



# Newsletter - 2021

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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 43 new Foundation students on Thursday. I can appreciate the roller coaster of emotions our new families felt on the first drop off, as I too was dropping my son to school for the first time. Upon my return to school just after the bell, all Preps were settling in to their new learning environment. It always takes a few weeks for all children to settle back into our school routine so expect a variety of emotions and tiredness over the coming weeks. All of our gorgeous Grade 6 buddies were looking a little puffed and tired on last Thursday trying to keep up as their buddies were eagerly running to all areas of the school yard.

Leigh 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 goals and targets in addition to personal goals.

Our school has commenced with 323 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 2022, we ask that parents contact the office to let us know if you have a child commencing school next year. We will be opening up the top gate again 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.

I hope parents/guardians have received notifications and emails to set up a Compass account. We have made the move from Flexischools to Compass. Compass will be our communications platform and we will not be using or checking Flexischools moving forward.

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We look forward to our year level information sessions for parents this week. These will be starting at 3:45pm on the following days. Monday Grade 3/4 in 3/4B, Tuesday Grade 5/6 in 5/6A, Wednesday Grade 1/2 in 1/2J and Thursday Preps in Prep S. Staff will be meeting parents/guardians at our Meet and Greets on Thursday 11th of February. We will be attempting to use the interview booking system via Compass for parents to book a time to meet with your child's teacher. More information to come out shortly.

I am very excited to announce that Wandin North was successful in securing a minor capital works grant from the Department of Education at the end of 2020. The application we put together is to revamp our assembly area to include putting synthetic turf across the entire asphalted area with down ball squares, a basketball key and hopscotch. The assembly area will have a shaded water proof membrane structure to protect the students and families from weather for assemblies, Physical Education lessons and outside learning. We expect the project to be completed by October 2021.



Over the holiday break we had bush fire prevention works carried out which resulted in a number of trees being cut. We still have wood available for parents who wish. We ask a donation to be made to the school per trailer load. Please contact the office for more details.

Lastly, it is all systems go for Harvest Market which is on Sunday 21st of March this year. I will be putting out a meeting schedule for stall coordinators and all parents who wish to attend. For new families, the Harvest Market is our major fundraiser and it takes the whole school community to make it the event it is. Stay tuned to the meeting schedule and parent roster in the coming days.

I look forward to meeting our new families across the year and saying hello to our returning ones. I know that 2021 is going to be our best yet.

Yours sincerely, Paul Bailey

Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

## *Compass*

We are pleased that most of our families have downloaded the Compass app and have logged in to view the notices that have been posted and entered absence notifications. We are no longer using Flexischools and ask any parents who have not yet downloaded Compass to do so as soon as possible.

Please bear with us as we are learning about the ins and out of using Compass along with you. If you have had trouble logging in, please notify the school office and we will look at rectifying the problem.

We will be using more features in the future as we all gain more experience with the program.

Your patience is greatly appreciated.

## *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.

## Diary Dates

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> March - No Preps At School
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Information Session 3:45pm Grade 3/4
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Information Session 3:45pm Grade 5/6
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Information Session 3:45pm Grade 1/2
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Information Session 3:45pm Prep
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Meet and Greet 4:00pm-8:00pm
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Working Bee #2
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School Council
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Curriculum Day No students at school
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - School Council & AGM
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Twilight Sports 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Working Bee #3 & Harvest Market Set-Up
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Harvest Market
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Last Day Term 1 2:20pm dismissal
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - First Day Term 2
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - School Photos
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April School Camp HOWQUA
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 3-6 Athletics Day at Morrison Reserve
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May School Open Night

## Updating Information & Contact Details

It is essential to have the correct details on our system and Compass.

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.

Parents are asked to advise the school office in writing any time when any changes occur.

### 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.



## 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.**

## Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders for 2021 will be commencing next week - Orders are due on Tuesday 9th February to be delivered on Thursday 11th February.

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 Compass

## 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)

**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.

## THEIRCARE OSHC at Wandin North Primary School

### **TheirCare OSHC at Wandin North Primary School**

Enrol in Out of Hours School Care – Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) or call 1300 072 410.

## Harvest Market

**SAVE THE DATE : SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

A roster will be posted on Compass this week. Please check the roster for your allotted stall and time slot.

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

## **CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion funds) – Applications due by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**Application forms (together with a copy of your current health care card) MUST be given to the school office no later than MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**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/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

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.

**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 (27th January 2021) or term two (19th April 2021).

### **Payment amounts CSEF payment amount**

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

# Working Bees

**THANK YOU :** Thank you to Lyn O'Regan, Andrew Cakuls, Steph Clarke and the Gale, Sargeant, Schultz and Sanaz families for attending the Working Bee prior to the school year resuming..

The school grounds are looking much better as a result of your hard work. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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

2. <i>Sunday</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>February</i>	Megan Gibbons Lachlan Gibbons Jamie Sansom	<i>Aitkins (Cooper) Armstrong (Cody) Bast Blobel Daniels Field Ellemans Fox Glenn Goodchild Holmes Johnson Langford Leary McDougall Nolder Richards (Logan) Richards (Rubi) Simon Teklenburg</i>
3. <i>Saturday</i> 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>March</i> <i>(Harvest Market)</i>	Rachael Edwards Amelia Laird Jenny McArdle Steph Burnage	Aders Bray Burgess Cunningham Cronkshaw De Lacy Featherstone Godaly Hedley Ilbury Iredale Lammertsma Leitch McLean O'Connor Reed Thomas Tilley Watkins Welch
4. <i>Sunday</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>May</i>	Sheridan Piper Carly Bell Nari Flowers	Booth Brent Broadley Brown (Isla) Chiang Davidson Delany Dillema (Lucy) Farrell Graham (Diesel) Harrison Jenkinson Mildenhall Murcutt/Penco Oliver Payne Rundle Sikhali Tander Troyahn Upton Vaughan
5. <i>Sunday</i> 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>June</i>	Craig McEvoy Rachael Moore Tayla Steiner	Aldridge Aulich Blythman Buckland Fisher Hume Hutchinson Mayes Mollica Moloney (Chase) Paisley Pearson Ryan (Eden) Stephenson-Poole Sudholz U'Ren Webber Weir Wilson
6. <i>Sunday</i> 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>July</i>	Simone Fraser Jo Gibson Tim Langley	Armstrong (Harper) Brilliant Brown (Marlie) Buffey Byne Cisilin Cole Curwood Dewhurst-Sibley Douglas Hoiles Johns McKeown Mitchell (Jacob) Perrin Rutlegde Schipper Scott Vanderstaak Winfield
7. <i>Sunday</i> 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>August</i>	Ben Caines Kristy Kennedy Natalie Johnson	Aitkins (Eve) Bristow Emery Fernando Fream Gannan Hartnett-Freeman Kemp Kraus Moloney (Elijah) McConnell Peterson Poole Riches Ricketts Rigby Russell Sargeant (Patrick) Thornton-Lindsay
8. <i>Sunday</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>September</i>	Emma Hoehne Mel Smith Leigh Hallett Renee Bennell	Andersen Askham Blake-Goldsmith Crampton Dowthwaite Emblin Hibgame Hindle Killin Kitto Knight Leckie Matta McLeod Mitchell (Adrian) Monteith Panchhi Ramsauer Rodd Scoroit-Ostler Van Der Vlugt
9. <i>Sunday</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>October</i>	Teresa Salvitti Paul Bailey Kiera Rankin	Armstrong (Patrick) Busst (Tanah) Castellano Clements (Ava) Davies De Koning Groiss Gurr Haynes Johnston Kleefsmann Lodge Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Pitrelli Roberts (Casey) Robinson (Olli/Tom) Ruscitti Taylor
10. <i>Sunday</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>November</i>	Fiona Berryman Zoe Abbruzzese Alice Jamieson	Barnard Bombinski Harrison Hills Jowitt Kinsmore Lampkin Linley Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Roberts (Lucy) Robinson (Hunter) Rowe Tanner Wallis Watson Yong
11. <i>Sunday</i> 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>December</i>	Kirsten Burrows Nick Syme Laura Attrill	Attrill Carter Clement (Joshua) De Jager Dillema (Keira) Farrow Henskens Kearney Peters Rainbird Richards (Blake) Roberts (Max) Ryan (Harvey) Todd Tunnecliffe Van Graas Walshe Walton Wray