

WYANGALA DAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 of 2018

Week 2

24th October 2018



Dates to Remember

October

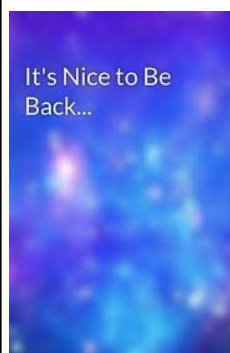
- 26th World Teachers' Day
- 26th Tennis
- 26th Day for Daniel Fun Run
- 29th Dance

November

- 2nd Dance
- 2nd P&C Meat Raffle
- 8th DirtGirl LIVE
- 9th Wear Red Day
- 9th Tennis
- 9th Scripture
- 9th Dance
- 12th Dance
- 16th Fishing with Wyangala Danglers
- 19th Dance
- 19th—23rd Intensive Swimming
- 23rd Tennis
- 23rd Scripture
- 30th Dance

December

- 7th Dance
- 7th P&C Meat Raffle

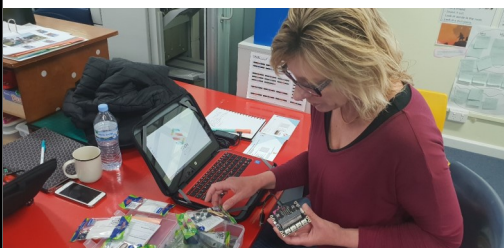


It's Nice to Be Back...

It's so nice to be back at Wyangala, even though Talbingo is a beautiful place and I learnt so much to help with being a Teaching Principal. There were workshops on administration and statistics, and other paperwork (boring!) topics, but there was also a heavy focus on well-being, for adults and kids. We had three workshops with Children's author, Lynne Jenkins, and Illustrator, Kirrili Lonergan, about reducing anxiety in children (Lessons of a LAC), art therapy, and mindfulness. I have introduced Loppy LAC and Curly Calmster to the classroom today and we look forward to working with our new friends to beat anxiety.



We also got to have a hands-on session coding micro-bits. The Department of Education has a number of STEM kits available for schools to use. These kits allow schools to have the latest technology without having the associated expense of buying the hardware. At the moment, we have the 3-D printing kit. We had a play with the Micro-Bit kit at Talbingo Public School where we were able to code it to make noises, turn lights on and off. We have booked this kit for next year as part of our STEM learning. Mrs Frost, from Carcoar Public School was very engaged in this activity.



I think I have finally found a school with grounds (almost) as lovely as ours! Talbingo Public School is parklike – and often tourists set up tents on the playground by mistake! They have a maze and some truly magnificent views! I met Mrs Cherry, who is the principal at Cabramurra Public School, which currently has an enrolment of 1 student! So we are NOT the smallest school in the state!



It was very beneficial to meet other teaching principals who have been in the role for some time, to be able to draw on their experience and knowledge, and collegiality. I think I have made some strong connections with other small schools and look forward to building these relationships to give our students a more rounded educational experience.

Onto this week, and you guessed it! It's another week full of activities! On Wednesday, we are off to the Dam with Woodstock Public School to participate in the Get Hooked Fishing Workshop run by the Department of Primary Industries. This is the culmination of our unit of work from last term where the students learnt all about fishing in NSW. A pretty handy thing to know about when they live so close to our lovely dam.



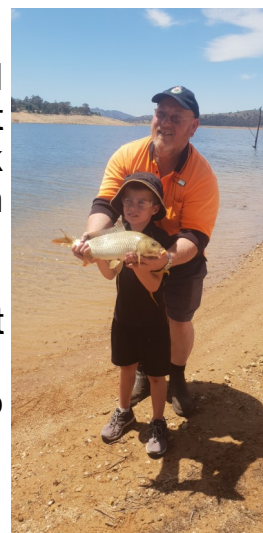
It was a perfect day, weatherwise, and lovely to have a day with the Woodstock crew.





Daniel from DPI was very knowledgeable about all things fishing, and I think everyone learnt something. For me, it was that there are hook guards, and I think I am going to buy 100 of them for my place!

There was just ONE fish caught on the day – and it was our very own Chais who caught it! It was huge!! Chais was very brave and held it up for a photo before releasing it back to the dam.



Friday sees Mrs Garrett heading out to teach tennis in the morning, and then we are off to the Dissipator Park for the inaugural Day for Daniel Fun Run. We would love you to join us. The students will have 30 minutes to complete as many laps of the oval as they can, to raise money for The Daniel Morecombe Foundation. Students can be sponsored online, on our Facebook page, or in person, as we have printed sponsorship forms as well. Afterwards, we will be having a sausage sizzle and some games in the afternoon.



Friday is also World Teachers Day and I would like to acknowledge all the wonderful educators who share their knowledge with our students. Thank you Mrs Carter, Lea, Robert, Mrs Wheeler, Mr E, Sue, Jackie, and all the casual teachers who come in when we need them. Your knowledge and expertise is truly valued and appreciated by both myself and the students. Without you, I wouldn't be able to run this great little school and our kids wouldn't experience the many wonderful things you bring to their education. Thank you!

Just a quick "heads up" for Wednesday, 31st October. At 11.00 am, our students will be presented with a cheque from RAFCA for their winning entry in the annual competition. I'd love you to join us for morning tea to celebrate their creativity and success.



Cheers,

Mrs Sue Clark
Acting Principal

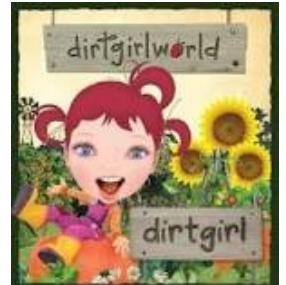


Dance with Hayley Barker

Every Friday 1.45pm to 2.45pm
from 19th Oct to 19th Dec 2018

DirtGirl LIVE

Thursday 8th November 2018
Permission note coming soon.



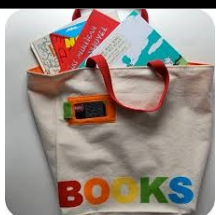
Day for Daniel Fun Run
Friday 26th October 2018

P&C Meeting

Thursday 25th October 2018
8.30am in main classroom

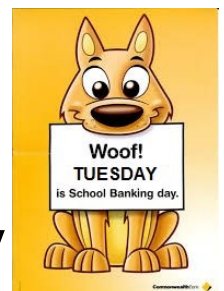
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Library Day is Friday

School Banking Day is Tuesday

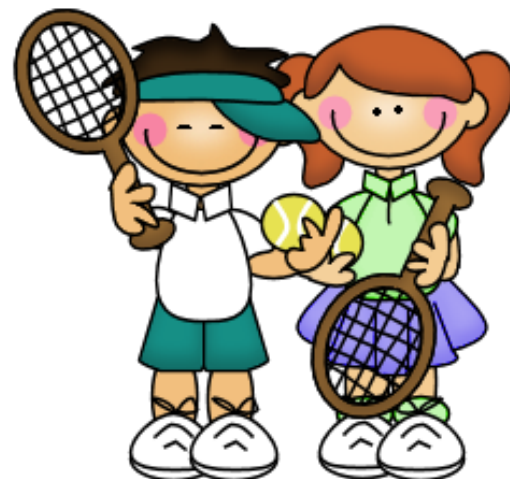




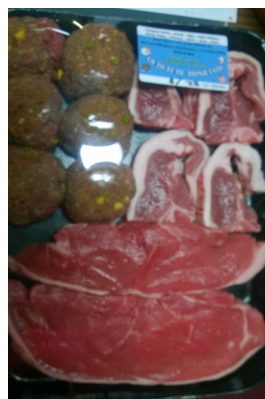
Dance

- Date** – Each Friday,
from Friday 27th July 2018
to Friday 28th September 2018
- Time** – Dance from 1.45pm to 2.45pm
- Where** – Wyangala Dam Public School
- Who** – All students K-6

Tennis



- Date** – Fridays, 19th October 2018,
26th October 2018, 9th November 2018
23rd November 2018
- Time** – 10.00am to 11.00am
- Where** – Wyangala Country Club Tennis Courts
- Who** – All students K-6



Wyangala Country Club P & C Meat Raffle

Friday 2nd November 2018
6.00pm

Come and support our local small school.

Tickets on sale from 6.00pm and raffle drawn
approximately 7.30pm

If you are available to assist in the selling of tickets please
come along to the Wyangala Country Club.

All assistance greatly appreciated

Road safety

Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across