Principal’s Report

Term Beginnings
Welcome back for Term 2 of our 2015 school year. We trust you had a restful break over the holiday period and are ready for a busy and challenging term of activities here at Wilberforce Public School.

Class activities get underway with the NSW Australasian Schools Competitions beginning this term. All Stages have lessons and planned activities. Our school Cross Country will be held next week on Friday 1 May, in the school grounds. The National Assessment Plan (NAPLAN) testing for Year 3 and 5 is set down for Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. As well, we will be involved in Three-Way Interviews as part of our assessment and reporting, and half-yearly reports will be issued before term ends. Also, the Mother’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6 May.

We welcome Mrs Rebecca Brien to our teaching staff here at Wilberforce. Mrs Brien will be teaching Kindergarten, replacing Miss Brady who will be on leave for the remainder of 2015.

With great sadness, we share with the community, the tragic loss of Elly Waddups. Elly attended Wilberforce Public School from 2002 until 2008. She was a valued member of our school, and will always be remembered for her cheerful personality, and her helpful, caring and generous nature. Our thoughts go to the family and friends of Elly. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Term 2 Planner
Today, we have sent home the Term 2 Planner. If you did not receive one it is available on our website or from the front office.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Our whole school assemblies will continue to be held on: FRIDAYS at 2:45pm. Term 2 -
• Friday 24th April – will be hosted by 3/4B
• Friday 1st May – NO ASSEMBLY due to School Cross Country

School Contributions – Thank You
Thank you to all the families who have already contributed towards our Voluntary School Contributions. These funds will greatly assist with purchases of equipment for student use.

ANZAC Day
We held our ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony for Term 2, on Wednesday 22 April at 10.00am in readiness for ANZAC Day which, this year, will be on Saturday 25 April. We were pleased that parents, family and community members could join us at our special service.

At the ceremony, Mr Wilson organised our School Leaders who played an important part in the ceremony. Miss Niemeier conducted the whole school singing a special ANZAC song, which was part of our ceremony and was well received by the attending guests.

It has been a busy ANZAC week following the 100 Year Centenary of the ANZAC tradition.
• Thursday 23rd April we are very honoured to have four of our school leaders joining Mr Gostelow and Mr Deal at the Hyde Park, Central Sydney 100 Year ANZAC Ceremony.
• On ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April, our school leadership group will be attending the Wilberforce Park ANZAC Service at 9.00am. Thank you to all families and students who will give their time for attendance at this ceremony. We will have representation from the Wilberforce Public School community, attending the ceremony in Wilberforce Park on ANZAC Day this Saturday.

Regards – David Deal – Principal

Important Dates
Thursday 30 April
Indoor Cricket – Stage 3
Friday 1 May
School Cross Country
Wednesday 6 May
Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday 7 May
“Adventurescope” Whole School
Friday 15 May
“Sleepover” – Stage 2
Wednesday 20 May
Cricket 5 Week Programs starts
Friday 22 May
District Cross Country
Reminders

- **Adventurescope Maths & Science Show** – Permission note and payment of $8-00 per student due by Friday 1st May.
- **Milo in2CRICKET Skills Program Whole School**
  Please return permission note and payment of $12-00 by Friday 8th May.
- **Stage 2 “Sleepover”** – Permission note and payment of $7-00 per student due by Friday 8th May.
- **School Fees** – Voluntary Contribution of $45 per child or $120 for three or more children, as soon as possible.

School Cross Country

The upcoming School Cross Country run will be held at school on **Friday 1st May from 2:00pm**. Students will need to wear their sports uniform. Mr Wilson will be the organising teacher and we hope to make the event one of the best yet.

- All Hawkesbury Schools will be involved in the District Cross Country on Friday 22nd May.

Stewart House Envelopes

Win a $4,000 family holiday to the destination of your choice!

Just place a gold coin in the envelope sent home today with this newsletter and return it to the school office by Friday 15th May.

Schools like ours have kept Stewart House alive for 75 years. Let’s continue this great work in providing a happy, healthy stay at Stewart House for 2000 young people in need each year from NSW/ACT public schools.

No Waste Wednesday

Our *no waste Wednesdays* held during recess time have commenced this week. Students are encouraged to bring recess in reusable containers so there is no waste left at the end of recess. This will be led by our Live Life Well and Green Team.

Hawkesbury Show Art Work Entries

Good Luck to all of our artists who have entered work at the Show.

If attending, keep your eye out for the Wilberforce Public School display.

Bookclub

Bookclub has been sent home with Today's Newsletter. Money and orders need to be returned to the front office by **Monday 4th May**.

Pre-school reading

Will be held on Thursdays at 3:00pm. In the Library with Mrs Ruzgas.

Mothers Day Stall

**Wednesday 6th May**

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May. No donations will be required this year, all the gifts have been pre purchased by the P & C Association. The student’s classes will attend the stall to make a purchase for their mother’s day gift. The gifts will be priced at: $2, $5 and $10.

- Remember to send along some money with your child on Wednesday 6th May, so they can purchase something special.

Helpers needed to Wrap Gifts

If you can help with wrapping gifts it would be greatly appreciated. You can collect gifts from the Clinic Room at the front of the hall before assembly tomorrow, Friday 24th April, and return the wrapped gifts on Monday morning.

Monday 27th April at 9:30am – We would like some volunteers to help sort the gifts in the Clinic Room, ready for the Stall. Hope to see you there.

All proceeds raised from the stall will be donated to Elly Waddups Family

Thank you, P & C Fundraising Committee

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

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**DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

It’s our turn to run the Canteen at the Hawkesbury District Athletics Carnival to be held on **Wednesday 19th & Friday 21st August**. We will need a number of volunteers to help make this a success. Whether you can spare half an hour or the whole day, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Canteen Committee