

Wellington Public School

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*Safe, respectful learners.*

Week 7 Term 4

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Students Having Fun and Raising Money At The Same Time

On Tuesday 26 November (Next Week) we will be having an out-of-uniform day and a cake stall to raise money for Movember (Raising funds for men's health). Attached to this newsletter is an article about a fund-raising ride from Deniliquin to Broken Hill to raise money for men's health issues and in particular, mental illness and prostate cancer. The riders, who will be on CB 125 motorbikes, are all paramedics and will have support vehicles provided by the Ambulance Service of NSW. They are spending the night in Wellington after two days travelling on their small 125cc motorbikes.

On the following morning (Wednesday) the guys will visit our school and our students can check out their vehicles, ask questions, compare moustaches (available for sale) and we will present any money we raise to the men. Your children might like to bring a few gold coins on the Tuesday to buy treats from the cake stall or to purchase a fabulous moustache to wear on Wednesday and at the same time be making a donation that will go towards helping these men in their quest to raise valuable research funds in support of men's health.

From the Department:-

A Blueprint for Rural and Remote Schools

The NSW Government has announced a detailed plan to improve student learning in rural and remote public schools across the state.

Rural and Remote Education: A blueprint for action is a four-year plan focused on improving education for students in rural and remote areas, from early childhood through to post-secondary career planning.

The rural and remote education blueprint will focus on:

strengthening early childhood education

giving students access to a broad range of curriculum opportunities, particularly for gifted and talented students

providing new incentives for teachers and school leaders to teach in our school

support from a one-stop-shop specialist centre that offers coordinated inter-agency health and wellbeing services, advice and technology support to help us meet our student needs.

This announcement builds on other education reforms that have been introduced over the past two years such as Local Schools, Local Decisions.

These reforms recognise that students and school communities are not all the same; they have different needs and require different levels of support.

This Is Joseph Week

The days are passing quickly and we are fast approaching the school production of "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" and it promises to be Amazing.

It is likely to be a demanding time for all concerned with two school matinee performances (One for our students and one for other schools), and public performances on Saturday night and yet another matinee performance on Sunday.

Demanding it may be but we are sure everyone will rise to the occasion and we will be very proud of everyone involved. As a school we will be very proud of their collective effort and all involved in the production should walk away with lots of memories of their experience.

There are still tickets available for those wanting to support the cast and see what all the hard work has been about.

A Fairer Way

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives Principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM is designed to achieve a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of Government school funding and change the way resources (Staff and Finances) are managed in our school system.

The RAM provides many benefits to schools by:

Allocating most funding on a per student basis

The new RAM will ensure funding is provided to schools based on the characteristics of those schools and the students within them. This will result in additional schools receiving funding to support students with identified needs. In addition, schools identified as having students with the highest need will be funded at a higher rate.

Reducing big changes in a school's resources, e.g. losing a teacher or admin staff member, which can accompany small changes in the reduction in enrolments. Under the current system, a small change in circumstances can mean a school drops out of a program and loses a significant amount, or a whole teacher or school executive position.

Providing increased funding that goes directly to schools, will make school planning easier from year to year.

Shifting from the current funding model where schools manage 10% of the total public school education budget to more than 70% being managed by schools.

Allowing for more flexibility, innovation and decision-making in schools to meet student needs.

In 2014, all schools will receive funding based on the first two components of the RAM: the targeted (individual student) funding and the equity funding (Low level adjustment for disability, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and socio-economic background).

Next Week – we will publish some important end-of-year dates

Principal

Denis Anderson.



Mathletics awards for weeks 4-6

WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS

SILVER AWARDS

<p>Heavenly Dwyer yr2 Liam Miller yr2 William Dimmick yr2 Mahaylee Stanley yr2 Alex Nolan yr6 Andrew White yr5 Bobby J Jeffery yr5 Charles Roberson yr6 Tyrone Gorman yr6 Kevin Barwick yr5 Amali McNeil yr3 Clayton Donovan yr4 Letiah Lousick yr4</p>	<p>Benjamin Smart yr3 Gregory Langbien yr3 Erin McQuade yr4 Ella Gregory yr5 Ryan Kong yr5 Harriet Taylor yr6 Jacinta Elemen yr6 Max-Ann Whittaker yr6 Alicia Thompson yr3 Blake Ryan yr3 Aaron Horan yr3 Edwina Barton yr3 Jasmine Burns-Hill yr3 Chloe Nolan yr6</p>	<p>Harry Wyatt yr3 Kye Hynch yr3 Charlotte Cooper yr4 Jack Playford yr4 Charlotte Donnelly yr4 Cooper Taylor yr4 Ashleigh Shaw-Peckham yr4 Antonio Haenga yr3 Dominic Whiting yr3 David Greatz yr4 Mitchell Sharrock yr4 Christina Cooper yr6 Zachary Robinson yr5</p>
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GOLD AWARDS

<p>ELIZABETH EATHER YR6 BRYN THOMAS YR4 BICHITRA DUTTA YR4 CALLEE GALE YR4 BIANCA DOUGLAS YR6 JANIAH CARR YR6</p>	<p>JORDAN SHARROCK YR3 ARTHUR TAYLOR YR3 JACK BABICH YR3 ASHTON KEOGH YR3 SAMUEL HILL YR6 STEELE JENKINS YR6</p>
	

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week's Buzzie Winners



Ella KB, Georgia KB, Kane 1S, Riley 1F, Hew 3E, William E 3/4B, Kaneesha 5P and Max-Ann 6T

Indigenous Sky Stories Continued

We were very lucky to have Mr David McKinnon and Mr Nicholas Ruddell visit from Charles Sturt University and give us a lesson with the Telescope. Students and Teachers were able to observe the sun safely through the telescope, this was a very interesting and exciting experience which the students really enjoyed. Mr McKinnon and Mr Ruddell also visited a class and gave a small lesson on the different phases of the moon. For the past 18 days students have been observing and drawing the phases of the moon, they have learnt the names of the different phases; full, first quarter, third quarter, waning gibbous and fine waxing crescent.

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.

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 8 28/11	Week 10 12/12
Preschool	K Yellow

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

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

The last week of Active After Schools and Homework Centre for the year will be in WEEK 9. **THERE WILL BE NO HOMEWORK CENTRE AND ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL IN WEEKS 10 AND 11.** It will recommence next year.

Thankyou, Homework Centre &

AASC Teachers

Mustering media for Movember

When four paramedics take to the road in November in a bid to raise \$20,000 for men's health, the NSW Ambulance Media Unit will be helping to promote their worthy cause.

Paramedic Michael Everett and Station Officer Bob Crampton (both from Deniliquin Station), Ian Pollard (Young) and Paramedic Intern Luke Randall (Hillston) will hit the road from 25–28 November as part of the Movember Moto Muster, a 1500 km motorbike ride from Deniliquin to Broken Hill. The team will ride from station to station, taking in 17 ambulance stations and three Community First Responder stations, with stopovers in Junee, Wellington and Cobar.

Michael, who's coordinating the Moto Muster, explained that the team is hoping to count on the stations for support. "Bob will be getting in touch with the SOs at each station to tell them we're coming. We're going to ask if they would be willing to help out and get behind us by conducting some fundraising, even if it's just people at each of the stations putting in 10 bucks. Whatever happens, we don't mind," he said.

Michael explained the ride had been motivated by a number of recent medical emergencies. "It all kicked off after several men's mental health emergency transfers from Deniliquin. I got to talking to a couple of the other boys at work and the Moto Muster was born," he said.

Michael has participated in the past six Movember events by growing a moustache, but says his efforts were, "by no means flash. I'm not an overly-hairy man; I have a wee bit of



Photo: Back (L–R): Deniliquin Honda representatives Chris and Peter Tunny with Bob Crampton. Front (L–R): Ian Pollard and Michael Everett. Absent: Luke Randall (Hillston Station).

difficulty growing a mo". He explained that he usually raised about \$200 from family and friends, but this year is setting out to make a larger contribution to men's health, specifically by raising awareness of mental illness and prostate cancer.

"We want to foster discussion about mental health and encourage men to undergo health checks if they feel something is wrong; to get the message out there that GPs aren't just for when you're dead and dying, they're there for check-ups and for your mental health."

Michael said, traditionally, men had a hard time talking about men's health issues. "We have eight men on station with varying health issues and I don't think you'd ever hear them mention it. Getting them to the doctor is hard enough, but we work in the profession. It's almost built into us; you don't go to the doctor unless you are dead or dying. It's not until you have the health issue that you realise you could have prevented it by regular check-ups."

The riders have bought their own motorcycles at a cost of \$2500 each. "We've had really good support," Michael said. "We've had a donation from the local motorcycle shop, helmets, jackets and shoes and stuff. We've also got a restaurant in Deniliquin which wants to run a fundraiser for us. Various service clubs have also offered to assist with fundraising events."

"Our local RSL club gave us \$1000 and they've indicated they'd also like to run a function. We've received \$300 from Honda Australia, \$1200 from our local Honda dealer, and a fuel distribution company in Deniliquin has put up all the fuel for the bikes."

NSW Ambulance is supporting the event through the loan of an ambulance vehicle. Money raised will aid beyondblue and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

To contribute, contact Michael on meverett@ambulance.nsw.gov.au. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

MOVEMBER MOTO MUSTER ITINERARY

DAY 1

Depart Deniliquin and visit Finley Station (0945), Berrigan (1025), Corowa (1145), Albury (1330), Wagga (1545), Junee (1700).

DAY 2

Arrive Cootamundra Station (0940), Young (1040), Cowra (1210), Canowindra (1340), Molong (1500), Wellington (1630).

DAY 3

Arrive Dubbo Station (0940 – includes tour of Western Operations Centre), Narromine (1130), Nyngan (1400), Cobar (1620).

DAY 4

Arrive Wilcannia (1300), Broken Hill (1645).

MOVEMBER MOTOMUSTER



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Maybe you would like to book in for a meal at the pub that night and enjoy meeting the guys!

We would really appreciate your support!

On the following morning (Wednesday) the guys will visit our school the kids can check out their vehicles, ask questions, compare moustaches (available for sale) and we will present any money we raise to the men.

If you would like to make some cakes for the cake stall or help serve on the stall or sell moustaches or come along for dinner or drinks or sell raffle tickets or make a donation please let me know!

Thanks

Leeanne Everett

JOSEPH UPDATE...

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ 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!



Wellington Public School
is proud to present

JOSEPH and the

WORDS BY TIM RICE
MUSIC BY ANDREW
LLOYD WEBBER

AMAZING TECHNI

COLOUR DREAMCOAT

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

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

3/4 B has been busy learning about Narratives. We have all written fantastic narratives and given Mr Bullock the tough job of selecting three to be published into the Whisper. Erin's narrative has been selected this week. Enjoy!

Kidnapped!

It was late at night when I went to pull my blanket up. Where was my blanket? I sat up. Where am I, I thought. I know for sure that I'm not in my room. My palms were sweaty and I had an ever so fast heartbeat. Then I realised it was just a dream, but why was my lamp off? I went to turn it on. "The light bulb must have blown" I said to myself quietly. I turned around and tried to get back to sleep, but my bed didn't feel the same.

I couldn't get to sleep. "Mum!" I yelled. A lady walked in. "You're not my mum and this isn't my room!" I screamed to the lady. "Now, now Snow White", she replied. "I'm not Snow White, my name's Bella", I said hoarsely. She turned the light on. She was as ugly as a toad, nothing like my beautiful tall mother. "Where am I?" "You'll see soon enough" she replied. She then muttered a few sentences to herself and left the room.

Approximately 20 minutes passed before the lady came back. In her hand was a green potion. "I need to use the bathroom" I whinged. "In a minute!" the lady replied sharply. "Where is my mother?" I asked curiously. "Bella my name is Anna, and your mother is in a safe place, for now" she stated. Anna left the room again. That name didn't suit such an ugly lady I thought. But then I wondered why am I here and where is my mother.

I heard a knock on the wall, "Bella, Bella" someone repeated in a weak voice. I looked over to where it was coming from. There was a tiny round window opposite the door. The window was locked. Luckily I found the key in the bottom draw of a little dresser table, I pulled it out and unlocked the window. It was mum! She helped me out of the room and into the yard. "Follow me" she whispered.

I followed my mother and in about twenty minutes we were in an unusual city that I've never seen before. "We need to talk Bella! You have been kidnapped by a group of evil people called Armitage", her mother said sternly. "They like to do bad things to children like you. Your dad met them when you were only two months". "But why me?" I asked. "I'll explain later Bella, for now you can't make contact with anyone for at least a month" she replied. "Bella we need to get out of here and find your father" exclaimed her mother.

We found dad and hopped in our old Toyota. We were all tired from our adventure. We got home and went straight to sleep. From that day on life has been back to normal.

Written By Erin

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Thursdays & Fridays—TERM 4

ALL orders to be in BEFORE 9:30am.

Thursday	Friday
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
5 December Ham or Chicken Salad Tub Juice or Water	6 December Ham or Chicken Wrap Juice/water

GIRLS CRICKET

Western Region Final Wellington PS V Millthorpe PS

Last Wednesday, WPS Girls Cricket team travelled to Millthorpe to play in Western Region Final of the State Knockout. Despite playing well, the girls went down to a highly skilled & well-drilled Millthorpe team. Well done on your teamwork & excellent sportsmanship, girls.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Douglas for driving the bus & being our scorer..... also Trent for his assistance with the team on the sideline. Thanks to all parents/supporters who have encouraged the girls in playing cricket this season. Ms J

**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**

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***Wellington High School
Naidoc Day 2013***

Come and help us celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander culture and our local Wiradjuri community

Venue: Wellington High School

Date: Wednesday, 20th November, 2013

Time: Start at 9:00 am till 3.10 pm



Herb Smith – Welcome To Country & Careers Yarn up

Ruth Hammond – Cultural & Language Workshop

Bush Tucker

TIG Games

WACHS

Didgeridoo & traditional storytelling

Sport skills – Boxing, Basketball & Rugby League
and more

Free BBQ