Principal’s Report

Parent and Teacher Meetings
We are holding our annual parent-teacher meetings earlier than usual this year in order to set learning goals in the areas of English and mathematics for all students. A brief interim report will be issued at the meetings. Full school reports will still be issued at the end of each semester.

The meetings will be held on Thursday 11 April for all classes. Meetings will be 15 minutes in duration. We will do our best to hold interviews for siblings at similar times. Parents are invited to consult with their child’s class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time if the date and/or times offered are unsuitable.

Notes were sent home about the meetings last week. Meeting request forms were due on Tuesday 26 March. Please return your request form to school tomorrow if you have not already done so. Class teachers will reply to confirm meeting times.

Easter Hat Parade
We are looking forward to our annual Easter Hat Parade which will be held this Thursday at 2pm. Parents, siblings and friends are invited to join in on the day. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at this event.

Lockdown Drill
Lockdown and evacuation drills are a regular part of our school calendar as they are important aspects of our emergency management plan. We held a lockdown drill last Friday. The students responded sensibly. The drill will be evaluated at our next staff meeting. An evacuation drill will be held later this year.

Facebook
I have been informed that there is a Facebook page that is apparently titled ‘Wyong Creek Public School’. If you are aware of this page please help us by asking the members to rename it. This is important because the page has not been created by the school and we are unable to monitor it. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Small Schools Sports Afternoon
Our Year 3-6 students have been invited to attend a small schools sports afternoon to be held at Wyong Grove Public School on the last day of term, Friday 12 April. Notes are attached to this week’s newsletter.

ICAS Years 3-6
All Year 3-6 students are invited to participate in ICAS competitions this year. The school will cover the cost for all Year 3-6 students to participate in the mathematics and technology competitions as we are using the data collected in these assessments to track student growth. Parents who would like their children to compete in the other aspects of the competition are invited to complete the attached form and return it, along with the required payment, to the school by Wednesday 10 April.
Reminders:
- Year 3-6 camp to Taronga Zoo, Sydney Aquarium and Tower Eye- Permission notes and deposits of $50 per child need to be returned to the school office by the end of term – Friday 12 April.

Special Mentions
- Congratulations to Keeley who made it into the top ten in Australia in the Grand National Championship horse riding competition – this is an amazing achievement.
- Well done to our K/1 class for setting such a good example at our assemblies every morning.
- Well done to our Year 4-6 choir members – they are already starting to sound amazing after only three lessons.
- We extend a special welcome to our two new girls: Lily in Year 2; and Skye in Year 4.
- Congratulations to Lily who received a Principal’s award for her great efforts in art. Lily worked hard to create some excellent paper sculptures.

Calendar
- Wednesday 27 March – Rugby League Clinic and Anti-Bullying Presentation
- Thursday 28 March – Easter Hat Parade 2-3pm – all welcome
- Friday 29 March – Monday 1 April – Easter Holidays
- Tuesday 2 April – Active After School excursion 3.15 - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 3 April – Aboriginal Student Leadership Meeting
- Thursday 4 April – Friday 5 April – Principals’ Conference
- Tuesday 9 April – 4/5/6 Sculpture Workshop with Col Henry
- Thursday 11 April – parent-teacher goal setting meetings, P&C sausage sandwich BBQ lunch
- Friday 12 April – last day of Term 1, Year 3-6 Sports Afternoon at Wyong Grove Public School
- Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April- Term 2 Staff Development Days
- Wednesday 1 May - students commence Term 2, Whole school photo to be taken (please wear full school uniform)

Regards,
Tracey McKeown
Principal

Easter Raffle

Drawn this Thursday at the Easter Hat Parade.

Please return all tickets by Thursday morning.

A message from Wyong Catholic Parish – Sacrament of Confirmation 2013

We warmly invite parents of any child in Year 2 and above, who has been baptised and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parent information/enrolment evening on Tuesday 9th April at St John Fischer, Tumbi and Wednesday 10th April at St Cecilia’s Church Wyong, commencing at 7.30pm.

This is an exciting time in the children’s journey of faith, where we recognise the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. A copy of your child’s baptism certificate will be required for the enrolment. (Please note: Most baptisms in any Christian faith are recognised and confirmation involves being welcomed into the Catholic Church.) Children are not required to attend the parent information evening. We look forward to seeing you.

For further information please contact the Wyong Parish Office; Ph: 4352 1011.