

# Wongarbron Public School Newsletter

15 February 2019 ~ Term 1 Week 3

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all of the School Council members who attended Tuesday night's meeting. Among several agenda items there were discussions on school finance, staff training, the Wongarbron School plan, student numbers (which are good for 2019), Department of Education monitoring of school activities, external assessments and a considerable amount of time examining the School Excellence Framework and determining where we believe our school performs relative to the various criteria as Delivering, Sustaining and Growing or Excelling.

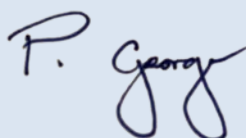
Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13. This will be our Annual General Meeting at which the School

Council President and Secretary will be elected and any new members welcomed. We do need nominations for a new member as sadly Yvette Hinchcliffe's time has come to an end. Her tenure of the three years maximum as a School Council member is now complete.

We sincerely thank Yvette for her contribution and opinions over the past three years.

Nomination forms for School Council members can be obtained at the school office. If we get more than one nomination for the vacant position then the P&C will vote for the representative.

Regards



Principal

## Try Always'

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TERM 1

Friday..... February 22

**Kinder eyesight screening**

**Year 2/3/4 assembly**

Wednesday..... February 27

**P&C AGM and meeting**

Friday..... February 28

**District Swimming Carnival**

Friday..... March 1

**Fire Safety Day at Geurie**

Wednesday..... March 13

**School Council meeting**

#### NOTES & PAYMENT DUE

\*Fire Safety Day

\*Permission to publish note

\*Year 7 High School Expression of Interest

#### SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 1.....Jan 29 - Apr 12

Term 2.....April 29 - Jul 5

## Wiradjuri Language and Culture

This year we welcome Anthony Riley back to resume Wiradjuri culture and language sessions. Anthony will teach each class for half an hour on Thursdays.

It was so impressive last year when the whole school sang 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'We Are Australian' for our NAIDOC celebrations in the Wiradjuri language.

## Can you see what I see?

On Friday February 22, any Kindergarten student who hadn't had a previous vision test will have vision screening. Good vision and hearing is very important in learning. Perceptive listening even more so.



Thought for the week:

LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BIKE.....  
TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE YOU  
MUST KEEP MOVING

Albert Einstein

## Small School's Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who assisted in transporting and supporting our children at the Wellington and Dubbo Small School's Swimming Carnival last Friday. The younger students had plenty of activities to keep them enjoyably busy throughout the day and the older students tried valiantly in all the events they entered.

It was certainly rewarding and so pleasing to see so many students enter events even when they were unsure of how they would go or even make the distance. However, make the distance they did, with many earning place ribbons. They were indeed a fine reflection of our school motto of 'TRY ALWAYS.'

**Congratulations** to Chelsea Day who will now represent the Wellington and Dubbo Small Schools at the Dubbo District Swimming Carnival.

Chelsea will be giving her all in the 50m Backstroke.



**GOOD LUCK CHELSEA!**

## Fire Awareness and Training



On Friday, March 4, we have been invited to join Geurie School for a Fire Awareness and Training Day at Geurie Public School.

The children will operate in small groups where they will learn about fire and how to respond to it, been shown inside and outside a Fire Truck (even using some hoses), learn how to communicate with 000, enact escaping a house fire, plus many more hands on activities relating to fire.

The Geurie P&C will provide morning tea and lunch (\$4) for all students with any profits going to the Rural Fire Service. They are also asking for a gold coin donation for the RFS. Therefore if each child pays at least \$5 for the day all will be covered. If you wish to pay more please do so.

We will cover the cost of transporting the students to and from Geurie by bus.

This is a day not be missed. All students K-6 are expected to attend as all teaching staff will be accompanying them to Geurie.

Return the attached permission note with the Meal Deal order on back to the school office by Monday, 25 February.

**ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY,  
22 FEB WILL BE  
CONDUCTED BY MRS  
RICH'S YEAR 2/3/4.  
IN THE WONGARBON  
HALL AT 2:30PM. EVERYBODY IS MOST WELCOME.**

## P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 27 February at 7pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend. We will be taking nominations for committee positions at the AGM so if you feel you have something you wish to add to our team and wish to support the students and school, please feel free to join us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Maintenance

This week we've had the school gutters cleaned out as a preventative measure, which is great but would be more beneficial after we get the huge leaf drop in Autumn. We've unsuccessfully been trying to get the cleaning scheduled changed over the past few years.

On Monday, February 8, we are likely to have power interruptions during the day as significant school electrical wiring is updated.

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Creative Art Classes for Creative Kids

**TERM 1 STARTS 12 FEB '19**  
Tuesdays, 3.30pm – 5.00pm (5-13 years)

- \$30 p/student p/class (family of 2 discount)
- All materials and art smocks provided

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Contact: Leanne Watt on 0438 550 833





Dubbo Wellington  
Small Schools'  
Swimming Carnival  
**2019**

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# TERM ONE PLANNER

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2019	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January February	1	28 Australia Day Holiday	29 Staff Development Day	30 Students return Kinder Best Start	31 Kinder Best Start	1 Kinder students start school
February	2	4	5	6	7	8 Small Schools Swimming Carnival
February	3	11	12 School Council meeting 7pm	13	14	15 Yr 5/6 assembly
February	4	18	19	20	21	22 Kinder Eyesight Screening Yr 2/3/4 assembly
February March	5	25	26	27 P&C Meeting & AGM 7pm	28 District Swimming Carnival	1 Fire Safety Day Geurie
March	6	4	5	6	7	8 K/1 assembly
March	7	11	12	13 School Council meeting 7pm	14	15 Yr 5/6 assembly
March	8	18	19	20	21	22 Yr 2/3/4 assembly
March	9	25	26 The Gruffalo K-2 Bollywood to Brazil K-6	27 P&C Meeting 7pm	28	29
April	10	1	2	3	4	5 K/1 assembly
April	11	8	9 All Stars K-6	10	11	12 Last day of term
April		15 School Holidays	16 School Holidays	17 School Holidays	18 School Holidays	19 Good Friday
April		22 Easter Monday	23 School Holidays	24 School Holidays	25 ANZAC Day	26 School Holidays

Term 2 commences for students - Tuesday, 30 April

Updates and changes to the calendar will be made throughout the term via the weekly newsletter.

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## Key dates

### Term start and end dates

- Term 1 – 29 Jan to 12 Apr 2019
- Term 2 – 29 Apr to 5 Jul 2019
- Term 3 – 22 Jul to 27 Sept 2019
- Term 4 – 14 Oct to 20 Dec 2019

### School holiday dates 2019

- Summer – 24 Dec 2018 to 28 Jan 2019
- Autumn – 15 Apr to 26 Apr 2019
- Winter – 8 Jul to 19 Jul 2019
- Spring – 30 Sept to 11 Oct 2019
- Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 27 Jan 2020
- Western division – additional holiday dates
- Summer – 29 Jan to 4 Feb 2019

### Education Week

- 5 Aug to 9 Aug 2019

### Exam dates

- Selective high school placement test – 14 Mar 2019
- NAPLAN paper test – 14 May to 16 May 2019
- NAPLAN online test window – 14 May to 24 May 2019
- Opportunity class placement test – 31 Jul 2019
- HSC written examinations – 17 Oct to 12 Nov 2019
- Public holidays

Check with your local school as some dates may change.  
Visit [education.nsw.gov.au/calendars](http://education.nsw.gov.au/calendars) for more details.



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## Information for Parents/Caregivers – Year K-6

### Red Balloon Fire Safety Day at Geurie Public School, Friday, 1 March 2019

Dear Parent/Caregivers

On Friday, 1 March we have organised a number of interactive activities for our students with regard to Fire Safety at Geurie Public School.

These activities will include:

- A Fire Truck (Inside and out, maybe even using some hoses)
- A Communications Van (Children practice contacting 000)
- A simulation Smoke Hose (Using vegetable oil)
- Enacting a reaction to a house fire
- Associated games and activities

The students are asked to wear something **RED** on the day and may become wet as they participate in some of the activities (Friday sports uniform will be fine).

There is no cost for this excursion the school is subsidising the bus travel to and from Geurie with Spence's Coaches.

Geurie P&C will be providing a Special \$5 (**Hot Dog, drink, ice block and fruit**) Meal Deal offer which includes morning tea, lunch and a \$1 donation to the Geurie Rural Fire Brigade).

**Children will: Need to wear something red and take their recess/lunch and a gold coin donation (if not ordering), a drink and school hat with them.**

Please complete the attached permission note and special meal deal order form and return to school with payment by **Monday, 25 February.**

Mr Peter George  
Principal  
15 February 2019

## WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMISSION NOTE

### K-6 Red Balloon Fire Safety Day at Geurie Public School, Friday, 1 March 2019

I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Red Balloon Fire Safety at Geurie Public School on Friday, 1 March 2019.

I understand that transport to and from Geurie will be provided by Spence's Coach Tours.

Please indicate ✓

☐ I have included the cost of the \$5 Meal Deal per student

Please indicate ✓

☐ My child/ren will not be ordering the Meal Deal but I have enclosed gold coin donation

To the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition, physical disability or injury which puts him / her at risk in participating in this activity.

Special needs of my child, of which the school should be aware, eg allergies etc: (Please list any medical conditions/medication/diet requirements of which we need to be aware for this activity.)

\_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency I can be contacted on: \_\_\_\_\_ OR: \_\_\_\_\_





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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Caregiver Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed permission note and payment to the school office by **Monday, 25 February.**

Fire Safety Day at Geurie - Friday, 1 March

Special Meal Deal \$5.00



The meal deal includes:

✓ Hot Dog    ✓ Ice Block    ✓ Drink    ✓ Fruit (recess)    ✓\$1 donation to the Geurie Rural Fire Service

Orders and payment need to be handed in to the school office by Monday, 25 February

Student/s name	\$
Total amount enclosed	\$