From The Principal

WELCOME BACK!
We will continue to use the weekly newsletter to share the amazing learning our children are doing as well as passing on important information.

At this stage I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts Mrs Sarah Mantje has put into the local playgroup over the years, we think it would be well over 12 years and thank her for her service to our school community.

I would like to welcome Mrs Michelle Hutt onto the teaching team here at Wilmot Primary School for Term 2. Mrs Hutt will be running LiL Playgroup on Mondays.

Emma R Langton - Acting Principal

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ANZAC SERVICE
On Friday the 24th of April 2015 there will be an ANZAC service at Wilmot Primary School at 10:45am.
From the Senior Class ANZAC Committee
Knitted Tree

We are looking for people to help us out by knitting a bright section of scarf for our tree. The idea is that we will stitch all the small scarves together to make a big scarf for our beautiful Oak Tree that lives at the front of the school. So if you have any acrylic wool or knitting needles at home that you can donate to the school we would love them please. If you have the time to complete a scarf for us we would be very grateful, we need them to be about 2.8 metres long and any width up to

Music Performance

We are in full swing in the music! We have been dancing, singing and playing a variety of instruments. Both classes have been preparing for our performance next week. The Wilmot Primary School and Friends Music Performance will be on Friday May 1st at The Wilmot Hall starting at 7pm.

We are all looking forward to seeing you there!

New LiL Playgroup Resources

We are all very happy to have lots of new things to play with in our playgroup sessions. In the coming weeks we will share some of our amazing learning activities with you.

The children really enjoyed using them on Monday morning!
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2015 are Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html
Come and try racing at Swimming Tasmania’s ‘Ready. Set. Race’
JUNIOR DOLPHINS carnival in ULVERSTONE

What: Fun races for 6 to 13 year olds new to swimming competitions
Where: East Ulverstone Pool
When: Saturday 2 May 2015 from 11:00am
How: Just come along on the day, fill out the registration form when you get there and pay $10 to enter as many races as you like!

Ready.Set.Race and the Junior Dolphins is a national participation program aimed at introducing fun competition swimming and games to new swimmers. If you want to see how fun it is come and try a few races at our Ready.Set.Race Junior Dolphins carnival!

For more information contact Anne Steele at Swimming Tasmania at anne.steele@tas.swimming.org.au or on (03) 6222 6560.

GIVE AWAY
We have a huge supply of second hand school uniforms if anyone is interested. With winter coming up you could make use of the many items we have to keep the children warm. Please see Raelene in the office for details.