



Newsletter - 2022

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

I would like welcome new and currently families to the 2022 school year. I am pleased to report that all students had a terrific day yesterday. It was great to see all students settled in their new classrooms and setting up the agreed norms for the year. Our new Prep students were amazing! There were little to no tears to start their first day and they ran their Grade 6 buddies ragged.

There has been a lot of information relation to the Department of Education's Covid safe practices and what that means for Wandin North P.S. Please refer to the previous Compass posts for further clarity. All students have received their rapid antigen testing packs. If your child records a positive test result, it is important that parents' record an absence note on Compass and ring or email the office. I will be using this data when putting out Compass posts to inform families of positive cases when they occur.

Throughout this week we will be holding parent information sessions starting at 3:45pm in each year level to help answer any of those burning questions parent may have to start the new year. Please see below to know when each year level is happening :

- Grade 3/4 in Ms Burrows classroom (Monday 31st January, the presentation has been sent to parents)
- Grade 5/6 in the Gallery Tuesday 1st of February
- Grade 1 and 2 in 1J and 2B Wednesday 2nd of February
- Prep in Prep S Thursday 3rd of February

Our annual Meet and Greet will be on Thursday 10th of February between 4:00 and 8:00pm. We strongly encourage all parents to book an interview time. Meet and Greet provide a great opportunity to have a one on one meeting with your child's teacher. The teachers use this time to gain a greater understanding of your child's interests, motivators and any other important information that will promote a smooth start to 2022. We will be opening up the booking on Compass later in the week.

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I would like to say a big thank you to the staff and parents who attended our first working bee for the year. There was a power of work that went in to ensure our grounds are safe and ready for the students return. Our working bees are what keep our grounds looking beautiful. Our working bees are monthly and parents and staff are allocated one a year. Please check the working bee roster to see when your family is rostered on. Many hands make light work. During the holidays we constructed a wall between the Indonesian room and 3/4M. Our aim throughout 2022 is to re-introduce Library and take home borrowing. We hope to get it up and running in Term 2.

Yours sincerely, Paul Bailey

Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 2nd February - No Prep Classes
- Wednesday 9th February - No Prep Classes
- Thursday 10th February - Meet & Greet Sessions 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- Sunday 13th February - Working Bee #2
- Tuesday 15th February - School Council
- Wednesday 16th February - No Prep Classes
- Wednesday 23rd February - No Prep Classes
- Monday 28th February - Curriculum Day No students at school
- Wednesday 2nd March - No Prep Classes
- Wednesday 9th March - No Prep Classes
- Monday 14th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Saturday 19th March - Working Bee #3 9:00am-12:00pm
- Harvest Market Set-Up 12:00pm onwards
- Sunday 20th March - Harvest Market.

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
- WWCC Application Link

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.

2023 Prep Enrolments

We request that parents with children starting school in 2023 notify the office and submit an enrolment form as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us with ensuring you receive important information relating to your child's transition to school.

Compass: Student Absence Notifications

All student absences must be explained by parents using Compass.

Parents are asked to please ensure that the correct time date and time frame is selected when sending absence notifications. Compass has two sessions : AM (9:00am – 12:00pm) and PM (12:30pm – 3:30pm).

Please be careful with selecting the appropriate dates and times for the duration of your child's absence.



Compass: Late Arrivals & Early Departures

All students must be signed in and out by parents at the office using the Compass 'Kiosk' (iPad).

Late students need to obtain a 'Late Pass' upon arrival. Students being collected early will be called to the office by staff where they will be collected by parents/carers. Parents are not to go directly to the classroom unless requested by staff.

Please ensure that COVID-19 safe practices are adhered to, ie. Social distancing, wearing masks and sanitising hands.

Lunch Orders

Reminder that Lunch Order Packs cost **\$6.50** each. Additional items can be purchased at an extra cost. Paper bags and zip lock coin bags are available from the office foyer. **Please write all details on the bag (name, grade, food/drink items and amount), place cash into the zip lock bag and staple to order bag.**

These are to be handed into the classroom Tuesday mornings and orders will be delivered on Thursdays.

A master copy of the Lunch Order Menu can be found on the school's website by clicking this link : <https://www.wandinorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Lunch-Orders-2020-Menu.pdf>



Some children at this school are allergic to nuts.

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

No Smoking

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

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)

Monday 28th February 2022 : Curriculum Day - No Students At 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.

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.

Child Safe

Wandin North Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation where children and young people are safe and feel safe. Our Code Of Conduct and Child Safe policies can be found on the school's website.

Sun Smart

Hats are to be worn outside for terms 1 & 4 as part of our Sun Smart Policy.



Bookclub

All orders and payments are to be made online. Thank you.

THEIRCARE 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 www.theircare.com.au or call 1300 072 410.



FINANCE - FAMILY ACCOUNTS

2022 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - DUE NOW!

CSEF / CREDIT ON ACCOUNTS - If you have a credit or unused CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Funds) on your account, we please ask that this be used first, prior to paying for any additional event costings. Please be reminded that CSEF funds can't be used for School fees, Grade 6 graduation or School Uniforms. If you are unsure of the amount of credit or CSEF that you have, please email the school asking for a copy of your statement.

STATEMENTS - You can request a statement at any time. Please contact the office if you require one. Email wandin.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request a copy.

If you have any queries about your statement, please contact Rachael Edwards in the office.

CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

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

Criteria 1 – General eligibility To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent, and; b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

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.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school.

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

Special Consideration A special consideration category exists for § Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families § Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility> Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carers concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022). 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.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

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.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth.

For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card.

You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school. If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation. 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school. 3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. **The CSEF program for 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.**

Working Bees

THANK YOU to Lyn O'Regan, Andrew Cakuls and the Akers, Gale, Graham and Schultz families for attending the working bee on Saturday 22nd January. The grounds received a much needed tidy up before school year commenced. As always, your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

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

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| 2. Sunday 13 th February | Megan Gibbons Lachlan Gibbons Jamie Sansom | Armstrong (Cody) Bast Blobel Carter Daniels Field Ellemans Fox Glenn Goodchild Holmes Johnson Langford Leary McDougall Nolder Richards (Rubi) Riseborough Simon |
| 3. Saturday 19 th March (Harvest Market) | Rachael Edwards Jenny McArdle Steph Burnage | Aders Aldridge Bray Burgess Cunningham Cronkshaw De Lacy Featherstone Godaly Harrison Ilbury Iredale Lammertsma Leitch Marr McLean O'Connor Reed Thomas Tilley Watkins Welch |
| 4. Sunday 15 th May | Sheridan Piper Carly Bell Nari Flowers Georgia De Koning | Booth Brent Brown (Isla) Chiang Davidson Delany Dillema (Lucy) Farrell Graham (Diesel) Jenkinson Mildenhall Murcutt/Penco Oliver Payne Rundle Tander Troyahn Vander Reyden Vaughan |
| 5. Sunday 19 th June | Craig McEvoy Tayla Steiner Zoe Abbruzzese | Blythman Buckland Fisher Hume Hutchinson Mayes Mollica Moloney (Chase) Paisley Pearson Ryan (Eden) Sikhali Stephenson-Poole Sudholz U'Ren Webber Weir |
| 6. Sunday 17 th July | Simone Fraser Jo Gibson Tim Langley | Armstrong (Harper) Bergamin Brown(Marlie) Buffey Byne Cisilin Cole Curwood Douglas Guillot Hoiles Lempriere Mitchell (Jacob) Perrin Rutlegde Schipper Vanderstaak Winfield |
| 7. Sunday 14 th August | Ben Caines Kristy Kennedy Natalie Johnson Steph Clarke | Aitkins (Eve) Bristow Emery Fernando Fream Gannan Hartnett-Freeman Kemp Kraus Moloney (Elijah) McConnell Peterson Poole Riches Ricketts Russell Sargeant (Patrick) Thornton-Lindsay |
| 8. Sunday 11 th September | Emma Hoehne Leigh Hallett Renee Bennell | Blake-Goldsmith Crampton Dowthwaite Emblin Hibgame Hyde Killin Kitto Knight Leckie Leslie Matta McLeod Mitchell (Adrian) Monteith Panchhi Ramsauer Rodd Van Der Vlugt |
| 9. Sunday 16 th October | Teresa Salvitti Paul Bailey Kiera Rankin | Armstrong (Patrick) Busst (Tanah) Castellano Clements (Ava) Davies De Koning Groiss Gurr Haynes Johnston Kleefsman Lodge McKeown Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Pitrelli Roberts (Casey) Robinson(Olli/Tom) Ruscitti Taylor |

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" :

[https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Volunteer Induction Handbook.pdf](https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Volunteer%20Induction%20Handbook.pdf)