Key Dates for 2015

May 12th - 14th  
NAPLAN Testing

May 15th  
Assembly Junior Class Hosting

May 20th  
NWPSSA Sports Expo

May 22nd  
Whole School Excursion to Arboretum

May 27th  
Simultaneous Read

June 1st  
Sprent Activities & Cross Country

June 5th  
Assembly Senior Class Hosting

June 8th  
Public Holiday

June 10th  
NWPSSA 5/6 Cross Country

June 12th  
Wilmot Primary Art Opening

June 23rd  
School Association

June 19th  
Assembly Junior Class Hosting

June 19th  
Reports Home

June 22nd to 24th  
Student Parent Teacher Interviews

June 26th  
Senior Class Excursion Launceston

June 29th — July 3rd  
Grade 3-6 Swimming

Fri July 3rd  
Term 2 ends

Mon July 20th  
Term 3 starts

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From the Principal

It has been quite a cool week here at Wilmot Primary School but we’ve braved the weather most days to play in the lovely fresh air. The children are all rugged up against the chill and as always look very smart in their full school uniforms. I invite parents to look at our collection of second-hand uniforms that need a home, we have many jumpers and trousers that could help little legs and arms keep warm over the coming months.

Our children are to be commended this week on their mature attitude and dedicated approach to learning. The grade 3 and 5 students have put in amazing efforts with their NAPLAN testing this week and the remainder of the children have worked hard to support them and have also been amazing independent learners, congratulations to all.

We welcomed home our Senior Class at 5:00pm last Friday from their excursion to Agfest, more to come on that wonderful event on the next page. We have also had a pre-visit form the education officer of the Tasmanian Arboretum today to tune us all into the nature experiences we will have next Friday on our excursion.

We welcome you all to our assembly this Friday at 2:00 pm in the music room, our Junior Class will be hosting the assembly this week, a first for the year. Please all come along to join in celebrating all the wonderful learning that has been going on at Wilmot.

Emma Langton  
Acting Principal

ARBOR WEEK EXCURSION Friday the 22nd of May 2015

All of our children will be transported by bus to the Arboretum in Eugenana and we welcome parents to attend along with us if you are free. We will leave school at 9:00 am and return at 2:45 pm. Please pack; recess & lunch, warm school jumper, waterproof jacket, gumboots or strong walking books and 2 drink bottles.
On the 8\textsuperscript{th} of May 2015 we arrived at AgFest, once we got there we split into two groups, one went with Mr Smallbon and one went with Mrs Miles. We had to buy tickets before we could enter AgFest. After that we walked around trying to find information on our Leadership Topic areas. This was a bit difficult for some of us. Mr Smallbon couldn’t resist buying coffee from the coffee stand.

We took lots of photos on the different farm machinery. Ben was the official photographer in one of the groups. Azaria was the photographer in the other group. Nathan was fascinated by the rocks and he wanted to buy some.

We saw many different types of livestock, including the really cute Murray Grey cows. We saw some chickens and ducks, and collected some samples of quality chicken feed. This recount of our trip was compiled by Ben, Nathan, Bonney, Alex and Duncan.
The grade 3 and 5 children have been doing NAPLAN this week.

We have all had to do Reading and Spelling and Writing, tomorrow we are doing a Maths test.

We have also worked on being confident with this type of learning so none of us felt nervous or unsure, it was pretty cool actually.

We all felt tired and exhausted after but we all felt good because of all the hard work that we had to do.

After the NAPLAN test we had a fruit break and did the ‘Cha-Cha Slide’ dance to get out of the NAPLAN mode.

By Natalia, Azaria, Sarah, Tiffany & Makayla.

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**Australian Early Development Census**

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

**What is the AEDC?**

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website.
**Knitted Tree**

Hello it is Makayla and Tiffany here from the Senior Class, Mrs Hutt has helped us to work on the knitted tree and it is looking really fantastic. 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 15cm. We have some wool if you don’t, so just come into school and pick it up from us. A BIG THANK YOU to the lovely people who have knitted scarves already, the tree looks fabulous!

**GIVE AWAY**

We still have a huge supply of second hand school uniforms if anyone is interested.
Please see Raelene in the office for details.