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Week 5 – Term 1

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Wed 28 Life Ed van visit

MARCH

Fri 2 Clean Up Australia Day

Thurs 8 Assembly 2.15pm

Thurs 8 11's Rugby Trials

Mon 12 Young Leaders Day

Tues 13 School Cross Country

Wed 21 School Photos

Fri 23 Harmony Day

Wed 28 P&C AGM 1pm

Fri 30 Good Friday



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

All students learn in different ways and at different levels.

At different times throughout a child's education they may need extra support or practise at specific skills. They may also need to be provided with challenges and activities to extend their learning. Most children will need both extension and support at some stage in their schooling as they engage with a wide range of curriculum areas which each require their own concepts and skill sets.

In every class there is a broad scope of abilities, and classroom teachers gather data and evidence from each individual child to cater for their personal needs. The majority of interventions occur in class on a daily basis, and are determined by the class teacher as new content and skills are introduced and covered.

Whole school data is also collected to enable us to track students across year cohorts. The tracking of all students enables us to make decisions about our programs, and assists us to target our teaching to meet student requirements. These programs have been carefully selected based on educational research ensuring that we are targeting students at the right time, and also targeting the right skills. We currently run QuickSmart programs in Numeracy and Literacy for students in the upper primary years.

The aim of the **QuickSmart Numeracy** intervention is to develop [automaticity](#) and sessions include a variety of short, focused activities that aim to increase students' strategy use and improve their automatic recall of basic number facts across all four operations. **QuickSmart Literacy** focuses on

improving students' speed of word recognition, reading fluency and comprehension skills.

These programs along with teacher differentiated programs, extension groups, and targeted individual interventions are well informed by our instructional leader, learning and support teacher, assessment data and classroom teachers to best meet the needs of our students.

'Every student can learn, just not on the same day or the same way.' -George Evans

Regards,
Kylie Seaman
Principal

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2018

Winning House: Rosella

Captains: Jessica Bisley and Adam Tull



Congratulations to the following swimming champions for 2018:

(L-R) Jack McAuliffe, Lauren Oberg, Hayne Dawson, Sienna Ratcliffe, Will Hansen and Nalani Poini.



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We are very proud of the 12 students who competed at the Manning Zone Carnival last Thursday. Every swimmer achieved PB times and displayed wonderful sportsmanship qualities. Unfortunately no one will be going onto the Hunter Carnival but their effort was commendable. A very big thank you to our parents who assisted on the day.



YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Please complete the order form and return with money to the classroom teacher by Friday March 2. **No late orders will be accepted.**

P&C AGM

You are all warmly invited to the P and C AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Wednesday March 28 at 1pm in the meeting room behind the canteen. All executive positions will be vacant and need to be filled for 2018 P and C to continue. As it looks so far we don't have anyone interested in taking over these positions. If you would like to help keep the Wingham Brush P and C running for 2018 and the future we need the executive positions filled along with new members to join. People elected in these positions at the AGM will have training and support in the takeover transition time from the existing executives. We hope to see some new members soon. Thank you for your understanding.

For further enquiries please contact P and C President Lyn Heher on 6550 7382.

CANTEEN

Our canteen is in need of volunteer helpers. Did you know that our canteen raises a lot of money for our school that directly benefits your children. Even if you are new to the scene your help will be valued. A small induction will help you get the workings of the canteen and don't be scared we won't leave you alone, you will be working alongside an experienced volunteer! This is a great way to make friends, help our school and be a part of your child's schooling life! If you can spare any time at all to help us out could you please contact Lyn Heher 6550 7382.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop will be open every **Monday** and **Tuesday** between **8.45 – 9.30am**. Order forms are available from the front office or on our website. For more information contact Jill 0432 307 765.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

MARCH

Thurs 1	C McGilvray	H Jessup
Fri 2	R Green	M Mills
Mon 5	CLOSED	
Tues 6	CLOSED	
Wed 7	S Deacon	
Thurs 8	C McGilvray	H Jessup
Fri 9	R Green	M Mills
Mon 12	CLOSED	
Tues 13	CLOSED	
Wed 14	S Deacon	

LIFE ED VAN VISIT

The Lower Mid North Coast Life Education van will be attending our school from today Wednesday 28 February to Friday 2 March. We acknowledge and appreciate the support of our school P&C who are covering the cost of this wonderful program for our students. The Life Education philosophy of 'empowering our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education' is a valuable resource and our students are lucky to have this opportunity. Merchandise will be available for purchase from the van on the day students visit. The price of merchandise is below.

Tattoo	.50c
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00
Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00
Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00

IN THE CLASSROOM

1/2C

This term in 1/2C we have been enjoying our 'Under the Sea' classroom and have been learning about the ocean. Our students have worked hard during guided writing and wrote their own fantastic descriptions of the beach. 1/2C have created some wonderful sea creature artworks and explored different types of art mediums such as finger painting and different textured artworks. Keep up the great work 1/2C!



3/4B NEWS

Literacy and Health

We have had a busy start to the year. We have been reading *Wonder* by R.J Palacio and have been learning about friendship, loyalty and resilience. This has been part of our Health Unit on relationships.

Creative Arts

As part of this unit, we have also been trying out Picasso-style portraits because our main character, Auggie, is shown on the front cover to be different, just like Picasso's portraits.



Math

In Math, we have been learning about place value in bigger numbers. For a STEM challenge, we had to build a tower using only 365 MAB blocks. We could use Hundreds blocks, Tens blocks and Ones blocks to complete the challenge. Bailey's was the smallest, and Myah's was the tallest.



Extension Activities

Some of us have been completing Passion Projects at home as part of our extension work. Below are a few examples of the students' projects from the last fortnight.

Choir News

The choir is practising for the ANZAC ceremony. We are singing a song about a soldier experiencing the war and his life after. ANZAC Day is commemorated on 25th April which is the date the troops landed on Gallipoli. I think ANZAC Day is when you pay respect to the soldiers who risked their lives to save our country

Written By Loralci



COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR AFL 2018

Manning Valley Mustangs are now seeking players, boys and girls Auskick (5-9 year olds) U11's and U13's. For more information contact Joe Taylor 0418758983.

WINGHAM NETBALL CLUB

We are still seeking players for all ages but in particular 8 to 11 year olds. Registrations are required by Friday 2 March before the first grading meeting. Active Kids Vouchers accepted. For all enquiries please contact Jenny 0403 528 735.

FAMILY MUSIC SESSIONS WITH JON MADIN

Jon Madin is offering some weekend family sessions very soon. All ages instrumental session \$10 each, pay at the door Saturday 3 March 1.30 - 3 p.m. Session for all ages focusing on dancing to music played by the group on Jon's instruments \$10 each, pay at the door on Sunday 4 March 1.30 - 3 p.m. Challenge Workshop for adults and older children/teenagers who would like to try some more ambitious pieces on the marimbas and other instruments \$10 each, pay at the door on Sunday 4 March 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. All sessions at Queen St Hall, Wingham. Enquires for all sessions to Heather, 0425 757 641.

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

