



Newsletter - 2020

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From the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is the start of December and it is hard to believe the end of another year is fast approaching and what a year it is has been.

We started 2020 with 38 Prep students and 15 grades without staggered drop off and pick up times, parents' onsite, whole school assemblies and no face masks. We just scraped in Harvest Market before the first lot of restrictions commenced. With the uncertainty around crowd sizes and checking and double checking of the incoming restrictions, the Harvest Market was again a success. As a community, we raised over \$29,000. An incredible effort! The profits went into the leasing of our netbooks, iPads and e-books.

Then remote and flexible learning came upon us and school as we had known changed rapidly. Students, parents and teachers had to learn how to use Google Classroom and Class Dojo very quickly. We loaned out a total of 121 devices to students to enable them to participate in the learning in the home. There was a number bumps throughout the transition to remote learning in Term 2 as we were all finding our way through unknown territory. Term 3 saw the introduction of live lessons and group conferences via Goggle Meet. The period of remote and flexible was a challenging time for students, parent and teachers. Students faced the challenges have not working face to face with their teachers, limited if any social interactions with their peers at school and local sporting teams. The role of care giver and educator was blurred for parents. For a number of our families this made remote learning quite difficult at home. We had families juggling working from home, families who had to take annual leave and families who had lost their jobs. Throughout the 2 stints of remote and flexible learning our staff were extremely grateful for the support that was shown through challenging times.

Throughout 2020 we have had major building and ground projects completed. We started with the sheltered area connected the Indonesian room and the Grade 2 portable and the veranda type shelter in front of Ms Bell and Mrs Smith's classroom. We now have sheltered areas in front of all classrooms to ensure students and parents are sheltered from the weather outside of their classroom. During our first lockdown we replaced the boundary fence. It was well over due with sections damaged from tree branches and gates that were broken.

*Last Day
Term 4 2020*

Friday
18th December
1:30pm Dismissal

Term 1 2021

Wednesday
27th January
Staff Resume

Thursday
28th January
All Students Resume

Finally we had works completed to our shelter in place building which was completed by the Department of Education which included new fire proof decking boards, roller shutters on all windows and roof works to prevent ember damage. By the end of year we will have a new flag pole.

Art in Term 1, students increased their understanding of Indigenous Art. The Art Show looked very different this year with Ms Laird putting together a virtual Art Show to enable the students to show case their Term 1 pieces. The music program at Wandin North was sustained throughout 2020. We started the year with 2 school bands and students showcasing their talents in front of a big crowd at Harvest Market. Instrumental lessons continued virtually during lockdown. Our guitar and ukulele students participated in a virtual concert and our aim is to be back at The Grand Hotel in 2021 for our instrumental concert.

Thank you to all School Council members lead by our president Craig McEvoy, who have continued to support all of the school community through their commitment to council meetings and their interest in making Wandin North Primary School the best it can be now and into the future.

In 2021 we farewell Melissa Gardner and Caitlin DeKlijn who have chosen to take a new direction in their careers. We wish them all the very best for the year ahead. Ms Wilcox will be continuing in her role with the Department of Education in 2021. We welcome back Ms Burnage to full time teaching

Our teaching staff for 2020 are; Mrs Sansom, Miss Moore, Mrs McArdle, Mr Langley, Miss Abbruzzese, Ms Burrows, Mrs Salvitti, Miss Johnson, Mr Syme, Mrs Grisold, Mrs Clarke, Miss Bell, Miss Hoehne, Mrs Smith, Miss Steiner and Ms Burnage. Our specialist staff are Mrs Flowers (Maryanto), Ms Laird, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Attrill, Mrs Saynor and Mrs Kennedy. Education Support staff are Liz Young, Lachlan Gibbons, Kiera Rankin and Alice Jamieson. Office staff, whom you probably speak to the most often are, Lyn O'Regan and Rachael Edwards.

On behalf of our school staff, I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support and wish everyone a safe, happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey

Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Diary Dates

2020 :

- **Monday 7th December** - School Council.
- **Tuesday 8th December** - Prep Transition 9:15 – 11:00am. Students on site.
- **Thursday 17th December** - Grade 6 Graduation. Final arrangements to be advised.
- **Friday 18th December** - **Last day Term 4 1:30pm Dismissal.**

2021 :

- **Friday 22nd January** - Uniform Collection Day (pre-ordered uniforms only) 8:00am—10:00am.
- **Saturday 23rd January** - Working Bee #1 8:30am - 11:00am (Akers / Gale / Graham (Milla) / Sargeant (Chloe) / Reid/Schultz / Sanaz families).
- **Monday 25th January** - Uniform Collection Day (pre-ordered uniforms only) 9:30am—2:00pm.
- **Tuesday 26th January** - Australia Day Public Holiday.
- **Wednesday 27th January** - School Staff Resume.
- **Thursday 28th January** - All Students Resume Prep - Grade 6.
- **Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February & 3rd March** - No Preps At School.

FlexiSchools

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.

Pick Up & Drop Off Details

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

* **Parents/Carers are able to enter the school grounds only for the purpose to sign students in late or out early at the office. Please ensure you wear a mask inside and sanitise your hands before using the iPad.**

* Parents are to park in marked parking spaces and walk their children to the gate and students are to walk into grounds independently.

* **Parents/Carers are asked not to linger while picking up or dropping off children.**

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.

* Contact to the school is by phone or email where appropriate instead of face to face.

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.

Working Bee

A massive THANK YOU to the MANCS / EVA family – Loretta, Millie, Mitchell, and Brandon – for their hard work on Saturday in cleaning gutters on our buildings.



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

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.

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

