

Wellington Public School

whisper

*Safe, respectful learners.*

Week 6 Term 4

Contact us on: 6845 4080

A Message For Men

Just a quick message to advise as part of the Wellington Domestic Violence Collective, we will be hosting White Ribbon Day in the main street on 25 Nov 2013.

We are hoping to have as many males as possible sign the pledge of "Never to commit or remain silent about Domestic Violence".

We would also like to see teachers as well as youth leaders make the pledge on the day.

Could you let me know if you are interested as we would like to have all the men gather at approximately 11am on the day for a picture for the paper.

This message was sent to the school by email from Kathryn Playford, Club Manager, Wellington PCYC. Perhaps many of our male parents might like to take the pledge against domestic violence and be present to have their photo taken for White Ribbon Day.

Our Director's Visit

Yesterday was a planned visit from our Director of Public Schools NSW Mr Michael Cronk. Unfortunately, Mr Cronk was on leave but we were fortunate to have Mr Glen Stewart come and see us in his relieving capacity.

Mr Stewart for some time has been travelling the vast expanses of our State's Western landscape in a communication role for educating schools and Principals on the pending Learning, Management and Business Reforms (LMBR) which will be a new and total operating system implemented in all schools by the end of next year.

This new system is designed to manage all areas within the school domain including data kept around our students and the management of this data as well as all matters relating to staffing and school finance. It is a huge change and a mammoth task for the Department of Education and Communities. 229 schools have piloted the introduction of LMBR scattered across the State this year and it is likely the remaining 2,000 schools will be divided into four groups and brought on line next year with the possibility that our school will be among the last to do the conversion and the associated training. If this is the case we should benefit because we stand a better chance to be introduced to this new system free of the technical difficulties that other schools may have experienced.

This is part of the Department's plan for Local Schools Local Decisions where schools are given greater autonomy in managing staffing and school budgets.

Exciting, challenging and somewhat scary it will be but we will embrace change as an opportunity to bring the best we can to the students of Wellington Public School.

What About Our New School Signs?

Don't they look terrific! They are of course very functional, giving us the capacity to send out special events and dates, enhancing our ability to communicate effectively with our parents, wider community and visitors passing through Wellington.

Go4Fun

In the past two editions of the Whisper, we hope everyone has read about the free healthy lifestyle program that is offered to students next year in Term 1. The co-ordinator from the Department of Health in Dubbo will be visiting our school on Wednesday this week to drop off registration forms. Surely we will see this healthy lifestyle program running successfully on Tuesday afternoons in first term of 2014 here at our school. Children who register must have an adult present at every session. The sessions will run for two hours each week between 3 and 5 pm. A minimum of eight families are needed and the maximum is around 14 or 15. If this is the case I would have thought interested people would need to get their registrations back quickly to be allocated a space.

Free Dental Assessments

Some time ago offers were made for free dental assessments by the Australian Mobile Dental Care van. The van intends to commence the assessments for children in the first week in December. To date, however, there have been 65% of our students who have returned their signed permission notes. This is good but ordinarily the dental van requires a minimum of 70% of the school's student enrolment, so we are asking that if you want an assessment you can still pick up permission notes from the front office, fill them in and leave them to be included in the overall school count. If we can make this happen the dental people need to send in tradesmen to do some preparatory work which will include the installation of an upgrade to our power supply point.

This is a great service and the results will inform parents as to whether further dental treatment is necessary. If further treatment is necessary the costs will be discussed before any work commences and parents will obviously be able to make the decision to go ahead or not.

PBL SET

Last week we had a day visit from a person relieving for our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) coach to judge the effectiveness with which we continue to develop this strategy in our school for promoting Safe Respectful Learners. We haven't been scored yet but from the feedback we received we expect to get a very positive report card. Our assessor was really moved by the responses he got from randomly selected students and staff as he travelled around the school. Much of the credit to our success must go to everyone for making PBL at Wellington Public School work so well!

The Official Launch of the Dubbo Language and Culture Nest

Back on the 25th October I was privileged to be able to attend the official launch of the first Indigenous Language and Culture Nest in NSW.

Operating out of the Yarradamarra Centre at TAFE Western in Dubbo, there is an opportunity for Wiradjuri people to undertake studies designed to perpetuate and value the heritage of the Wiradjuri language and culture and having the authority to do this with permission from local Aboriginal Elders. This means that in the future this language and knowledge of culture will reach students through direct instruction given in schools, such as ours. Connie AhSee, is responsible for co-ordinating this learning and suggested

to me that she will organise a community meeting in Wellington to get an understanding of how best to proceed and be able to offer this valuable learning to our students. The official launch was attended by many significant Aboriginal people and involved the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Honourable Victor Dominello. This special day brought much pride to the Aboriginal people who were present.

Year 6 Tests

All students who will be attending Wellington High School next year had to sit for three tests delivered in two sessions at our school last week. The first test was a general ability assessment and it was administered by our school counsellor Mr Richard Mutton. The other two tests were administered on another day by High School staff and these were in English and Mathematics. The results of these tests will be used as a moderator against data we, and any other schools, contribute to ensure students are appropriately placed when they commence their secondary education.

Please Don't Forget

If you haven't already purchased your tickets for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat please remember to do so in support of our students and our school. This has been a huge amount of work with so much time and effort spent in its production. It must be realised that a very big proportion of this work has been out-of-school time and given in a voluntary capacity by so many people.

Principal

Denis Anderson.

Indigenous Sky Stories.

Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Indigenous Sky Stories programme during Term 4. The programme is an initiative by Charles Sturt University to encourage students to investigate The Earth and The Moon and to learn about the Aboriginal stories involving the sky. They will be involved in assembling the telescope and looking at the Moon. Culmination of the programme will see parents and friends invited to a barbeque and allow them to use the telescope and view the Indigenous Sky Stories.

During Week 3 students from 6A, 6T, 5/6M and 5/6B were chosen to help assemble the telescope together along with the assistance of Miss Anderson, Trent, Shawn and Ali. The telescope was successfully put together and will be used by the Year 6 classes during the next few weeks to view the moon. Students were also involved in drawing and painting the scenes that will be used to tell the Aboriginal Stories. Year 6 have been tracking the phases of the moon by accessing the program Stellarium. Each day the students look at the moon and draw the phase of the moon for the period of 15 days.



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If you are interested in having family photo's/portraits taken professionally please come and speak to one of our Preschool staff for more information.

Have a great week!!

Naomi Stapleton and Preschool Staff

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Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week's Buzzie Winners



Lateeka KB, Susan KG, Wil K/6N, James 2W, Tom.H 3/4B,
Faith 4 O'B, Lewis 5P and George 5P

Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic Excursion

Week 7

Information and Permission notes have been handed out.

The cost of the excursion is \$30, payable to the School Office with the signed permission note .

KRed and KBlue – Wednesday 20th November, 2013

KGreen and KYellow – Thursday 21st November, 2013

If you have not received a note, please ask your child's teacher for another one.
Money and note needs to be returned NOW!!!

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Assemblies 2013

Assemblies are held every second Friday at 12.30pm in the Gould League Hall. If there are any changes to this timetable you will be notified as soon as possible.

TERM 4:	Week 3 25/10 - 2M	Week 5 8/11 - 1F	Week 7 22/11 - 1S
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Kindergarten Assemblies Term 4 2013

Assemblies are held every second Thursday at 2:00pm in the Block A Hall. If there are any changes to this timetable you will be notified as soon as possible.

Week 6 14/11	Week 8 28/11	Week 10 12/12
K Green	Preschool	K Yellow

Year 6 Full Day High Transition..

On the 5th of November Year 6 attended Wellington High School for a full day of transition, along with Miss Thompson, Miss Anderson, Mrs Reid and Mr Forrest. All the students were split into 3 groups and during the day they got a chance to participate in subjects in a classroom situation, the students cooked pizza in home economics, they conducted an experiment in science, learnt about the water cycle in HSIE. Touring the school was a little overwhelming and they also got to have a friendly game of tug-o-war. All the students enjoyed their time and had a great experience.



Morning introduction with Mr Cosier and staff.



Students eager to answer questions.



Cooking pizza was fun!! The High School students helped.



Eating our pizza and being with friends was just as fun..



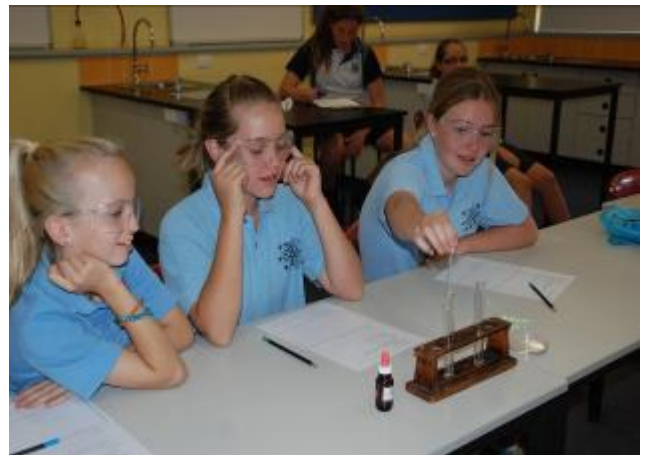
Tug-o-war was entertaining everyone joined in.



HSIE with Mr Roberts was inspiring.



Science had to have been the best subject of the day, getting to use different equipment and teaming up with students from other schools and being able to make new friends for next year.



REMINDERS.. IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR HIGH SCHOOL PAPER WORK, IT NEEDS TO BE HANDED INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.

Phone Intervention Preventative Strategy (PIPS)

As part of our attendance strategy we will be engaging the Home School Liaison Team who will be in the school and conducting PIPS. This is called the Phone Intervention Preventative Strategy.

During this process the team will pick a day each week and phone all the families who have students absent on that day. They will discuss the reason for the absence and the student's attendance record. This is part of an ongoing strategy to raise the attendance of all students who attend Wellington Public School.

JOSEPH UPDATE...

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ♦ Saturday the 16th of November– Full dress rehearsal, Wellington High School Hall @ 11am-3pm
- ♦ Sunday the 17th of November– Full dress rehearsal , Wellington High School Hall @ 11am-3pm
- ♦ Thursday the 21st of November– Performance for Wellington Primary School at the Wellington High School Hall @ 11.30am-1pm
- ♦ Friday the 22nd of November– Performance at Wellington High School Hall @ 11.30am-1pm for surrounding schools
- ♦ Saturday 23rd of November– 7pm Performance ACT I, Dinner @ 7.30pm then ACT II at Wellington High School Hall
- ♦ Sunday the 24th of November– Matinee @ 2pm in the Wellington High School Hall

DVD OF 'JOSEPH and the AMAZING TECHNI COLOUR DREAMCOAT'

At a cost of \$2,200 and filmed by a professional– Peter Hill, we are looking for some sponsors (Can you HELP?).

MANY THANKS to Karissa Pedron and Kellsey Melhuish, for the eye catching posters around town. Kate Boland and Miss Chick.

GO, GO, GO, JOSEPH!!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Wellington Public School's P & C will be catering for the Saturday evening performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. For \$10.00 you can have your choice of a Beef Stroganoff and a drink or a Caesar Salad and a drink. Hot Dogs will be available for the children for \$2.00. So why not make it a family outing on Saturday 23rd November at Wellington High School Hall at 7:00pm. You can be entertained and have your hunger satisfied at interval all in one place. You won't be disappointed!



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Wellington Public School
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JOSEPH and the

WORDS BY TIM RICE
MUSIC BY ANDREW
LLOYD WEBBER

AMAZING TECHNI

TICKETS
Adult \$10
Child \$5
Concession \$7
Family (4) \$25

COLOUR DREAMCOAT

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
MARLENE 'CHICK' JONES**

**DIRECTOR/
CHOREOGRAPHER:
KATE BOLAND**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
OFFICE - 68 45 4080

Wellington High School Hall

22nd November : School Matinee
23rd November: 7:00pm
& 24th November: Matinee: 2pm

**REMINDER: IF YOU ATTEND HOMEWORK CENTRE YOU
NEED TO BRING A HAT!!!**

Changes to Homework Centre and Active After School Activities in TERM 4

Homework Centre and Active After Schools will resume in Week 2, Term 4. This term our **Thursday Active After School Activities will be held at the Market Fitness gym.**

If your child attends Active After School Activities on Thursday they will leave school to walk to Market Fitness at 3.45pm (with a teacher) and they will need to be **picked up from Market Fitness at 4.45pm Sharp.**

If you have not completed a consent form for your child to participate in Active After School Activities - you will need to complete one before your child can attend activities at Market Fitness. Consent forms are available at the front office.

Please see below for Term 4, Homework Centre and AASC timetable.

	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
K-2	K RED (Mrs Bullock)	K RED (Mr Walsh)	K RED (MrsBullock)
3/4	4H (Mr Walsh)	4H (Miss Heydon)	4H (MissHeydon)
5/6	6T (Miss Thompson)	6T (Miss Thompson)	3/4B(Mr Bullock)
AASC activity	CIRCUS at school.	GAMES at school.	Market Fitness Gym.

Thankyou, Homework Centre &

AASC Teachers

Helping a Local Young Lady make it to the World Titles..

Local Wellington Resident and former Wellington Public School Student Maddison Worthe, who is the current Australian Equestrian Champion, has just qualified for the World Titles in America later this year. Maddison has to raise most of the funds herself, over \$6,000. To help raise the money and send Maddison to the World Titles, a famous Muaythai Instructor will be teaching a seminar at a huge discount on Tuesday November 12th, 2013 @ 6.30pm till 8pm. The cost will be \$60 for adults and \$40 for people under 18 years of age. All enquiries please contact Phil 0403 900 236

CANTEEN NEWS

*******\$5 Meal Deals*******

Thursdays & Fridays—TERM 4

ALL orders to be in BEFORE 9:30am.

Thursday	Friday
14 November Hotdog Fruitsalad Cup Popper	15 November Chicken chilli tender & salad tub Popper
21 November Salad Tub with 2 Yummy Drummy O/mango or O/Pass Juice	22 November Cheese Burger Juice or water 50c Iceblock
28 November Ham or Chicken Wrap Popper 50c Iceblock	29 November Hamburger (bun,meatpattie,lettuce,tomato&beetroot, tomato sauce) Popper
4 December Ham or Chicken Salad Tub Juice or Water	5 December Ham or Chicken Wrap Juice/water

Cuppa and Chat

To assist the families of WPS, the Learning and Support Teachers are providing the opportunity for all parents to join together for a cuppa and a chat at Gould League Hall each Friday morning at 9am. This time will allow for parents to ask questions or find out about issues that are important to them. Parents will have the opportunity to suggest areas of interest or concern, so that we are better able to support your needs as they arise, or just bring up the topic in conversation.

We hope to see you each Friday morning to enable us to support you and your family.

When: Friday 9am—9.30am

Where: Gould League Hall



**i swear
never to commit, excuse
or remain silent about
violence against women
this is my oath**

Australia's campaign to
stop violence against women

White Ribbon



*Wellington DV Collective
White Ribbon Day BBQ
Wellington Plaza
25th November 2013
Time: 11am*

**Swear the oath this
White Ribbon Day
25 November
to put a stop to
violence against women**

www.whiteribbon.org.au



November Motomuster

Tuesday the 26th of November will be an out of uniform day with a cake stall and fake moustaches for sale so don't forget to bring your money!



Wednesday the 27th of November at 9am there will be paramedics and their support vehicles visiting the school!

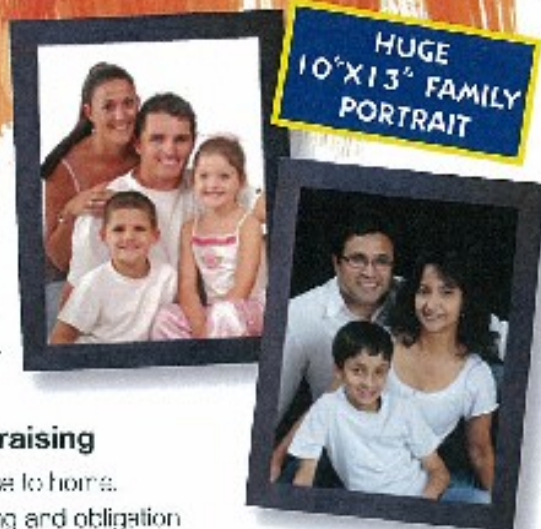
Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10"x13" family portrait (of your family - valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers - view gorgeous samples for ideas or check out their available packages online at:

laurajeon.com.au  facebook.com/laurajeonfundraising

Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include portrait choices, complimentary 3-pose sitting and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs (see back for more details).



We will receive 100% of funds raised from the special framed family portrait, plus heaps of extra bonuses when more families participate.

FREE 3-Pose Portrait Pack

When we get 25 families participating there will be a complimentary 3-pose portrait pack + CD up for grabs.

How can you help us get there?

- Return your voucher ASAP
- Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete Voucher
2. Place into envelope with donation (cheques made out to your organisation)
3. Mark envelope 'Family Portraits'
4. Return to office
5. Invite a friend to help our fundraiser
6. Appointment time confirmed soon!

ORGANISATION:

Wellington Public School

RAISING FUNDS FOR:

WPS Home Reading Program

CONTACT:

Kaylene Brien

0428 452 735 AFTER 4pm

kaylene811@hotmail.com

DONATION:

\$20

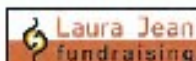
PHOTO DATE:

Saturday, 16th November 2013 and

Saturday, 30th November 2013



PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE 



Voucher for 1 Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price*

Oldest child's full name: _____

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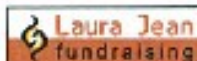
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