

## Wyoming Public School

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 8 May** Mother's Day Stall

Friday 9 May

Cross Country Carnival

**Tuesday 13 May** Musica Viva Incursion K-6

Wednesday 14 May

Jungle Disco 4:30-6pm

Friday 16 May National Walk Safely to School Day Monday May 19-Tuesday June 3 Dental Van

**Friday May 23** BWPSSA Cross Country



Proud to be on Darkinjung Land

#### **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

Hello to all,

Welcome back to Term 2, it has been lovely to catch up with students and hear about their holiday adventures and what they are looking forward to in the term ahead.

The first of our Term 2 School Development Days focussed on High Potential and Gifted Education students. It gave staff time to reflect on the students within their class and the activities that we offer students to cater for special interest such as Environment Club, Science Club, Recorder Group, Math Olympiad, PSSA Sporting opportunities, Debating, Public Speaking and Regional Gifted and Talented camps.

We look forward to continuing to offer these, as well as exploring other avenues for opportunities in the year ahead.

#### **ANZAC** Colouring in Competition

Congratulations to Evi C of 3/4S who was selected as the winner of the Veteran and Family Hub ANZAC Day National colouring in competition.

Evi's artwork has been hanging in the Hyde Park war memorial alongside other winners from across Australia (2nd from right).



Thank you to Mrs Surinda Walton who was our school coordinator of the competition.

#### **ANZAC Day Commemorative Service**

On Thursday 10 April our Parliamentarians led staff and students through a moving ANZAC Service. Thank you to Mrs Jane Ure for her organisation and all students who attended the service with deep reflection.

#### **P&C Election Cake Store**

Thank you to our P&C members who delighted voters with a variety of cakes and slices available to purchase Saturday. Our school is very grateful to the ongoing support of our P&C who have assisted in purchasing of additional reading resources as well as school building improvements such as the bus shelter and soon to be installed hall fans.



#### Week 2 Term 2



#### **P&C UPDATE**

We had a very successful Easter Hat Parade bake stall. Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients and the wonderful P&C volunteers for their time helping.

On Saturday 3rd May P&C hosted a bake stall for the Election Day. We would like to thank the community for their support and generosity with the purchase of all our yummy treats. This would not have been possible without the tireless contribution from our dedicated P&C volunteers.

Mother's Day Stall is this Thursday 8th May. Choose a gift for Mum, Nanna, Grandma or someone special. Gifts from 50c to \$12.00. Children will attend the stall with their class during the day.

We will be hosting a BBQ at the School Cross Country on Friday 9th May with sausage sandwiches, drinks, cupcakes and lollies. Cash and EFTPOS available.

Thank you Sarah Viola P&C President

#### HONOUR CERTIFICATE MORNING TEA

Last term, some very lucky students were treated to a yummy Easter-themed morning tea with Mrs Wild! These students all handed in 10 white awards in order to receive their Honour Certificate in Term 1. Make sure you're keeping track of your white awards at home, and you might be the next invitee to the Term 2 Honour Certificate Morning Tea!







#### EASTER RAFFLE

We're excited to share that the 2025 Easter Raffle winners have been announced and prizes have gone home.

A special thanks to our school community for their generosity and support through their purchase of tickets and/or prize donations. We raised an amazing \$1278! The funds go towards the Stage 3 Farewell at the end of the year.



#### ATTENDANCE REWARDS MOVIE SESION TERM 1

Congratulations to the 150 students who achieved a high rate of 95% attendance this term. We enjoyed a movie and a snack in the hall for a K-2 session followed by the years 3-6 session. Well done Wyoming! Let's keep up the great attendance and work even harder in Term 2. Katie Hansen





Wyoming PS was lucky to host the first Bro Speak/Sista Speak cultural program for the year. Jonathan Wright from Dhinewan Mentoring had the students engaged in some great activities with other students from our valley schools learning community. We look forward to the next session at Ourimbah Public school in term 2.

Katie Hansen and Sharen Herbert



#### **ANZAC CEREMONY**

On Thursday 10th April 2025, WPS Parliamentarians with some other stage 3 students, led the school in a moving ANZAC commemorative ceremony. Students and teachers took time to reflect on the significance of ANZAC day, honouring all who served in times of war, conflict and /or peacekeeping operations.







#### PSSA BOYS & GIRLS GALA DAY KNOCKOUT

On Friday 4th April our Boys and Girls Soccer teams competed in the Brisbane Water Soccer Gala Day. Both teams played against Narara PS in round 1 of a knockout tournament. The boys team coached by Mrs Rex played with determination against a strong Narara team. At half-time we were down 2-0, then a goal in the second half by Cade P took the score to 2-1. Narara scored another goal which put the final score 3-1. The boys played well as a team and represented Wyoming PS with pride.



Our girls soccer team played an incredible game against Narara, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. The game was intense from start to finish, with each of the girls giving it their all. By the end of regular time, the score was locked at 1–1, sending the match into 10 minutes of extra time. With just three minutes to go, the opposing team managed to sneak in one final goal, claiming a narrow 2–1 win. Despite the result, our team put in an amazing effort and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Well done to both of our teams representing Wyoming Public School - they did so with pride!



# Wyoming Public School Stage 2 excursion Our Aboriginal Heritage

Stage 2 had an awesome day at Girrakool! We went on a bushwalk and looked for food, shelter and medicines along the way and then created a memory map using Aboriginal symbols. We stopped and plaited some lomandra leaves as these were great for weaving mats.











We also examined various tools such as nulla nullas and digging sticks that Aboriginal people used and also how to make fire the traditional way.







We played Aboriginal games and heard Dreamtime stories and even had a visit from a local goanna!

> We also visted Bulgandry, had some ochre painted on us and examined the amazing Aboriginal engravings! They are just awesome!!

Along the way, Jed made some friends with some locals who were on their lunch break!

All of Stage 2 had a fabulous day and learned so much about how incredible our Aboriginal heritage is and saw evidence that they were the first inhabitants of our country.





## FORTNIGHTLY AWARDS EXPLAINED

#### **Class Awards (Coloured Awards)**

Staff members give coloured awards for any action that deserves recognition. These awards are used for positive reinforcement and are usually kept at school (especially in the younger grades). Once a student has 10 coloured awards (within the current year), they are given to the classroom teacher who requests a Principal Award to be processed.

#### **Certificates of Merit (White Award)**

Certificates of Merit are awarded during our fortnightly K-6 assembly. Recipients of this award are chosen by the classroom teacher to recognise substantial achievement, improvement or citizenship. They need to be stored securely at home as they count towards receiving a Honour Certificate.

#### Principal Awards (White Award)

A Principal Award is awarded to students who have achieved 10 coloured awards (within the current year). These awards are presented at our fortnightly K-6 assembly and need to be stored securely at home as they count towards receiving a Honour Certificate.

#### **Honour Certificate**

This is our highest level of award and is achieved over several years. Students notify their teacher when they have received 10 White Awards who requests a Honour Certificate to be processed. Certificates are presented during the fortnightly K-6 assembly. Students who receive an award also enjoy a special Principal's morning tea at the end of each term.





#### FORTNIGHTLY AWARDS

#### **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Daphne T Phoenix S-P Blaze B Zokjang T Aurora PM Ivy W Nadar B Hunter T Emily S **Bailey S** Evie T Sophia A Sofia P Paris C-W Romen B Michael H-C

Caleb D Josie S Manrai S Elijah H Aleira M Kailee M Zavden B-C Clair M Julian H Connor S Emily V Bassel A Daniel U Leilani G Makylah L Jaccob M

Edie W Gabriella R Harlev A Alexis C Angelyn G Luca H Natalie R Peyton L Harley W Monna-Lee E Remi C Immogen P Sophie P Xavier V-P Tavah C Avanah R

Jaxon V-P Lvla H Vincent D Storm B Zachary D Abbey B Inga R Lydia Y Logan W Logan W Alesha G Harry D Octavia S Naomi Y Evie C Phoenix H Noah S Nate G Harlow B Hamish D Tully M Summer B Jaley O Mathew D Anastasia B Yazan A Lexi H Maddison S Tommy K Chester T Callum G Claudia B Eliana S Phoenix A Billy C Koa D Cassidy G Kunsel T Franki M Matilda S Molly M Elyse C Teo K Lucas O Lilah K Phoenix H

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES

Harlow B
Manraj S
Louis S
Tyrelle S
Penny E
Jaxson G
Rachel D
Kiarra M
Jeramiah G

Lydia Y Archie K Uriah P Julia P Xzavier P Jaykob MG Heath J Eliana s

#### HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Penny E

# Breakfast on the go at WPS! Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30am-8:55am

in the Hall

- Up and Go
- Cereal
- Muesli bar
- Fruit option

Come and see Mrs Hansen for some breaky on the go.

Term 2- Breakfast on the go!

Starting in week two we have an exciting new program to support our students here at Wyoming Public School. Students can come to the hall between 8:30am and 8:55am on Monday and Wednesday mornings for a quick healthy breakfast snack to start the day.

Please see Mrs Hansen if you have any questions.



Ethics Classes at Wyoming Public School

Kids love asking questions - 'What's fair?', 'Why do people do that?' and many others. Ethics classes turn those big questions into engaging, thoughtful discussions in a safe and supportive environment. They learn how to listen to different points of view, disagree respectfully, and develop their own reasoned opinions.

Online information sessions - Learn more

17 Date: 16th May, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Q Topic: Discover Primary Ethics: What are ethics classes all about?

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**Q** *Topic:* <u>Discover Primary Ethics: What are ethics classes all about?</u>

Are you curious about the ethics program in NSW public schools? Wondering how these classes help children develop critical thinking and respectful discussion skills? Join our online session to learn how ethics classes work, what students gain from them, and how you can continue these discussions at home. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and find out more.

#### Who can take ethics classes?

Right now, ethics classes are available to students in Years 1-6. At the moment, all ethics classes are run by one parent volunteer. We would love to find more volunteers to support the program.

When do classes run?

Ethics lessons (40 min) take place on *Wednesdays from 9 am (Y1-2), 9:40 am (Y3-4), 10:20 am (Y5-6).* 

Could you be an ethics teacher?

You don't need teaching experience - just an interest in listening to children and helping them think for themselves. Volunteers receive full training and ongoing support.

You can be an ethics teacher if:

- You're curious about what children think and open to learning
- You're comfortable following a lesson script to guide discussions
- You can stay neutral and encourage children to think independently
- You're available to take a class every Friday during the school terms
- You can complete our free training and pass background checks

Volunteering as an ethics teacher is a rewarding way to support your child's school, build new skills, and connect with a community of like-minded volunteers.

See what an ethics class looks like! Click here for a sneak peek

If you're interested - or know someone who might be (grandparents welcome!)—please get in touch with Julia at Julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au Or visit: https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/

#### Primary ETHICS

#### National Walk Safely to School Day

Wyoming Public School is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday the 16th of May, supporting National Road Safety Week. Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives. So if you can, plan a way to walk to school on Friday the 16th for Walk Safely to School Day!



# P&C MOTHER'S DAY STALL THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Choose a gift for Mum, Nanna, Grandma or someone special Gifts from 50c to \$12.00

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#### FRIDAY 9 MAY 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Race 1	11 Years Girls	3 laps	
Race 2	Stage 1 Girls	1 Iap	
Race 3	11 Years Boys	3 laps	
Race 4	Stage 1 Boys	1 Iap	
Race 5	10 Years Girls	2 laps	
Race 6	10 Years Boys	2 laps	
Race 7	Kindergarten	Inside lap	
Race 8	8-9 Years Girls	2 laps	
Race 9	8-9 Years Boys	2 laps	
Race 10 &11	12-13 Years Girls and Boys	3 lans	

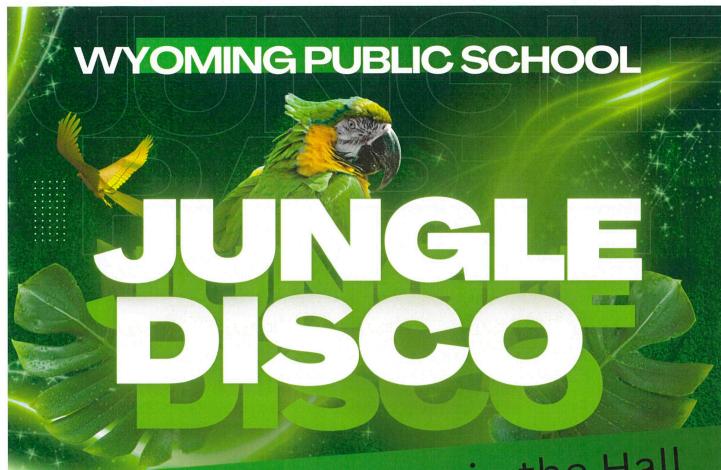
Please note that Stage 1 students who are 8 years old in 2025 will run in the 8-9 Years race.

We invite parents and caregivers to our school cross country event! It's a great chance to support our students as they run and have fun. Please sit in the spectator area (behind the student house groups) so everyone can see and stay safe. Students will remain in their house group area, cheering each other on.

If you are leaving with your child prior to the end of the school day, please ensure they are signed out at the front office.

At the conclusion of the race students receive a raffle ticket, that represents the position they finished. The top six students aged 8-12 will represent Wyoming Public School at the Brisbane Water Zone Carnival held on 23 May 2025 at our school.

Please note that school aged children who are not enrolled at Wyoming Public School are not permitted to attend.



# Wednesday 14 May in the Hall

#### TIME: 4.30PM-6PM

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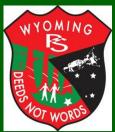
GLOW PRODUCTS CAN BE PURCHASED- FRI 2 MAY - WED 7 MAY IN THE BASEMENT \$3-\$5 (CASH ONLY )

TICKETS \$5 ON SENTRAL FROM 30 APRIL INCLUDES POPPER AND PACKET OF CHIPS NO TICKET PURCHASES AT THE DOOR

FULLY SUPERVISED BY TEACHERS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT THE DOOR

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#### **TERM 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

The Wyoming Public School Annual Public Speaking Competition is beginning in Term 2. All children in the school will need to prepare a short speech and present it to their class in Week 4 (Term 2). This aims to develop students' public speaking skills and confidence when talking in front of an audience. From these speeches, two winners are selected from each class to present their speech to the stage. A stage winner will be chosen, and they will deliver their speech in a special assembly in Week 10.

Please encourage your student to work on their speech over the school holidays and into Term 2.

#### Students are to choose one from the topics below:

What I would do if I	How to be a	The power of kindness	My favourite book and	
was Prime Minister	responsible pet owner		why I love it.	

#### A reminder for the length of speech

Early Stage One	- (	One Minute approximately
Stage One	-	One -Two Minutes
Stage Two	-	Two -Three Minutes
Stage Three	-	Three minutes

#### It is acceptable for parents to assist in the writing of the speech. We encourage all the children to participate and enjoy themselves on the day of delivery.

#### Some successful speech tips for students:

#### Constructing your speech

Introduction- Make it attention grabbing, (Please don't say good morning to teacher and class at the start of your speech as this isn't an introduction).

Body of speech should- be entertaining and in sequence

Conclusion- Round off your speech and make a statement (don't thank class for listening to your speech as they should be thanking you).

#### Delivery of speech

Stand straight and comfortable- if you look relaxed your audience will be too. Look at the audience and try to maintain eye contact through out your speech. Speak clearly, at a steady pace so that people can hear. Use an expressive voice- keep the audience interested. Prepare your speech carefully- learn what you're going to say. Try hard to memorise your speech. Use Palm cards if you want them.



#### Enjoy yourself and your audience will enjoy themselves too!

Emily Marsh Public Speaking Organiser



Operation art

Operation Art is an annual exhibition of children's artwork created for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Schools across NSW are invited to enter artworks in the competition.

All artwork entries received from schools will be exhibited in galleries across NSW in 2026, according to the regions where the students' schools are located.

A team of judges will select 50 artworks to be gifted to the Children's Hospital at Westmead. These works will be displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW, as well as in their local galleries as part of larger exhibitions.

Wyoming Public School is holding a school-wide Operation Art Competition again this year. The competition is open to all students from K-6. **Artworks must be 2D (no sculptures or canvases)**. The **minimum size for artworks is A4** (30 x 21 cm), and the **maximum size is A2** (42 x 60 cm). A variety of mediums may be used, including pencils, crayons, ink, paint, charcoal, and collage.

In addition to students creating artworks outside of school hours, each teacher will nominate two artworks created in their class to be part of the competition.

Artworks are to be submitted to Mrs. McCredie by Friday, 9th May 2025 (Term 2, Week 2), with the student's full name and class written in pencil on the back.

Student's Choice: Students will vote for their favourite artwork, and the most popular artwork from the K-2 and 3-6 categories will be presented with a certificate and an art supplies pack.

Don't forget—the winning artworks displayed at the Children's Hospital are selected to help brighten the lives of sick and injured children.

For further information about the Operation Art Competition 2025, visit: https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/operation-art

Rachel McCredie OPERATION ART COORDINATOR 12 March 2025

Rebecca Wild PRINCIPAL