NEWSLETTER  
Term 1 Week 6

Dates to remember:

Friday 8 March – Year 6 Hands on Day at Wyong High School

Thursday 21 March – Harmony Day

Thursday 28 March – Easter Hat Parade 2pm

Fri 29/3 –Mon 1/4 – Easter Holidays

Friday 9 April – Sculpture workshop

Friday 12 April – Last day of term

Don’t forget:

Ice block Day each Wednesday  
$1 each

Canteen helpers 8 March  
– Briony and Rae

Merit Awards  
Next week

Principal’s Report

Floods
The school was closed due to flooding again this Monday. Staff relocated to Tuggerah Public School, along with a small number of students who were able to leave their homes safely. All families were contacted via email, text message or phone. As advised in last week’s newsletter, emails and text messages will be the main communication system for floods. Please remember to check your emails if flooding is likely – but note that the school must have your current email address for this system to work. We will also ask Star FM and 2GO to broadcast messages, along with placing a message on the school website if possible. The standard plan is that if the road is closed on the eastern side or water levels are rising significantly- the school will be closed and staff will relocate to Tuggerah Public School. Parents who have email or mobile difficulties are welcome to contact me directly on my mobile (0431 540 002) to clarify emergency plans.

Many families are yet to return their up-to-date contacts for use in floods and other emergencies, it is vital that all families return the note attached to last week’s newsletter to the school by the end of this week so that we can ensure we have a solid contact system in place.

Staff News
I extend my apologies for failing to communicate with you about the birth of Mrs Coombes’ baby early this year. She welcomed a beautiful baby girl into her family, named Eliza. We have sent Mrs Coombes and her family our best wishes and we are looking forward to welcoming her back as a casual teacher at our school once she is ready to return to work.

Advance Warning - Additional Staff Development Day in Term 2
The Department has provided all NSW public schools with an additional staff development day at the commencement of Term 2 this year to provide time for professional learning on the new syllabus documents. This means that staff will be involved in two staff development days: Monday 29 April; and Tuesday 30 April. Students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday 1 May.

Reminders:

- Band and catch-up guitar lessons will be held this Friday – don’t forget your instruments. Guitar lessons will be held on Mondays from Week 7 on.
- After School Pick Up –Please note that students are not permitted to walk outside the school fence without an adult accompanying them. All students must wait next to the phone booth until an adult arrives to collect them and must either stay at the phone booth or stand with the adult who is collecting them until the adult is ready to leave the school grounds. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep all students safe at pick-up time.
Special Mentions

- **Thank you again to all families** who helped to provide information about flooding in the valley on Sunday and Monday – thank you to **Chrisie and Marrilyn** who made early morning trips on Yarramalong Rd to check road conditions for us on Monday morning.

- **A very big thank you to Evan Campbell** (principal of Tuggerah Public School) who once again hosted our staff and students on Monday. Thank you also to the Tuggerah before and after school care team who gave us their room for the day.

- **Thank you to all students** who helped their families and teachers on Monday during the flood by behaving sensibly and working hard on all tasks set. We were especially impressed by the excellent behaviour of the students who attended Tuggerah Public School.

- **Well done to Stefanie and Ashton** who worked hard on the writing task that was emailed to students who were flooded in on Monday. They were both very thoughtful and creative when discussing and writing about the topic: **Should animals be kept in zoos?**

Calendar

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Should Animals Be Kept In Zoos?

**By Stefanie**

Animals should be left to live in the wild. Birds to fly free and to choose their own food. Tigers should be able to roam and hunt in their natural environment, they should be able to choose their own mates and be free in the jungle. And what about monkeys? Monkeys should be able to swing from tree to tree and eat as many bananas as they want. They definitely don’t want people to be staring at them all day, pulling faces at them through their cage.

That’s why I think animals should NOT be kept in zoos.  

Outstanding Work

Stefanie!

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**Flood and emergency contact email**

Child’s name: ________________________________

Parent’s name: __________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________

Up to date phone numbers: Mobile _________________ Home: _________________

Please tick this box if you are happy to have these details recorded on a school phone tree to be distributed to all families.

Signature: ____________________________________________
Easter Celebrations at Wyong Creek

Our traditional Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 2pm. The students will make their hats at school during class time.

Parents and pre-schoolers will be invited to participate in the parade and are encouraged to make their own hats to bring along on the day.

We have heard that the Easter Bunny might make a special visit to deliver some chocolate eggs. Please let Kaylene know if your child has special dietary requirements. Please also let her know about any pre-schoolers who will be present at the parade.

We will also be holding an Easter Raffle to help raise funds towards the purchase of iPads for use in the classrooms. We would appreciate donations of an Easter egg or similar for use as prizes. Tickets will be $1 each or 3 for $2. Books of 15 tickets will be sent home to each family next week. Thank you in anticipation of your support.