**Key Dates for 2015**

- **October 23rd**: Professional Learning Day
- **Student Free Day**
- **October 27th**: School Association 7:00 pm
- **November 2nd**: Public Holiday
- **November 3rd**: KINDER DAY & Whole School Excursion
- **November 4th**: Aboriginal Artist in Residence Day
- **November 20th**: Ralph Thompson Farewell BBQ 5:00 pm
- **November 25th**: Grade 6 Orientation Day
- **November 26th**: Peg Arnold Sports Day
- **November 27th**: Devonport Show Holiday
- **December 7th – 9th**: Senior Class Camp
- **December 11th**: Presentation Evening
- **December 14th**: Grade 6 Moving On Dinner

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**From the Principal**

Our teaching team would like to pass on our sincere appreciation of how dedicated our students are to their learning here at Wilmot Primary School. The children have embraced our new focus on Inquiry Learning and they are really thriving to discover new knowledge and skills.

We welcome our LiL children to school for another wonderful term with Mrs Hutt and look forward to our Pre-Kinder children being at school three days a week next year.

In 2016 we will be the recipients of a new initiative called LIFT – Learning in Families Together. This additional funding will support our Prep to Grade 2 families to continue to be engaged with their child’s learning at school.

Our Grade 6 Leaders will be inviting all families to join us in making our school a better place. We will be running a parent student session on the 11th of November. We need the involvement of all our families to contribute to developing our new Positive Relationships Policy.

Our teachers will be involved in essential Professional Learning this Friday. Mrs Miles and Miss Philpott will be learning all about supporting families and children with the Respectful School Respectful Behaviours Team in Burnie. Mrs Hutt will be working in Deloraine with the Early Years Team to learn more about the Early Years Curriculum Framework. Mr Smallbon will join the Music Teachers from the North West at Nixon Street Primary to focus on Reporting to parents in Music. Finally Mrs Baker and I will join the collection of Devonport Schools to learn about the Griffin Professional Learning Team process to investigate next steps in student learning. We all highly value the support of our families in pursuing our professional knowledge and skills.

Yours in partnership,

Emma Langton Principal
Inquiry Learning

This term the Junior Class has embarked on two new inquiry activities which are proving very popular. **Tinkering** involves the use of screwdrivers and pliers to pull apart redundant machines. So far we have uncovered the workings of a computer keyboard, a camera and two clocks.

“I am taking apart a keyboard and trying to find the chip. We found it eventually and it had copper wire.”
Toby H

“Archie and I are wrecking a camera. It was fun. Inside the camera there were wires.”
Sarah

“I cut the wires with some pliers. Miss Philpott helped us take the black bits off. I loved doing it.”
Archie

Our other new activity is **woodwork**, with students needing to complete a design brief outlining what they intend to make, what it will look like and what materials they will need.

“I was making a plane out of wood. I had some problems waiting for the glue to dry.”
Toby B

“In woodwork I am making a picture frame and then I decorated it with paper butterflies and fabric.”
Lilla
“I am building a barge for our big ship. Woodwork is fun because you get to stick things together.” Thomas

Any donations of unwanted machines or off-cuts of timber would be most appreciated.

INQUIRY SPACES SENIOR CLASS

The children have designed spaces in our classroom to better help them learn. The variety of spaces and cozy nature of the classroom is proving to be highly successful in supporting independent learning. Please come and have a look at our new spaces.
We are looking for a lovely family to take one or both of our young roosters. The bantams are well behaved boys looking for some girls to live with and look after. Please speak to Nathan the Chicken Master if you can offer these lovely boys a wonderful home.
LASER Halloween SPOOKTACULAR
Dress up and bring your family to join the Pandemonium Team on October 31st for games, competitions and prizes with a Spooky feel.....
Open until 6PM
Zombie Mode Laser tag available all day!
(Normal Entrance Fees Apply)

Learn to Surf
Where – Coles Beach Devonport
When – Option 1. Oct 28th, 29th and 30th from 3:30-6:30
Option 2 a Thursday night program from 3:30-5:30 Oct 29th, Nov 5th, 12th, 18th.
Option 3 December Program 7th/8th/9th 3:30-6:30
Cost - $150 for 8 hours coaching and water safety, pack with t shirt, rash vest and toys from Quicksilver, Weetbix and Wahoo
Register on line. Or Call nick on 0408 544 456