From the Principal

Peg Arnold Sports Day – Our Peg Arnold Sports Day was a very enjoyable event. The children participated well and the house points were very close all day. Eventually Cradle won by 3 points over Barrington, 367 to 364. The involvement of parents in the relay, tunnel ball and tug of war events was a great hit with the students and I thank the parents for being willing to participate. Thank you to all parents who came along to support the day by encouraging the children, by handing out stickers and/or cooking the BBQ. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Fair Money – Our fair was a great success and we raised about $5,500. As I mentioned in the last newsletter I would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions as to what the money could be put towards. If you have any ideas, please let Raelene know. We have some goods left over from the garage sale and we intend to have a stall at the next Wilmot Market (on the 6th of December). We need volunteers to run that stall. If you can help out, please contact Raelene in the office.

Fire Brigade Dinner – Last Saturday, our Local Chaplaincy Committee catered for the Fire Brigade Christmas Dinner. About 90 people attended the night and about $1,200 was raised for the Chaplaincy Program at the school. Thank you to the Wilmot Fire Brigade for allowing us to cater for the night and also to our committee and helpers for doing a fantastic job with the catering.

Tomorrow – Tomorrow November 27th is a student free day. A notice went home yesterday outlining the closure of school for the day.

Show Day Holiday – This Friday is the Devonport Show Day holiday. We will be showing our three silkie bantams in the show so if you have the chance to get down to the show, pop in to the Poultry Pavilion to see how they went. Good luck to school families who are exhibiting animals at the show.

School Association – Our School Association AGM will be held next Tuesday and nomination forms for parent reps were sent home last week. Please consider nominating to be on the Association working committee so that we can have a good representation of parents at the meetings next year. There are only 5 meetings for the year.

Premiers Visit to the Museum – On Tuesday next week, the Premier, Mr Will Hodgman will be in Wilmot to officially open the extensions to the museum. The children will have the opportunity to meet the Premier once the opening has been made. I have been told that the last time a Premier visited Wilmot was 75 years ago so this will be a very special moment for the children! I ask that all students are in full school uniform on that day.

Bike Safety – On Wednesday, the 3rd of December, the grade 3 children will travel to Sheffield to participate in a bike safety session. This will be a valuable experience for these children.

Presentation Evening – Our Presentation Evening will be held on Friday, the 12th of December at 7.00pm at the Town Hall. This is our grand finale for the year and I encourage all parents and community members to come along and help us celebrate the year.

With only three weeks left of the year, and plenty of things happening, please keep an eye out for extra notices and information that may be coming home.

Yours in partnership

Ralph Thompson
Principal
**Positive impact of attending Launching into Learning.**

The Department of Education continues to track the performance of children who attend Launching into Learning prior to starting school via a Longitudinal Study. The latest analysis continues to show that regular participation in Launching into Learning consistently and significantly improves educational outcomes for reading and numeracy performance measures.

- The proportion of students who achieved all markers on Kindergarten Development Check (KDC) continues to be higher for LiL students (students who participated in LiL regularly) than it is for non-LiL students.
- The number of LiL students scoring below expected standards on the Preparatory (Prep) assessments Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) is lower for LiL students compared to non-LiL students for both reading and maths.
- A higher proportion of LiL students were above NAPLAN National Minimum Standards (NMS) than non-LiL students.

These are exciting findings and we encourage all families with children aged birth to 4 years to take advantage of the free Launching into Learning activities that occur in our school.