Dear Parents & Caregivers

It has been an exciting week in which our chooks finally discovered ‘FREEDOM’ when Nigel Payne with some assistance from Stan Yates completed our quite large chook run. Whilst the chooks were hesitant to leave their chook prison at first, they gradually discovered their doorway to freedom with gentle encouragement from Annabel and Andrew, only to be met by the cheering crowd of K-6 children and staff. After a few days practise they are now eager to leave their yard each morning to explore the expanses of chook heaven.

Not only that, but the energetic students in Year 5/6 set out the timber sleepers for our individual class garden beds. The soil has been delivered and we will be filling them with soil hopefully next week if the weather is kinder to us.

Indeed these are exciting times as we embark on our environmental program of recycling and sustainability.

Regards

Principal

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all the P&C members who attended Wednesday night’s AGM and ordinary meeting.

We are pleased to announce the following office bearers for 2016:

President – Maryan Priddis
Vice President 1 – Michelle Broadley
Vice President 2 – Kim Diamond
Secretary – Joanna McPherson
Treasurer – Kelly Hinchcliffe
Uniform Officer – Yvette Hinchcliffe
Publicity Officer – Katrina Rice

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SCIENCE CHALLENGE

On Thursday, March 10, most students from Year 5/6 will take part in the University of Newcastle Science Challenge.

The students will be put into groups along with many other schools and complete a number of SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES.

Initially we were only permitted 16 students so we included all willing Year 6 students plus five Year 5 students who chose a lucky number out of a hat, but now all can go.

The children will need to organise transport and take their recess and lunch with them to the CHALLENGE at the Dubbo Racecourse.

DIRECTOR VISIT

On Wednesday we had a visit from the Acting Director of Schools for our area. Mr Stewart was very impressed with the school and the milestones achieved in 2015 plus the planning, School Excellence Framework, finances, resources and data already being managed to 2016.
STUDENT PROFILES

Interviews and photography by SRC

RUBY – Kinder
What is your favourite colour? Pink
Describe yourself using the letter c?
Cute
What is your favourite song? Let It Go

TOBY – Year 2
What is your favourite food? Tacos
What is your favourite movie?
Fast and the Furious 7
What is your favourite subject? Science

Andrew – Year 6
What is your biggest fear? Spiders
What would you do if you were stuck in an elevator? Climb out the top and climb the cables.
What are your three favourite foods? Pizza, pasta and meat.

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
We wish Kobe Johnson and Elijah Radburn all the best of luck when they try out for the Opens and 11’s District Rugby League teams on Wednesday, March 9 at Caltex Park, Oval 2.
Go you good things!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Next Friday, March 4, we will spend a little time cleaning the school playground (K-4) and around the school block (Year 5/6). Hopefully we will find very few papers or rubbish.
All children will be given a rubber glove to wear to protect their hand. It is good to be a part of a national campaign and take pride in our school and community.
Please return the attached permission note by Thursday March 3.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
We have a new School Counsellor commencing at Wongarbon Public School next Monday.
Allison Fuller will visit us approximately three times a term to assist with specific testing and evaluations which may attract support funding and working with students top enhance their general wellbeing.

LEUKAEMIA INFORMATION
We had Glenn from the Leukaemia Foundation visit on Tuesday to speak to the school on Leukaemia and the work of the Leukaemia Foundation.
It is important that our students are aware of what their fundraising for charities is used for and the assistance it gives to people with Leukaemia.
The Student Representative Council (SRC) with help from Mrs Rich will be organising ‘FUNKY HAIR DAY’, on Friday, March 11.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
As a part of their gift to the school fundraising, Year 6 will be having a sausage sizzle next Friday, Mach 4.
Please complete the order form and return it together with the necessary money promptly to the school office.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Emma, the Life Education teacher, ran three excellent sessions on Monday using a wide variety of strategies, including multi-media to engage all students in their varying sessions.
The children and staff were very positive about the experience and Emma’s cheerful enthusiasm, plus many children were delighted to purchase some Healthy Harold merchandise.
PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD

DVDs of the PowerPoint show at last year’s Presentation Night are available at the school office for $5. This is a great keepsake compiled by Mrs Dunn, so don’t miss out. There are only a few left and family members really enjoy this snapshot of 2015.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILD CARE SURVEY

Last year a survey was conducted regarding the possibility of After School Care in Wongarbon. As a result of the survey, unfortunately there is not enough interest in it at this time for it to go ahead. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Jo McPherson

PLAY GROUP EASTER RAFFLE

Wongarbon Play Group is holding an Easter raffle to raise funds to demolish and rebuild our termite infested cubby house. There are three prizes to be won. First prize has kindly been donated by Bernardi’s IGA and is located at the Wongarbon General Store.

Tickets are available for purchase for $1 each from the shop, or see Jo McPherson.
K/1/2 Self Portraits