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**Principals Report**

Welcome back everyone

We have a very busy term ahead of us as you can see by the date claimer.

All parents are welcome to join students and staff at all the sporting events. Your involvement and support in anything your child/children do at the school is very important to them. Programs etc will be sent hope as soon as they are completed. We are looking at starting the cross country at about 9am Wednesday morning.

Another thing on the list is the **P&C Meeting**. It has been shown is quite a few studies that the more parents of a school are involved with the school the richer the school and the students of that school are. There is a greater link between home and school and there is often a deeper understanding of needs, personalities and learning styles which will enhance student learning. Becoming involved with the P&C is often dictated by other things that are happening in our lives. At Wolvi SS we are grateful for any parent input and support. Coming to P&C meetings is one way, being a P&C member (you are not automatically a P&C member) and supporting the executive whenever you can is another. At a P&C meeting there is an element of meeting procedures and reports and fundraising is a part of meetings but a P&C meeting is also the place to express your thoughts and ideas for the school and your child/children’s learning environment. It is a place to find out what is happening and why.

Working together with the school Principal and staff, P&C strive to enhance the learning and social environment, for all students at Wolvi State School. Unfortunately Governments budgets don’t stretch to cover all the items we require. Parental involvement with fundraising activities is so important to raise the funds to purchase these valuable and much needed resources.

P&C General Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month in the staffroom at 3.15. Students will be supervised with bus students at this time.
**Being Involved**

The Association provides an overarching umbrella of support and inspiration. Parents and citizens are invited to become involved in their interest areas.

Being a member of the P&C isn't defined by attending a monthly meeting to discuss regular reports and vote upon matters raised. It is about participating in the P&C philosophy - making things better for our students:

- volunteering in classrooms to assist that child who could do with additional assistance
- fundraising to support school financially for resources, excursions, events
- working on the school magazine
- taking on the role of parent liaison
- grabbing the tongs and turning several hundred sausages at events and Bar-B-Qs

and the list goes on and on.

You school needs you – Your child/children’s learning needs you.

**Important News!!!!**

I am very pleased to let everyone know that this week the students and staff voted for School Captain, Sports Captains and Vice Sports Captains this week.

**Results**

**School Captain** - Zara Chandler  
**Tinana Sports Captain** – Ursula Whitfield  
**Tinana Vice Captain** - Hayden Collins

**Tagigan Sports Captain** - Max Whale  
**Tagigan Vice Captain** - Cyshan Weale

A Huge Congratulations to these students.

We will be having a presentation event for these students and the student council once we have received the badges.

**News from the Prep – Year 2 Classroom**

Hi parents and friends,

Welcome to week 1. This term the P-2 class will be investigating different materials, how they are made and their respective properties. The children will plan and produce an instrument that makes sound to use in a group concert towards the end of term. To enhance this learning we hope to visit the Floating Land festival on June the 5th to view outdoor artworks and discover the materials the artist have used and their suitability to the outdoor environment. (More about this later!!) In History our class focus will be on events that are celebrated within our families and community. ANZAC day and our visit to the Floating Land festival will also help build understandings of the differences between celebrations and commemorations.

School photos will be taken next Tuesday. You should have received your order form by now. If you haven’t, please let us know because orders must be returned with payments before Tuesday if you want some photos. Please ensure your child wears their school uniform on Tuesday.
Our cross country race will be held next Wednesday morning (yes, a very busy week next week). Parents are welcome to come and cheer their team on. Your child should know their house and they can wear their house colour on the day (green or yellow).

You should receive your new Kidspeak roster today. Kidspeak will start next week and run for eight weeks. The new items are Special, Photo, Feely Bag and String Sentences. Special and Photo are the only items that need to be prepared at home. To further our understandings of celebrations, each child should bring a photo of a family celebration to present to the group when it is their turn. It could be a birthday, Christmas, anniversary, Ekka or something more personal to your family. The photo doesn’t necessarily have to be of your child but they should be able to talk about what is happening in the photo and answer questions about it. For Feely Bag your child will name as many properties of an unseen object as they can. Our String Sentences will start as very basic sentences and end as elaborate pieces of work that we will make into a class book. We have been practising this week. On Tuesday Montana elaborated on the sentence ‘I saw a cat.’ to finally finish with ‘Yesterday I saw six soft, brown Persian cats running into the trees because they were scared of the big, nasty, black and white dog.’

We will need helpers for our next fundraiser at Pomona markets on Saturday April 28\textsuperscript{th}. The sausage sizzle starts at 7am and runs until about 11.30 am. The money goes towards resources for the children so we hope a few helpers will put their hands up. Thankyou Chris Day for helping last time!!

Our Star of the Week is Henry. Henry is always hard-working and has the most beautiful manners. Our Super Writer this week is Hugh. Well done boys!

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Brigid

**News from the 3-7 Classroom**

In the 3-7 class we have been learning about persuasive texts and sizzling starts. Here are some examples –

“Mum! Dad! Wolvi is amazing, better than I expected.”
“\textit{I thought it would be boring but NO. I was wrong. I was blown away.} \textit{I thought Gympie was the best, but Wolvi State School is tops.}"

Wow !! I love Wolvi State School. Everyone is so friendly and I am learning so much more. Plus the nature is unbelievable.

**Science**

We have been learning the life cycle of a flowering plant. We are learning how seeds can travel by water, wind, animals and exploding pods.

**LOTE**

In L.O.T.E the year 5, 6 & 7’s have been learning how to pronounce and spell family names in German.


**Sport**

We have new soccer nets. They make it so much better to play soccer.
P & C
The AGM is to be held on Monday 6 May 3.15pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant and election for 2013 will take place. Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills, and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school’s decision-making process and shape the future.

Interhouse Sport
Intershouse sports will be hosted by Kia Ora SS on the 1 May. Start time will be 9:00. The bus is arranged to leave at 8:15 transporting all students to the venue. Students can wear their house colours. Wolvi students will be competing against Kia Ora students but earning points for their house and Wolvi school trophies. The under 8 will take part in their own sporting program while the 8 and over compete in the shot put, long jump and high jump. Lunch will be available from the KOSS canteen via the paper bag system. The menu will be available next week and must be returned by 29 April. This is a great day for students and full of fun and socialisation, so come along and support your favourite team – Tinana or Tagigan. Parents can transport their own child to the day. So wear your yellow (Tinana) or green (Tagigan) outfit and help cheer on your child!

School Photo Day
Next Tuesday afternoon is school photo day. SilverRose photo envelopes were sent home earlier in the week. Each child will need their own envelope. The money/envelope goes straight to SilverRose on the day. There are plenty of envelopes in the office if you require more. The school does receive a commission from SilverRose depending on the number of orders.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local store. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Parenting is one of the most difficult and demanding jobs, yet how many of us are trained for it?
P.E.T (Parent Effectiveness Training) is a proven program that teaches parents how to raise children who are responsible, caring and self-motivated. It teaches specific communication skills that build respect and love between all family members, resulting in a peaceful, enjoyable family life.
P.E.T. will teach parents how to:
- Avoid being a permissive parent.
- Listen so kids will talk to you.
- Talk so kids will listen to you.
- Teach children to “own” their problems and to solve them.
- Use the “no-lose” method to resolve conflicts, bringing families closer together.

P.E.T. is for parents and carers of children of all ages; from toddlers to teenagers.
The course is designed to teach not only theory but also skills, so is conducted over eight consecutive weeks, with one three hour session each week.
The next course in Gympie is starting on Thursday 2nd May 2013, 9:30am to 12:30pm, at St Patrick’s Primary School.
The cost is $150 per person which covers the costs of the 8 sessions and a participant workbook.
Bookings are essential, and must be made by the 25th April, 2013.
For more information contact your local P.E.T. facilitator Cathy Matheson on 0487 051 075 or email cathy.math@bigpond.com

Healthy Lifestyles

What's in season in April?
Some tasty seasonal fruit and vegetables available in April in south-east Queensland include: pears, custard apples, avocado, strawberries, oranges, leek, snowpeas, mandarin and cauliflower.

Interesting fact:
Plastic bottles and aluminium cans can take hundreds of years to decompose while glass bottles take about a million years!
Many items from food packaging that we throw in the bin can be reused or recycled to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Remember to put food scraps in compost, a worm farm or feed to chickens. Visit your local council website and see what can be recycles in your area.
Dehydration

Dehydration happens when your body doesn’t have enough water to keep it working properly.

You get water from:
- Drinking fluids
- Eating certain foods

You lose water through:
- Sweating
- Urine (wee)
- From your lungs when you breathe in and out
- Faeces (poo)

To avoid dehydration
- Sip water throughout the day
- Drink extra when you are hot or active.
- Drink extra water while you are playing sport.
- Water is best, but fruit juice, soft drinks and cordials are ok but avoid ‘energy’ drinks.
- Sip water or suck an iceblock to keep up the fluid levels when you’re sick