From the Principal

Athletics – Congratulations to the 17 students who represented Wilmot Primary School at the N.W.P.S.S.A. Athletics Carnival last week. A full report can be found on the following page.

Easter – Thank you to everyone who has been able to return their raffle books so far. Remember that all books must be returned, sold or unsold, by Monday 25th March. An Easter assembly will be run by our chaplain, Mr Penrith, on Wednesday 27th March at 2.00pm.

Star Gazing – This Friday night, Peter Sayers will be at the Online Access Centre with his telescopes to view the night sky. Prior to darkness we will be having a sausage sizzle to help raise money for our playground equipment. The newspaper stated that the sizzle would begin at 4.30 however we will not be starting this until 6.30 as per the note sent home yesterday.

Swimming and Water Safety – We are mid-way through the annual Swimming and Water Safety Program for the grade 3 to 6 children. This is a great program and even after two days (four sessions) in the pool, the development of confidence in the water and improved skills is evident in the students. It is an extremely tiring week for the students (and teachers) but a very worthwhile one.

Launching into Learning – This Friday will be the third session of our Launching into Learning program, held in the music room at 2:15pm. It is open to all children who are 4 years old and under. If you know of anyone who has children in that age range, tell them about it and they can contact the school to get more information.

Student free day – Thursday 28th March is a professional learning day for teachers and therefore children are not required to attend school. (An early start to the Easter break for children)

Easter break – Because of the change to 4 terms this year, the Easter break is shorter than in previous years. Children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd April.

Small school Swimming Carnival – The annual Small School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 5th April at the Latrobe pool. A separate notice will be sent home with more details next week.

Yours in partnership

Ralph Thompson
**NWPSSA ATHLETIC CARNIVAL**

On Thursday March 14th some students from Wilmot Primary went to Penguin to compete in the NWPSSA athletic carnival.

Josh and Amos left early to compete in the 800 metre race. All the other students competing left when the second bus arrived. We arrived in Penguin just in time for the 75 metre race. Mrs Miles and Mrs H had to take the 75 metre runners (Benjamin, Anthony, Jordan, Ben, Taylor, Rita and Clara) to the marshalling area, where we were then placed into our divisions and lane number. It felt like we were waiting for ages. When we were placed in our lanes, the starter waved his hand down the track to signal the judges to see if they were ready. When they waved back, he said look down the track, get set and bang, the gun went. Then you ran flat out to the end, hoping to make a place in the semi-finals. Unfortunately no one did from Wilmot in the 75 metre race.

After the 75 metre was the 200 metre race. Once again Mrs Miles and Mrs H took out Seth, Gyemfie, Michael, Anthony, Bonney and Rita to the marshalling area. The rest of us looked out for the runners so we could cheer them on. We were more successful in the 200 metre. Gyemfie came second and Bonney came third, so they made it to the semi-finals and got some extra well earned house points. Josh was the only grade 5/6 student willing to take on the 400 metre. Benjamin, Amos, Seth, Gyemfie, Taylor, Natalia and Caitlin all competed in the 100 metre race. Once again this year was a very successful event for our group of runners. Amos came first, Seth came third, Caitlin came second and Gymfried came first, beating the Riana runner. Once again these student earned some valuable house points.

We then had to line up for the semi-finals. Our cheer squad were in fine form. Gyemfie raced the 200 metre and then had to go and run in the 100 metre, he ran really well although he missed out on making the Twilight team. The semi-finals were tough and all our runners tried their hardest but no-one made it to the twilight carnival.

The final event for the grade 3/4 was the shuttle relay. The grade 3 team consisted of Rita, Anthony, Natalia and Amos. After many nervous moments they were off and racing. Amos made up time and they were in third place. The grade 4 team consisted of Taylor, Benjamin, Joel, Bonney and Michael. We did well and tried our hardest. The grade 3 and 4 teams then had to go and hop on the bus to go back to school. It was a quiet trip back, resting from our hard day of running. The grade 5 and 6 teams stayed to compete in the circular relay. The grade 5 team consisted of Jacob, Josh, Seth and Jordan. Jacob started the race, he passed the baton to Jordan who passed it to Josh and Seth finished off the race. The grade 6 team consisted of Ben, Clara, Gyemfie and Caitlin, they came fourth. It was a tiring day, but it was fun and we are proud of our efforts.

By Seth, Joel and Mrs H