



# The Brush Telegraph

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Week 9 – Term 3

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 20 Hockey Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4

Thurs 20 School Banking

Wed 26 Footy Colours Day

Wed 26 Brush Has Talent 10am

Wed 26 P&C Meeting 1pm

Thurs 27 Assembly 2.15pm 4/5M

Thurs 27 School Banking

Fri 28 Last Day of Term 3

### OCTOBER

Mon 15 First Day Term 4

Wed 17 Year 3-4 Grand Final Public Speaking

Thurs 18 Year 5-6 Grand Final Public Speaking

Fri 19 Touch Football Gala Day



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are quickly moving towards the end of another productive and exciting term. NAPLAN results will be sent home to parents next week. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

The last few weeks of Term 3 have been filled with the students from Wingham Brush demonstrating their talents across numerous areas. The finals for Years 3 and 4 Public Speaking Competition were held last week and Years 5 and 6 were held today. We have also had children participating in the Milo Cricket, Buderus 7's and this week in a hockey gala day. On each occasion we have been extremely proud of the behaviour and sportsmanship of our students.

Students, specifically in Year 2, are being encouraged to return their note for the Intensive Swimming Scheme that is running next term. Swimming and water awareness in our environment are essential skills that our children need. Please think seriously about including your child. If you require support financially, please come in to discuss.

Please remember to notify the staff in the school office of any changes to your address, contact details or changes to other people nominated as emergency contacts. These contact details are vital for us to be able to reach you when your child is sick or injured.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you next term for a full and engaging term to conclude the year.

Regards,  
Paul McWhirter  
Assistant Principal

## GREAT LAKES COMBINED FILM FESTIVAL

Our film has been chosen and will be presented on Thursday 20 September at Club Forster!! Twenty students from grades 3-6 worked around the clock with Mrs Lees to create Wingham Brush School's first ever entry into the Great Lakes Combined Film Festival - 'Film by Pebbly'. They have created a stop motion film titled 'Sneezy Spider'. Parents and students are invited to attend the festival to celebrate local student creativity in the film making arena. Please come and join us to celebrate our students' hard work.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Film by Pebbly**

Great Lakes Combined  
Film Festival

Please join us in celebrating our  
student's short films at  
**Club Forster**  
on  
**Thursday, 20th**  
**September 2018**

Doors open at 5.30pm  
for a 6pm start

\$5 per ticket or \$25 for a  
family of 4  
[www.trybooking.com/XPRN](http://www.trybooking.com/XPRN)

**Proudly sponsored by Club Forster**  
**Strictly alcohol free**

### **FREE STUDENT TABLES AND CHAIRS**

We have excess old furniture, if you would like any please come to the front office or contact the school on 6553 4443.

### **BUDERUS 7'S TEAM**

On Tuesday 11 September a team of selected students participated in the NRL Buderus 7's Rugby League day.



### **BRUSH HAS TALENT**

On Wednesday 26 September, Wingham Brush is holding its annual Talent Show. All students are able to enter and perform on stage. Many students have entered and have been looking forward to the day when they can show their peers what they can do. Some acts are polished and have been performed at the Eisteddfods; other acts are from students who just like to have a go. We welcome and applaud all for trying.

The show has around 30 items and will begin at 10am. We will have the usual recess break and continue the show at 11.45am until all performers have had their turn. All parents are welcome to come and watch.

I know this show will be a big hit with the students as it is every year with lots of fun to be had by all!!!

### **FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

We will be hosting 'Footy Colours Day' on Wednesday 26 September in conjunction with the 'Brush Has Talent'. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours and make a gold coin donation on the day. Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising campaign where participants are encouraged to wear their favourite team's colours to raise funds for kids with cancer. In 2018 it is estimated that more than 1000 children and young people aged 0-19 years will be newly diagnosed with cancer in Australia. The Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day helps kids continue with their education while they are receiving treatment for cancer.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Students from Years 3-6 have been presenting speeches in front of their classes over the past two weeks. A number of students were selected from each class to progress to the semi finals. The semi finals for the school public speaking competition have been held and the successful participants

will present their speeches at the Grand Finals which will be held in Week 1, Term 4. Congratulations to all students for having the courage to get up and speak in front of your peers. We look forward to the Grand Finals next term!

### **BANDANNA DAY**

This year National Bandanna Day is Friday October 26. Students can wear the bandannas on this day. We will be selling bandannas at the front office from Monday 15 October. Students can purchase bandannas between 8.45 and 9.10am and 1.15 to 1.40pm. Parents can purchase bandannas from the front office between 8.45am and 1.40pm. Cost of bandannas this year is \$5.00.

### **SWIM SCHOOL INVITATIONS**

An extensive learn to swim program will be conducted from Monday 5 November to Friday 16 November. Swim School Invitations were sent out last week to all Year 2 students and selected students from Year 3 and 4. Mrs Jacklin needs all notes returned by this Friday. If students are not participating we need to know so that we can offer the spot to someone else. It is strongly encouraged that students invited who cannot confidently swim 25 metres of freestyle in deep water attend the 2 week intensive swimming program. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

### **TERM 4 PRIMARY SPORT - SWIMMING**

As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water. For this reason, it is important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can safely participate in aquatic activities. Year 3-6 students will be participating in swimming for school sport every Friday from Week 2 to Week 8 during Term 4. There will be a pool entry cost of \$3.35 per visit. Students' confidence and skills in the water will be assessed during the first week to ensure they are put in to a group that they can safely participate in. Further information will be sent home in Week 10. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school.

### **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION FOR 2019**

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten in 2019, please contact the school.

Transition Days will be:

- \* Wednesday 24 October 9.30am – 11.00am
- \* Wednesday 31 October 9.30am – 11.00am
- \* Wednesday 7 November 9.30am – 11.00am

New kindergarten students are welcome to attend all of the transition sessions.

### **P&C**

#### **FRESH FOR KIDS**

The 'Eat Fresh and Win' campaign finishes this Friday. It's your last chance to get your hands on some of the very last trading cards. Please ensure all entries are back to the canteen by Friday.



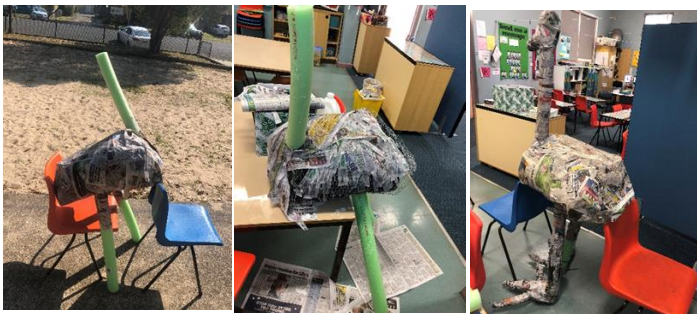
## IN THE CLASSROOM

### 3/4B

We have been learning about problem solving and strategic thinking in math this week. We have been playing some new strategy games to develop these skills. Sometimes it is hard to out-smart our opponent, but it is lots of fun trying.



We have been excited to begin making a life-size cassowary for our rainforest walk for "A Touch of Brush" being held next term. We are discovering how hard it is to keep the Papier Mache smooth over the wire frame.



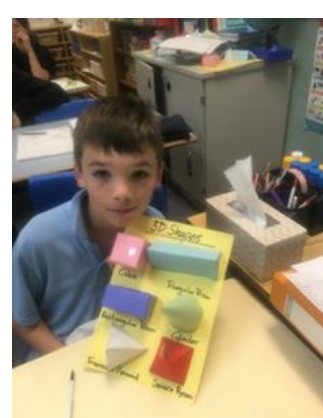
We were proud of our students who were selected for the semi-finals in public speaking. Congratulations to Lorelei Harrell, Lucy Austin and Jenna Harborow who were selected for the year 3-4 finals next term.



### 5/6J

It's amazing how time seems to go by so fast, as we are now heading towards the end of Term 3. In 5/6J, we have been working hard and have had lots of new and exciting experiences.

This term, we have been focusing on science and it included a very stimulating visit to Wingham High School. The Year 6 students experienced the excitement of using the science laboratory equipment and conducted some very cool experiments to do with electricity and making circuits. We can't wait to get back there for next term's visits to the science labs. Also, our class have been busy enjoying the various sporting events, including Hunter Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival, Buderus 7's Rugby League Day and Milo Cricket Day. We are looking forward to Term 4 and the fantastic end of year activities like the Year 6 Fun Day, Presentation Day and the Year 6 Farewell.





## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 20	A Kneebone	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Fri 21	R Green	M Mills
Mon 24	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Tues 25	H Ratcliffe	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Wed 26	S Deacon	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Thurs 27	A Kneebone	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Fri 28	R Green	M Mills
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		

### OCTOBER

Mon 15	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Tues 16	H Ratcliffe	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Wed 17	S Deacon	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

## A TOUCH OF THE BRUSH

Wingham Brush students are excited to be part of 'A Touch of the Brush' which is happening in conjunction with this year's Akoostik Festival on 20 and 21 October.

Circartus will be performing and showcasing some of our local animals such as the Grey Headed Flying Fox, Manning River Turtle and Native Bees. Some of our students are lucky enough to be helping with this performance.

Our students are creating a walk-through rainforest in the hall, for which they have created Australian rainforest animals and foliage. These include brush turkeys, cassowary, kookaburras, frogs, tawny frogmouths, butterflies and lizards to name a few. Guests will be invited to go spotlighting with torches to find our animals amongst the rainforest.

## THE CHILL ROOM

The Chill Room has been open to our school students of a lunchtime for the majority of this term. Children go there as an alternative to the playground when they would like to play quietly. The room has a vast number of blocks and toys that the children can play with as well as drawing and colouring activities.

We encourage our students to play and work together to create things with the resources available. So far it has been a great success and the children love it!



# a touch of the brush

20th & 21st October 2018

WINGHAM BRUSH AND SURROUNDS

EXPLORE : DISCOVER : ENJOY : LEARN  
WATCH THE ARTS & ENVIRONMENT WE LIVE IN

## SHOWCASING

our local iconic Flora and Fauna through the arts, featuring creatures in the air and on stilts and roving characters.

You can start your evening at the Official Proceedings at 4.15pm at Wingham Brush Educational Centre. Wingham Brush Primary School, Isabella Street Wingham

Or you can fly in and out anytime between

4.45 - 6.45pm

OR PICK UP A FLYER - CONTACT 6553 5121

