Welcome to week 2
A huge thank you to the 23% of our parent community who have completed the parent survey! Your input is very important to us and results from this survey will help us evaluate and develop programs within our school over the next couple of years. We would love to have 100% parent involvement in this survey so that we have the opinions of our whole parent community. So if you have 10 minutes to spare please log on to www.tellthemfromme.com. and share your opinions with us.
Username: parent18823  Password: West3519.
The survey closes this Friday and is completely anonymous. We can log you on to a computer at school if you need assistance.

We are celebrating Special Person’s Day in Kindergarten this Thursday. Whether you are a grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling or very special friend, we would like to thank you for your help and support of our Kindergarten children. The special people in our lives just make everything so much better!

Stage 1 are off to Wagga tomorrow for Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts.
A huge thank you to Mrs Charpentier for organising these theatre excursions for our children.
Enjoy your theatre experience Stage 1 students!
Have a good week.

Ruth Pidgeon
Assistant Principal.

From the Principal’s Desk

Macey Cowen has been invited to perform in the 2015 Schools Spectacular in Sydney.
Well done Macey!

P&C News

The P & C are catering at a clearing sale on Friday 16th October. This is an attempt to raise money from outside the school community so that we can purchase rubber soft fall underneath the play equipment. This will benefit current and future students of West Wyalong Public School.

The clearing sale is on a property 30 km out the Ungarie Road. We require help in cooking and serving food throughout the day or donations of sliced onions, coleslaw, cakes, biscuits, slices, and sandwiches. Please text, ring or email Belinda Duncan with what you can donate or times you can help. Mobile – 0429720544.
Email – bazbelduncan@gmail.com

1/2 Wagga Theatre Excursion
TOMORROW
Tuesday13th October 2015

Please ensure your child has had a good breakfast and is at school by 8:45am.
(We will wait for all school buses to arrive)
We expect to arrive back at school at 4:00pm.

Primary Assembly
Tomorrow
12.15pm
COLA
(Please note that all assemblies will be in the COLA until week 6)
Our school is now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Dates for the Diary**

**TERM 4**

**Tuesday 13th October**
Stage 1 Theatre Excursion to Wagga

**Thursday 15th October**
Kindergarten “Special Persons Day”

**Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th October**
Stage 2 Excursion to Dubbo

**Thursday 29th October**
Music Count Us In

**Wednesday 11th November**
2016 Leaders Election Speeches

**Monday 23rd November – Friday 4th December**
Year 2 Intensive Swimming

**Monday 16th November – Wednesday 18th November**
Senior School Excursion to Canberra

**Tuesday 8th December**
Presentation Day Assembly

**Monday 14th December**
Year 6 Farewell

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**West Wyalong Public School at “Athens in the West”**

**Saturday October 24th 2015.**

Get your togas ready and join our WWPS entry in the street parade!

All students K-6 have been learning a simple dance to “Zorba the Greek” which we will dance down the main street in the parade – we need everyone to come and join in the fun!

Depending on the size of your child you can use a white pillowcase (cut head and arm holes) or wrap a white cot sheet or single bed sheet. There are plenty of tutorials on YouTube teaching you to tie them all sorts of ways.

Finish it off with some gold ribbon.

“Athens in the West” is a great community event, which is not just for the kids-get the whole family in togas and help us break the Guinness World Record for the biggest Toga Party!

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**West Wyalong Public School is once again participating in Operation Christmas Child for Samaritans Purse.**

Boxes have been delivered and need to be filled by next **Friday 16th October.** We would welcome the donation of items to fill these boxes, please see the brochure below for ideas. Thank you.

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**Gift Suggestions**

- **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrubbers, hair-clips, etc.

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**Prohibited Items**

- **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT.** (these can spoil boxes) Including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough and batteries
- **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND.** (due to customs regulations) Including medicines and vitamins
- **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS.** (due to customs regulations) Including worn clothing and old toys
- **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** Including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:** Including war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:** Including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- **RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL ITEMS**
West Wyalong Public School is entering an exciting time of change and we want to hear your opinion to inform the way we educate your children.

Successful schools foster greater communication with parents, encourage parental involvement in their child’s schoolwork, and engage parents in school activities.

The Partners in Learning Parents survey is a questionnaire covering aspects of your views on your child(ren)'s experiences at school.

We need you to complete a survey to help us determine which school programs need updating or changing. We need as many surveys as possible completed so the voice of all parents are heard. The survey can be accessed at www.tellthemfromme.com.

This is a secure website and all surveys are anonymous.

The username and password for parents/guardians of students West Wyalong Public School are:

**Username:** parent18823
**Password:** West3519

The survey is accessible from **Tuesday 6th October 2015 until Friday October 16th, 2015.**

We will have computers available for parents to use if needed and staff to help with any questions.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Ruth Pidgeon or Nadia Worland 02 69722157
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bellarwi CWA Land Cookery Competition**

is on **Thursday 29th October 2015**.

Entries will be picked up from the school before 10am on the 29th.

Cake this year is a **Crunchy Topped Lemon Loaf**.

Recipe can be picked up at the Front Office.

For further information contact

Julie Crerar on 6972 2813

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**VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES**

Sport and Recreation are again holding the **Central West Winter Sport Volunteer Award**. It’s the end of the winter sporting season, but it’s not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroot sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded $250 & $100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It’s a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It’s a simple process that won’t take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website [sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward) or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.