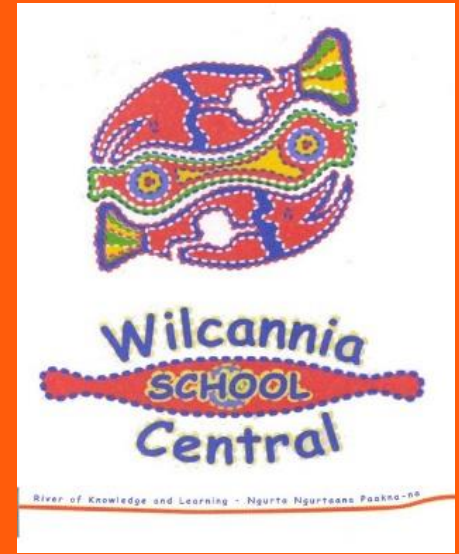




Newsletter



DEVELOPING WRITING SKILLS

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Skills in Writing

Writing is important!

Every morning, our primary students settle into developing their writing skills. Writing is more than just hand-writing; it is the skill or putting sentences, paragraphs, instructions and stories together.

Writing is one of the most basic and important skills our children learn.

When you can write, you can record your thoughts and experiences for the future. You can share these easily with others that are both close to you but also on the other side of the world! They might live at the same time as you, or hundreds of years in the future.

Writing also stimulates the imagination and helps you to clarify your thinking.

Using a scaffold

One of the best ways to learn to write is to use a scaffold. In the pictures you can see the children are writing their thoughts down on paper under coloured headings which make up the scaffold.



Correcting the grammar and spelling.

Once the students have their thoughts down, they then go back and correct any spelling or grammatical mistakes.

In the pictures, you can see the children using dictionaries to find the correct way to spell words.

These students are all working independently or in small groups to complete their work.



Primary students working hard!

Above: Students will often work in small groups to share ideas and complete their writing tasks..

Below: Some students prefer to work independently on writing tasks.



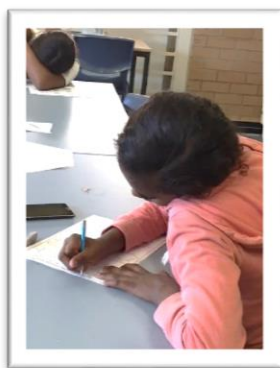
Visit from CESE

This week we have two people from the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation visiting the school.

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) was created in 2012 and works with the Department of Education to improve education in NSW schools.

CESE analyses and evaluates educational



programs and strategies to help schools and the Departments make decisions about the

best educational programs for schools. Part of their work is to collect information directly from schools about the programs they run.

Why is CESE visiting?

Wilcannia Central School is a Connected Community school.

CESE is visiting to talk to people at the school and in the community about how the school operates.

What is a Connected Community School?

Connected Community schools are required to work closely with the community at all levels to better support the learning needs of students, and to work out pathways for the children's future.

We also have some extra positions in the school, including the Senior Leader Community Engagement, the Executive Principal. This Connected Community strategy has also provided funding for a School Counsellor, a Healing and Wellbeing teacher, a Learning Centre teacher and additional teacher professional learning for our staff.



HAVE YOUR SAY?

If you want to speak with the people from CESE this week, please call the school and we will organise a time for you.

Thank you as always for your support for our school!

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What do I do if . .

My child is sick?

It is important that your child comes to school every day that school is open.

Sometimes, children get sick and may not be well enough to come to school. If it is just a day now and again, it is OK to keep them home and let the school know. Phone us on Ph: 8091 5801. The Department of Education requires you to let the school know within 7 days why your child is absent from school.

If your child is frequently ill, you need to take them to the doctor or the hospital and get a medical certificate. If they have a serious illness that keeps them away often, then we need to meet with you to write a Health Care Plan. We may also ask you for permission to

Speak directly with your child's doctor about their medical problems.

Please call the Principal Annette Cam to talk about any concerns for your child at school.

