Huge congratulations to Year 2 student, HAYDEN WALKER, who placed 8th in the 8/9 Years Boys division at Friday’s FSCPSSA Cross Country at Wolumla. Year 6 student, MABEL ASHBURN, placed in the top 20 in her division. What a fantastic effort from both students!

I heard great reports back about the Bioblitz attended by Stage 3 students on Friday and they passed the knowledge gained from their experience on to the younger students when the whole school participated in an environmental walk through Panboola Wetlands on Monday. Thank you to the parents who were able to provide transport to the Bioblitz – it is very much appreciated.

I certainly picked a whopper of a week to return to school! Dinosaurs roaring, hula hoops twirling, echidnas investigating and beautiful singing floating in the air from SCLC choir auditions were just part of a jam packed Week 4. It’s great to be back. Thank you to Louise Hopson for an excellent job as acting principal in my absence.

Developing Socially Competent Children

As adults we know that most social problems have more than one possible solution and that, sometimes, what works in one social situation won’t work in another similar circumstance. Over time we develop a whole range of alternative solutions to typical social problems, and this enables us to deal with most social situations we encounter.

Socially competent children begin to develop a range of alternative solutions at an early age by observing what others do.

Children who are isolated or rejected usually have a more limited range of options available to them. When they are confronted with a difficult social situation they respond with the only options they know about, and these are often inappropriate. No-one deserves to be bullied even if their behaviour is irritating or annoying.

There are other positive and constructive ways to deal with irritating and annoying behaviour.

Kathryn Davis
Principal
**Life Education and Musica Viva next Tuesday**

A big day of activities with the students of Wyndham school. Don’t forget parents/friends and siblings are welcome to come to one of the Jacana concerts as well at no charge.

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**Our busy week**

The Year 5/6 students enjoyed the Bioblitz last Friday—no photos unfortunately. Thank you again to our parent drivers for enabling our students to be part of this project.

This is a special newsletter as we move towards the end of our very busy time—almost in a row we have had Bioblitz, Dinosaur Excursion, Zoomobile and Bournda Biodiversity Puppets, as well as the usual Hooping and Music etc. Next week we have our big Tuesday with Musica Viva and Life Education. All in all a very rewarding time as you will see!

See page 5/6 for a round up!

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data**

Please see the attached information for parents/carers and letter about this upcoming nationwide survey of schools to collect data on school students with a disability, to assist better future planning. If you do not want your child counted in the data you must return the note on the back of the letter before the end of this term.

**Playgroup**

It is wonderful seeing how playgroup is growing and planning future weeks’ activities. Please spread the word to families with young children in the area.

If your children are older and you have items that you would like to donate to the group such as ride on toys, dress ups, playdough gear, floor toys— it would be greatly appreciated. Keep in mind though that we don’t want to turn the whole MPR into a playgroup space—keep it compact!

**Playgroup News**

Next Tuesday playgroup kids and parents will be joining with the 3-6 students for the first performance of musical group Jacana in the MPR.

Other activity options for afterwards include the sandpit, play equipment and infants classroom—to be decided on the day by the group.

It will be a busy day at school that day with all the Wyndham kids here too!

**Kindy Start**

Kindystart kids who haven't been coming to playgroup (and who are more than welcome!) can also come along with their parents to Jacana on Tuesday if you wish. They are performing twice— at 9.45 and 11am.
**SCLC Combined Choir**

Students involved in the SCLC Combined Choir (performing on 29/30 July) yesterday met the new choir conductor Ms Hayley Fragnito and were introduced to the songs that they will be performing on the night—Asalaam Alaikum, Brother/Sister, and the National Anthem as well.

A choir pack is attached for those involved for practising at home too. Everyone is very excited!

**Other events coming up for some students**

Art and Writing Day next Monday 26 May (Annalyse & Mabel) at Bournda EEC

Movie Making Camp Tanja 29-30 May (Annalyse & Mabel) at Bournda EEC

Environmental Science Day Monday 2 June (Liam)

Please note transport is to be arranged between the families of the students attending.

**June School Radio**

The next school radio show will be Tuesday 3 June (first Tuesday of the month in term time).

Students presenting the show are Alicia and Sam, and the volunteer presenter is Tony Ovington.

Start planning your show now—why not try something different?

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**SCHOOL RADIO**

Tuesday 3 June

1pm on TVR88FM

Alicia & Sam

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**Responsible Pet Ownership**

Students in the K12 class will enjoy a visit in the afternoon on Tuesday 3 June from Nina and her little dog Tinkabell. Nina shares a great message about how to approach a dog, general awareness and being a responsible pet owner.

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**P&C News**

Welcome to John How who has offered to take on the Secretary role (as well as Treasurer!)

Steph can now focus on little Ottilie!

Thank you so much John.

Attached to this newsletter are the minutes of the Term 2 Meeting last week.

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**Proposed Paver Project**

Last newsletter we attached a request for Expressions of Interest in a proposed P&C fundraising paver project for next year. It is an opportunity to record your time at Towamba School and be part of it for the future, as well as fundraising for the P&C and therefore the students and families of the school. Another copy of the return slip is overleaf.

**Reforms to P&C Federation**

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php).
Community News

Get fit and have fun!

Zumba Exercise classes
Wednesdays in the MPR at school
5-6.30pm  Started 21 May– come along next time!  No charge
All welcome— minimum age high school.
For more information call Amber on 6496 7196 or Lisa on 6496 7292.

Name the Crane competition
Just a reminder that colouring in entries are due back at school by May 30 if you want to name the crane and enter the competition.

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms
Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings.
They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.
Ask your child for an example, like this one:
I prefer a fine *tip* on my pen.
He gave me a *tip* for the Melbourne Cup.
Don’t *tip* the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous *tip*.

NSW Interschool Snowsports Competition
Any other students interested in this competition in winter please contact the school office.

P&C Paver Project  Expression of Interest
☐ Yes I would be interested in purchasing _____ of these pavers at $50
☐ I would be interested if it were a little cheaper such as_____
☐ I know other people who would be interested (outside of the current school families)
☐ I would like to be involved in co-ordinating this project in 2015
☐ Other feedback: ________________________________

NAME: ________________________________  Phone: ____________________

ABSENCE & Partial Absence NOTE
My child______________________________________________
was absent from school on the date/s________________________
OR will be arriving late/departing early at (time)____________________
due to__________________________________________________
Signed ____________________________________ Parent/Carer.  Date: ____________
Dinosaur Excursion

The dinosaur is roaring at the kids. I was very scared. It was a good day.

**Hayden**

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