### Principal’s Report

#### Parent Information Meetings
Thank you to all families who returned the Parent Information Meeting survey forms. The most popular time was 9-9.30 am. If you indicated that you were unable to attend at this time please see your child’s class teacher to arrange a separate meeting time.

**K/1 Tuesday 19 February 9-9.30am**  
**2/3/4 Thursday 21 February 9-9.30am**  
**4/5/6 Friday 22 February 9-9.30am**

We hope these meetings are productive for all involved. Please feel free to join in even if you did not return the original survey form. The aim of the meetings is to help you understand how the class program functions, especially in regard to class literacy and numeracy programs.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE RE HEAD LICE
We have had another 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/)

#### Creativity and Critical Thinking
We discussed an interesting article from the Sydney Morning Herald at our staff meeting last week. The article described a successful school in Shanghai; it attributed the school’s success to a strong focus on creativity and critical thinking. The principal of the school was quoted in the article, stating that the school encourages the students to be, “…innovative, have their own independent thinking skills and command 21st-century skills.” The article also outlined the importance of students asking questions and taking risks with learning. We found the article to be refreshing and empowering as the points made align with our school focus at Wyong Creek. We are excited about the gains our students are making as a result of this approach. We are proud of the fact that we have had students gain entry into Gosford Selective High School for the last two years, along with three offers of placement into opportunity classes for students who were in Year 4 in 2012—these are highly competitive positions. The fact that our students enjoy coming to school every day, enjoy learning and believe that they can achieve success is additional evidence of the effectiveness of this approach. We look forward to witnessing continued academic growth in all students in 2013.
You Can Do It! Social and Emotional Learning Program

Our You Can Do It! focus for this fortnight is Getting Along – all students will take part in three short lessons each week to discuss the attributes of people who are good at getting along with others. Please encourage your child/ren to talk with you about this at home. It might be helpful to discuss examples you have witnessed of people getting along well with one another, such as: solving conflicts without fighting; helping others; sharing with others; appreciating people and giving compliments; listening to others; and working together productively.

Camp Program
We were very grateful to all families who returned their camp surveys in Term 4 last year. The results showed the most popular camps were the Zoo Snooze and Canberra. Most families were also happy about a Sport and Recreation or Challenge Ranch style of camp. After staff discussions and consultation with other small schools a four year camp cycle was decided upon, as outlined below:

2013: Years 3-6 to Zoo Snooze; K-2 to Reptile Park

2014: Years 5 & 6 to Canberra with other small schools; Years 3 & 4 to camp with other small schools; K-2 Teddy Bears Picnic Day

2015: Years 3-6 to Challenge Ranch, Somersby (or similar camp site e.g.: Sport and Recreation or Camp Toukley); K-2 to have a Day Camp at the same venue

2016: Years 5 & 6 to Canberra with other small schools; Years 3 & 4 to camp with other small schools; K-2 Fun Day or excursion.

4 year cycle then repeats.

We are currently exploring dates for the Zoo Snooze for this year’s 3-6 camp and will provide further information as it comes to hand.

Reminders:

- **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.

- **Hip Hop Dance** – starts next week. Please return notes and money to the office by next Wednesday.

- **Active After School Program** – starts next Tuesday and Wednesday. Notes with your child’s allocated day/s were sent home Monday.

Special Mentions

- **Thank you to Alissa** who organised a special canteen day for the students last Friday. We are very grateful to Alissa for all of the work she puts into our school canteen.

- **Thank you to the P&C** for organising our soccer afternoon and sausage sizzle to welcome new families to our school.

- **Our Coles Sport for Schools and Woolworths Earn and Learn** orders have arrived. Due to the generosity of the school and wider community we were able to order a kit bag of softball equipment, back pack and bum bag First Aid Kits, Scoop ball sets, stompers, step ‘n spin sets, a whistle and some balls from Coles; and 2 extra Lego Robotic kits, a book box for the library, tote tray shelving for the K/1 class and a hopper from Woolworths. Thank you for your support.
Calendar

- Wednesday 13 February – Local Management Group Meeting (afternoon) – Tracey; School Soccer Competition and BBQ – commencing at 3pm
- Monday 18 February, 3.15pm -P&G AGM
- Thursday 21 February- Primary Principals Meeting (morning) – Tracey
- Tuesday 26 Feb – Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 27 February- School Photos

Regards,
Tracey McKeown
Principal

Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Gosford Pool on Tuesday 26th February. Pool entry for competitors is $3 payable on the day to the pool. Permission notes and information about the events your child has been entered into are attached. If you have any questions please see Andrew.

Andrew Smith
Sport Coordinator

Canteen News

Canteen will commence this Friday with our regular menu (attached). All menu items meet the DEC Healthy School Canteen guidelines and are green or amber foods. Please write your order on a brown paper bag, enclose the money and send in to the office on Friday mornings.

Helpers are still required for the following days - 22 Feb (1) and 15 Mar (2). If you can help please let Alissa or Kaylene know. The roster for Term 1 is below. If you have any queries or are unable to do Canteen on your allocated day please call Alissa on 0434 408 638.

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**Position Vacant**

**Wadalba Community School**  
**Canteen Assistants (Casual)**

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to apply for the above positions at the Wadalba Community School Parents & Citizens’ operated Canteen. The successful applicants will be joining a small friendly team led by a Canteen Supervisor.

Periods of employment may vary from day to day / week to week during the times of 8.00am to 3.00pm.

Applicants should address the following criteria in their applications:-

- Knowledge and experience in food handling and preparation (qualifications would be of an advantage.)
- Knowledge of Fresh Tastes @ School Healthy School Canteen Strategy.
- Strong interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with all employees and students.
- The ability to work to deadlines in a high intensity environment.
- The understanding of WH&S principles within a canteen environment.
- The ability to adhere to appropriate policies in relation to the school canteen.

Applications should have the names and contact details of two referees.

Employees are paid in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 - Award ID MA000003.

The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Working with Children check before appointment to the positions.

Applications close: 12th February 2013

Apply by email to:

The Secretary,

Wadalba Community School P & C,

at: mackenzie@nlc.net.au

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**Wyong Lakes Australian Rules football club.**

Our sports club is located at Don Small Oval, Tacoma. We are a family orientated club with a warm community atmosphere and a passion for AFL. The club has grades ranging from junior Aus Kick under 9’s & 10’s up to 12’s, 13’s, 15’s and 17’s and an open aged senior team starting from 18yrs. We are also aiming towards developing an under 15’s girls’ team through if we can gain enough interest and players.

**Registration day** at Don Small Oval, Tacoma, on the 24th of February, 12 -3pm.

For more information phone Wyong lakes on 0439828116 Or email wyonglakes_secretary@hotmail.com
Wyong Creek Public School
P&C Canteen Menu Term 1 2013

Meals

Pizza slab – Hawaiian or BBQ Meatlovers (A) $2.50
Fresh Salad Wrap (G) $3.00
Fresh Salad Wrap with chicken (G) or ham (A) $4.00
Inghams Chicken Yummy Drummies (A) $1 each (large crumbed drumstick shaped nugget)

Snacks

Fruit Salad Cup (G) $1.00
Frozen yoghurt – Strawberry or Mango (G) $1.50
Banana Paddle Pop (A) $1.50

Drinks

Big M Flavoured Milk (Strawb or Choc) (G) $1.30
Juice Popper – Apple, Orange or Tropical (G) $1.00

Write all that down on a lunch bag with your name and class.
If you need a bag we can supply one for an extra 10c per order.
Bring your order to school on Friday morning for our lovely canteen helpers to make for you.

Easy!!

(G) These foods our bodies love and need every day.
(A) These are sometimes foods that it’s best not to have every day of the week