Principal’s Report

Science Activity Day
Last Thursday we welcomed a number of Wade High School students as part of our Science Activity Day. Our students spent time undertaking a variety of hands-on activities throughout the day, presented and prepared by Wade High School students. I would like to thank all of the Wade High School students and Mrs Serafin for organising this wonderful day.

Kindergarten 2015 Information Night
We will be holding a Parent Information Night Monday 25th August for students starting Kindergarten next year at our school. Enrolment forms and information booklets will be available on the night. If you know of any new families who might find this night relevant, please send them along. It will commence at 6:00pm in our library.

Kindergarten Orientation
A reminder that our Kindergarten Orientation days are fast approaching. They are as follows:

- Friday 12th September 2014, 9:00-10:30
- Friday 19th September 2014, 9:00-11:00pm
- Friday 10th October 2014, 9:00-11:20pm
- Friday 17th October 2014, 9:00-12:30pm
- Friday 24th October 2014, 9:00-1:50pm
- Friday 31st October 2014, 9:00-3:00pm

If you have any enquiries regarding our Kindergarten Orientation, please ask.

Book Week
This week we celebrate Book Week with a visit to the Town Library to hear a presentation from Tony Flowers, a children’s illustrator. The details as follows:

- Tuesday 19th August – K12 library visit. Students will leave school at 10:00 for a 10:30 presentation.
- Thursday 21st August – 3-6 library visit. Students will leave school at 10:00 for 10:30 presentation.

Also, we will be holding a pyjama and book day on Wednesday 20th August. Details are as follows:

- 12:00 – L3 presentation. Meagan Hilton will explain the concepts of this successful program to parents.
- 12:15 – Focus on Reading presentation. Sue Chilvers will explain the details of this primary based Literacy program to parents.
- 12:30 - Parents are invited into their child’s classroom to read and discuss their favourite book.
- 1:00pm - Parents can then stay and enjoy a free Sausage Sizzle with the students from 1:00pm.

This activity will give parents an idea of the programs that are running within our classrooms. Please feel welcome to attend. Please note, students will be receiving a free sausage sizzle on Wednesday. Therefore they may not need a full lunch box on Wednesday.

P&C Raffle

Please get your book of raffle tickets from the office. All money goes towards supporting the students of our school.
School Jumpers
A number of school jumpers have gone missing or being left around the school grounds after play. Please ensure your child’s name is on their jumper or they have a way of identifying which one belongs to them. We have noticed a couple of jumpers without ‘tags’ so there also needs to be an identifying mark placed somewhere else on the jumper, so we can get it back to the rightful owner. The office has a permanent white marker for your use if you require it.

Student Notes
I would like to remind parents that a note must be produced after your child has been away from school. This note needs to include the date and reason of absence and be signed. Also, if your child is away for an extended absence due to sickness, please let your teacher know. If you are planning a holiday in school time, we need to know the dates of this so we can make any arrangements for work and a variety of forms may need to be completed.

Also, if you need to collect your child/children early from school or they arrive late, please make sure you sign them out at the office. If you are taking them to an appointment and they are returning to school, please make sure you sign them in and out.

Head Lice
We have had a report that head lice have been found in the hair of some students within our school. Please check your child’s hair for lice tonight and if you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website.

Email Address
So we can further communicate with our school community, we are asking for your email address. This will allow us to send our newsletter electronically to you as well as other messages as they arise. Please fill in the attached notice and return it to the office. All email addresses will be kept confidential and will not be released without your approval. I hope you find this system helpful in getting information about our school.

Finally, I would like to show my appreciation to the parents who turned up to our P&C meeting last week. Our committee is not the largest group, however it is the hardest working group. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September, please feel welcome to attend.

Have a great week
Derek Noffke
Principal

ASTHMA: Does your child suffer with Asthma.
It is a requirement that an up to date Asthma Plan be provided to the school each year. PLEASE RETURN THESE NOTES THIS WEEK SO WE CAN SAFELY TREAT YOUR CHILD

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LIBRARY NEWS

1. **Griffith City Library visits** with illustrator Tony Flowers.
   - K-2 Tuesday 19th August at 10:30am
   - 3-6 Thursday 21st August at 10:30am
   - Cost $3 per student to be paid by Monday 18th August.

2. **Pyjama and Storybook Day**
   - Wednesday 20th August in conjunction with the SRC. Wear your comfy pj’s, onesie, etc and bring your favourite bedtime story to share at school on this day!

Remember our Book Week theme this year is “Connect to Reading” and we are looking forward to connecting to our favourite books.

Mrs Sue Chilvers (Teacher – Librarian)
Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at our last assembly.

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REVERSE DRAW
Congrats to Kathryn Starr and Christine Penfold who shared 1st prize of $500 each. A big thank you to Jodie Gilbert for organising the event and to Anne Rogerson and Lois Clifford for helping. It was a great night and thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB
Bookclub will be coming home this week, could orders and money please be in by next Monday 25th August.

BOYS TOUCH FOOTBALL TRAINING
Wednesday 20th August 3-4pm with Emma Signor.

THANK YOU WADE HIGH SCHOOL & MRS MURWOOD
Last Thursday Yenda students were fortunate to enjoy science lessons presented by students from Wade High School. The high school girls were such great ambassadors for Wade High and we’d like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Murwood and her students for spending the day teaching science to our school.
This week we celebrate National Science Week and most of our mini lessons last week were based on the theme this year of “Food for our future”. Students were asked to compare melting rates of chocolate, checked nutrient contents of food and investigated how water crystals can help soil retain moisture. The students also enjoyed watching a volcano explode and used a hand lens to study rocks and insects!
We are so fortunate to be able to connect with our feeder high school and always enjoy the high school students coming to our school!
Thank you again Wade High School and Mrs Wendy Murwood and to Mr Turner for all his running around! Mrs Serafin

1/2 SINGING IN THE RAIN!
Our school assembly item will be in Week 8 this term. Many parents have sent in their child’s umbrella – Thank you!
If you are yet to send one in could you please organise one for this week. We will be continuing to practise this Wednesday and the more practise we have with our umbrella’s the better we will be!
If you are unable to borrow, many parents have purchased the smaller sized umbrellas from Tiny Treasures Bargain shop in Griffith Central, which are reasonably priced!
With thanks, Mrs Hilton & Mrs Serafin

THE AMAZING SOUTHERN COTTON GIN
On Monday the 11th of August K/1/2 and I went on an excursion to the Southern Cotton Gin. Mrs Perez, Mrs Rowston, Deb and Bodhi’s mum came as well.
On the bus we played a game, but it still took a long time. When we got there we all hopped off the bus and we walked in. There were chairs so we sat down. Then we had a Cotton talk.
After that we went to see the big machinery but apparently the machinery was not working. The machines were as big as a T/Rex.
Then we went to Gogeldrie Weir and we ate recess. At the Gogeldrie Weir we looked at the weir and then we played.
After that we went back to school. I thought the excursion was spectacular. I was amazed!

By David Millis
Year 2

CONFIRMATION DINNER AT YENDA DIGGERS CLUB
Cucina Italiana at the Yenda diggers Club will be holding a confirmation dinner on Saturday, 30th August 2014.
Adults $23 per person
Children (5-12yrs) $12 per person
Please call Sunta on 0427 251 461 for bookings by Tuesday, 26th August.