



# Newsletter - 2019

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents & Guardians

It was an absolute pleasure to see all of the student's expressions and reactions to commencing school last week. We welcomed 58 new Foundation students on Thursday and despite me having a large supply of tissues, there was not one requested! It always takes a few weeks for children to settle back into our school routine so expect the roller coaster of emotions and tiredness over the coming weeks. One of our gorgeous Grade 5/6 buddies looking a little puffed and ruffled stated to a teacher "I'm not going to be parent," and when asked why they said, "because I've already LOST my prep buddy." Priceless!

Paul and I visited all grades and it is always reassuring at how settled and calm our children are. Before students commenced school, all staff attended a curriculum day which focused on our whole school agreements, behaviour management, our Annual Implementation Plan (goals and targets) in addition to personal goals. We look forward this year to our school review in Term 2, which occurs every 4 years. The process is highly collaborative and parents can expect several invites to respond to surveys and discussion groups so that we ensure our focus over the next 4 years is targeted.

We look forward to meeting parents/guardians at this week's Meet and Greet. It is a lovely opportunity to make connections with your child's new teacher and share important information which may impact readiness to learn.

Our school has commenced with 317 students and 15 Grades which is almost at our maximum capacity. In order to ensure places for siblings of existing families and to help determine the number of places we have for 2020, we ask that parents contact the office to let us know if you have a child commencing school next year. Due to the increased number of families we would like to trial opening up the top gate for suitable vehicles to park and pick up their children. Please be aware that this area does not have parking signage/structure and there are several mounds, potholes, stumps and sticks to navigate. Drivers who elect to use this area, do so at their own risk. Parking is NOT permitted directly in front of the basketball court fence or in front of the playground equipment as we do not want drivers reversing to exit the grounds. Parents are asked to park in any area beyond the playground equipment. We will inform students they are NOT to play in cubbies or on the top playground before or after school. We hope this assists the situation and appreciate driver patience and support.

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At the end of 2018 I calculated our attendance average from P-6 and we achieved a remarkable 10.2 days absence per student. If your child was absent less than 10 days, they are superstars and will most likely be achieving strongly both academically and socially. Between 10-14 days are within the State average and students will be reaching their potential. Students who are absent for more than 14 days per year may begin to miss important concepts and they may not be meeting the expected benchmarks academically. Interestingly, we have really noticed the impact high absenteeism has socially on children. They lose touch with their core group of friends and find it difficult to remain connected. In 2019, we will continue to Aim High with school attendance ensuring ALL children reach their potential.

I look forward to meeting our new families across the year and saying hello to our returning ones. I know that 2019 is going to be our best yet.

Yours sincerely,

Dee DeKlijn Principal Wandin North Primary School



## A Special Note about ...

### ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Each Friday afternoon, weather permitting, an assembly is held outside on the central quadrangle.

The following items are announced:

- National Anthem
- Forthcoming events
- Thank you messages to the community
- House Points
- Stars of the Week
- Messages from our Captains (or nominated student)
- Special Presentations (if applicable)

## *Sun Smart Reminder*

In accordance with our school's Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear hats whilst outside during terms 1 and 4. School hats are available from the uniform shop and cost \$10 each.

**The uniform shop is open Monday mornings at 8:45am and Friday afternoons at 2:45pm.**

Order forms are available from the office noticeboard, FlexiBuzz and the school's website.

## *Updating Information & Contact Details*

We ask for you to update your address, phone & email contact details, student medical conditions, family living/custody arrangements, emergency contacts and occupation & employment status in accordance with DET requirements.

All information is confidential and for school use only.

It is important to have the correct details on our system. Parents are asked to advise the school office in writing any time when any changes occur.

## Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 6th March - No Preps at school.**
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Meet & Greet 4:00pm—8:00pm.
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Working Bee #2 9:00am—12:00pm.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School Council.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Surf Trip Gr5/6.
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Labour Day Public Holiday.
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Working Bee #3 9:00am—12:00pm.
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Harvest Market.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Curriculum Day
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - School Photos.

## 2020 Prep Enrolments

### Current School Families :

**Do you have a child starting school in 2020?**

Please inform the office **by next Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**, of any siblings commencing Prep next year.

We **urgently** need children's names to be added to our '2020 Enrolment List'.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## FlexiBuzz

**FLEXIBUZZ** is a free online application that can be used on your phone or tablet, to receive notifications for emergency events, excursions, newsletters, notices, calendar of events and reminders from the school.

**If you are already a WNPS FLEXIBUZZ member, you do not need to join again.** Please ensure that you have updated the groups that you are connected to in accordance to your children's year level.

**ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS :** Absence notifications are sent via FlexiBuzz. If you receive a message, please respond via **FLEXIBUZZ** to your child's class teacher.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS :** In the event of an emergency situation, families will be notified by a **FLEXIBUZZ** message. It is essential that all families have joined and their contact phone numbers are up to date.

### A Special Note about ...

### OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit the website

[www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/)

for :

- Newsletters / Weekly News
- What's On - classroom news
- Working Bee Roster
- Lunch Orders
- Uniform Orders
- Enrolment Form
- Excursion Permission Form
- WWCC Application Link

### No Smoking

Smoking is  
**NOT PERMITTED**  
at any time on school  
grounds or the surrounding  
areas, including the car  
parks.



Some children at this school are allergic to nuts. We urge you to refrain from sending food containing nuts to school.

# *Working With Children Checks (WWCC) And Code Of Conduct*

**All volunteers helping in our school require a valid Working With Children Check.**

If you have recently received your WWC Check card, remember to bring it to the office for registration.

Should you already hold a WWC Check card for another organisation you will not be required to apply for a new card, however you will need to advise the Department of Justice that you are now a volunteer at Wandin North Primary School. Please provide a copy of your card to the school office. We also require you to complete a 'Code Of Conduct' form.

This year, many existing WWC checks will be due for renewal. The expiry date is clearly marked on the front and back of your card. A renewal form will be posted to you by the Department of Justice approximately eight weeks before your card expires. Applications must be made online at

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

**We also require you to complete a 'Code Of Conduct' form before you are able to assist with activities. If you have not yet done so, please collect a form from the office staff.**

## *Harvest Market*

The Harvest Market Roster will be sent out via FlexiBuzz today.

An edition of 'Harvest Market News' containing the latest information will be sent out on Thursday.

## *Phone Messages To Parents*

We are aware that parents are not always able to answer the phone during the day when we try to contact them and where possible we will leave a detailed message. **Parents are asked to check their messages if they receive a 'missed call' before they contact the school as a response is not always required.**

## *Student Banking*

Our school banks with Wandin–Seville Community Bank (Bendigo Bank). Student bank books can be handed in by **THURSDAY MORNINGS** and they will be returned after processing.

## *Lunch Orders*

Lunch orders are to be **handed into class by students** on **TUESDAY MORNINGS** and then will be taken up to Mr K's Deli/Café. Lunches will then be delivered to school on **THURSDAYS**. Order forms are available from the school office, on the school's website and FlexiBuzz.

### **A Special Note about ...**

#### **LATE PASSES AND ABSENCES –**

DET accountability practices insist that every child is marked on the roll each day, both morning and afternoon.

**Children must be signed in by their parents and obtain a yellow 'late arrival' card from the office before going to the classroom.**

Children must also be signed out if they are departing early, and parents are to wait for their child in the office. Students will not be released from class if parents/adults approach the classroom directly.

Also, a reminder that **all absences must be accounted for** from the parents using FlexiBuzz .

In the interest of every child's safety, we ask for your cooperation.

#### **VISITORS TO SCHOOL –**

**All visitors**, including parent helpers, are required to sign in and collect a numbered lanyard at the office upon arrival. Please return the lanyard when departing.

## *PasTab Update*

In accordance with our school's Emergency Management procedures, **the Passtab security sign-in/out system has been updated over the Christmas holidays**. New information will be required by all parents, volunteers and visitors, even if you have previously entered your details and set up a quickpin.

**We ask that you re-submit your information and re-enter your existing quickpin at the start of the year. Please ensure that you have your Working With Children Check number available. Once your quickpin is recreated you will not need to go through this process again.**

Please allow extra time for this process to be undertaken by coming in during the day or a few minutes earlier to avoid a queue at the office. Please see the office staff for assistance if needed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## *Bookclub*

BOOKCLUB - 2019 : All payments are to be made online. Please refer to the Scholastic Bookclub catalogue for online ordering procedures.

## *2019 Payment and Subject Contributions*

**DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS :** Account Name: Wandin North Primary School      BSB: 633 000  
Account Number: 127483352      Family Identification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state family name and what payment is for (**Eg UNIFORMS Smith**) when using the internet or making a payment directly at the bank, and send an email copy of the transaction to :  
**wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au**

**CASH PAYMENTS :** Please place correct cash in a clearly labelled envelope including student's name, home group, date, reason.

**SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS - \$280 per student :** Please note that excursions/incursions/sport and uniforms are an additional cost. If payment places undue financial pressure on your family, please contact the Principal who will treat any requests for payment variation arrangements with total confidentiality.

## *Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)*

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps , excursions and incursions organised by the school.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applications for 2019 are now open.

Parents or guardians **MUST** hold a current and valid card on the first day of term one (29 January 2019) or the first day of term two (23 April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card / Centrelink Health Care Card / Pensioner Concession Card **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent **OR** the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card) **AND** the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two. Application forms are available at the schools front office. Please contact Rachael in the office if you have any queries.

# Working Bees

**THANK YOU** - to Paisley Thomas for coordinating the working bee on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, and the Akers, Gale, Sargeant and Thomas families for their efforts in cleaning up the school grounds prior to the start of the school year. We appreciate your hard work.

**Please contact the office if your name has been inadvertently omitted from this roster.**

**Future Working Bees : 9:00am - 12:00pm Families will be contacted prior to the day.**

Date	Coordinator	Families requested to help
<b>2. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Megan Gibbons Jo Gibson Lachlan Gibbons</b>	<b>Aitkins (Cooper) Brent Booth Ellemans Fox Glenn Goodchild Hall Hartnett-Freeman Hoyne Jewell Johnson Langford Leary McDougall Richards (Rubi) Simon Teklenburg</b>
<b>3. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Harvest Market)</b>	Rachael Edwards Amanda Bailey Jenny McArdle	Aldridge Cunningham Cronkshaw De Lacy Featherstone Godaly Hedley Ilbury Iredale Jenkinson Jowitt MacIntosh O'Connor Pitrelli Poole Tilley Troyahn Watkins Welch
<b>4. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Jamie Allen Steph Clarke Tegan Campbell	Armstrong (Cody) Blobel Bray Brown (Isla) Curwood Davies De Koning Gannan Hood Jackson Lammertsma Richards (Blake) Roberts (Casey) Rundle Taylor Todd Weir
<b>5. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Katie Carr Shazan Marikar Carly Bell	Betts Bilton Blythman Broadley Burgess Clark Delany Graham Hook Leenen Moloney (Elijah) Oliver Penco Tander Sikhali Trevillyan Upton Vaughan
<b>6. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Dee DeKlijn Kirsten Burrows Rachael Moore	Aulich (Ada) Buckland Cisilin Hawkey Hollamby Hume Hutchinson Leonard Mayes Mollica Moloney (Chase) Munro (Astrid) Paisley Pearson Rutlegde Ryan Sudholz U'Ren Webber Wilson
<b>7. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Laura Wilcox Tim Langley Alice Jamieson	Aitkins (Eve) Brilliant Brown (Marlie) Busse Byne Carroll Cooper Cole Dewhurst-Sibley Douglas Hoiles Johns Leckie Nathan Njeri Perrin Schipper Scott Vanderstaak Venema Winfield
<b>8. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Adriana Grisold Kristy Kennedy Natalie Johnson	Fream Bristow Caines Emery Fernando Kraus McConnell McKeown Peterson Pollock Ricketts Rigby Sargeant (Patrick) Snodgrass Thornton-Lindsay
<b>9. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	John Hagen Emma Hoehne Caitlin DeKlijn	Askham Bast Caudwell Dowthwaite Emblin Eva Garrett Hibgame Hindle Killin Kitto Knight Love McLeod Mitchell Nolder Panchhi Ramsauer Rodd Scoroit-Ostler
<b>10. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Teresa Salvitti Paul Bailey Kiera Rankin	Armstrong (Patrick) Busst Castellano Cincis Clements Duncan Groiss Haynes Henderson Johnston Kleefsman Lodge Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Robinson Ruscitti
<b>11. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Fiona Berryman Zoe Abbruzze Melissa Wilkinson	Barnard Bombinski Harrison Hills Kirkwood Lampkin Linley Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Roberts (Lucy) Rowe Tanner Wallis Watson Wheeler Yong
<b>12. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Craig McEvoy Nick Syme	Carter Creed De Jager Farrow Fisher Henskens/Van Dreumel Jefcott Kearney Norman Penrose Peters Piper Rainbird Roberts (Max) Tunnecliffe Van Graas Walshe Wray