



# Newsletter - 2020

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It was an absolute pleasure to see all of the student's arrive on their first day with sparkling uniform, hair done nicely and catching up with friends after the break. We welcomed 38 new Foundation students eager to start their primary school journey and ready to take on any challenges thrown at them. 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.

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 purpose and the 'why' behind our teaching approaches at Wandin North. We revised over our whole school agreements, behaviour management and our Annual Implementation Plan (goals and targets).

This year we have begun the year with Parent Information Sessions. This is an opportunity for parents to gain a greater understanding of what is expected of the students when commencing in a new year level. Teachers

will be send out the presentation on Flexibuzz to accommodate families who are unable to attend. We look forward to meeting parents/guardians at next week's Meet and Greet. It is a great opportunity to make connections with your child's new teacher and share important information, which may affect readiness to learn.

A notification went out on Flexibuzz last week informing parents that Mrs DeKlijn has resigned from her position of Principal of Wandin North Primary School to take up the substantive Senior Education Improvement Leader position for the Lilydale Network. Mrs DeKlijn will be sorely missed at Wandin North P.S. and we look forward to seeing her in her role as SEIL and at Harvest Market. The substantive principal position will be advertised in Term 1 with the successful applicant starting in the role Term 2.

Our school has commenced with 321 students and 15 Grades that 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 2021, we ask that parents contact the office to collect an enrolment pack and let us know if you have child commencing school next year.

Over the holiday break, we had two sheltered areas constructed, a veranda area in front of the Grade 1/2 portable and a roof connecting the Grade 2 portable, Indonesian, and 5/6 portable. In the coming weeks will have bag hooks put up for the students to hang their bags on when they arrive at school. We now have shelter for students and parents in front of all of the buildings throughout the school.

At the end of 2019 I calculated our attendance average from P-6 and we achieved a fantastic 11.6 days absence per student. If your child was absent less than 10 days, congratulations they 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 2020, we will continue to Aim High with school attendance ensuring ALL children reach their potential.

The Harvest Market is fast approaching and the 15th of March will be upon us with a blink of an eye. We are very grateful each year to the families at Wandin North who generously donate their time, goods and services to our annual Harvest Market. Last year we raised \$29,000 profit, which assisted with supporting the lease of our iPads and netbook computers. We have listed all school families in our roster this year however like all processes it is not flawless and there is no doubt we have forgotten someone or put someone in a time slot they may not be able to fill. We ask that families check the roster for your names/times ASAP and only if you are unable to support us at the allotted time, contact the office via email – Wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to advise us of any changes which need to be made. We truly appreciate your support. Our next Harvest Market meeting is on Friday 14th February starting at 2.30pm in the staffroom.

I look forward to meeting our new families across the year and saying hello to our returning ones. I know that 2020 is going to be a terrific year.

Yours sincerely, Paul Bailey

Acting Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

*No Smoking*

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

## *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 WWCC card, remember to bring it to the office for registration.

Should you already hold a WWCC 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 WWCC's 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.**

## 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.**

## Car Park Courtesy

Parents are reminded to be patient and considerate of pedestrians and cars using the car parks at all times.

Please park only in the marked spaces, adhere to the signs located in the carparks (no standing, disabled), refrain from double parking and blocking gateways. Reminder: Parking for 4WD's is available above the basketball court. Adults should always accompany children to and from parked cars.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Payments

**Students are to hand all payments and forms to the class teacher at the start of the day so that teachers can complete their cash sheets.**

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

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](mailto:wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## 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. Parents are not to take orders directly to Mr K's Deli/Café. Lunches will then be delivered to school on **THURSDAYS**. A **Master Menu** is available on the school's website and FlexiBuzz.

## 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.

## Harvest Market

**SAVE THE DATE : SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

You are invited to attend our meetings to be held on : Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Stall Coordinators : Anyone seeking donations must obtain an official letter from Lyn at the office before approaching companies. Please do so as soon as possible.**

**A Special Note about ...**

**OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Please visit the website

[www.wandinorthps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.wandinorthps.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

## Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February & 4<sup>th</sup> March** - No Prep Classes.
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Prep & Gr 5/6 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Gr 1 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Gr 3/4 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Harvest Market Meeting 2:30pm.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Meet & Greet 4:00 - 8:00pm
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - School Council.
- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Working Bee #2.
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Free Dress Day Gold Coin Donation.
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Curriculum Day No students at school.
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Labour Day Public Holiday.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Harvest Market Meeting 9:00am.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Grade 5/6 Camp Phillip Island
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Working Bee #3  
- Harvest Market Set-up 12:00pm onwards.
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Harvest Market All day.

## 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.

## FlexiBuzz - Important

**Please ensure that you are connected to FlexiBuzz and the appropriate year level groups.**

**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 ...

#### 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)



Some children at this school are allergic to nuts.

We urge you to refrain from sending food containing nuts to school.



# Working Bees

**THANK YOU :** Thank you to Lyn O'Regan, Andrew Cakuls and the Akers, Gale, Sargeant, Reid/Schultz and Sanaz families for attending the Working Bee on Saturday 25th January.

## Future Working Bees : 9:00am - 12:00pm

<b>2. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Megan Gibbons Lachlan Gibbons</b>	<b>Aitkins (Cooper) Bast Buffey Ellemans Fox Glenn Goodchild Holmes Jewell Johnson Langford Leary McDougall Nolder Richards (Logan) Richards (Rubi) Simon Teklenburg</b>
<b>3. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March (Harvest Market)</b>	Rachael Edwards Amanda Bailey Jenny McArdle	Aders Aldridge Burgess Cunningham Cronkshaw De Lacy Featherstone Godaly Hedley Ilbury Iredale MacIntosh O'Connor Thomas Tilley Troyahn Watkins Welch
<b>4. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Jamie Allen Steph Clarke Alice Jamieson	Armstrong (Cody) Blobel Booth Bray Brown (Isla) Curwood De Koning Gannan Hood/Russell Jackson Lammertsma Payne Pitrelli Richards (Blake) Roberts (Casey) Rundle Taylor Todd
<b>5. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sheridan Piper Carly Bell Nari Flowers	Betts Brent Broadley Chiang Davidson Delany Farrell Graham (Diesel) Harrison (Andy) Hook Jenkinson Mildenhall Oliver Murcutt/Penco Tander Sikhali Upton Vaughan
<b>6. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Craig McEvoy Rachael Moore Melissa Gardner	Aulich (Ada) Blythman Buckland Fisher Hawkey Hume Hutchinson Leonard Mayes Mollica Moloney (Chase) Munro (Astrid) Paisley Pearson Ryan Stephenson-Poole Sudholz U'Ren Webber Weir Wilson
<b>7. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Justin Schipper Kaitlyn Saynor Tim Langley	Armstrong (Harper) Brilliant Brown(Marlie) Busst (Adam) Byne Cisilin Cole Dewhurst-Sibley Douglas Hoiles Johns Mitchell (Jacob) Perrin Rutlegde Scott Vanderstaak Venema Winfield
<b>8. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Ben Caines Kristy Kennedy Natalie Johnson	Aitkins (Eve) Fream Bristow Emery Fernando Hartnett- Freeman Kraus Moloney (Elijah) McConnell McEvoy (Arlene) McKeown Peterson Poole Ricketts Rigby Sargeant (Patrick) Snodgrass Thornton-Lindsay
<b>9. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Emma Hoehne Mel Smith Caitlin DeKlijn	Andersen Askham Blake-Goldsmith Dowthwaite Emblin Eva Garrett Hibgame Hindle Killin Kitto Knight Leckie McLeod Mitchell (Adrian) Panchhi Ramsauer Rodd Scoroit-Ostler Van Der Vlugt
<b>10. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Teresa Salvitti Paul Bailey Kiera Rankin	Armstrong (Patrick) Busst (Tanah) Castellano Cincis Clements Davies Groiss Gurr Haynes Henderson Johnston Kleefsman Lodge Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Robinson(Olli/Tom) Ruscitti
<b>11. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Fiona Berryman Zoe Abbruzzese Melissa Wilkinson	Barnard Bombinski Harrison Hills Jowitt Kinsmore Lampkin Linley Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Roberts (Lucy) Robinson (Hunter) Rowe Tanner Wallis Watson Wheeler Yong
<b>12. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Kirsten Burrows Nick Syme Laura Attrill	Carter Creed De Jager Dillema Farrow Henskens Jecott Kearney Peters Rainbird Roberts (Max) Tunnecliffe Van Graas Walshe Walton Wray

## **WORKING BEE : Continued**

**OH&S :** To ensure the safety of our volunteers, an OH&S briefing is conducted at each working bee. Please read the "Volunteer Induction Handbook" posted on our school's website :

<http://www.wandinorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-involvement/>

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

We are pleased to advise that the Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF) will once again be available to eligible families. Forms and information are available from the front office.

Eligible families can access \$125 per student for the 2020 year.

Who Can apply: Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. There are 2 criteria's that must be met:

**Criteria 1:** Eligible families must have cards active 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. If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

**Criteria 2:** 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. School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

If you are eligible, please complete the application form, together with a copy of your current card (proof that it is valid on the required date/s).

All forms must be in by the school by March 2020.

## **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.

## **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](http://extend.com.au)

