



# Newsletter - 2020

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is great to have all of the students back onsite and have a sense of normality. All of the students have been amazing! To see all of the Prep students walk through the school gates independently on the first day back was incredible. All of the students have demonstrated outstanding resilience throughout Terms 2 and 3 which has enabled them all to pick up where they left off and settle back into classroom routines and continue with their learning. This would not have been possible without the support of parents and family members. We are all grateful for the parental support to enable us to continue the learning throughout the remote and flexible learning period. Thank you.

I have had many students visit me to share successes with their learning since being back onsite. Their faces are priceless as they show me their results and proudly receive a Principal Award. At Wandin North we empower our students to set meaning and achievable learning goals. Children use their rubrics to track their progress and to be independent and resourceful learners. With all experience the important lesson is effort = achievement. I ask the kids how they did it and they always tell me one of these things; practice, trying, not giving up, making mistakes and having a growth mindset.

Term 4 is set to be a busy term as we aim to continue the learning growth of every child and aim to reduce any learning gaps that may have appeared during remote learning. Our aim is to provide the students with a number of experiences that they may have missed out on earlier in the year, whilst following the most up to date restrictions such as Twilight Sports during the school day, virtual incursions, Prep Little Night In and Grade 6 Graduation. We will be having school photos this year. They are scheduled for Thursday November for 5th (next week). Due to the current restrictions we may not be able to have grade shots however, all students will be having individual shots. Luckily the hair dressers are now open.

## *Curriculum Day*

Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> November  
No students at school

## *Melbourne Cup Public Holiday*

Tuesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> November

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Last week, all families should have received a letter via their child in regards to the Parent Opinion Survey. The Parent Opinion Survey is Department of Education initiative that is completed each year. The data from the survey provides an opportunity for the school to celebrate our successes and evaluate our current practices. This year the Parent Opinion Survey is open to all families. Thank you the families who have already completed it.

At Wandin North P.S. we strive to make strong connections with our extended community. I would like to extend a big thank you in advance from the students to Wandin Rotary. Wandin Rotary will be delivery a bag of apples to every student at Wandin North Primary School tomorrow. 320 bags! Rotary's aim is support all of families in our community to be happy and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey          Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

## *From the Assistant Principal*

Hi everyone!

Thank you for the warm welcome into your Wandin North community! I've enjoyed getting to know your wonderful children and staff this term – it's clear that Wandin North Primary School's a very special place to work, learn and play!

As your Assistant Principal, I'm entirely committed to empowering young learners with high expectations, a positive sense of self, and an optimistic perception of our world. I look forward to meeting you all, to hearing your stories, and towards supporting Wandin North Primary School along its historic and exciting journey.

My doors always open! When our lives returns to normal, I hope you will drop in to say g'day.

Have a long & wonderful weekend!

Mr Leigh Hallett    Assistant Principal - Wandin North Primary School

## *Diary Dates*

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October—Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Opinion Survey    All Families
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Curriculum Day.
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - School Photo Day.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Prep Transition 9:15 – 10:15am (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Fizzics Science Shows Incursion  
Gr 3/4.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - School Council.
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - **Cancelled - Grade 2 Camp Gundiwindi Lodge.**
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Prep Transition 9:15 – 10:15am (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** - Prep 'Little Night In' 2:30pm – 5:30pm.  
- Free Dress Day    Spots & Stripes    - Gold Coin Donation (Sponsor Child).
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Prep Transition 9:15 – 11:00am (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).  
- School Council.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day Term 4          1:30pm Dismissal.

# FlexiSchools - Important

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

Please open the 'News' page to access the school's Newsfeed where important notifications can be read.

It is here that you will also be find tabs for the following :

**Absence Notifications, Lunch Orders, Uniform Orders, Medical Authority Form and Permission Form.**

## 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.**

## 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

**Please note that lunch orders cost \$6.50/pack. Additional items at extra cost.**

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 FlexiSchools.

## Student Banking

**Please do not send student bank books to school.**

Bendigo Bank has advised us that they will no longer be collecting student's bank books from school. Deposits are now to be made directly at a Bendigo Bank branch.

**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



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

# Reminder To parents

Please keep to your allocated drop-off and pick-up times and locations in the interest of ensuring a COVID-19 safe environment.

- \* **Parents to park in marked parking spaces and walk their children to the gate** and students to walk into grounds independently.
- \* **Staggered drop off times** - Families with the Surname starting at A to K will be encouraged to drop off their child/ren at 8.45am. Families with the Surnames L to Z to drop off their child/ren at 9.00am. Rolls are to be marked at 9.15am.
- \* **Staggered pick-up times** - Families with the Surname starting at A to K will be encouraged to pick up their child/ren at 3.15pm and families with the Surnames L to Z to pick up their child/ren at 3.30pm. Staff will be out supervising the students to their designated exit gate.
- \* Students in Prep M, Prep S, 1C, 1J, 5/6A, 5/6L and 5/6S will exit at the front gate.
- \* Students in 1S, 2B, 2G, 2S, 3/4A, 3/4B, 3/4H and 3/4M will be exit at the east side gate.
- \* **Siblings in multiple year levels - children will be picked up according to the youngest in the family.** Eg : a family who has a child in Prep S and Grade 2G, the will exit from the front entrance gate.
- \* **Parents/carers are to only enter the school grounds when essential to do so with prior notification and authority has been given from a staff member.** Initial contact to the school is by phone or email where appropriate instead of face to face.
- \* **Parents/carers do not to linger while picking up or dropping off children.**

## 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. Adults should always accompany children to and from parked cars. Thank you for your cooperation.

***No Smoking***  
Smoking is NOT PERMITTED at any time on school grounds or the surrounding areas, including the car parks.

## Sun Smart Policy



Reminder : School hats are to be worn outside for Term 4 as part of our Sun Smart Policy.

## 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)

