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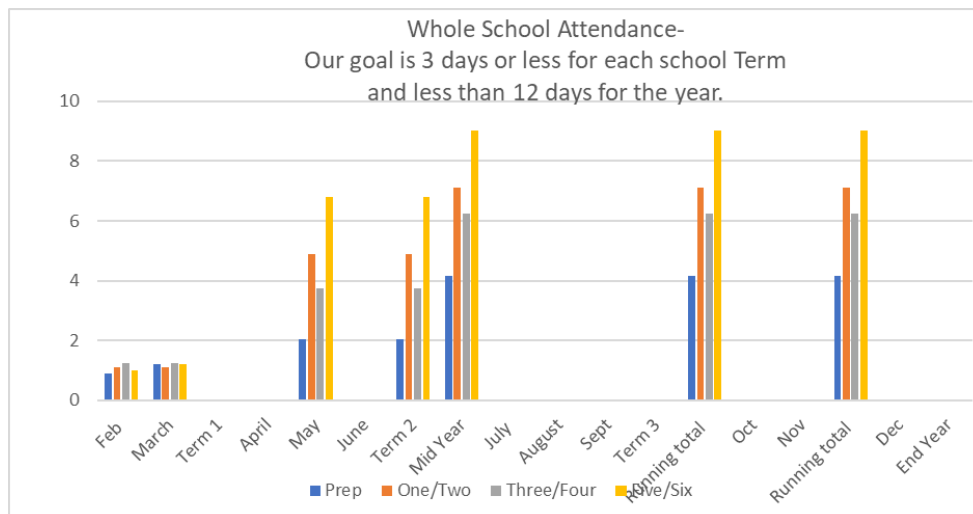
Newsletter - 2023

From the Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,



* *Curriculum Day*
Friday 9th June

* *King's Birthday*
Public Holiday
Monday 12th June

* *Last Day Term 2*
Friday 23rd June
2:30pm Dismissal

* *First Day Term 3*
Monday 10th July

During May, we have had a significant amount of illness sweep through the school which has affected our attendance significantly in Term 2. Our Preps and 3/4 cohorts are tracking below or close to our attendance goals as we near the end of term. Well done to students who are maintaining an impressive 100% attendance rate which is amazing!

Thank you to the families who were able to attend our Open Night back on the 18th of May. It was a huge success with many new families visiting our school for the first time and getting a sense of just how strong our community is. There were slimy oobleck containers, bee bots being coded and programmed, snakes slithering, hands on shape making and mindfulness spaces across the classrooms. There was a 'buzz' in the air which you only get when 100's of children are excitedly running from one activity to the next. The Art Show was amazing! A huge thank you to my staff for organising such a great night and to the cleaners for cleaning it up the following day!

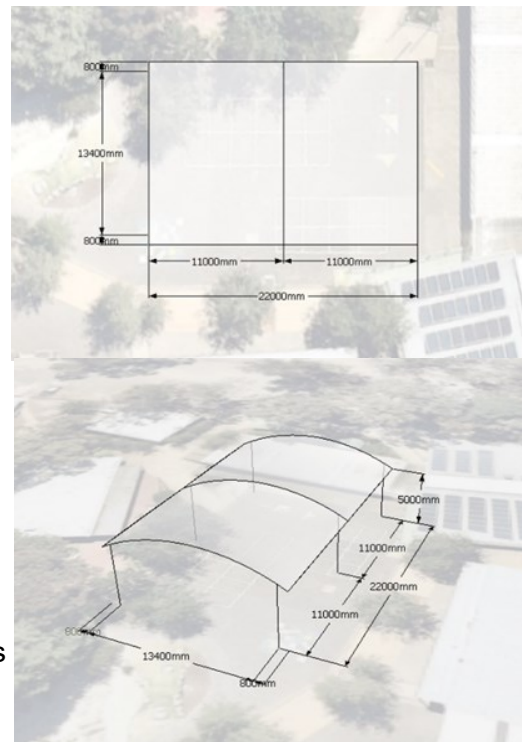
Teachers are currently writing student personal reports in readiness for our 3-way conferences. Our 3-way conferences are scheduled on Wednesday 14th and 15th of June for students in Grades 1, 3 and 4 and June 21st & 22nd for Grades Prep, 2, 5 and 6. I strongly encourage all parents to attend mid-year interviews. If you are having trouble booking a time, contact for classroom teacher and they will be able to assist.

A big thank you to the families who completed the survey relating our school highlights over the past 4 years and provided feedback on what we are doing well and areas we can look to improve. Wandin North Primary School's review is in Term 3. The review panel will be completing learning walks in classrooms and analysing our student learning data from 2019 to 2023. The purpose of the review is to assist the school to set new goals and targets for the next 4 years.

As mentioned at assembly at the start of May, our toilets will be having an upgrade. After several years outlining the poor state of the toilets and the age of the building, the Department of Education are completed emergency maintenance works to bring it up to standard. Over the last 3 weeks we have had a number of contractors out assessing the building to evaluate the need for refurbishment or a knock down and rebuild. The timeline we have been presented with states we will have designs completed by the 30th of June. I look forward to sharing these when they come available.

We have received some terrific news regarding the shelter over the assembly area, finally. The VSBA has approved the project to be school lead after 2 years of negotiating. Greenline will be onsite to complete foundation works in the first week of the school holidays and the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of August. Our new shelter will improve the space and allow it to be used all year round.

Our School Council are currently sourcing quotes and looking at ways we can resurface the area to make it more play friendly and reduce the risk of injury. We are investigating synthetic turf options that are suitable for all weather. As this is a high traffic area, it is important we make the right choice.



This year we have begun our partnership with The Resilience Project. Each week the students are practicing the key principles of gratitude, empathy, mindfulness, and emotional literacy. 2 weeks ago, our staff participated in a workshop to elevate the resources and lessons. The feedback that the staff provided was extremely positive. Our staff are beginning to see children growth in these areas and the language becoming consistent. We hope lessons and content is being shared at home. Did you know we spend 49% of our waking hours thinking about something other than what we're doing!

Regular mindfulness practice can improve our:

- Immune system.
- Energy levels.
- Sleep quality.
- Awareness.
- Memory.
- Productivity.



Why don't you give it a go. Find a mindfulness activity that suits you and they you enjoy, everyone is different.

Below are some suggestions:

- Listening to music
- Exercise.
- Colouring.
- Meditation.

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

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 6th June - Division X-Country Selected Students
- Friday 9th June - Curriculum Day No Students At School
- Monday 12th June - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 13th June - Indigenous Workshop Incursion Gr 3/4
- Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th June - HEROS Local Excursions To Picnic Hill (# 2)
- Wednesday 14th - Thursday 15th June - 3 Way Conferences 3:45pm—8:00pm Gr 1 & 3/4
- Sunday 18th June - Working Bee #4 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 20th June - School Council
- Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd June - 3 Way Conferences 3:45pm—8:00pm
Specialists (Wednesday), P, 2 & 5/6
- Friday 23rd June - Last Day Term 2 2:30pm Dismissal
- Monday 10th July - First Day Term 3
- Sunday 16th July - Working Bee #5 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 18th July - School Council
- Friday 28th July - Free Dress Day Emergency Services Gold Coin - Wandin CFA

Working Bee #4 Sunday 18th June 9am-12pm

Families rostered on are : Craig McEvoy (School Council Representative), Blythman, Buckland, Carter (Alannah), Chiang, Elias, Fisher, Foote, Hume, Iredale, Mollica, Moloney (Chase), Paisley, Pearson, Rainbird, Roberts (Max), Ryan (Eden), Sikhali, U'Ren, Walshe, Webber, Weir and Wroe.

To ensure the safety of our volunteers, an OH&S briefing is conducted at each working bee. Please read the "Volunteer Induction Handbook" (see Useful Links)

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.

Useful Links

- ◆ **Wandin North Primary School Email :** wandin.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- ◆ **Wandin North Primary School Website :** 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>