**Principal’s Report**

**Week 6, Term 1**

**Tuggerah Lakes PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival**

Yesterday, 9 super athletes from Wyong Creek PS attended the Tuggerah Lakes PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara. As expected, students were extremely well behaved and participated to the best of their ability against good swimmers from other local schools. While there were many great individual performances, personal bests and outstanding efforts, the day belonged to Hester from Year 3 who came 2nd in the 9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle. What a great moment for Wyong Creek! She is now off to the Sydney North Regional Carnival! We wish her all the very best of luck.

**Nation Young Leaders Conference**

On Monday 29 February I took the 2016 school leaders to Allphones Arena for the Halogen National Young Leaders Conference. The students listened to guest speakers including the current Commissioner of NSW Police Andrew Scipione, whose insight into what it means to be a great leader was inspiring. The main message the students learnt from the day was that to achieve great things, they must take care of all the ‘little’ things along the way on their day to day journey. All 7 of our leaders represented our school perfectly and were excellence ambassadors for Wyong Creek.

**LMBR Training**

Kaylene and I will commence training this week for the new Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) school management system. The training is extensive and will be ongoing over the next few months. Plans have been put in place to deal with our absences from school when they occur. If there is an urgently need to communicate with either of us when we are not onsite, please notify the teaching staff and they will make contact with us on your behalf.

**Debating Workshop**

This Thursday 8 senior students will be accompanying me to Narara PS to take part in a debating skills workshop. The day is planned to assist students in the development of their debating skills and to prepare them for the opportunity to represent their school in the Premier’s Debating Challenge which will be held during Term 2 and 3. Students involved in the day are reminded to be at school ready for departure at 8.45am.

**Clean up Australia Day**

Each year schools around Australia participate in the Clean-up Australia Day movement. To play our part, Wyong Creek students will be cleaning up our school grounds on Friday between 12.30 and 1.00pm. Students are encouraged to come prepared with gardening gloves, a plastic bag and of course, their school hat.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Thomas R, who like Erica last week, was selected to represent Tuggerah Lakes Zone at the Central Coast Football Trials. This is a great achievement and we wish him all the very best at the next level.

Have a great week everyone,

Matt Barr - Relieving Principal
Band
Please try and pay the band fees promptly as the school pays Ossie as at the beginning of each term using money from our limited school budget. Thank you to those families that have already sent in their band fees.

Class News

K/1/2 News

We have had another busy and productive week in K/1/2. Our literacy sessions are now running extremely well and the children are producing some great work.

This week in numeracy groups we are learning about Length. We began by learning how to measure something and then compared the heights of children in K/1/2. To explore Length at home, try using household items as measuring tools e.g. using pegs to measure mum’s or dad’s shoe.

You may have noticed in your child’s home learning book there is a Studyladder login. This is an optional task for your child. You can use your discretion as to whether they complete any of the assigned tasks. The tasks will be aligned to the topic we are looking at, as well as some revision tasks from previous weeks. Please come and have a chat with me if you have any questions about Studyladder.

Thank you for all the support from the Wyong Creek community. If you have any questions at all, please come and have a chat with me.

Mr Waters.

2/3/4 News

This term is going so quickly and we are learning so much in our classroom. During WOW time we have been writing about lots of different things. This included trying to persuade Mr Barr that school should only be three days a week. There were some fantastic arguments such as: teachers get more time to plan; kids get time to see their pets and Mr Barr gets time to play rugby! Persuasive writing is quite structured and includes arguments in paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting evidence. It also has an introduction and conclusion.

The maths topic this week is multiplication and division. We have been working on skip counting and how it is different to times tables. There are some fantastic songs on YouTube that teach students skip counting and get faster and faster. You can also use skip counting at home to count pairs of items (e.g. socks, sets of cutlery, shoes).

Our inquiry unit is something students look forward to each week. We have been learning in depth about primary and secondary sources and how to analyse them to learn about the past. This week we explored newspaper articles and videos. Students can look for sources about their own family history at home and determine if they are primary or secondary sources, and if they are artefacts.

Have a fantastic week everyone. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

Miss Williams
4/5/6 News

In English we’ve been learning about suffixes and prefixes with Mrs Mullins. We are also working on Eureka Stockade presentations. We’ve been enjoying listening to everyone’s book reports and we’ve been inspired to read some new books because people have been giving them such high ratings!

In maths we’re working on multiplication and 3D shapes. We’ve used Maths Online to do tasks in the classroom and watch videos on how to work out more difficult questions about multiplying.

Today, some of class went to Zone swimming and we hope they did really well and tried their best. We’re working on skills in fitness and this fortnight we’ve done bounce passes, hopping and leaping.

Last week we finished our Pablo Picasso artworks and made them into 3D models. Soon we’re going to paint the models.

We’ve been looking at video and newspaper sources in Inquiry learning about the perspectives that different people might have had during history. We all felt a bit awkward thinking that Barangaroo came to dinner at Government house with no clothes. When we really thought about it though, it must have also been a bit weird for Aboriginal people to see the First Fleet wearing clothes as well.

The debating workshop is on Thursday so it’s a very busy week in 456.

Yesterday was very exciting because it was the leap day of the year! And yesterday Year 6 went to a very special leadership day where there were speeches, singing, dancing and heaps of questions! The leadership day was about how to be a leader. Approximately 6000 people came to the meeting! We even got to see Scott Tweedie from Prank Patrol (a TV show), a lady that gets to eat and make and eat and make and eat and make chocolate all day (imagine that!), a lady that worked at Google Industries and a lady who owns her very own cat cafe where you get to buy a coffee while playing with cats!!!! It was very fun and we learnt new things. We rate it 4 out of 5 stars! Well, that’s about it for now so just remember to be nice and be safe!

By Imogen and Grace L
Mrs Mullins and Miss Troy

P & C News

P & C AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 21st March at 3.15pm. This will be followed by a general meeting. We will be discussing the time that P&C is held and whether another day or time suits more people. We would appreciate it if everyone could fill in and return the short survey below as we would really like as many families as possible to have the opportunity to be involved in P&C.

Canteen
Please write lunch orders on a paper bag and bring to the office Friday morning. Please try to include the correct money. Recess items are to be purchased from the canteen at recess. Please give your child separate money for recess as change from lunch orders cannot be used at recess as it is too difficult to sort out whilst serving. If at all possible please give each child their own money but, if siblings are sharing money they must go together to get their recess. This will reduce any arguments and holdups at recess time.

Thank you,
Heidi
Canteen Manager

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