Clean Up Wyee

Important Dates

20/3  P&C AGM
21/3  Harmony Day
28/3  Easter Hat Parade
29/3  Good Friday
1/4  Easter Monday
9/4  Cross Country
11/4  AASC concludes
12/4  Disco
14/4  Last Day Term 1

News and Views

Great Work
Last week I had the opportunity to visit K/1H where the students helped me make a procedure and we completed some interactive white board mathematics activities. I also spent some time in 5C where I challenged the students with a lateral thinking question, we played times tables grabs and created rainforests. 2T shared some photos of them creating 3 dimensional shapes using plasticine and match sticks. Good job.

I also had students visit to show me what they have been working on in class. Cameron from 2/3W read his exposition and Mikayla L, also from 2/3W visited for her Principal’s Prize. Well done guys, keep up the great work.

Clean Up Australia
Thank you to all of our students and staff for helping clean up our school and local community. Together we made a difference.

Pick up and dropping off
Please ensure that when you pick up or drop off your children that you park in the correct areas. The allocated “no stopping” areas are there to ensure the safety of our students.
P&C Annual General Meeting
The AGM for Wyee Public School P&C will be held this coming Wednesday at 3.30pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant at this time. If you would be interested in joining our P&C please come along.

Hunter Sport High School Applications

Easter Hat Parade
Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 11:00am and parents are welcome to attend and have lunch with their children afterwards. Our Easter raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter hat parade and raffle tickets will be sent home with children on Wednesday. We are in the process of organising the Easter hampers for our raffle and on Friday 22nd March we will have a mufti day with a donation of a chocolate Easter Egg. The Easter Eggs can be left at the school office. Easter hats for the parade are to be made at home and brought to school on the day. We have another exciting activity this year. All students from K-6 have the opportunity to decorate a boiled egg and have it displayed at our Easter hat parade. This is an optional activity. Prizes will be awarded. Boiled eggs could be dyed, coloured, decorated to look like a chicken, bunny, bird, person etc. Your imagination is your only limit and we are really excited to see what Wyee PS students create. We will be joined by the children from Wyee Pre-school.

Hunter School of Performing Arts
The online enrolment applications for The Hunter School of Performing Arts was made available on Wednesday 13th March. Hunter School of the Performing Arts offers a unique educational environment, being NSW’s only fully selective Performing Arts school. The school’s Junior (2-4), Middle (5-8) and Senior (9-12) schools deliver outstanding developmental programs, with a gifted and talented focus in Dance, Drama and Music. In addition, academic, welfare and sporting programs complement the delivery of a comprehensive academic Year 2-12 curriculum, which caters for students’ individual abilities. Academic giftedness and learning support needs are accommodated. Enrolment through audition for 2014 is available for Years 2-11. Please be aware that the majority of vacancies occur in the junior and middle years (Years 2-8). Year 2-7 students undertake compulsory studies in Dance, Drama and Music as part of the Junior and Middle School Curriculum. Year 8-12 students undertake major and minor studies in the Performing Arts as elective subjects. Secondary applications close on Thursday 28/03/2013 at 12:00 PM.

Harmony Day
Wyee P.S. will be celebrating Harmony Day this Thursday 21 March. The continuing message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day is a community-based educational initiative for all Australians and aims to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone.

**The key objectives of Harmony Day:**
- the importance of all Australians respecting one another regardless of cultural, racial or religious differences,
- the fair treatment of all Australians, encouraging people to recognise that our interactions should be accepting of, and responsive to, each other’s backgrounds, circumstances, needs and preferences,
- opportunities for people to participate equitably in Australian society and to understand the rights and responsibilities that we share as part of that society,
- a sense of belonging for everyone by helping communities work towards a spirit of inclusiveness and a shared identity as Australians, and
- the benefits of living in a culturally diverse society.

Between recess and lunch on Thursday 21st March our students will participate in Harmony Day activities. They will rotate around activities that promote racial tolerance, cooperation and respect. The students are permitted to wear the colour orange on this day as it is the colour of Harmony Day.
High School Expression of Interest
The Year 6 students have been issued with their High School Expression of Interest applications. Please return your high school enrolment application before Friday 22nd March 2012. If you are still undecided on your child’s enrolment for 2014, please return enrolment form with your local High school as your designated local school and please remember to sign and date the form.

Yr 6 Ice-cream Fundraiser
Year 6 students held an ice-cream fundraiser on Friday 15th March. Thank you to the students who supported the fundraiser and for helping Year 6 raise $175.00 for their gift to the school.

Earth Hour
Earth Hour is on Saturday 23rd March at 8:30pm—9:30pm. Earth hour is to raise awareness of energy use in the community. During Earth Hour, switch off your lights, televisions, computers and so forth and make use of candles, flashlights and other battery operated or hand-cranked devices. Earth Hour doesn’t have to last only an hour—you can extend it for as long as you like. While not using electricity you can: read a book, play a game (board games, cards or charades), make shadow puppets, tell ghost stories, go for a walk, go outside and do some star gazing (if it’s not cloudy), go outside and discover how different nature in your area can be at nighttime than from daytime (but don’t do anything dangerous!) or catch up on some sleep.

Have a great week
Adam Boulus
Principal

The Morissetian - The Morisset High School Minute"
Hello everyone, I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and getting ready for Easter. Last week my Captains and Prefect Coordinator Miss Veitch attended Eraring Public Schools leader induction and they had a great experience. Thank you to Eraring Public School and Ms Guy for the invitation. Last week our Local Management Group P&C met for the second time, this time at Bonnells Bay Primary School. This is a great forum for parents from all of our schools to meet and discuss issues pertinent to the students of our schools and I thank the parents who attended. I am looking forward to our next meeting held in Term 2, at Morisset Public School and engaging with our community about our schools. On Friday of this week Morisset High School is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence coordinated by our SRC. We will be raising money for Kids Helpline through a BBQ and cake stall as well as performing a set debate amongst the debating team about anti-social behaviour. This is a great cause and I am so happy that our school is being involved first hand.
Take care and have a great week!
Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

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