We always welcome support from our parents and local community at Wyalong Public. Our students enjoy having someone to read to and many events we hold throughout the year would not be as successful without this support. Those members in the community are reminded that if you are able to help within the School you will require a working with children’s check. Applications can be completed online with a photo id verification to be completed at the RTA. Thank you to all parents who attended our SRC and House Captain induction assembly last week. It was fantastic to see a large number of parents and friends at the back of the assembly. Your acknowledgement of your child’s success is a crucial part to their learning.

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is attached to this newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February.

Jason Hurley - Relieving Principal
What’s Going On!

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Parent Information...

**Swimming for Sport:**
Swimming for Sport will continue until 22\textsuperscript{nd} March.
The students are transported by bus to the pool and take part in swimming lessons with our staff. Costs per week are $1.90 for pool entry and $2.00 for bus transport. Please send your child with a total of $3.90 each week to cover these costs.

**Intensive Swimming:**
This program will finish this Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who have supported this worthwhile program. Thank you to Mrs Low for organizing the program application, the pool, the bus and of course the students.

**P&C Information:**
Each year the P&C present the new Kindergarten students with a book. The book represents a friendly welcome to the School and serves as a wonderful keepsake of their first year at School.

**Healthy Harold – Life Education:**
Information concerning this worthy upcoming event is attached to this Newsletter. Please read the information carefully and return the permission note and presentation money to the Office by Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} February. If you are ordering merchandise please return the order form and correct money separately to the presentation money.

**Canteen Reminders:**
Please return you Special Lunch Order tomorrow, unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.
On Wednesdays the Canteen is selling Zooper Doopers for 50c.

**2015 School Choir CD:**
The CD that the School Choir and Mrs Cooper made last year is on sale in the Office. If you would like to purchase one or two, they are $5.00 each.
No Hat – No Play:
Please remember to send your child with their school hat.
If they do not have a broad brimmed hat they will be asked to play under the covered area near the tennis courts.

Royal Far West
Our local club of Royal Far West are seeking interest regarding making Library bags. They are willing to make cloth bags for $5.00 each if people would like to order them. Please show your interest by completing the below information and returning it to School.

Name ............................................. Phone Number ..................................

I would like to order ............... Library bags

Last year our students and families were given the opportunity to apply for Scholarships through our local CWA Branch, Bellarwi. The Scholarships were offered by the Philip Group of CWA in Sydney and were kindly administered by the Bellarwi CWA of West Wyalong. The School would like to thank Bellarwi CWA and Philip Group for their continued support of our School. Pictured below are some of the lucky recipients of Scholarships with the local CWA President Mrs Margaret Smith. Pictured L-R, Karl Orallo, Mrs Smith, Jed Orallo, Penny Ray and Jayda Stanton.
**Merit Awards:**
Alice Norris
Nate Pursehouse
Tyson Richards
Colby West
Lily Judd
Luke Reid
Ben Burgers
Jed Orallo

**Student of the Week:**
Kaelan Ferguson
Ava Hall
Molly Reid

**Sport Awards:**
Jack Curry
Matthew Kirkby
Sarah Blackwood
CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S INITIATION SACRAMENTS 2016– ENROLMENT NIGHT.

Parents who have children baptised Catholic, their children are eligible to receive their next initiation sacrament in 2016 (usually: yr 2 reconciliation, yr 3 Holy Communion and Yr 5 & 6 Confirmation). At 6.30pm on Wednesday 24th February, in the St Mary's Parish Center (behind the Church) an enrolment night will be held. Note: this year we have a combined confirmation with years five and six and no confirmations next year. Attendance at this meeting is needed if the sacraments are to be received. For more info., or if you cannot make the night please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or 69723655.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016
ANGLICAN PARISH CENTRE
COURT STREET, WEST WYALONG

Our speakers are Lt. Col. David Deasey RFD (Rtd) and Megan Gibson.

David Deasey’s particular interest is the Boer War and the myths that surround Australia’s involvement. (hint: it’s more than Breaker Morant). Megan Gibson from Family Tree Time has worked as a freelance researcher on the hit Australian TV series Who Do You Think You Are, and is co-author of the book How to Get More Family Time.

Cost incl. Morning tea and lunch $30
Registration: 9.00 am
For catering purposes please book by contacting us at:
genealogy@wyalongfamilyhistory.com or telephone

The Southern Sports Academy School Holiday Netball Camp to be held at the Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga on the 19th-22nd April 2016. This year we will be adding a day of training for aspiring umpires.

The camps are a valuable opportunity for children of all skill levels to receive top quality coaching. We are excited to announce that former NSW Swifts player, Jackie Murphy, will host our Junior Netball Camp this year and will be joined by a panel of experienced coaches including Southern Sports Academy Coaching staff, special guest coaches and Southern Sports Academy athletes.

This year players between the ages of 7 and 10 will be attending on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th April, while the players aged between 11 and 14 will attend on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd.

Brower’s 10th Charity Walk 2016
‘GOG TO WEETHELLE’ - The Return’
Starting at Allen &Lisa Payne’s 9am, total distance 22kms
Saturday, March 19

Registration sheets available from Quade Moncrieff Livestock & Property
Forms must be picked up by Monday, March 14 and $5 rego fee, to cover insurance costs, must be paid on registration
All funds raised go to West Wyalong Can Assist and Country Hope
All participants, friends, family and supporters invited to the Weetahle Country Club for a sausage sizzle, raffles and auction (under 18’s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)
For more information please contact 0427 722 219 or 0408 266 920