Welcome
Welcome to 2013 at Wyong Creek Public School, we extend a special welcome to all who are joining us for the first time, we are so very glad to have you as a part of our school community. We trust that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas vacation.

Staffing
Names and positions of all staff members are listed below:

Teacher K/1 – Aislinn Mullins

Teacher 2/3/4 – Andrew Smith and Chrissie Williams (Andrew will take the class every Monday, Thursday and Friday and Chrissie will take the class every Tuesday and Wednesday).

Principal and Teacher 4/5/6 – Tracey McKeown

Release from Face to Face Teacher and Principal's Release Teacher – Chrissie Williams

Learning and Support Teacher – Anne Whight

School Administrative Manager – Kaylene Troy

School Administrative Officer - Marie Gale

General Assistant - Glenn Jones

We will continue to have access to additional support from a range of highly skilled itinerant support staff members, such as School Counsellors, Support Teachers and Learning Support Officers throughout the year.

Class Structure
We are confident that we have sufficient numbers to run three classes again this year: K/1; 2/3/4; and 4/5/6. Year 4 have been split into two groups to ensure better teacher to student ratios during literacy and numeracy sessions. The Year 4 students will be given many opportunities to work together each week as they will be in the same group for sport, fitness, health, German, COGS, music, dance, drama and scripture lessons.

School Soccer Competition and Sausage Sizzle
The P&C are organising a school soccer competition (adults versus children) and sausage sizzle to be held after school on Wednesday 13 February. The purpose of this event is to welcome new families into our school community. Please save this date on your calendar and start training. See the P & C section for further details.
Parent Information Sessions Survey
We would like to offer parent information sessions early this term for all interested parents. We are planning to run separate sessions for each class. Teachers will use this time to communicate with parents about key aspects of the class teaching and learning programs, with a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. If you are interested in attending please complete the attached survey and return it to the school office by next Wednesday.

Sport and Library Days
Sport will be held on Fridays this year. Library days for each class are listed below:
K/1- Thursday
2/3/4- Wednesday
4/5/6- Monday

Anaphylaxis- Advice for parents about general use adrenaline autoinjectors
The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit. Our school has received an EpiPen and it has been placed in our first aid kit.
This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:
o An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
o There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
o A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.
Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Band
Ossie Jellyman, our music teacher will meet with this year’s band members on Friday to discuss the band program. Regular band lessons will commence next Friday.

Voluntary School Contributions
At the start of each year we ask families to make a voluntary school contribution of $50 per child, $80 for two children or $100 per family of 3 or more children to enhance our educational and sporting programs. This assists us in providing quality resources for all students. We are grateful to the families who support our school in this way. Please present these payments to Kaylene in the school office.

Homework
Students will be required to organise resources and cover books or complete title pages for their homework activities this week as detailed in the notes sent home by each class teacher yesterday. Formal homework will commence next week.

Professional Development
Our staff members completed mandatory training on Child Protection and the Department of Education’s Code of Conduct on the last day of 2012. This term’s staff development day, held on 29 January, was spent organising classes, rosters and timetables. We also spent time refining teaching and learning programs for 2013.

Reminders:
- Ice Block day every Wednesday – Smooze ice blocks and frozen fruit tubes will be available this term for $1 each to support Jacinta our World Vision. You are welcome to pay $10 per child for the term if you wish.
- No canteen this Friday - please pack lunch for your child on Friday
**Special Mentions**

- **We are pleased to welcome the following new students and families to our school:** Kindergarten – Tamara; Alexis; Amelia; Ellie; Jack; Macey; Max; Koby and his parents Kerri and Dion; Tyson and his parents Danielle and Daniel; Ashton and his parents Karen and Jason.

- **Tanisha** who had the great honour of doing the Acknowledgement of Country at Wyong Shire Council’s Australia Day celebrations – we are very proud of Tanisha.

  Regards,
  Tracey McKeown
  Principal

**Updated Contact Details**

Attached to the newsletter is a form for you to check and update your contact details, scripture preferences and your child’s medical and allergy details. It is very important that we have up to date information so that we can contact you in an emergency. Please take the time to fill out this form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Kaylene SAM

**You Can Do It!**

This year we begin to implement the You Can Do It! (YCDI) program in all classes. Students were introduced to the program during PD lessons in Term 4 2012. This year the program will be taught by class teachers during two short lessons each week.

The core purpose of the YCDI program is to develop young people’s social and emotional capabilities. These include: confidence (academic and social), persistence, organisation, getting along and emotional resilience. YCDI encourages prevention, promotion and intervention.

We are excited about implementing this new program and look forward to seeing the benefits for our students, families and staff.

**Dance**

During Terms 1 and 2 this year students will be receiving exciting hip hop dance lessons. The lessons will occur on Thursday afternoons, on a fortnightly basis, starting Week 4 this term. The aim is for students to learn a different style of dance which will be used for a showcase entry in Term 3.

The lessons will cost $36 per child ($4.50 per lesson) for the entire program (both terms). Parents may choose to pay the total fee upfront or can pay $18 per term per child for the lessons. A permission note and further details will be sent home next week.

**Library**

As an incentive to encourage more regular borrowing in the library, classes can compete to maintain high borrowing rates. If all students in a class borrow or re-borrow at least 6 times during the term the class will be rewarded with a fun games lesson at the end of the term. All classes will be able to have the reward if borrowing rates meet the quota.

I look forward to excited borrowers taking home and enjoying the excellent resources in our library.

Miss Williams
Teacher Librarian
Parent Information Session Survey

Please return to the school office by 6 February. If this form is not returned we will assume you are not interested in attending.

I am interested in attending a parent information session—yes/no (please circle)

Please tick the time that suits you best:

9.00-9.30am

2.30-3.00pm

5.00-5.30pm

Please see your child’s teacher if you are keen to attend, but the times listed above are unsuitable for you.

Parent’s name: ________________________________

Child’s name and class: _________________________

P&C News

The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome all our new families, and also our existing families. We have planned a welcoming sausage sizzle and kids vs adults soccer match, “Wyong Creek Cup” afternoon on Wednesday 13th February at 3pm. We hope all of our families will be able to attend this event to kick start the year. Please indicate on the return note, for catering purposes, whether you will be attending.

End of Year DVD’s

We still have a few copies which were not distributed last year, if you paid for your copy and have not yet received it, please see Jen King.

P&C AGM

This will be held on Monday 18th February at 3.15pm, and everyone is welcome. Please bring any ideas for fundraising, events, projects etc to this meeting so we can make plan for the year. We also will be declaring all roles vacant, so if you would like to tackle any of the roles, please see any of the current executive for any information or turn up on the day and put your hand up! Meeting dates and times will also be confirmed at this meeting, if you cannot attend the AGM, but would like to attend the regular monthly P&C meetings, please indicate your preferred time and or day on the attached slip.

Contact Details

If you would like to be included in the P&C emails and a published list of family contact details please complete your details below.

Welcome back everyone! Regards Jen King, Secretary, Parent of Rosie Year 3 and Emma Year 1

RSVP

P&C “Wyong Creek Cup” Wednesday 13th February 3pm

YES, we will be attending.

Family name__________________________________ How many people____________________

2013 P&C Monthly Meeting Preferred Day/Time ______________________________________

Please only indicate if you are able to attend on a regular basis.

P&C Contact Details for Distribution to families

Name ____________________________ Best Contact Number____________________

Email__________________________________________________________________________