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Newsletter - 2022

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

We are nearly at the half way mark of Term 1 and the students are very settled into their new grades and fully engaged in the learning. Our literacy practices have strengthened this year, with all grades diving deep into strong mentor texts. At Wandin North we use mentor texts to base our literacy instruction around. Students are learning key vocabulary words, reading strategies and writing techniques from the texts and gaining a greater understanding of the importance of language and how reading and writing are strongly linked. The mentor texts the students have been studying so far are The Magic Beach by Alison Lester in Prep to Grade 2, The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy in Grade 3/4, Girl On Wire by Lucy Estela and Fox by Margaret Wild in Grade 5/6.

This year we are transitioning to electronic continuous reporting via Compass Chronical. Throughout the year, students will be completing key assessment tasks and setting learning goals based on a rubric that is aligned with Victorian Curriculum. The process is very similar to last year, however instead of parents seeing the work samples and rubrics at the end of Semester, students' work samples and rubrics will be viewed in real time throughout the Semester. This will provide parents with a greater understanding of where their child is at and strengthen the connection between school and home. Parents will receive an email notification when a portfolio task has been uploaded to Compass.

Our unexplained absences at Wandin North are starting to creep up as the term progresses. We are grateful to the parents who have been emailing the classroom teachers however we require parents to put in an absence note on Compass. This changes the absence from unexplained to explained. A reminder to enter the absence note on Compass if your child is going to be absent from school.

The Harvest Market is fast approaching and the 20th 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 \$34,000 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@education.vic.gov.au to advise us of any changes which need to be made.

Version 3 of the roster will be sent to parents shortly. We truly appreciate your support. We will be conducting a Harvest Market meeting for parents are stall coordinators via Google Meet. Information regarding the meeting will be posted out on Compass in the coming days. I would like to say a big thank you for all of the mystery jars donations from our Free Dress last Friday.

Planning for 2023 enrolments has begun and Mr Hallett and I have enjoyed welcoming prospective parents into our classrooms and sharing our great school with the wider community. We request current families with children starting school at Wandin North in 2023 to notify the office and submit an enrolment form as soon as possible. Our enrolment forms can be found on our website or from the office. School tours are now available for prospective new families with children starting school in 2023. Please contact the school via our website or call on 5964 4570.

I am very excited to announce that finally the design and works to upgrade our assembly area has gone to tender. In coming weeks we will be having a site inspections from prospective contractors. It has been a very slow process that has been out of the school's control. Fingers crossed after the tender process we will see physical progress. On a side note, Wandin North P.S. was successful in receiving the State Government's Shade Sail grant late in 2021. This has been a much quicker process. The new shade sail will be where the veggie boxes are to provide a sheltered space for outdoor learning. The designs have been signed off and the project should completed by the end of Term 1. Lastly, after a number of years of pressure from the Wandin North Primary School community works are under way by Yarra Ranges Council constructing a safe pathway along Warburton Highway parallel to the school. This will provide a safer alternative for students who require the school crossing.

Yours sincerely, Paul Bailey

Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 2nd March No Prep Classes
- Wednesday 9th March No Prep Classes
- Monday 14th March Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 15th March School Council AGM
- Saturday 19th March Working Bee #3 9:00am-12:00pm
 - Harvest Market Set-Up 12:00pm onwards
- Sunday 20th March Harvest Market
- Tuesday 22nd Friday 25th March Phillip Island Camp Gr 5/6
- Friday 25th March Free Dress Day (Theme TBC) Gold Coin
- Wednesday 30th March Twilight Sports 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Thursday 31st March School Photo Day
- Friday 8th April Last Day Term 1 2:30pm Dismissal

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
- 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.

Stars of the Week

| Prep A | Miss Abbruzzese | | Harrison Payne / Indiara Watson / Arkyn Vander Reyden / Neve Brown / Ryder Lempriere |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------|---|
| Prep S | Mrs Salvitti | | Nixon Curwood / Cadence Emery / Phoenix Lusaowaphak / Indianna McKeown |
| Grade 1H | Miss Hoehne | | |
| Grade 1J | Miss Johnson | | Chase Crampton / Dylan Ghaffari / Anaiah Daniels / Charlie Mayes / Isla Cronkshaw |
| Grade 2B | Miss Bell | | |
| Grade 2L | Mr Langley | | |
| Grade 3/4B | Ms Burrows | | Mason Tabone / Isla Uren / Isla Brown |
| Grade 3/4D | Miss De Koning | | |
| Grade 3/4G | Mrs Grisold | | |
| Grade 3/4M | Mrs McArdle | | Cody Armstrong / Miah Castellano / Tariq Winfield |
| Grade 3/4W | Ms Wilcox | | |
| Grade 5/6A | Mrs Bailey Mrs Saynor | | |
| Grade 5/6B | Miss Burnage | | |
| Grade 5/6S | Mr Syme | | |
| Grade 5/6T | Miss Steiner | | |
| ART | Mrs Attrill Mrs Clarke | | Eve Moloney / Isla Troyahn / Hannah Ellemans / Jacob Roberts / Campbell Featherstone / Patrick Armstrong / Hugo Kemp / Isla Cronkshaw / Willow Mitchell / Mila Bray-Ryan / Ollie Fox / William Goodchild / Andy Harrison / Lucas Daniels / Billy Gale / Ryan Pearson / Mia Poole / Oliver Lampkin / Marlie Brown / Jaylen Knight / Acasia Norris-O'Donnell / Ethan Hoiles / Mylie Peel / Indianna Perrin / Brady Busst / Lilly Kitto / Cooper Bast / Billy Ricketts / Ella De Lacy/ Eve Moloney / Isla Troyahn / Hannah Ellemans / Campbell Featherstone / Jacob Roberts / Isla Cronkshaw / Patrick Armstrong / Hugo Kemp / Willow Mitchell / Ollie Fox / Andy Harrison / Will Goodchild / Mila Bray-Ryan |
| P.E. | Mrs Kennedy Mrs Clarke | •••• | Beauie Aitkins / Leo Cunningham / Mila Bray-Ryan / Isla Brown / Olly Langford / Hudson Curwood / Maddy Rainbird / Mitchell Eva / Jacob Iredale / Liam Wallis / Jesse Winfield / Mylie Peel / Beth Vaughan / Harrison Payne / Indi McKeown / Steel Leitch / Harvey Ryan |
| LOTE - Indonesian | Mrs Flowers | | Arkyn Vander Reyden / Isla Cronkshaw / Andy Harrison / Parker Tilley / Evan Graham / Scarlett Tander / Bonnie Richards / Hugo Kemp / Tahlee Holmes / Jasmine Jowitt / Brock Taylor / Brady Busst / Caelan O'Connor / Jayden Lammertsma / Frankie Langford / Addison Ellemans / Benji Henskens / Baani Panchhi / Isla Troyahn / Ava Clements / Spencer Hadland / Tayla Rackemann / Mason Tabone / Patrick Armstrong / Josh Huber |

Compass: Absence Notifications

All student absences must be explained by parents using Compass.

Parents are asked to please ensure that the <u>correct time date</u> <u>and time</u> 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 current COVID-19 safe practices are adhered to, ie. Social distancing, wearing masks and sanitising hands.

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.

Lunch Orders

Lunch Order Packs cost \$7:00 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.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Lunch-Orders-2022-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.

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) <u>And</u> 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 commitment 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

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 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).

<u>Criteria 1</u> – 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 <u>Eligibility Date</u>

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer 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

| 3. Saturday 19 th March (Harvest Market) | Rachael Edwards Jenny McArdle | Aders Aldridge Bray Burgess Cunningham Cronkshaw De Lacy Featherstone Godaly Harrison Ilbury Iredale Lammertsma Leitch Marr McLean O'Connor Reed Thomas (Dylan) Tilley Watkins Welch |
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| 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 Steph Burnage | 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 Thomas (Zack) 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 Wallis |
| 10. Sunday 13 th November | Fiona Berryman Laura Attrill Kaitlin Saynor | Attrill Barnard Bombinski Ghaffari Hadland Hills Jowitt Kinsmore Lampkin Linley Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Roberts (Lucy) Robinson (Hunter) Rowe Tanner |
| 11. Sunday 4 th December | Kirsten Burrows Nick Syme Alice Jamieson | Carter Clement (Joshua) De Jager Dillema (Keira) Farrow Henskens Jamieson Lusaowaphak Rainbird Richards (Blake) Roberts (Max) Ryan (Harvey) Tabone Todd Tunnecliffe Walshe Walton Wray |

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