



Why be anywhere else?

## Small Schools have Big Benefits

*A one or two class school like Wingello has advantages over larger schools*



*Research is showing that far from being disadvantaged by attending small schools, children may actually do better. Children are less likely to be overlooked or isolated in small schools.*

*Everybody's participation is needed for team activities, and children in small schools come to know and care about each other to a greater degree than is possible in big schools.*

*Children at small schools tend to take more responsibility for their own learning, learning activities are more individualised, classes are smaller, and teachers are able to employ multi-age grouping and cooperative learning.*

*Children feel a greater sense of engagement, belonging, and personal value when their classmates and teachers get to know them. This in turn has a positive effect on behaviour, and behavioural problems often diminish.*

*Parents and teachers become allies in fostering student success. Communication between staff is easier, and they are able to work together to build a high-quality curriculum across disciplines and grade levels. Teachers have greater job satisfaction as a result.*

The above is taken from a great article from a small NZ school, Paparimu Primary School, which has about the same number of students as Wingello Public School.

Wingello Public School has been a centre of the community since 1885, providing a solid starting point for countless locals making their way successfully in the wider world.

Thankfully, being a small school, children are able to gain a great many benefits compared to children attending larger schools.

**Socialisation** - in real life we all get to associate with others of different ages and backgrounds. In a one or two class school children learn in a more natural environment with others older

and younger than themselves. A smaller group of 20 to 30 people all get to know each other well, allowing both the extrovert and introvert room to develop at their own pace. In a small school, the teachers also get to know each child well, giving them the ability to apply appropriate guidance based on each child's temperament and personality.

**Education** - A mixed classroom environment is better suited to each child as the class consists of only 15 or so children. A common topic is presented with individual work for children tailored to each child's academic strengths and weaknesses.

This allows a child to develop socially and educationally at a pace that matches their learning abilities targeting specific support for those that may require it as well as tailored opportunities for those able to exceed their expected grade level.

**External Opportunities** - Wingello attends all the regional school events such as Gala days, cross country, swimming and so on. Various community groups also visit the school where every child participates.

**Parental Involvement** - There is much greater interaction between parents and the school principal and teachers than is possible at a larger school. It is easier participating in a smaller group of local parents and having a positive impact on your child's education opportunities, as well as getting to know your neighbours in a productive capacity.

**Village Involvement** - Most people choose to live in Wingello for the small village environment. The Wingello Public School only works when the parents, children and school work together with the children's best interests at heart.

*Isn't it cool being able to walk or drive for only a minute or two to a good school?*

**Glimpses of Wingello**

This fascinating collection of historical and other bits of Wingello is available from the Wingello Village Store and WVA events.

**Bin Collection Mondays**

**January**

7	●●	Both
14	●●	Yellow
21	●●	Green
28	●●	Yellow

Fire season started  
**1 September**  
NO FIRES  
without a permit.

**Library Bus**  
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
In front of the park  
Jan 8, 22 Feb 5, 19

**Store Opening Hours**  
Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Weekends:	8:00am - 3:00pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday, Christmas & Boxing Day.

## Basketball Court is Coming!

Wingecarribee Council has confirmed that funding for a half size basketball court in Casburn Park is set for the second half of 2019! Lots of great co-operation from the Wingello Village Association, Wingello Public School, Wingello Rural Fire Brigade, Wingello Village Store and lots of residents has resulted in a great resolution. We look forward to shooting some hoops later this year!

This is an example of what the court would look like:



### Regular Events

**2nd Saturday 2-4pm:** Craft Afternoon.  
Bring your spinning, knitting, embroidery, or whatever you're working on, enjoy a cuppa and biscuits  
*(\$5, tea and biscuits included)*

## Wingello Lad Does Well

Haydon was part of the NSW State Hip Hop ensemble for the school spectacular. That involved a two stage audition process with hundreds of other kids from across NSW.

He was one of 14 boys in the featured hip hop ensemble and they performed in the opening number which had a circus theme using the music from 'The Greatest Showman' musical. They then performed as featured dancers with the girls ensemble for the 'Havana' routine and were part of the finale with all the other performers.

He had a few spots in each routine where he was a featured artist, where he got the showcase his flips or b-boy skills.

He was also selected to be a member of the NSW state drama ensemble earlier this year where he performed

in the state drama festival.



## Wingello Fire Brigade News

Welcome to 2019! We hope you had a great Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. December has flown by for the brigade as we have been occupied with Santa visits, calendar drops and the occasional call out. Our deputy captains have been kept busy with Anthony flying out to assist with the QLD fires and Carlyle attending navigational training with the Remote Area Firefighting Team and remaining on standby at the Bankstown Air Base. Adding to our busy December was the wedding of two of our deputy captains. Congratulations and best wishes to Tess and Anthony! Although we have been lucky to avoid any major fires this month, we have been to a few motor vehicle

accidents so remember to stay safe on the roads this summer!

As we approach the warmer weather it is always important to remain vigilant. Ask yourself – how fireproof is your plan? If your plan is to stay and defend your property do you have the right equipment and is it all working? Now is a great time to check your pumps and generators to ensure they are all operational. If you plan to leave, make a clear plan on when you will leave and what you will take with you. Consider what route you will take and have a backup route planned in case of road blockages or a change in fire behaviour and remember to stay up to date via the NSW RFS website and **Fires Near Me**.

If you have downloaded the Fires Near Me app now is a great time to update it. Additional information such as fire danger ratings, hazard reduction activity, total fire bans and emergency warnings are now available with the new update, with further improvements to come.

As we continue to build a resilient community through prevention and preparedness it is important to remember that preparing for a bushfire is a shared responsibility with the whole community so stay safe, remain vigilant and enjoy the warm weather!

### GETTING READY FOR BUSH FIRE IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

THE 4 SIMPLE STEPS ARE:



1. DISCUSS



2. PREPARE



3. KNOW



4. KEEP

GET THE GUIDE AT

[www.MyFirePlan.com.au](http://www.MyFirePlan.com.au)

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade