DATES TO REMEMBER

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

PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE

Hello to all,

Meet and Greet

I know that students and staff alike are looking forward to our “Meet and Greet” which is being held this afternoon. During this time you will have the opportunity to see where your child sits in class and look at some of the fantastic work they have completed already. Teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding your child’s learning and discuss their class goals for the year. Our class organisation across the school has remained steady with the following teachers:

KB- Jessica Bones
KS- Lauren Stevenson
1/2M- Anna McCarthy (Monday-Wednesday)
      Emma Horton (Thursday-Friday)
1/2S- Sharon Shearman (Assistant Principal)
1/2H- Sharon Head
1/2G- Leanne Galea
3/4A – Kathryn Adams
3/4W – Kate Packer (Monday-Thursday)
      Katy Walpole (Fridays and full time when Kate Packer commences her maternity leave)
4/5S- Chris Gillett (Monday-Tuesday),
      Kristy Setchell (Wednesday-Friday)
5/6R- Liz Rogers
5/6W- Matthew Walter (Assistant Principal)
K-2E – Claire Essery
K-2F- Michelle Francis Monday-Thursday (Assistant Principal), Gwen Kannapinn (Friday)
3-6L– Lara Lenton

Other teaching positions include:
Reading Recovery and Release from Face to Face Teaching (RFF)-
      Surinda Walton
RFF and Assistant Principal Early Stage 1-
      Jacqueline Nagle
Library -
      Don McCready
Learning and Support Teacher-
Lois Gillett

School Support and Administration positions include:
School Administration-
  Tracy Hooper
  Nola Ritchie
School Learning Support Officers-
  Kylie Atherton
  Vicki Cunningham
  Debbie Jenkins
  Paula Mehrtens
  Rose Wastell

Safety around the School

Gosford Parking Officers and Gosford Police are conducting a “School Zone and Parking Blitz” in the coming weeks. Please remember to keep our children safe by parking in the appropriate locations and abiding by the school 40 zone. Keep our children safe!

Have a great fortnight.

Rebecca Wild
PRINCIPAL

OFFICE HOURS

The Administration Office is open between the hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm school days.

PARKING IN VERONICA CLOSE.

We have had a number of issues around the traffic in Veronica Close this year, including a student and his grandmother nearly being run over! There was also a collision due to the carelessness of some parents who insist on parking here. Please be aware of the No Parking zones (between 8am and 9am and then again between 2pm and 3:30pm) along the side of the school in this street. I have confirmed with Gosford City Council that this area can be used as a “drop-off zone”. This means that you can pull into this area and drop your children off or let them get into the car. YOU CANNOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. The rangers have assured me that they will be monitoring this area and fining people who are ignoring the signs. Please consider the safety of our students and their families and make sure you park in the appropriate areas.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The children attending After School Care at Our Lady of the Rosary of an afternoon have adapted well to the new arrangements. Parents need to be aware of their responsibility in notifying the school or the child if their child is going to ASC so that their child makes it to the bus to meet the teacher who will walk them to the bus.

The bus costs $1.20 for each child, so a simple and easy option for parents is to purchase an Opal card that children could use. By keeping just a small amount on the card, this could be topped up as required.

A bus pass can only be used from school to a home address. It cannot be used to go to After School Care—even for children who are younger than 8. The bus company will not allow children to travel on the school bus to After School Care without paying $1.20.

Kind regards
Amanda Jefferys
Nominated Supervisor
Wyoming Community OSHC
Phone 4323 7483

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 same note if they attending the same excursion or event) as permission notes are then given to their class teacher after being
received. 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**
This week’s K-2 Assembly will be held this Wednesday 18 February from 9.15am in the School Hall. Class 1/2M will lead the assembly.

**3-6 ASSEMBLY**
This week’s 3-6 Assembly will be held this Wednesday 18 February from 1.30pm in the School Hall. Class 5/6R will lead the assembly.

### 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**

### WOODCHIP

Due to the recent lopping of trees in the school grounds we have an excess of woodchip.

It is available free to families of Wyoming Public School on Monday’s and Tuesday’s while stocks last between 8.00am and 2.00pm.

Please bring shovels and a trailer to collect.
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Contact the school on 4325 2181 to arrange access.

Matthew Walter  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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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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SCHOOL BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING: Put a reminder in your student diary/calender/mobile phone. Get banking ready on Tuesday night because.....

WEDNESDAY=SCHOOL BANKING DAY

School Banking has resumed, please bring your yellow or black bank books and hand into the office. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool DollarMiles token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

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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.

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P&C & CANTEEN NEWS

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

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

Allysha Parry  
P&C PRESIDENT

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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.

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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 Photo Day is tomorrow 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).
- Family Photo envelopes are available from Wyoming Public School office.

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.

Tyronne C
Ava F
Sharlotte F
Molly G
Pippa G
Hayden K
Nicholas S
Matilda S
Nissa 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.

Alana A Teersha A-L
Jayden A Jett A
Trent B Koddy C (x2)
Jaryd D Finn D
Mariah F Saskia F
Isiah F-A Julian F-A
Zachary G Billy H
Lachlan H Tahlia H
Lachlan H Xavier K
Talita K Duan L
Travis L Hannah L
Tennikah L Mathew M
Thomas M Logan O
Tyson P Declan S
Elijah S Nicholas S
Lincoln S Emily T
Chase T Amber W (x2)

SUMMER HOME READING AWARDS

The following students received awards for Home Reading over the school holidays.

Koda A-L
Zane A-Y
Annabelle C
Clare F
Jethro F
Sharlotte F
Pippa G
Yumi H
Lucille B
Ty C
Ava F
Saskia F
Tara G
Lyndal H
Talita K

I have presented an Honour Certificate to the following students.

Ryan A
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Hayden K  Minji L
Jacinta L  Kevin M
Hamish M  Claire M
Savannah P  Saskia R
Shilo S  Aidan S
Kaitlin S  Oakley S
Lilli T  Liam W
Ronan W  Jason W
Tahlia W  Aurora W

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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.

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KidsMatter is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools.

Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a two to three-year cyclical process in which they plan and act to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes social and emotional learning, working authentically with parents, carers and families and support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

Niagara Park Public School
9:00 - 11:30
20th February 2015

with special guests:
Ms Kathy Smith representing
Deborah O’Neill
and
Mr Chris Holstein

Paddy Clifton Oval, Narara
2015 Registration Days
11am – 1pm Sunday 1st March 2015
We Play Sunday Footy
Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-8 year olds)
Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, U15’s, U17’s
Youth Girls: U14’s, U18’s
For further information please contact Greg Sullivan on 0427 820 534
Or head to play afl.com.au