Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Student and School Safety

Last week staff and students were put to the test when we had to evacuate from the school grounds due to a bomb threat. Our school has in place a detailed Emergency Management Plan which we put into place as soon as the phone call was received. The students weren’t distressed as we practise evacuations and lockdowns on a regular basis throughout the year.

The school was highly praised by all key personnel who worked at the school to ensure that it was safe for our return. Wangi Workers Club are to be congratulated for supplying iced water and the use of their amenities. Thank you for the positive comments from parents regarding how staff were extremely calm and proactive during the two hours that we were out of the school.

Parent Information Sessions

I trust that the parent information sessions conducted in Week 3 have proved to be beneficial for parents and carers. Overviews of the content covered in the meetings were sent home with students of parents who were unable to attend due to other commitments. I take this opportunity to stress once again that the meetings should be seen as a “first step” in developing a relationship of shared responsibility with class teachers for your child’s education. As the school year progresses I encourage you not to hesitate to contact class teachers regarding an appointment if you wish to discuss any matters of concern.

Leave

Mrs Murphy will be on leave from Wednesday, 2nd March until Friday, 11th March. Miss Ashleigh Hume will be replacing Mrs Murphy.

Professional Learning

This week I have been fortunate enough to attend a 5 day professional learning course on Stronger Smarter Leadership. This course aims to challenge and support participants to improve outcomes for Indigenous students by facilitating learning opportunities and to create positive changes in Indigenous education. I look forward to implementing new initiatives throughout the year.

Creative Learning

At the end of 2015 we trialled Creative Learning groups to build on the skills of resilience, cooperation and getting along. This proved highly effective and we have implemented it this term, to run every second Friday, alternating with Assembly. The students have responded positively during this time and it’s great to see their growth and engagement. An evaluation after each session is completed with student feedback and ideas being monitored. This is another wonderful program being implemented to improve Student Wellbeing.

Jenni Langford
Principal

Care enough for a result, and you will almost certainly attain it.

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P&C meets on the third Tuesday of each month
**R and R** Room

Do you ever think about how many choices we all make on any given day?
Sometimes we make good choices and sometimes we make choices which we regret.

Students at Wangi Wangi School are encouraged to be aware of their choices in situations, own their own behaviour and accept consequences.

The “R and R” Room operates every lunchtime and/or recess with either Ms Murray or Mrs Tarrant.

The “R and R” Room is where students may be asked to come to “Rethink” some choices they made, “Resolve” an issue or to complete work.

Playground or classroom incidents are documented and may be accompanied by a communication note to be signed by a parent/caregiver and then returned to the school with the child. We encourage students to take responsibility for their actions and learn from their mistakes.

The “R and R” Room also operates as a passive play area where students are welcome to come to the room to discuss a problem or partake in alternative inside play activities such as lego, puzzles, painting or reading.

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**February Maths Awards**

**Kinder**: Lyndon Norris.
**Year 1/2**: Jahzara Hovell.
**Year 3/4**: Jayden Martin.
**Year 5/6**: Bede Garnett.

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**Merit Awards**

**Kinder** Bronte Swift, Oliver Eames, Ivy Spokes, Sunni Stewart, Lyndon Norris
**1/2** Abbie Gee, Brock Bennett, Gabby Di Lenardo, Breeanna Wellard,
**3/4** Charlie Prescott, Cooper Walsh, Sarah Bullock, Ella Beck
**5/6** Maggie Carr, Charlotte Marsh, Griffin Haines, Jake Harrison

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**Descriptive Writing by Yr 3/4**

The beaming lights reflect off the tall sky scrapers onto me. I’m on the seats watching the sunrise over my head with beauty. The action around the concrete jungles is amazing. Drivers hitting their horns with anxiety, people yelling and talking like a million birds tweeting at once. The sound of my feet hitting the pavement with a clicking sound like a clock.

Dylan

Harsh arid land going on for eternity. Burning hot sand dunes towering above you. Suddenly you see a big sand storm covering the beautiful bright sky with a million grands of sand. It smells of dust in the sky through the sand storm. You see something, is it a human? No, just a cactus. It is very lonely out in the sand dunes.

Charlie

Sand brushes against my skin sizzling my feet. I can hear the little critters in the sand. The sun rising golden sand shimmering making me squint, ancient ruins in the sand dust. Fresh air so clean it makes me happy as can be. Ocean blue sky, no clouds in sight. The blazing sun makes me ache for water hallucinations pop up in my sight.

Jayden

The giant marshmallow arches surrounded me. The peaceful water was as calm as a fluffy kitten sleeping. The big sky, blue domes were a wonderful sight to see. I can smell the majestic fruits on the emerald green trees. I can hear footsteps on the pavements. The pavements were as white as a snow leopard. I can feel the bumpy rocks on the walls, it is a graceful place to be.

Finn

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**Book Club**

We are going to trial Carnival Book Club this term along with Scholastic Book Club. Both can be ordered & paid for online or at school. Happy Reading :-)
Our Swimming Champions 2016

Hannah Kosky, Charlotte Marsh, Samson Miller & Finn Miller

Parent Letters

I am writing this letter as a parent and witness to the bomb threat we had to our little school last Wednesday, and would like to let all our parents and community know how wonderful and brave all our teachers and staff at Wangi school were. Their efforts and courage in keeping all our children safe goes beyond words. I would like to thank you all very much. As for our Wangi Kids they too were very brave and well behaved. “Go Wangi Kids – you’re the best”.

Jo-Ann Izaguirre

To the teachers & admin,
Just wanted to say "what a great team you are", Wednesday’s evacuation was done so well, you all stayed so calm.

Trudy and Martin di Lenardo

To Mrs Langford and staff,
Well done to all the staff for keeping our kids safe last Wednesday. What a terrible ordeal for the kids, staff and parents to experience, and I hope they are able to trace the people responsible.
You guys did an amazing job with the evacuation and also keeping the kids calm.
I know my son is in good hands when I send him off to school each day, so thank you once again!

Ms Murray

Scope IT Education

Scope IT is coming to WWPS in Term 2!
Scope IT is a program run by an independent company which teaches computer coding skills to primary school children.
Years 1-6 will be able to participate in the program for a small cost each week.
More information shortly.

Our Swimming Champions 2016

Wangi Playgroup

Did you know we have a Playgroup at WWPS?
Wangi First Playgroup meets 9:30am every Monday morning during the school term in our hall.
Lots of toys, craft and activities for the kids.
Why not come over after you have dropped your older children at big school and join other parents and pre-schoolers for a couple of hours of play and socialising.
Cost is $3 per week.
For information call Kristy 0400 228 735
We would love to see you there.
P&C Easter Raffle

WWPS P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March. Raffle tickets have been sent home today. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. Please return sold ticket & money as well as any unsold tickets by Tuesday 22 March. Donations of Easter eggs to help with prizes would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help out, please send your donations to school by Friday 18th March. Thank you - WWPS P&C

Community Notices

Mobile Blood Service

Will be at Wangi Fire Station Tuesday 8 March 2-7pm
To make an appointment call 1314 95
Or visit donateblood.com.au
Drink up! 3 or 4 glasses of water
Eat! Have a good size lunch & bring photo ID

1st Wangi Scouts

On Wednesday 9 March at 5pm Scouts are holding a family night of activities and a free sausage sizzle at Dobell Park. All are welcome.
Please RSVP: Marilyn 0405 227 828

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