



Newsletter - 2023

Inside this issue:

- ◇ From The Principal
- ◇ Diary Dates
- ◇ Updating Information & Contact Details
- ◇ 2023 Prep Enrolments
- ◇ Compass
- ◇ Lunch Orders
- ◇ Phone Messages
- ◇ Working With Children Checks & Code Of Conduct
- ◇ Child Safe
- ◇ Sun Smart
- ◇ Book Club
- ◇ THEIRCARE - OSHC
- ◇ Finance / CSEF
- ◇ Working Bees

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wominjeka, Selamat Datang, Welcome. Our new Prep students have simply been amazing. They are very settled and honestly look like they have been at school for a Term, as they are listening so well and beginning to master the routines of school. Thank you to the parents who have trusted us to care for anyone who is upset at the beginning of the day. A quick hug, saying bye and walking away will always be harder for you as you cannot see how quickly (usually within seconds of being distracted), a child is smiling and joining their grade.

We had great attendance to our year level information sessions last week. We hope the sessions were informative with what to expect throughout the year, key dates and how you can best support your child with their learning and wellbeing throughout 2023. If you were unable to attend, the information presented has been posted on Compass.

As mentioned in the information sessions and my piece last week, student attendance will be focus in 2023. Across the State, the average number of days absent for a student is 12. Anything below that is great and will result in students maximising the opportunities for learning both academically and socially. Anything above 12 days needs improvement. It is well proven that absenteeism can lead to a significant gap forming in academic outcomes and students not reaching their potential. Socially it is difficult to maintain friendships and of great interest is the fact that students with high absenteeism usually continue this pattern into Secondary School.

NAPLAN has now been bought forward in 2023 and the testing window starts on the 15th March for years 3 and 5. Mr Hallett will be sending out information via Compass in the coming weeks about NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a snap shot and is one test at one time. Our processes and whole school approaches compliment the NAPLAN testing, resulting in above State and National outcomes. If there are concerns regarding your child sitting NAPLAN or you would like more information, please see your classroom teacher or Mr Hallett and myself.

Harvest Market is fast approaching and now that the sign is up on the highway it is great reminder that it is on Sunday 19th of March 9am – 2pm. The Harvest Market has been running for over 20 years. It is a major community event and our major fundraiser.

*Monday 24th
February 2023*

Curriculum Day

*No Students
At School*

Last year we raised over \$35,000 which helps to finance our digital devices. The money raised this year is going towards the upgrade of our assembly area. Harvest Market is not a success without our parents. We will be holding a Harvest Market via Google Meet this Thursday 9th February at 5pm. All are welcome to attend. Version 1 of the stall roster will be coming out shortly.

A reminder that our Meet and Greet is this Thursday. It is an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss anything which may impact your child/rens learning and ensure a successful year. If families are unable to attend but would like to speak to their class teacher, please email for class teacher via Compass to arrange a time.

Lastly, we are currently taking school tours for 2024 and 2025 Preps. If you are aware of families who are thinking of sending their child to Wandin North, we would love to have them, please encourage the families to book a tour via our website or call the office.

Yours sincerely, Paul Bailey
Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Diary Dates

- 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 (changed from Friday 24th due to Curriculum Day) 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
- Wednesday 29th March - Twilight Sports (TBC)
- Friday 31st March - Free Dress More information provided closer to event

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 ...

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

Compass : Student Absence Notifications

All student absences must be explained by parents using Compass.

Parents are asked to please ensure that the correct 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.



Welcome back, [REDACTED]
Wandin North Primary School



- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Xander's teachers
- + Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports
- Book Parent Student Teacher Conference

Compass : Late Arrivals & Early Departures

All students must be signed in and out by parents at the office using the Compass 'Kiosk' (iPad). This will automatically update class rolls.

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.

Lunch Orders

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.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-WANDIN-NORTH-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-LUNCH-ORDER.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)

2024 Prep Enrolments

We request that parents with children starting school in 2024 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.

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

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

2023 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

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

Working Bees

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Families requested to help</i>
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>Saturday</i> 18 th <i>March</i> <i>(Pre Harvest</i> <i>Market)</i>	School Council Representative : Rachael Edwards	Aders Aldridge Bray-Ryan Burgess Clement (Joshua) Cunningham Featherstone Glenn Godaly Harrison Henskens Ilbury 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 Iredale 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 Douthwaite 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.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)