

Wandin North Primary School

WEEKLY NEWS

Monday 30th January 2023



Dates For Your Diary :

- Wednesday 1st February - No Preps At School
- Wednesday 8th February - No Preps At School
- Thursday 9th February - Meet & Greet 3:45pm - 7:45pm
- Sunday 12th February - Working Bee #1
- Wednesday 15th February - No Preps At school
- Tuesday 21st February - School Council
- Wednesday 22nd February - No Preps At School
- Thursday 23rd February - Free Dress More information provided closer to event
- Friday 24th February - Curriculum Day No Students At School
- Wednesday 1st March - No Preps At School
- Wednesday 8th March - No Preps At School
- Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Saturday 18th March - Working Bee #2 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Harvest Market Set-up 12:00pm onwards
- Sunday 19th March - Harvest Market
- Friday 24th March - School Photos
- Friday 31st March - Free Dress More information provided closer to event

◆ **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :** Dear Families

A warm welcome back to everyone. The first day of the school year is exciting but can also be a nervous and anxious time for students and parents. Our Preps have been amazing during their first day of school. They have all settled quickly into classroom routines and have had fun running their buddies around at play times. During my walk around into classrooms after lunch I could see all classes setting up their classroom norms, children interacting freely with their new classmates and lots of smiles on faces.

During this week we have our year level parent information sessions. We have staggered the year levels throughout the week to allow families who have multiple children at school to attend. Our first session is Grade 3/4 in Ms Burrow's classroom today straight after school. Please check Compass calendar and news feed to see when your child's information session is.

Student attendance will be a big focus in 2023. Our aim to is have all students at school every day. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of a school year. In the event your child is unwell and will not be attending school, it is encouraged to put an attendance note on Compass to ensure the absence is explained. If the absence is unexplained, a SMS message will be sent out and then a follow up phone call will be made if an absent note as not been put on Compass. Please see the Every Day Counts information from the Department of Education attached.

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A reminder that in Terms 1 and 4 students are required to wear a school sunsmart hat. If you are unable to locate your child's hat, they are available to purchase at the office for \$12 cash. All students are required to have their hats by Wednesday.

Lastly our Meet and Greets will be on Thursday 9th of February. Meet and Greets are a great opportunity to share any concerns or ask questions regarding your child with their class teacher. The interview times will be made available on Compass at the beginning of next week.

We are all looking forward to action packed 2023.

Regards

Mr Paul Bailey

Noteworthy :

- ◆ **LUNCH ORDERS : Lunch Orders will commence next week. Due to rising costs, Lunch Order Packs now cost **\$8:00** 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 place in order bag. **No staples please!**

These are to be handed into the classroom Tuesday mornings and orders will be delivered on Thursdays. **No late orders are to be taken directly to Mr K's.**

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/2023/01/2023-WANDIN-NORTH-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-LUNCH-ORDER.pdf>

- ◆ **COMPASS - 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.

The screenshot shows the Compass parent portal for Wandin North Primary School. At the top, it says 'Welcome back, [redacted]' and 'Wandin North Primary School'. Below this is the school's logo. A user profile is shown with a circular icon and a name [redacted]. A list of navigation options is visible: 'Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)', 'Send email to Xander's teachers', 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)', 'View Academic Reports', and 'Book Parent Student Teacher Conference'.

- ◆ **NO NUTS PLEASE :** Some children at this school are allergic to nuts. We urge you to refrain from sending food containing nuts to school.
- ◆ **SUN SMART POLICY :** Reminder - School hats are to be worn outside for Term 1 and Term 4 as part of our Sun Smart Policy.
- ◆ **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK & CODE OF CONDUCT :** All volunteers helping in our school must have a current, valid Working With Children Check. 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.
- ◆ **WORKING BEE : 2023 Dates -** Names in **blue** font on the roster are either new families or current families that have been reallocated due to the reduced number of working bees scheduled in 2023.

Date	Coordinator	Families requested to help
1. Sunday 12 th February	School Council Representative : Megan Gibbons	Armstrong (Cody) Bast Burt Carter (Chase) Daniels Dillema (Keira) Ellemans (Hannah) Field Fox Goodchild Gale Graham (Milla) Henderson Holmes Langford Leary Nolder Richards (Rubi) Riseborough Robnik Simon St Clair
2. <i>Satur- day</i> 18 th <i>March</i> <small>(Pre Harvest Market)</small>	School Council Representative : Rachael Edwards	Aders Aldridge Bray-Ryan Burgess Clement (Joshua) Cunningham Featherstone Glenn Godaly Harrison Henskens Ilbury Iredale Lammertsma Leitch Lusaowaphak McLean O'Connor Reed Ryan (Harvey) Sargeant (Chloe) Schultz Thomas (Dylan) Tilley Watkins
3. Sunday 14 th May	School Council Representative : Sheridan Piper	Bassett Brown (Isla) Clowes/Mildenhall Davidson Delany Dillema (Lucy) Farrell Farrow Graham (Diesel) Kennedy Murcutt Oliver Payne Prinsen Rackemann Richards (Blake) Ross Rundle Tander Troyahn Vander Reyden Vaughan
4. <i>Sunday</i> 18 th <i>June</i>	School Council Representative : Craig McEvoy	Blythman Buckland Carter (Alannah) Chiang Elias Fisher Foote Hume Mollica Moloney (Chase) Paisley Pearson Rainbird Roberts (Max) Ryan (Eden) Sikhali Stephenson-Poole Sudholz U'Ren Walshe Webber Weir Wroe
5. <i>Sunday</i> 16 th <i>July</i>	School Council Representative : Simone Fraser	Armstrong (Harper) Bergamin Brown (Marlie) Buffey Byne Cisilin Cole Cronkshaw Curwood Douglas Guillot Hughes Lempriere Mayes Mitchell (Jacob) Peel Perrin Schipper Tunnecliffe Vanderstaak Walton
6. <i>Sunday</i> 13 th <i>August</i>	School Council Representative : Ben Caines	Agnew Bristow Carter (Presley) Cross Ellemans (Riley) Emery Eva Fernando Gannan Hartnett-Freeman Kemp Kraus Moloney (Elijah) Poole Riches Ricketts Russell Sargeant (Patrick) Schwerkolt Thornton-Lindsay Wilson
7. <i>Sunday</i> 10 th <i>September</i>	School Council Representative : Leigh Hallett	Blake-Goldsmith Busst (Adam) Crampton Dowthwaite Emblin Hibgame Hyde Killin Knight Lawrence Leckie Matta Mitchell (Willow) Monteith Ramsauer Rangel Tatt Thomas (Zack) Van Der Vlugt Wheeler Wray
8. <i>Sunday</i> 15 th <i>October</i>	School Council Representative : Paul Bailey	Armstrong (Patrick) Busst (Tanah) Castellano Clements (Ava) Davies Groiss Gurr Haynes Johnston Leslie Lodge McKeown Mealmaker Nayak O'Rourke Pitrelli Roberts (Casey) Ruscitti Taylor (Brock) Taylor (Bronte) Wallis
9. <i>Sunday</i> 12 th <i>November</i>	School Council Representative : Teresa Salvitti	Aitkins Attrill Barnard Best Bombinski Di Pietro Ghaffari Hadland Jamieson Jowitt Kinsmore Lampkin Linley Munro (Darby) Norris-O'Donnell Panetta Roberts (Lucy) Robinson (Hunter) Rowe Tanner Todd Watson Yong

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

Further information can be found in WNPS Volunteer Policy which can be found on the school's website.

◆ **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.



◆ Camps/ Sports / Excursions Funds (CSEF)

Eligible families are reminded that applications for CSEF are now open. Please ensure you read the following information and visit the school office with a copy of your current card, and complete the CSEF application form which is available at the office.

It would be greatly appreciated if forms could be completed and submitted as soon as possible to ensure the funds are deposited to your child's account in a timely manner to use on eligible activities for 2023. This is also to ensure you don't miss the cut off date set by DET.

If you have any queries, please come and see Rachael at the school office.

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/carer concession card being validated successfully

with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

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.

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.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

Please visit the school office for a form.

When completing the form, ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

You need to ensure that you complete the following:

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 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023