

# WYANGALA DAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 of 2019

Week 5  
27th February 2019



Dear Parents, Carers, and Community Members,



The children have been working hard on their window display projects, and artworks for the Festival of International Understanding – which is less than two weeks away! EEK!!

Mrs Nottingham was in yesterday and was very impressed with what the students have already made, and their knowledge of Japan. Jackie and Robert are busily working away on our float. I hope you will be there on the 16<sup>th</sup> March to see how amazing our entry will be.

Yesterday, I attended the Teachers' Federation Principals' Conference in Sydney. The keynote speaker was Pasi Sahlberg, a leading education researcher and Professor of Education Policy. I was inspired listening to him, even when he suggested that all children should have 2 hours' worth of homework every single day! Just before I jumped up to remind him that the literature does not support homework in Primary school aged children, he clarified that kids should rest or sleep for two hours every afternoon!! That they are exhausted from the rigorous learning they do every day. He put forward the importance of play to learning (preaching to the converted here!!) and how studies have shown the link between a decline in play, an increase in screen time, and the rise in depression and other mental health issues in children and young people. So, if you ever call in to our school, and you think the students are playing, they are! And through play, they are learning language, negotiation, social, physical and mental health skills, which all produce happier, healthier kids who are more able to learn!



## Dates to Remember

### **March**

- 8th Scripture
- 15th Taiko Drumming
- 16th Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade
- 19th Dental Screening at Woodstock
- 21st Harmony Day
- 22nd National Ride 2 School Day
- 29th Questacon Science Circus

### **April**

- 12th PJ Day for Asthma
- 12th Last Day of Term 1
- 19th Good Friday
- 22nd Easter Monday
- 25th Anzac Day
- 29th Staff Development Day
- 30th First Day Term 2

### **May**

- 3rd Responsible Pet Education Program
- 10th District Cross Country
- 13th-17th NAPLAN
- 21st GRIP Leadership conference
- 22nd National Simultaneous Storytime



Thursday sees me heading over to Greenethorpe School with other Small School Principals and teachers to work on developing our programs in a more collaborative manner. This will ensure our students not only have a comprehensive learning environment, but also have the opportunity to share their learning with other students from small schools. It also allows our staff to develop strong working relationships. We are in the very lucky position of

having Mrs Carter here for two days a week while she works at Greenethorpe the other three days. This gives us a unique opportunity to network with another fantastic small school regularly. Added to our connections with Woodstock and Carcoar, and Koorawatha, we have a wonderfully diverse learning community.

On Friday, Lea is building her substantial computer skills, and is attending a graphic design course – so keep an eye on our Facebook and web pages!

We've been lucky enough to have Erin Lamshead twice this week, and she has done some stunning work with the kids in Wiradjuri. They can now confidently count, name some native animals, and sing Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Language. She will continue to work with our school leaders in being able to confidently deliver an Acknowledgement of Country in both Language and English.



We are still working with the Department to get the residence opened up for rent. Don't forget, if you know anyone looking for a tree change, please let them know of our wonderful little school.

As always, have a great week!  
Cheers,

Sue Clark  
Relieving Principal



# Taiko Drumming and Japanese Gardens



Friday 15th March 2019

Cowra Civic Centre & Japanese Gardens

Please return permission note as soon as possible.

# Festival of International Understanding Parade

Saturday 16th March 2019

Cowra Civic Centre Car Park to Bryant Park

Please return permission note as soon as possible.

# Wyangala Dam Parent's & Citizens' Committee AGM Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2019, 8.30am

Wyangala Dam Public School has a mobile phone for excursions, etc. Please only use in case of emergency whilst we are away from school. The number is

# 0401 614 184



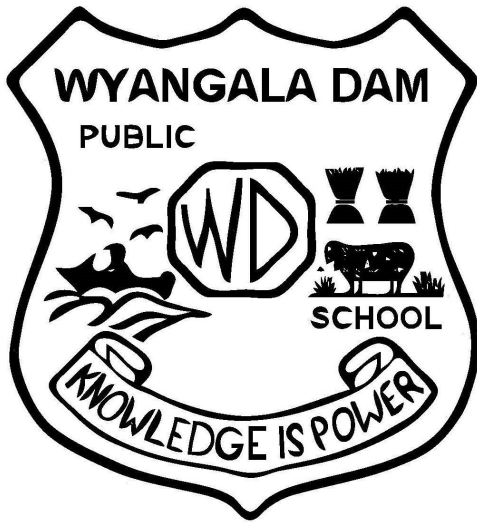


# Thank You!

Thank you for your awesome effort in cleaning up the roadway between Wyangala Dam Public School and Reflections Holiday Park Wyangala Waters — 9 bags of rubbish were collected in total, approximately 20 kilograms of rubbish.

Lots of recyclables were collected as well as car parts, there is a rumour that the car parts could almost build a car.





Wyangala Dam Parents &  
Citizens' Association

# Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2019

8.30am

RSVP on 02 6345 0804.



Responsible  
Pet Ownership

**Very soon  
the Responsible Pet Education Program  
is coming to visit you at your school!**

My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dog with their owners!

There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.

My dog may even meet you during the visit.

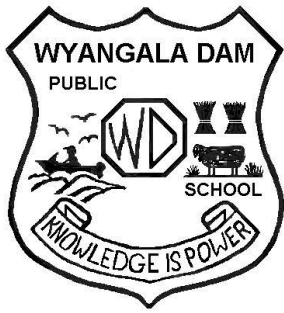


## **Wyangala Country Club P & C Meat Raffle Friday 22nd March 2019 6.00pm**

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.



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We will be attending a Taiko Drumming session as part of the festivities of Cowra Festival of International Understanding and visiting the Cowra Japanese Gardens. Details regarding the visit are as follows:

- Date** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time** – Depart from school at 10.00am  
Return to school at 3.00pm  
**Where** – 11.00am - Taiko Drumming, Cowra Civic Theatre  
12.15pm – Cowra Japanese Gardens  
**Who** – All students K-6  
**Transport** – Wyangala Country Club Courtesy Bus driven by Mrs Sue Clark, Mrs Ruth Carter and Mrs Lea Smith  
**Uniform** – School Uniform  
**Staff attending with CPR** – Mrs Clark, Mrs Carter & Mrs Smith  
**What to bring** – **Packed recess, lunch and a drink bottle**

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Sue Clark  
Relieving Principal



### **TAIKO DRUMMING AND COWRA JAPANESE GARDENS PERMISSION NOTE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend a Taiko Drumming Session at Cowra Civic Theatre and the Cowra Japanese Gardens on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

I understand that transporting my child to and from Cowra will be by Wyangala Country Club Courtesy Bus driven by Mrs Sue Clark, Mrs Ruth Carter and Mrs Lea Smith.

I understand that the vehicle will be departing school at 10.00am.

My child has the following special/medical needs - \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my child/children receiving emergency care if required.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Operation Art is coming to Cowra Regional Art Gallery

We are holding full day visual arts workshops for students in Stages 1-3.

Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom.

- Stage 1 - (Year 1 & 2) - Monday 1 July 2019
- Stage 2 - (Year 3 & 4) - Tuesday 2 July 2019
- Stage 3 - (Year 5 & 6) - Wednesday 3 July 2019

**PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019 UNLESS FILLED PRIOR**

**HOW TO BOOK:**

1. Parents visit the Arts Unit website to complete the online enrolment form to book a place <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>
2. Download the 'Permission Checklist' and 'Permission to Publish Form' and return to Operation Art - Locked Bag 1500, Petersham NSW 2049 by the closing date, Friday 21 June 2019
3. Use the following link to make payment before Friday 21 June 2019. Please select 'Program: Visual Arts' and 'Payment for: Operation Art Workshops' in the drop down menus <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/student/payment>

For Further Information Email: [opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

**COST:** \$50.60 (incl GST) per student per day

**VENUE:** Cowra Regional Art Gallery  
77 Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794

**TIME:** 9:00am - 2:30pm

**SUPERVISION:** Students are supervised by Operation Art tutors from the Department of Education. Teachers are not required to attend workshops.

Students participate in 3 workshops including mixed media, printmaking and sculpture. All materials provided.

Please arrive to collect your child at 2:30pm for a presentation of the day's work

**WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:**

Closed in shoes are required - wear comfortable art making clothing and paint shirt  
Ensure student name is marked on belongings & leave unnecessary valuables at home  
Bring carry bag to help take your artwork home  
Please bring recess and lunch. Do not bring food containing nuts.

**CONTACT DETAILS:**  
Heidi Windaissen  
Operation Art Project Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1195

**WORKSHOP / BOOKING ENQUIRIES:**  
Visual Arts Support Officer  
Ph: (02) 8512 1197  
Email: [opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

Partners



## Wyangala Dam Social Golf Club

### Easter Classic

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019



### 18 hole 2 person Ambrose Event

Make up your own team, or we can get you a partner on the day.

**Registration: 9:30am**

**Tee-off:** 10am First 9 holes  
12:30pm BBQ Lunch  
1:30pm Back 9 holes

**Cost: \$15** includes golf & lunch

**Prizes:** Winner & Runner up, Nearest the Pin, Novelty Events

**Come & enjoy a fun golf day & a delicious lunch**

**BYO DRINKS**

**Contact: Julie Taylor** [taylor18951@gmail.com](mailto:taylor18951@gmail.com)

**Tel: 0263220439**

**Shell Questacon Science Circus**

Explore hands-on science exhibits and experience spectacular science shows!

**You can see the Shell Questacon Science Circus at**

**Cowra PCYC**  
40 Young Road,  
COWRA

**Saturday 30 March 2019**  
Come any time between  
**11 am-4 pm**

**Admission:** Family \$18, Adult \$6, Student/Concession \$5 (cash only)  
Children under 5 and student ticket FREE  
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

**Enquiries:** 0447 160 124  
[www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au)

PRINCIPAL PARTNER: Australian Government  
FOUNDING PARTNER: Australian National University

**Shell Questacon Science Circus**

Did your child see the Shell Questacon Science Circus and love it? Do they want more? They received a complimentary free ticket to our Pop-up!

The Shell Questacon Science Circus Pop-up is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. Come along and spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and test your reflexes. Spectacular science shows are presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone's stomach or a Science Circus presenter holding fire in their hands!

<p><b>Wednesday 27 March, 4-7 pm</b> Young PCYC 18 Lachlan Street <b>YOUNG</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 30 March, 11 am-4 pm</b> Cowra PCYC 40 Young Road <b>COWRA</b></p>
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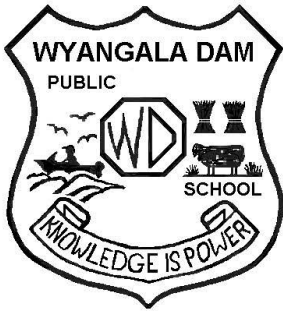
The details above are correct at time of printing - please check your school newsletter and student ticket or follow the Facebook events.  
Tour Co-ordinator - 0447 160 124 - on tour from Tuesday 26 March 2019.

**Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult**  
**Admission: Adult \$6, Students/Concession \$5, Family \$18**  
**Children under 5 and complimentary ticket FREE.**

**Come any time during opening hours**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Details regarding the Parade are as follows

- Date** – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time** – Meet 2.30pm, Parade commences 3.00pm  
**Where** – Cowra Civic Centre Car Park, Cowra  
**Who** – All students K-6  
**Transport** – Private vehicle to be organised by parents  
**Uniform** – Wyangala Dam Public School Uniform  
**Staff attending with CPR** – Mrs Clark, Mrs Carter & Mrs Smith  
**What to bring** – **Drink bottle**

Please could parents have their children at the assembly point promptly at 2.30pm to enable costumes and float to be assembled. It is important to have everyone at this point at 2.45pm.

The procession will conclude at Bryant Park, where the Festival Carnival will take place. The Festival Carnival will be running from approximately 3.30pm to 9.00pm.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Sue Clark  
Relieving Principal

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### **FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING PARADE PERMISSION NOTE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

I understand that transporting my child to and from the parade is my responsibility

I understand that my child / children will be walking the Parade route under the supervision of the Principal.

My child has the following special/medical needs - \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my child/children receiving emergency care if required.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Cowra Festival

of International Understanding

GUEST NATION – JAPAN  
15-17 March 2019

**PRE FESTIVAL**

MARCH

**EXHIBITIONS**

- Japanese tourism and lifestyle
- War and Peace in the Pacific 75
- Community & business displays

13 MARCH

**MORNING TEA**

Senior Citizens' Morning Tea  
10:15am  
Bilyara Place

13 MARCH

**CWA DINNER**

Evening Group Open Dinner  
6:30pm  
Cowra Services Club

14 MARCH

**KABUKI THEATRE**

ANU Kabuki  
11am and 7pm  
Cowra Civic Centre



**FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

SAT 16 MARCH

**BUSINESS WORKSHOP**

Session with Cowra Business Chamber and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
1pm  
Cowra Services Club Falcon Room

FRI 15 MARCH

**TAIKO DRUMMING WORKSHOPS**

9:30am, 11am, 1:30pm  
Cowra Civic Centre



SAT 16 MARCH

**COWRA PEACE BELL RINGING**

2:45pm  
Cowra Peace Bell

FRI 15 MARCH

**TREE PLANTING CEREMONY**

4pm  
Brougham Park

SAT 16 MARCH

**FESTIVAL PARADE**

3:00pm  
Kendal Street



FRI 15 MARCH

**FESTIVAL OPENING DINNER**

Hosted by the 2019 Cowra Festival Youth Ambassadors  
6pm  
Cowra Services Club

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

**CARNIVAL SPECTACULAR**

Stage Performances, Rotary Duck Race, Sport and Cultural demonstrations, Interactive activities for kids and grown ups, Carnival Rides, Karaoke Finals, Food, Bar, FIREWORKS!  
3-9pm  
By the river at Bryant Park

SUN 17 MARCH

**COWRA JAPANESE GARDEN**

Gold coin donation for entry between 10am - 12pm  
Kumiai Ryu Martial arts demonstration and introductory class.



[facebook.com/cowrafestival/](https://www.facebook.com/cowrafestival/)

SUN 17 MARCH

**FILM FESTIVAL**

Mary and the Witch's Flower (11am)  
Bakuman (2pm)  
A Tale of Samurai Cooking (4:30pm)  
From 11am  
Cowra Civic Centre Theatre

For more festival information visit [cowracouncil.com.au](http://cowracouncil.com.au) and click on the Festival link on the Our Community tab.

## FESTIVAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

**13**



**Senior Citizens Morning Tea**  
10:15am – 11am | Bilyara  
Open to the Public  
Meet some of our Youth Ambassadors and learn about Japanese Culture

**Cowra CWA Evening Group Open Dinner**  
6:30pm | Cowra Services Club  
Featuring Youth Ambassador talks, performances and a presentation about Japan.

THURSDAY

**14**

**ANU Kabuki Club Performance**  
11am and 7pm | Cowra Civic Centre  
Free Entry  
Stylised Japanese Theatre featuring extravagant makeup, song and dance.



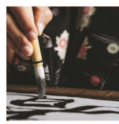
FRIDAY

**15**

**Schools' Taiko Drumming Workshops**  
with Waidiko Rindo  
9:30am, 11am, 1:30pm  
Cowra Civic Centre  
A unique blend of Australian and Japanese drumming.



**Festival Opening and Dinner**  
Hosted by the 2019 Youth Ambassadors  
6pm | Cowra Services Club Main Auditorium  
• Official Opening  
• Australian and Japanese Cultural Performances  
• Music  
• 3 course sit down dinner including Australian and Japanese cuisine  
• Opening Ceremony  
• Karaoke Semi Finalist performances  
Tickets available at Cowra Council



**Tree Planting Ceremony**  
4pm | Brougham Park  
Official planting as a mark of respect between the people of Cowra and the Guest Nation. Mayor of Cowra, Ambassador of Japan, Youth Ambassadors and Government officials.



**Ring of the Cowra Peace Bell**  
2:45pm  
Official ringing to herald the start of the Festival Parade and Carnival  
Performance by Sydney Sakura Choir

SATURDAY

**16**

**Business Workshop and Networking Session**  
1:00pm | Cowra Services Club  
Cowra Business Chamber and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry meet to share business ideas and enhance local and international networks.  
Register through the Cowra Business Chamber website.

**Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade**  
3pm  
• Cowra Community Floats  
• Japan Community Floats  
• Judging in Kendal Street



**Cowra Japanese Garden**  
Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts Demonstration and introductory lesson  
10am – 12pm  
Gold Coin donation entry to the Gardens during this time.



**Film Festival**  
11am, 2pm, 4:30pm  
Cowra Civic Centre  
Something for people of all ages. See page 3 for film details and screening information.

SUNDAY

**17**



## Carnival Program

SATURDAY ON THE MAIN STAGE

9:00 PM Welcome  
3:30 PM Welcome to Country  
National Anthems  
Karaoke Competition finals part 1  
Sydney Sakura Choir  
4:00 PM Wadaiko Rindo Taiko Drumming  
Ren Yano Calligraphy performance  
Hitchhiker performance by Yukihiko Doi  
Karaoke Competition finals Part 2  
5:00 PM Kumiai Ryu Demonstration  
Cowra Town Band  
6:00 PM Rotary Duck Race (on the river)  
Official Welcome  
Winner Presentations: Youth and Mini Karaoke, Duck Race, Parade  
6:30 PM Cowra Ballet  
Japanese Traditional Dance performance by Junko Hirabayashi  
Karaoke Competition finals part 3  
Fashion Parade Part 1 – Traditional Japanese Fashion  
7:00 PM Sydney Kimono Club  
Cowra Vocal Ensemble  
Wadaiko Rindo Taiko Drumming Group  
Sydney Kyudo Club Demonstration  
Fashion Parade Part 2 – Modern Japanese Fashion  
8:00 PM Karaoke Competition Finals Part 4  
Winner presentation  
Fireworks Display  
9:00 PM Close

**BRYANT PARK 3PM-9PM**

**ACTIVITY SESSIONS**  
Come along and learn new skills!  
Taiko Drumming with Wadaiko Rindo  
Hand drumming and Ukelele  
Sydney Kimono Club Demonstrations  
Origami and Metalsmithing with Yoshito Iko  
Tea Ceremony  
Martial Arts with Kumiai Ryu  
Japanese Traditional dance with Junko Hirabayashi  
Sydney Kyudo Club Japanese Kyudo (Bow and arrow)  
Calligraphy workshop with Ren Yano  
Wrestling demonstrations by Central West IWC

**STALLS AND DISPLAYS**  
Japanese Government  
Japanese arts and crafts  
Japanese National Tourist Organisation  
Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR)  
Jewellery  
Slushies  
Lions BBQ  
Fairy Floss  
Japanese BBQ  
Korean BBQ  
Ice Creams  
Tea Ceremony and Japanese Tea Kimono display  
JETRO  
Central Japan Railway Company  
Cowra Rugby League Bar  
Japan Airlines  
Turkish Gozleme  
Tanka Poetry  
Photo booth  
Local schools, businesses and organisations

A busy program of activities is planned for the Festival weekend and beyond, with something for everyone ...

As well as the traditional window displays and parade floats, we're launching the inaugural Cowra Festival Karaoke Competition and a Haiku Poetry Competition with categories for young and old. There's a fashion parade, the Annual Duck Race and much more. Be sure to visit the static displays featured around Cowra:

- War and Peace in the Pacific Exhibition
- Shop and Business window displays
- Bluebell Tanka Poetry Club Exhibition
- Cowra Visitor Information Centre Display

\* Program details are correct at time of publication and may be subject to change.