



Newsletter - 2018

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From the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians

Womin-Jeka, Selamat Datang, Welcome to the 2018 school year. We have had a really smooth start with lots of excited students returning to school ready to learn and meet their teachers and friends. Our 68 new Prep students have simply been amazing. They are very settled and honestly look like they have been at school for a Term, as they are listening so well. Thank you to the parents who have trusted us to care for anyone who is upset at the beginning of the day. A quick hug, saying bye and walking away will always be harder for you as you cannot see how quickly (usually within seconds of being distracted), a child is smiling and joining their grade.

Our new classroom was handed over on the Wednesday prior to school commencing and this caused a ripple effect across the school for teachers who were waiting to set up their rooms much later than usual. I am very grateful for the hardworking staff I have at Wandin North. They were at school for countless hours over the holidays, including weekends, to organise their classrooms. Thank you also to the long-suffering fathers, mothers, boyfriends, fiancées, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who are asked/told/conscripted/threatened/volunteered to help.

The focus for our first curriculum day for staff was on knowing what each student achieved in 2017 and their goals for 2018. We discussed what makes our school culture so strong and what we define as 'The Wandin North Way.' We reflected on our successes and areas of improvement as documented in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which led to sharing ideas on how to improve attendance in 2018. Across the State, the average number of days absent for a student is 12. Anything below that is great and will result in students maximising the opportunities for learning both academically and socially. Anything above 12 days needs improvement. It is well proven that absenteeism can lead to a significant gap forming in academic outcomes and students not reaching their potential. Socially it is difficult to maintain friendships and of great interest is the fact that students with high absenteeism usually continue this pattern into Secondary School. In 2017 Grades 6 and 2 had the highest number of days absent and our Preps the lowest. We have a very large number of students who are picked up early from school which has the same impact as lateness/absenteeism in that important parts of the day are missed. In 2018 the DET has initiated new absenteeism regulations. On the day a student is absent parents are expected to notify the school. If parents fail to notify the school, we will initiate contact and request a reason why a child is absent from school. Our intention is to use both SMS and email communication to contact parents.

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Unapproved absences from school are a marker of low engagement and an early warning sign of students subsequently dropping out of education. We will be continually trying our best to engage children to want to come to school and need parent support to encourage their children to attend school every day. Unless a child is ill, reasons such as tiredness, birthdays, shopping, (the list is long) are not acceptable to be away from school. We intend to celebrate great attendance and promote why it is important so that we have the best chance to meet your child/rens potential.

We are expecting that our new playground equipment is installed in 2-3 weeks and we are also in the planning stages of building a dry creek bed with water play options inbuilt. The bush cubbies are being re-built by students and cricket is proving to be popular on the oval. It is great watching students find their 'piece' of the playground and happily play with their friends.

A reminder that our Meet and Greet is this Thursday. It is an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss anything which may impact your child/rens learning and ensure a successful year. If families are unable to attend but would like to speak to their class teacher, please contact the office to arrange an alternative time.

Yours sincerely,

Dee DeKlijn Principal Wandin North Primary School

A Special Note about ...

ASSEMBLIES ON MONDAY MORNING

Each Monday morning, 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)

Harvest Market - Sunday 18th March

Meetings : ALL COORDINATORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PLEASE.

Meetings will be held in the staffroom on Monday mornings after assembly on the following dates :
12th February, 26th February, 5th March

Business Donations : Anyone wishing to approach businesses seeking support for the Harvest Market **MUST** check the Business contact list **and** obtain a signed personalised letter from the office before making contact. It is important we do not double up with requests as we value our relationship with our supporters.

- ◇ **Sponsors** - any business interested in sponsoring our market are asked to contact the school office on 59644570

DONATIONS WANTED : Please bring any donations to the office

- ◇ Jars & bottles for Preserves and Mystery Bottle stall (clean & labels removed) – ongoing request !
- ◇ Mystery Bottles - donations of items to fill bottles – please start bringing them in now
- ◇ Crazy Hair supplies - donations of hair gels and sprays, sparkles and accessories

FlexiBuzz

FLEXIBUZZ is an 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.

FLEXIBUZZ access will only be given to IMMEDIATE FAMILIES CONNECTED WITH THE SCHOOL.

If you are already a WNPS FLEXIBUZZ member, you do not need to join again.

Attached you will find information as to how to download the app and search for WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL so you can join.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 7th / 14th / 28th February & 7th March** - No Prep Classes
- **Thursday 8th February** - Meet & Greet 4:00—8:00pm
- **Monday 12th February** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:15am in the staffroom All coordinators are required to attend!
- **Sunday 18th February** - Working Bee #2 9am—12pm
- **Tuesday 20th February** - School Council
- **Tuesday 27th February - Friday 2nd March** - grade 5/6 Camp
- **Friday 9th March** - Curriculum day - **No students at school**
- **Monday 12th March** - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 14th March** - Twilight Sports 5:30—7:30pm
- **Saturday 17th March** - Working Bee #3 9am—12pm
- **Sunday 18th March** - **Harvest Market**

Extend OSHC at Wandin North Primary School

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Enrol in Out of Hours School Care – Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via LookedAfter : <https://www.lookedafter.com/>.

Please note it is a government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service.

For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your OSHC venue, the school website or extend.com.au



A Special Note about ...

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit the website

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.

Free Fruit Friday

Helpers wanted for our Free Fruit Friday program. Please contact Paige Rowe (0405 226 026) if you are able to assist on a rotational basis.

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

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 due 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 or on the school's website.

Keyboard Lessons

Enrolments are now being taken for keyboard lessons at Wandin North Primary School for 2018. Group or private lessons available to all students (Preps from Term 2).

Enrolment forms available in the Administration foyer. For all enquiries please call Wendy Wilson on 0403 050 305 or 9736 4982.

Bookclub

BOOKCLUB - 2018 : All payments are to be made online - we will no longer be accepting cash payments. Please refer to the Scholastic Bookclub catalogue for online ordering procedures.

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.

A Special Note about ...

LATE PASSES AND ABSENCES –

DEECD 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.

Also, a reminder that **all absences must be accounted for** via a signed note from the parent explaining what date the child was absent and stating the reason why.

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 ‘VISITOR’ badge at the office upon arrival. Please return the badge and enter the time when departing.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC)

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/>

2018 Subject Contributions

\$270 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.

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 when using the internet or making a payment directly at the bank, and email receipt confirmation number to :
wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

CSEF Eligibility :

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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 one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date : For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

Working Bees

THANK YOU - to the U'Ren and Vincent 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
2. Sunday 18 th February	Megan Gibbons Jo Gibson Kristy Kennedy	Aitkins (Cooper) Brent Fox Glenn Goodchild Hall Hartnett-Freeman Hoyne Jackson Jewell Johnson Leary Nugent Reed Smith Teklenburg Venema
3. Saturday 17 th March (Harvest Market)	Dee DeKlijn Lyn O'Regan Rachael Edwards	Bonello Cronkshaw De Lacy Duncan Godaly Hedley Ilbury Iredale Jenkinson MacIntosh McEvoy Pitrelli Rowe Thornton-Lindsay Troyahn Watkins Welch
4. Sunday 29 th April	Jamie Allen Nari Maryanto Steph Leonard	Armstrong (Cody) Blobel Bray Buzza Davies De Koning Gee Hood Lammertsma Lodge McLeod Richards Roberts (Casey) Rundle Sperl Taylor Todd Weir
5. Sunday 20 th May	Katie Carr Shazan Marikar Carly Bell	Betts Bilton Blythman Broadley Burgess Clark De Graaf Delany Graham Hawkey Hook Johns Leenen Oliver Penco Sikhali Trevillyan Upton U'Ren Vaughan
6. Sunday 17 th June	Laura Wilcox Kirsten Burrows Rachael Moore	Aulich (Ada) Armstrong (Patrick) Berryman Cisilin Fream Hume Hutchinson Leonard Mollica Moloney Munro (Astrid) Nathan Ricketts Rutledge Ryan Sudholz Van Dreumel/Henskens Webber (Jett)
7. Sunday 29 th July	Mark Southall Laura Attrill Tim Langley	Aitkins (Eve) Brilliant Brown Busse Byne Carroll Cooper Cumming/Cole Dewhurst-Sibley Douglas Dyer Hoiles Leckie Njeri Perrin Schipper Scott Vanderstaak Walker Winfield
8. Sunday 19 th August	Steph Burnage Adriana Grisold	Bassett Bristow Caines Emery Fernando Kraus McConnell McKeown Peterson Pollock Rigby Sargeant (Chloe) Sargeant (Patrick) Snodgrass Supple Thomas Webber (Joah)
9. Sunday 16 th September	John Hagen Mel Smith Caitlin DeKlijn	Askham Caudwell Dowthwaite Emblin Eva Garrett Hibgame Hindle Kearney Killin Kitto Knight Love Mitchell Nolder Panchhi Ramsauer Rodd Scoriot-Ostler
10. Sunday 14 th October	Kaitlin Saynor Paul Bailey Kiera Rankin	Bast Busst Calkin Castellano Cincis Clements Dunn Groiss Haynes Henderson Johnston Kayton Kleefsman Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Reid Robinson Ruscitti
11. Sunday 18 th November	Teresa Salvitti Zoe Abbruzze	Aulich (Owen) Barnard Bombinski Crowley Fisher Harrison Hills Kirkwood Lampkin Mildenhall Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Pearson (Sarah) Roberts (Lucy) Tanner Wallis Wheeler
12. Sunday 9 th December	Emma Hoehne Nick Syme	Carter Creed De Jager Farrow Jecott Linley Norman Penrose Peters Piper Rainbird Roberts (Max) Tunnecliffe Van Graas Walshe Wilson Wray