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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 11 February**
Open Classrooms & Welcome BBQ
- Wednesday 13 February**
School Photo Day
- Friday 15 February**
School Swimming Carnival Stage 2 & 3

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hello to all,

Welcome 2019 School Year

Welcome to the 2019 school year – Our students have had a great start and have enthusiastically commenced in their new classes.

Today marks the educational journey for nearly 60 Kindergarten students – we welcome our new families and are confident that you will quickly enjoy the many opportunities Wyoming Public School provides.

Class Structure

Thank you to our staff who spent a great deal of time last year ensuring that our classes would be able to be formed on the first day.

As mentioned at Tuesday's assembly although we have been able to form classes there is always a small risk of a class restructure in the next 2 weeks. Please be assured that students have commenced stage appropriate work in their current class and should a re-structure be needed teachers will ensure a full handover occurs.

Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal Jacqueline Nagle	Stage 1 Assistant Principal Jacqueline Nagle	Stage 2 Assistant Principal Matthew Walter	Stage 3 Assistant Principal Sharon Shearman
KW Surinda Walton	1S Kristy Setchell	3-4M Matthew Walter and Emma Horton	5-6S Sharon Shearman
KH Gillian Hickey	1R Louisa Rio	3-4P Larny Parkes	5-6H Sharon Head
KP Phoebe Horrell	2H Tara Henry	3-4L Lara Lenton	5-6D Sharon Dufficy

	2R Elisabeth Rogers		5-6F Cassie Fuller
	2/3O Megan O'Riley		
Support Classes Assistant Principal <i>Michelle Francis</i>			
K-6S Bronwyn Stevenson	3-6A Kathryn Adams	3-6F Michelle Francis	

Other teachers within the school include Carol Williams (Instructional Leader), Lois Gillett (Learning and Support), Don McCready (Library), Katie Hansen (RFF), Demi Loany (RFF) and Kate Packer (Headstart), Julie Simington (Senior Psychologist)

Support staff include Paula Mehtens, Rose Wastell, Debbie Jenkins, Vicki Cunningham, Kylie Atherton Patrice Murfitt and Debbie McGregor, Lisa Matthews (Community Liaison Officer), Sharen Herbert (Aboriginal Education Officer).

Administration staff include Tracy Hooper and Nola Ritchie.

Our teachers enjoy keeping parents up to date on their child's progress and working with parents to find solutions to any concerns however please respect that the morning assembly is not the appropriate time for this to occur. We ask that you leave a message at the front office so that the teacher is able to contact you back and make a suitable time to meet with you.

Open Classrooms and Meet and Greet

On Monday 11 February we would like to invite all parents and caregivers to our Term 1 Open Classrooms followed by a meet and greet sausage sizzle. Please check your child's bag for an invitation this week.

Got it Program and Second Steps

Wyoming Public School has been fortunate to be included in the Got it Program (Getting on Track in Time) and Second Steps student success program in 2019. Part 1 is a school wide classroom based emotional intelligence program delivered by teachers as part of normal class routines.

Part 2 is a targeted program to families in K-2. Families will soon receive a short confidential questionnaire to complete about their child's strengths and weaknesses which will be returned to and analysed by a Got it Clinician. Selected families will then have the opportunity to participate in an interview process and from this invited to be part of the Got It small group program.

Our Got it Clinicians will be at our meet and greet BBQ and available to answer any questions that you might have.

Dogs (and cats) at School

Please be reminded that dogs and cats are not permitted in school grounds. This is legislated rule for all schools across NSW. Please understand that while your dog or cat may be cute and well behaved we have students in the school who suffer from severe allergies and others who are extremely frightened of them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Attendance

Let's work together to ensure that our terrific attendance from 2018 soars into 2019. We want your child at school every day that they are well and healthy - remember that:

*1 day absent per fortnight is 20 days per year which equals **4 weeks** of missed learning opportunities across the year.*

Have a great fortnight

Rebecca Wild
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

K-6 ASSEMBLY

There is no K-6 Assembly this week.

MONEY COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Money is collected at the Front Office. Please follow the procedures below:

- **Correct** Money must be enclosed in an envelope or plastic bag with the following details marked:
 - Student Name and Class
 - Name of Excursion or Event
 - Amount Enclosed
 - Permission Note Signed and dated.
 Do not send in permission note without a payment.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Each student needs their own separate permission note for an excursion or event (**please do not put other siblings names on same note if they attending the same excursion or event**) as permission notes are then given to their class teacher after being receipted. Receipt is placed in envelope or plastic bag that money was sent in and then returned to student.
- Please ensure correct money is placed in the envelope, as change will not be available until receipted (receipting is not carried out every day). Change will not be available for recess or

lunch orders. **The front office does not have petty cash to give change.**

- Payments can also be made online via our website (**POP**) for major excursions and fees. Please remember to send permission note to office with POP receipt number.

ATTENDANCE

The Education Reform Act (1990) states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 are required by law to attend school each day that instruction is provided.

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to ensure their children attend school every day. Parents/caregivers must provide satisfactory written explanation for absences within 7 days of occurrence.

Schools are required to monitor and to keep an accurate record of daily attendance for each student and to take appropriate action to assist students with unsatisfactory attendance.

At Wyoming Public School, regular attendance is considered to be an important component in the achievement of learning outcomes.

Daily hours of attendance: 8.55am – 2.45pm

Roll marking takes place at the start of the school day. Students not in attendance at this time will be recorded as absent. It is the parent/caregivers responsibility to provide written explanation for a whole day absence within 7 days of the absence. Notes should be handed in to classroom teacher with child's name, date of absence and reason for absence clearly written on note. A letter will be sent to parents or caregivers requesting a written explanation for an unexplained absence following this 7 day period. Please ask your child if they have handed in notes to avoid receiving a request of explanation.

All partial absences, late arrivals and early departures, require a note of explanation at the time of absence.

Lois Gillett
LaST

SCHOOL BANKING

Wyoming Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens,

which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Please hand your bank books into the office.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Recent research has shown that 1 in 4 children come to school without having eaten breakfast. There is evidence that skipping breakfast impacts on concentration and performance in class and may be a contributing factor to the increasing rates of childhood obesity. Ideally breakfast should be eaten in a home environment. However, with the busy lives that many people lead today, this is not always possible.

Wyoming Public School's 'Breakfast Club' operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 8.15am-8.45am in the School Hall. It will recommence **Monday 11 February**. This program is supported by, Baker's Delight.

Breakfast Club will provide children with a healthy and nutritious breakfast including: cereal, toast and fruit. This is completely FREE of charge. Permission notes will go home this week.

Lisa Matthews
PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

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SWIMMING FOR SPORT – Term 1

A note has been sent home inviting students in Years 3 – 6 to participate in swimming as a Friday sport activity during Term 1.

Interest in the program is significant and many students miss out. In the past, some students drop out of the program after a few weeks. ***Drop-outs can significantly affect supervision of students by teachers who remain at school, and impacts the grouping and lessons for swimmers. Drop-outs also mean that students who are waiting for a place on the reserve list will miss out on the beginning lessons.***

If your child has received a confirmation note, please talk with them to explain that withdrawal from the program cannot occur after Thursday 7 February. Swimming is an invaluable life skill but we ask that students who gain a swimming place commit to the full term so that other students are not unduly affected.

Lara Lenton
SWIMMING FOR SPORT COORDINATOR

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Our annual Swimming Carnival is being held Friday, 15 February 2019 at Gosford Olympic Pool for Year 3 to 6 students (plus any Year 2 students who can competently swim 50 metres may also attend to race in the 8 year old races, plus novelties.

Students travel to the pool by bus but may return home by car after roll marking. Buses leave school at 9.05 and return in time for normal school conclusion.

Please remember –

- wear swimmers under sport uniform
- Have names on clothes/towel, hat etc.
- have sunscreen and hat on
- bring jumper and towel
- bring lunch/drinks (although students may use the pool shop when directed by teachers)
- sit in grandstand in House Groups
- Indoor Pool Complex is out of bounds

Novelty events will be run on the day. Cost is \$5 for bus travel and entry.

SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photo Day is Wednesday 13 February 2019. Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no POP payments).
- Payments can be made directly to MSP Photography on-line as per instructions on envelope.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on 4966 8292.

***PLEASE RETURN ENVELOPES WITH PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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School Opal Card

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.





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Meat & Alternatives: [Baked bean muffin](#)

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