**Principal’s Report**

**Term 1 Week 2 2013**

We enjoyed a lovely first week back with the students last week. We were excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to the school. We also welcomed another new family this Monday. We are all looking forward to getting to know our new families and to enjoying another wonderful year of learning and friendship at Wyong Creek.

**Sculpture on the Greens 2013**

Col Henry, a very talented local sculptor made contact with me last week to ask if some of the older students at our school would like to be involved in an artist workshop as a part of Sculpture on the Greens 2013. We are very excited to be a part of this project, along with nine other schools in the Wyong area. The workshop will be held early in April and will involve a presentation about sculpture and a 3D drawing lesson.

Sculpture on the Greens is a contemporary outdoor sculpture exhibition, held at Kooindah Waters Golf and Spa Resort, Wyong during April and May 2013.

See [www.sculptureonthegreens.net.au](http://www.sculptureonthegreens.net.au) for further information. Col Henry is the Director of Sculpture on the Greens, you may also be interested in visiting his website [www.colhenry.com](http://www.colhenry.com).

An information sheet is attached for anyone who is keen to learn more and/or sponsor this exciting local event.

**Band**

Band lessons commence this Friday at 8am. Ossie Jellyman, our music teacher is happy to welcome new members. We are looking forward to hearing beautiful music at our school every Friday morning.

Please see his note about guitar tuition attached to this newsletter.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE HEAD LICE**

We have had a report of head lice this week. In order to minimise the problem could all parents please check their child/ren’s hair tonight and treat and remove all eggs if there are any lice or eggs found. It is also important to re-treat the hair after 7 days.

**Fixing the Problem**

The key to treatment and eradication of a head lice infestation is to break their life cycle. A lot of the frustration parents experience stems from their belief that current treatments don’t seem to work. There are several possible reasons for this. Head lice resistance may be one cause.

It is important to check hair seven days after the initial treatment and retreat as necessary in order to break the lifecycle. It is also important to treat all family members. It is difficult to kill all the eggs present when the infestation is first treated. Information from: [http://moov.com.au/2010/08/understanding-head-lice/](http://moov.com.au/2010/08/understanding-head-lice/)

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**Dates to remember:**

- **Fri 8 Feb** – Teaching Principal’s Network Meeting - Tracey
- **Wed 13 Feb** – Soccer competition and Sausage sizzle after school.
- **Mon 18 Feb** – P & C AGM 3.15pm. All welcome.
- **Tues 26 Feb** – Swimming Carnival, Gosford Pool
- **Wed 27 Feb** – School Photos

**Reminders:**

- **Sport Day** – Friday
- **Library Days** – K/1 - Thursday 2/3/4 - Wednesday 4/5/6 – Monday
- **Ice block Day** each Wednesday $1 each

Please return Active After School notes and Updated contact detail notes by Friday.
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 sponsor child. You are welcome to pay $10 for the term if you wish.

- **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 three 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.

- **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

- **School Soccer Competition and Sausage Sizzle**- The P&C are organising a school soccer competition 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 return RSVP to the office.

- **Parent Information Sessions Survey**- A survey was attached to last week’s newsletter, please return your survey to the school office this week if you are interested in the Parent Information Sessions.

- **Contact Updates** - Please return all emergency contact updates sheets and scripture class notes by this Friday.

- **Canteen**- Hot Dog Special Lunch this Friday - $ 4 for a Hot Dog, Drink and Fruity Ice. Please see attached Canteen note.

Special Mentions

- We extend a warm welcome to our new students Crystal, Taleah, Chloe and their mum Linda. We are looking forward to getting to know them.

- We are very grateful to our friendly students who are doing a fantastic job of welcoming new students to our school.

Calendar

- Friday 8 February- Teaching Principals’ Network Meeting (Tracey)
- Wednesday 13 February (after school) - School Soccer Competition and BBQ
- Monday 18 February, 3.15pm -P&C AGM
- Wednesday 27 February- School Photos

Regards,
Tracey McKeown
Principal

Bookclub

Issue 1 is attached to the newsletter. If you would like to purchase any books please return the order forms to the office by Friday 15 February. All purchases earn points that the school is able to spend on books. Thank you in advance for your support.
Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 and students in Year 2 turning 8 this year will be held on Tuesday 26 February at Gosford Pool. Permission notes and further information will be sent home next week.

Andrew Smith
Sport Coordinator

Hip Hop Dancing

Dance classes will be held after lunch every second Thursday in Terms 1 & 2 as part of our Dance program. Classes start in Week 4. Please see the attached permission note for further details. Cost is $36 per child for the program.

Chrissie Williams
Coordinator

Wyong Shire Council Community Information Sessions about the proposed rate increase

Thursday, 7 February - 7:30pm - Council Civic Centre, 2 Hely Street Wyong
Tuesday, 12 February - 7:30pm - Halekulani Hall, Scenic Drive, Budgewoi

Voting closes 15 February 2013.
For further information see: www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/RatesOptions

Free lower limb assessments

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Appointment times: Mondays from 2.15pm to 4.15pm from 4th March till 27th May 2013

Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by two podiatrists. Advice can be offered on footwear, normal development and foot, leg and knee problems. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 4394 7280

For Sale $2000
1 share in Little Hartley Farm, 372 acres in the Blue Mountains. Free horse riding and lessons, 27 acre motor x track, Tennis court, Swimming pool. Self contained units sleeping 6 comfortably, kitchenette and ensuite. Stay for a night, a weekend or a week, or just visit for the day. This is NOT a timeshare. Must sell, after 13 years, we are no longer using our share. Where else can you pay under $40 per week for unlimited access to your own farm, free horse riding, a place to ride, and a safe family getaway! For more information see Jen King or http://www.ebay.com.au search Little Hartley Farm for pictures.
A new direction for the ‘Coast Arts Festival’ flagship outdoor sculpture event. This culturally important, high profile event will attract many visitors, promoting Art to enrich the cultural fabric of the Central Coast.

You may not be fully aware of the commitment and passion required to making sculpture.

Be part of the prestigious exhibition, ‘Sculpture on the Greens’ 2013, an Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition during April and May 2013 held at Kooindah Waters Golf Resort, near Wyong, NSW.

Part of the vision of ‘Sculpture on the Greens’, is to promote the artists and their fantastic works to a wide audience, increasing their profile and attracting new interests.

This exhibition is artist owned and run, and is all about the artists. It is also fully funded by supporters of the event.

With this in mind, we are asking you to donate $5.00 or more if possible. OR If you are a small business and would like us to include you as a ‘Proud Sponsor’, a donation of $200 will ensure you are firmly attached to our great event.

For this small investment you will receive

- Free invitations to the Gala Opening at Kooindah Waters Golf Resort on the 5 April 2013 stating from 5.00 pm. See kooindahwatersgolf.com.au
- Mingle and talk to the exhibiting artists at the opening, and enjoy some entertainment and taste wines donated by Undercliff Winery & Gallery, Wollombi See undercliff.com.au.
- A light inexpensive meal will be available after the official opening to encourage visitors to stay and enjoy the evening of SCULPTURE
- An opportunity to vote for the ‘Peoples Choice, and win a lunch for two at Kooindah Waters Restaurant
- 5 x E-News Letters about the event. There will be articles about the exhibiting artists, including yours. Images of other works, essays about sculpture and general information to increase you connection with the event, the artists and the of course the sculptures.

To donate, visit sculptureonthegreens.net.au goto SPONSORS, DONATE and press

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PLEASE send us an email sculptureonthegreens@gmail.com after you have made a donation so we can include you in the opening night invite, be in the running for a prize and receive the E News Letters

The idea behind this ‘crowd funding’ concept, is to make more people aware of the passion and dedication shown by our fantastic group of sculptors, ‘breaking down the barriers’ and opening a conversation between the sculptors and their friends.

Please be involved in this worthwhile event.

Col Henry - Sculptor
Director of ‘Sculpture on the Greens’
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