

Wellington Public School



# whisper



*Exceptional learning opportunities for all*

**Week 7 Term 4**

**Contact us on: 6845 4080**

## **It's Going To Be A Big Day!**

We hope you have the 11<sup>th</sup> December noted as a significant day on our school calendar.

First thing in the morning we will be heading to the Civic Centre as it is our Presentation Day. This is the day when we acknowledge and celebrate student achievements across a range of endeavours.

So many students will be recognised and it is important that they are able to share this special time with family and friends looking on. Please feel welcome to attend and to applaud all the children who will be recognised for the efforts they have made and the successes they have achieved.

That same night, commencing at 6:00 pm we will be at school joining together to sing **Christmas carols** under the big COLA. My, how the year is passing by so quickly! Again, please come along and lend your presence in a joyful Christmas spirit and join in as we sing many Christmas favourites. These are the special times that children will hold as treasured memories for a long time to come.

Perhaps you might win our terrific raffle prize. The raffle fundraiser will be to have a chance in winning a 16 GB Apple i-pad 2. This magnificent prize will be drawn on the night before we head for home when the evening concludes with the last of our carols expected to finish around 7:00 pm. Tickets are included with today's newsletter and they will only be \$1 per ticket. Someone's going to be a lucky winner.

## **Camp Cancellation**

On Monday six of our students were to join with nine students from Wellington High School in an 'Empowerment Camp' at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre which was originally scheduled for three days. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled because of a lack of support personnel from a number of interagency support groups. All is not lost, however, because a new meeting is trying to make arrangements so that a one day camp can be organised and the students who were to be involved, again might have something to look forward to. More information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

## **Intensive Swimming**

Our Intensive Learn to Swim starts next week for Year 2 students and some children from our Special Education classes. Classes will run all week with the second half of the program restarting on 11<sup>th</sup> December, in Week 9.

This is a wonderful chance for non-swimmers and those lacking in water confidence to get some of the skills and knowledge for further development each time they have the opportunity to get into water and practise with a responsible adult supervising. Young children should be taught to swim and have regular times when they can practise and develop competence. With summer approaching all parents are encouraged to make sure children know how to access the water for recreational pleasure in a safe manner.

## **Future Moves**

Throughout yesterday a number of workshops were presented to Stage 3 students focusing on educational requirements for future career planning. The

workshops were presented by a team from the Charles Sturt University. Feedback indicates that it was very worthwhile so we will attempt to have these people visit us again next year in their round of schools. Perhaps we will be able to expand the opportunity to other grades as well for I believe they have programs to deliver in the junior school as well.

## **Life Education Van**

By now, many classes have been to the Life Education Van. The programs the service delivers is universally recognised as supporting healthy life skills and habits and teaches children about their bodies and how to keep safe. Thank you for supporting this program and a huge thankyou to our sponsor who, through their generous donation, makes it possible to reduce the cost to individual families to a huge extent.

## **School Band**

The functioning of the school band is under review and consideration given as to whether it can be sustained. The band is a terrific experience to have in our school and it offers students with musical interest and ability the chance to come together and learn to play an instrument and play as a collective group under the direction of a qualified tutor. Unfortunately, the only way we can sustain this program is to have it as a 'user pays' system and unfortunately the school has had to underwrite the cost this year to the tune of thousands of dollars.

All parents involved with their children playing in the band are asked to bring their fee payments up to date or there is a very real chance the band will not be able to continue. We are looking at a new schedule of fees for the 2013 school year and trying to make it as affordable as possible.

## **Year 6 Parents are invited to help**

At 6:00 pm, at the PCYC, this Thursday (22.11.12) there is to be a working bee for this year's Year 6 farewell. Interested parents are invited to come along and be a part of this preparation for the function that will mean so much to students who are moving on to High School next year. The Year 6 Farewell is to be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at the RSL Club. The function will start for students at 5:30 and parents are invited to attend from 8:00 pm for the presentations.

Have you tried scanning our QR Code? Did you try it last week to see where the link takes you.

D.N. Anderson—Principal.

# Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

## This Week's Buzzie Winners



Jamahl KG, Spencer KB, Georgia 1G, William 1F, Ashleigh 3O'K,  
Sharneyce 3O'K, Mya 5S and Michelle 6T

### [Come to School and Help Your Class Win!](#)

It is extremely important for all students to be at school every day. During this term we are having a competition between the grades to see which classes have the best attendance. The class from each grade that has the least amount of absences will be rewarded with a pizza party. Make sure you get to school every day you can or bring a note to explain your absence to give your class the best chance of winning a pizza party. The attendance will be worked out as a percentage to ensure equity between classes.

We will do a tally of absences each week to let your class know if they are in the lead or they have to catch up. Come to school every day and help your class win a Pizza Party

In conjunction with the pizza party competition we are awarding 100% Attendance Certificates to students who achieve 100% "reportable attendance". That means if you attend school every day in weeks 1 through to 10 you will receive a special attendance award for that period. If you have a day off but bring a note explaining your absence you may still be eligible to receive a certificate. Get to school for yourself and your class and be a Safe, Respectful Learner at Wellington Public School!

**WHEN TO PHONE THE SCHOOL..** DO NOT PHONE THE OFFICE AFTER 2PM, WITH MESSAGES FOR YOUR CHILD, AS THERE IS NO WAY OF GETTING THE MESSAGE TO THEM ON TIME..

THANK YOU OFFICE STAFF

**YEAR 6 SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS SIZES AT \$31 EACH,  
PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE STAFF.**

### Kindergarten Assemblies

The timetable for early Stage 1 assemblies is set out below. Remember to watch this space as unforeseen circumstances can change these details!

Week 8      **Kinder Red**                      Thursday 29th November

Week 10     **Kinder Blue**                              Thursday 13th December

**STAGE 1 ASSEMBLIES:**                      Fridays 12.30pm in the new hall. Wks 3, 5, 7. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**STAGE 3 ASSEMBLIES:**                      This Term Stage 3 will be having their assemblies in Wks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

## P & C Christmas Raffle



**Prize: Apple iPad 2 16 GB**



Tickets for this raffle are \$1 each and are included with today's whisper. Please return tickets and money to the office before Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Raffle will be drawn at the W.P.S Carols Night Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December



Scan this QR code for a direct link to the WPS website and Whisper online!!

# Carols Night



See  
You

There!

Wellington  
Public  
School



*Jingle Bells  
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Feliz Navidad  
Away in a Manger  
Aussie Jingle Bells  
Deck the Shed  
Here Come the Reindeers  
Twelve days of Christmas  
PLUS\*\*\* Sing-a-Long Carols*

**WPS  
C.O.L.A.  
AREA**

P & C will be selling

- Drinks
- Sausage sandwiches
- Steak sandwiches

*16 GB Apple iPad 2  
raffle will be drawn on  
the night.*

- \* Bring your rugs, folding chairs and a picnic tea.
- \* Children to dress in Red and Green

**Tuesday 11th December 2012 – 6pm to 7pm**

MATHLETICS AWARDS FOR THE PAST 2 WEEKS

**SILVER AWARDS**

<p>Hew Jones Natalia Roberson Kate Parkes Nicholas Murray Sharameakah Riley Taylor Cummings Shakira DaSilva Jacqui Ryan Megan Beasley Morgan O'Rourke Elizabeth Eather Elliot McMahon Kaitlyn Barrett Summah Meizer Riley Mason Peckham</p>	<p>Charli Pascoe Kyle George Makayla Humphries Rylee Blackhall Thomas Kiss Zachary Robinson Alexandra Barton Mason Humphries Kira Lee Meizer Riley Isaih Gorman Duncan McMillan Kaine Goodlad Katrina Holmes Alyssa Smith</p>	<p>Hayley Stedman Jayden Morris Logan Conn Jordan Elwell Shannagh Chatfield Shyann May Mark Walsh Mark Stanley Deakin Flick Bianca-Lei Douglas Kyle Forgione Stevie-Lea Ah See Jacob George Justin Hetherington Jack Jones</p>
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**GOLD AWARDS**

<p>Patrick Hardwick Jasmine Ward Charly Langbien Xander Harries Tamika Richards William Dimmick</p>	<p>Jake Davis Keiran Hynch Kaylen Staggs Jade Lane Kayne Staggs</p>	<p>Jason Simmons Jessica Parkes Lees Mya Fertig Jacinta Elemes Elijah Colliss James Hynch</p>
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**\$5 Canteen Specials - Term 4 2012**

<p><u>Wk 7</u> <u>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</u></p>  <p>Chicken, Lettuce &amp; Mayo Sub Big M Muffin</p>	<p><u>Wk 7</u> <u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</u></p> <p>Pie Big M Muffin</p>  
<p><u>Wk 8</u> <u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</u></p> <p>Kinder, Years 1 &amp; 2</p>  <p>Lolly Day</p>	<p><u>Wk 8</u> <u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</u></p> <p>Years 3 to 6 only</p> <p>Lolly Day</p> 

# Year 6 Orientation Day

Thank you to all the Year 6 students and their parents, who attended the Year 6 Orientation Day  Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. It was a great day and I enjoyed bonding with the students and meeting with parents.

A reminder for **uniform orders** they must be in to Wellington High School by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012. The order forms are available on our school website <http://www.wellington-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

**Book packs** are also available from the front office. This pack includes all the books and equipment required for Year 7, 2013. They are at a cost of \$55.

If you have any further questions regarding Year 7, 2013 please do not hesitate to contact me on (02)6845 2344.

Warm regards

*Alicia Stevenson*

Head Teacher Transition Education/VET



Above: Students enjoying a taste of high school

Left: Students enjoying their pizza outside the Home Economics Department.

Below: Students lining up for a sausage sizzle and some parents enjoying a catch up before a sit down lunch.

