

Wellington Public School

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*Safe, respectful learners.*

Week 9 Term 4

Contact us on: 6845 4080

## Congratulations Mr Conn!

The news is already out, but for those who haven't heard, it is time to make public our congratulations to Mr Conn for winning a Deputy Principal's position, through merit selection, at Gunnedah South Public School.

Graham will commence duty in his new school at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Mr Conn has been fabulous in his relieving position as Deputy Principal at our school. He has assumed many demanding roles and responsibilities

and it natural for us to know that we are going to miss his calm demeanour, witty personality and his positive attitude. He will take with him his personal knowledge of students, their families, the wider community and all things relating to the many facets of his job.

It is a good thing that we have a very able executive staff, all working together as a team and who will keep the momentum of our school on an even keel and moving forward. Movement of staff, both in and out of schools, is a common thing to expect in larger schools.

Of course, the flow-on effect will be that this also means we will be saying farewell to Cate as our teacher librarian and their three



children Freya, Rhys and Myles.

As a school community we all join together in wishing Graham, Cate and their children well in their move away from Wellington and offer our thoughts of good luck for their future.

The Deputy Principal's position at Wellington will be filled by Deborah Anemaat.

Debbie, more recently has been working at a state office level as Manager, in Disability Services. Being knowledgeable of Departmental policies and procedures and in working with schools in a variety of settings we can look forward to benefitting from her wide-ranging experience.

Mr Conn's Assistant Principal's position and the position of teacher/librarian are yet to be worked out with staffing and this will all happen in due course.

### **Indigenous Sky Stories Project**

On Tuesday evening a good gathering of students, parents and other adults came to share with Year 6 students the work they have undertaken in the Indigenous Sky Stories Project.

This was where the Bathurst Campus of Charles Sturt University offered a number of schools the opportunity to work together on a project relating to astronomy and the stories of indigenous local people that related to the skies above. To participate in this project each school was given an 8" telescope, computer, ancillary equipment and internet time to communicate with schools in North America and to share indigenous stories.

The evening started with a Welcome to Country given by Paul West followed by three Aboriginal dances and then a BBQ. Two telescopes were set up outside the hall (one lent to us from the High School) so that interested people could look at the sun, the moon and Venus all

of which were interesting to see in the early night sky.

A short video followed in the hall depicting what the students had learnt in regard to some of the stories they were looking to collect.

Nick Rudell from the university was very impressed with the evening and the outcomes our senior classes have achieved. He is so impressed that he suggested Wellington Public School will feature highly in his thesis as he analyses and documents the overall worth of the project and the relevant data he has collected. A 'huge thanks' to Mrs Morley, and to all the teachers supportive of the project and to those in attendance last night. The project was also a success because of the input from our Aboriginal Education Officers Shirley and Trent. Both have been involved with this project and given freely of their time. Shirley introduced the school to Ruth West who has been the primary source for our indigenous stories and we appreciate all the time Ruth has given to our students. This has been a fabulous effort on Ruth's part and we are very appreciative.

Thank you to everyone who came along last night.

## **Presentation Day**

This was another reason to celebrate. Presentation day allows us to recognise students who have performed well academically, as good citizens, as specially recognised people in their classes, achievers in sporting endeavours and as school leaders.

Congratulations to all who received awards yesterday as individual or teams/groups and to all students who have demonstrated their preparedness to attend school every day and try so hard to achieve their personal best.

Our sincere thanks go to all who were able to share this day with us and give our school their support.

We also say 'thank you' to our special guests who added importance to this significant occasion and/or to those who offered donations to

assist us in celebrating student success.

Towards the conclusion of proceedings we gave our appreciation for our school's student leaders who not only were responsible for the smooth running of the presentations but who have also represented the school so well and so consistently throughout the 2013 school year. Well done James, Elizabeth, Heidi and Elijah!

Congratulations to our Leaders Elect for 2014, you can look forward to your official induction early next year.

At an individual level we must specifically recognise our Sportsperson of the year, Harriet Taylor and the Dux of the school, Elizabeth Eather. These are very significant awards and both have been made to very deserving, outstanding students. Again, our heart-felt congratulations! Well done to our school band and thank you too for helping us celebrate on this special day. It was terrific knowing that you had this opportunity to share your collective talent with our school community.

### **Still To Come:**

The Year 6 farewell this Thursday Student reports to go home this Friday;

This Friday is also the Last transition to Kindergarten 2014 day + advertised meeting for parents in the Gould League Hall commencing at 9:00 am,

Class parties next Tuesday and also on Tuesday evening our Carols under the cola,

Next Wednesday also marks the last day for students in the 2013 school year, and

Thursday and Friday next week are pupil-free School Development Days for teachers and support staff.

As this will be the last publication of the Whisper this year, we would like to finish by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Be safe, be happy and we can look forward to what the new school year will bring in 2014.

Please Note:

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 – Teachers and staff return.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 - Students entering Years 1 – 6 return.

Kindergarten students return as by appointed times – staggering entry times for administrative purposes.

Preschool students 2014 return as per appointed time outlined in individual family letters.

**\*\* 2013 preschool concludes (last Day) tomorrow, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.**



**Denis Anderson, Principal**

**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.

	<b>Week 10 12/12</b>
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**Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances**

**This Week's Buzzie Winners**



**Don't Miss the Big Buzzie Grand Final Next Week!!**

**Carols  
Night**



**See  
You  
There!**



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

P & C will be selling

- Drinks
- Sausage sandwiches
- Steak sandwiches



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

Raffle to be drawn on the night

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

Tuesday 17th December 2013 – 6pm to 7pm



**Wellington Public School  
P & C**

# Christmas Raffle

**Major Prize  
Play Station 4**

**Tickets  
\$2 each**

**Drawn at  
"Carols under the COVA"  
17th December**

**With prizes up for grabs from**

Wellington Council, Repco,  
Keirle's Pharmacy, Cow & Calf,  
Hermitage Hill, Tyre Right,  
Bryants Butchery, Cusack's Butchery,  
A little Bird Told Me Photography,  
Cactus Café, Woolworth's,  
Tierney's Central Butchery  
Brennan's Mitre 10, Billabong Australia  
Western Plains Zoo, Harvey Norman,  
Federal Hotel, Put the Kettle On,  
Bunnings Warehouse, ,  
Speaking One Thousands Words Photography,  
Wellington Newsagency.



**Tickets will be available from the  
Schools front Office**



## **Joseph Photos**

Over 3000 photos from the school production of "JOSEPH & the TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT" are available to purchase on a thumb drive for \$20.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing one.



*Hannah Petrovic, Kiara Sullivan and Rebecca Dutfield at the Western Region Girls' Cricket Trials last Thursday.*

## **CLASS PARTIES**

***Class Parties are happening next week. A note will come home this week outlining party details for each Grade.***





## MATHLETICS AWARDS FOR WEEK 9

### SILVER AWARDS

<b>Julia Bancroft 3/4B</b> Kate Holmes 3/4P <b>Misty Rogan 3/4P</b> Courtney Cummings 4H <b>Riley Turner 4H</b> Ngara Kennedy 4H	Thomas Hawke 3/4B <b>Jack Babich 3/4P</b> Nathan Young 3/4P <b>Allana Jamieson</b> 4H <b>Sonja Barrett 40'B</b> <b>Shakira Blacklock</b> 5/6B	<b>Will Eather 3/4B</b> Ashton Keogh 3/4P <b>Jordan Barker</b> 3/4P Kayne Staggs 5/6B <b>Tarik Sullivan</b> 5/6B Aidan Johnson 4H <b>Cody Wotton 4H</b>
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### GOLD AWARDS

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*WELL DONE to all students who achieved awards last week.*

**CONGRATULATIONS to KIARA SULLIVAN on selection in 2014 WESTERN GIRLS CRICKET TEAM.**

### HOME READING FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER.

Thank you to all the families who participated in the recent Laura Jean Photography Family Portrait Fundraiser. \$1272.00 was raised to purchase books for Home Reading. The winner of the raffle was the Hand Family, Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hand, Tony and Ash (1S).

**Don't forget Felicity will be back this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, with your packs. In A Block Hall between 1pm and 6pm.**

Thanks Again Kaylene Brien Home Reading Co-Ordinator.



# LASER TAG

WELLINGTON PCYC

ONE DAY ONLY

Sunday 15th December

6 players to a team

Games starting at 11am and running on the hour

Last game 4pm

\$5.00 per person per game

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

With payment

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# Western Band Camp 2014



The Western Band Camp is on again! The 2014 Camp will be held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 23 February – Friday 28 February 2014. The camp is open to all public school students from years 5-12 and caters for musicians of all levels from beginner to advanced. During the week students will participate in a range of programs including concert band, advanced band and instrumental group tutorials.

It will give students the opportunity to enhance their skills by working with professional musicians, tutors and conductors and exposing them to a variety of music and styles.

Bass guitarists are welcome, however, there are no positions available for vocalists, electric or acoustic guitarists. Separate camps are available for these students. Piano students are welcome to attend, with the understanding that they will be placed with the percussion section. A single drum kit is provided for drummers and they will be expected to rotate turns on the equipment.

Payment can be made either in full - \$400, OR as a \$50 deposit that accompanies the application form followed by instalments of your choice. Students who withdraw will forfeit all monies paid, unless a Doctor's Certificate is presented.

Application forms are available from Miss Heydon or the front Office here at school for those interested in attending.

Miss Heydon.



# You're Invited to A Christmas Party!

Wellington Community Christmas Party in  
Cameron Park

Wednesday, 18 December

The fun begins at 5:30 and will wind up at 7:30

Everyone is welcome!

Ring Maree (02) 68401734

**Chocolate  
Wheel**

**Sausage  
Sizzle**

**Santa  
Ho Ho Ho**

**Face  
Painting**

**Snow  
Cones**

**Music**

**Jumping  
Castle**

**Trike  
Rides**

**Fairy  
Floss**