminder the canteen is open every day. All orders need to be handed in at the canteen between 8.30 - 9.15am.

**CARLEEN**

Welcome back everybody. I hope you all had a lovely holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that I will be resigning my position of Canteen Manager as from Monday 9 February after 11 years at the school 7 of those years being Canteen Manager.

Thank you for all the support I have received. I will miss all the children as I have watched them grow up to become lovely young ladies and gentlemen.

I hope the new Canteen Manager will receive the same support that I have been given over the years.

Good-bye.

**Carleen Byway**  
**CANTEEN MANAGER**

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**ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our annual Swimming Carnival is being held Friday, 20 February 2015 at Gosford Olympic Pool for Year 3 to 6 students (plus any Year 2 students who are 8 years old in 2015 and can swim 50m).

Students travel to the pool by bus but may return home by car after roll marking. Buses leave school at 9.05 and return in time for normal school conclusion.

Please remember –

- wear swimmers under sport uniform
- have sunscreen and hat on
- bring jumper and towel
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- bring lunch/drinks (although students may use the pool shop when directed by teachers)
- sit in grandstand in House Groups
- Indoor Pool Complex is out of bounds

Novelty events will be run on the day. Cost is $5 for bus travel and entry. More details will be on the permission note.

Liz Rogers
SWIMMING COORDINATOR

SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photo Day is Tuesday 17 February 2015. Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted).

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on 4966 8292.

*PLEASE RETURN ENVELOPES WITH PAYMENT TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.

WEEKLY AWARDS

HONOUR CERTIFICATE

An Honour Certificate is awarded when a student has earned ten Certificates of Merit, ten Reading Awards of Excellence, ten Principal’s Awards or a combination. Students may collect their Certificates of Merit, Reading Awards of Excellence and Principal’s Awards over a number of years to earn their Honour Certificate.

I have presented an Honour Certificate to the following students at the end of 2014.

Jet B
Rhiarna C

Clare F
Eugene H
Talita K
Joshua L
Putri M
Sasha M
Charlie N-K
Jade P
Saskia R
Joseph T

Congratulations. Keep up the great work.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Just a reminder that the class awards collected for the Principal’s Award must be collected within the one school year. As each class award is used towards a Principal’s Award it is marked on the back. This means that a class award can only be used once towards a Principal’s Award.

The following students have been presented with Principal’s Awards at the end of 2014.

Bella-Tiarne B
Justin B
Elizabeth C
Mia-Lee C
Tyronne C
Jasmin C
Mitchell D
Jethro F
Zoe F
Stephanie G
Krystal H
Eugene H
Saxon L
Putri M
Tania M
Grace M
Charley N-K
Katie R
Matilda S
Jayden T

Linden B
Elizabeth B
Jakob C
Layla C
Rhiarna C
Emily-Rose D
Shakoorie D
Aila F-A
Mimi G G
Laura G
Lyndal H
Fynn L
Joshua L
Bryce M
Jack M (x2)
Zac M-M
Brodie S
Joel S
Lara W

COMMUNITY NEWS

WYOMING NARARA NETBALL CLUB

Wyoming Narara Netball Club is a family oriented club, looking for registrations in all age groups, Net-Set-Go ages 5-7, Nettas aged 8-9, Juniors 10+ and Seniors too – Sign Mum up as well!!
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Play from 28th March to early September. For more information please contact either: wnnnsec@gmail.com or Cheryl Hogan on 0414 533 452.
Register now by emailing us or in person on Saturday 7th February 10am-2pm at Wyoming Shopping Centre
Come & join the blue & gold!

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Mention Wyoming Public School and receive an initial free lawn mow, discount on commission and a free pest and building report.
In addition Wyoming Public School will receive $100 for each property sold.

OURIMBAH RAZORBACKS RUGBY UNION

Razorbacks Rugby Club prides itself on being a family club that caters for all ages from Under 7s upwards.

Players from Under 7s to Under 13s are invited to make new friends and have fun in a safe and family-friendly environment from our home turf in Ourimbah
Registration Fees: U7, U8 & U9 FREE, U10, U11 & U12 $50 & U13 $110
INCLUDES shorts, socks and polo shirt for all new players.

REGISTRATION DATES:
8th & 15th February, Razorbacks Rugby Club, 10 Chittaway Rd, Ourimbah, 3 - 6pm
Approximate season length: April - late August.

NEED MORE INFO:
Don't hesitate to call Cathie Ropoama on 0425 283 451
Website: www.razorbacks.com.au

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Registration Days: 7th & 14th February
@ Wyoming Shopping Centre, 10am-2pm,
Or come to training Wednesdays & Fridays 5.30pm @ Narara Valley High School.
Fees: $120 includes insurance, shorts, socks, training shorts & club shirt
Family discounts & payment plans available.