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EX-STUDENTS & STAFF SUPPORT SESQUICENTENARY

Wingham, on the mid north coast of New South Wales, is marking 150 years of public education in 2014 with a three day programme of events to be held in Wingham on September 12-13-14.

Wingham Public School was opened in 1864. One hundred years later, Wingham High School was opened, and in 1987, Wingham Brush Public School retained the Wingham Public School campus in Isabella Street, and Wingham Public School moved to new school premises in Murray Road. All three current schools – Wingham Public, Wingham Brush Public and Wingham High – will be involved in the celebrations.

Key to the success of the celebrations is the enthusiasm of past students and staff of Wingham's public schools.

Rather than relying on local business and holding cake stalls, the Sesquicentenary Committee has established a crowd funding campaign to help meet costs of staging the celebrations. Crowd funding is an innovative fundraising method that relies on donations from supporters, but because it is conducted online, it overcomes geographical boundaries. Former students and staff are being encouraged to 'give something back'.

Musical students are also invited to participate in a retro jam session with local musicians. Volunteers will form into groups representing the decade they went to school, and play hits from that decade.

As well as supporting the Sesquicentenary and attending the events, former students and staff are encouraged to participate by supplying photographs and memorabilia for inclusion in one of two exhibitions being held in Wingham in September. The Sesquicentenary team is also building three online photo archives, one for each current school, and has uploaded over 400 photographs already.

Events Summary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Friday 12th Sept	9:30am – 2:30pm	Tabloid Sports Day	Central Park, Wingham
Friday 12th Sept	7:30pm - Late	Musical Reunion	Venue tba
Saturday 13th Sept	10:00am - Midday	Open For Inspection	Wingham Public School
Saturday 13th Sept	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Open For Inspection	Wingham Brush School
Saturday 13th Sept	6:00pm - Late	Official Reception	Wingham Services Club
Sunday 14th Sept	9:00am – 11:00am	Open for Inspection	Wingham High School
All Weekend	From 10am	Exhibition	MVHS Museum
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