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# Newsletter - 2023

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was pleasing to share our achievement of reaching our Term 1 attendance goal by averaging less than 3 days per student away for the term. Our aim is to continue our great attendance for Term 2. As a school we are closely monitoring attendance at a whole school, cohort, class and individual level. Every minute matters and if your child is consistently absent or late to school the time really adds up.

1 or 2 days ABSENT a week doesn't seem much but...			
If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes LATE a day? Surely that won't affect my child?			
My child is only missing just	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years

In the middle of Term 1 I sent out a communication survey to evaluate the effectiveness of our Compass posts, Weekly News and Newsletters. Thank you to the families who took the time to provide valuable feedback on what is working and areas for improvement. Please see the table below that provides a snapshot of what our community is valuing in each of our current documents. Using this information and the comments, we will be implementing the suggestions to ensure our major communications are informative and engaging.

## OPEN NIGHT

Thursday

18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

5:30pm –

7.30pm

Come and see our school at work!

**Tours Available**

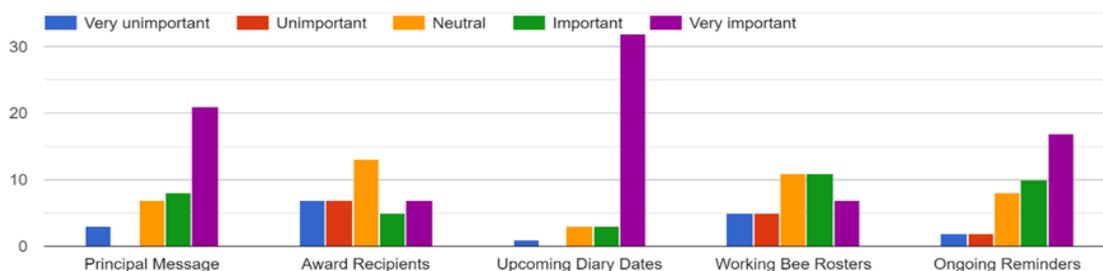
**5:30pm, 6:00pm**

**& 6:30pm**

**Bookings Essential**

**Ph : 5964 4570**

What do you value in our current documents



We have lots happening to start Term 2. Years 3 to 6 Athletics Day is tomorrow, 5/6 Camp Howqua and Prep to 2 Photo Trail/Tabloid Sports next week and the Preps are going to Healesville Sanctuary later in the month. A reminder to check the events for your child on Compass regularly to ensure payment and consent is in by the due date.

After a number of years of constant pressure with the Victorian Schools Building Authority regarding our Block B toilet block, we have been successful with our emergency maintenance application. We are all aware our toilets require a lot of work. Our Block B was originally built in 1978 and throughout the years, as a school, we have done our best to maintain the toilets, however they are now at a point where we require support. We are eagerly waiting to hear from the VSBA lead architect regarding the next steps for this project.

Thursday 18th of May from 5:30pm – 7:30pm we are opening our school for our annual Open Night. Our theme for Open Night is hands on learning experiences. Once again, Mrs Sansom, Mrs Smith and Mrs McArdle have been encouraging all of our budding artists to produce their best piece of artwork for the Art Show. We encourage all new and existing families to come and participate in all the hands on learning related activities that will be occurring in all classrooms. We will be having reptiles, snakes wildlife in the Grade 2 rooms, coding in the Prep rooms, creative tasks relating to the Literacy in the 3/4 rooms just to name some of the hands on activities for children to explore. School tours are available across the evening, and we encourage any prospective families to make a booking by contacting the office. We look forward to seeing lots of families on the night. For more information please see our Open Night flyer that is on the Wandin North Primary School Facebook page.

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

## *Diary Dates*

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Athletics Grades 3-6
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day / Special Person Stall 3:30pm \$5/gift
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Working Bee #3 - Rescheduled date from 14<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Camp Howqua Grade 5/6
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Photo Trail Grades P-2
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - School Council
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Open Night
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Healesville Sanctuary Excursion Preps
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Free Dress Footy Teams Gold Coin—Sponsor Child
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Melbourne Zoo Excursion Grades 1-2
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Curriculum Day No Students At School
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Working Bee #4
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - School Council

## *School Photos*

School photos have arrived and will be distributed to students today.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call SchoolPix on 1300 778 987 or email [smile@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:smile@schoolpix.com.au).

## *Working Bee #3 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 9am-12pm*

Families rostered on are : Sheridan Piper (School Council Representative) / Bassett / Brown (Isla) / Clowes/Mildenhall / Davidson / Delany / Dillema (Lucy) / Farrell / Farrow / Graham (Diesel) / Kennedy / Murcutt / Oliver / Payne / Prinsen / Rackemann / Richards (Blake) / Rundle / Tander / Troyahn / Vander Reyden / Vaughan.

## *Useful Links*

◆ **Wandin North Primary School Email :** [wandin.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wandin.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

◆ **Wandin North Primary School Website :** [www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/)

◆ **CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) :** Applications close 23 June 2023.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

◆ **Lunch Orders :**

<https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-WANDIN-NORTH-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-LUNCH-ORDER.pdf>

◆ **Working With Children Check :** All volunteers helping in our school require a valid Working With Children Check. 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 office staff.

[MyCheck | Working with Children \(justice.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/MyCheck)

◆ **OH&S :** "*Volunteer Induction Handbook*"

<https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Volunteer-Induction-Handbook.pdf>

## *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.

## *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.



### **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
- Student Awards
- Messages from our Captains (or nominated student)
- Special Presentations (if applicable)