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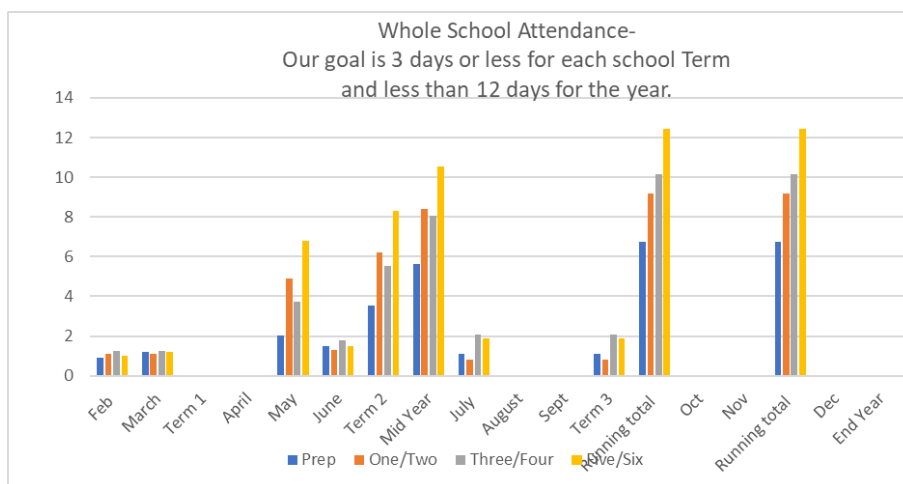
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Curriculum Day
Wednesday 6^h
September

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



The Preps students are leading the attendance race as they are tracking below 3 days per term and below the 12 day per student goal for the year. Well done! A reminder that every minute matters at Wandin North. We are still aiming high to reach our goal of averaging 12 days or less as a school.

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the 2023 year and our Preps will be celebrating 100 days of school on Thursday. 100 days of school is always a memorable event for the students where they turn 100 for the day and participate in 100 days activities that consist of Literacy and Numeracy based tasks focused on the 100 themes. A big thank you in advance to Mrs Salvitti, Ms Abbruzzese and Cristina for the time and effort to make it such an enjoyable day for the students.

Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend 3-way conferences at the end of Term 2. It is so important to see and hear the successful learning that is taking place and share how children are achieving their personal goals. If any parent missed their conference, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make a time.

I met with our school improvement team last week to summarise how we are tracking towards the expected Literacy and Numeracy targets, and I am very pleased to inform our school community that we are achieving outstanding results. Our students at Wandin North aim high and set high expectations for themselves and others. One of the very important areas we discuss is student goal setting and developing a growth mindset, which assist children to understand that something worthwhile will take effort, persistence, and resilience.

We empower our students to be resourceful and independent learners who can use multiple strategies to problem solve. All our students have personal goals for Reading, Writing and Numeracy. We would love parents to ask their child/ren what theirs are.

Last week we received our NAPLAN results for years 3 and 5 students. From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards with 4 levels of achievements to give teachers, parents and carers clearer information on how students are performing. The four proficiency levels are: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Additional Support. I am very proud to share that our year 3 and 5 students outperformed similar and network schools in all areas. Our year 3 and 5 students will be receiving their individual NAPLAN report today.

We have achieved outstanding results outside the classroom throughout the month of July. Our Grade 5/6 students participated in the Wandin District Interschool Sports Gala Day. The students competed in football, netball and volley stars on the day and finished first in all three sports. Congratulations. Wandin North was invited to participate in the first annual public speaking competition held by the Rotary Club of Wandin. As this was the first time this event has been held, we were not quite sure what to expect. Our students were both brilliant, overcoming their nerves to deliver powerful speeches.

You may have noticed there is a lot happening in the building grounds space. We have a brand-new chicken coop with 4 very loved chooks, Happy Feet, Nugget, Oreo and Blue Hen, our new orchard which was planted last week next to the top playground. These projects would not be possible without the amazing support of our parent community and local business. I would like to echo Mrs Attrill's Compass post from Friday and extend my thank you to the McKeown family, GSM Projects, Prinsen family, Aitkins family, Lempriere family and Cronkshaw family for their time, help and support constructing our chicken coop. Thank you to the Riseborough family, Cherry Hill Orchard and Fleming Trees for their kind donations and help preparing the site for us. Thank you.



Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey
Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 3rd August - 100 Days Of Prep
- Friday 4th August - Hooptime Selected Students
- Wednesday 9th August - Reptiles Encounter Incursion Prep
- Sunday 13th August - Working Bee #6 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 15th August - School Council
- Friday 25th August - Free Dress Day Book Characters Gold Coin - Sponsor Child
- Wednesday 6th September - Curriculum Day No Students At School
- Sunday 10th September - Working Bee #7 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 12th September - School Council
- Wednesday 13th September - Author Celebration Gr 3/4 3:00pm—3:30pm
- Friday 15th September - Last Day Term 3
- Monday 2nd October - First Day Term 4

Working Bee #6 Sunday 13th August 9am-12pm

Families rostered on are : Ben Caines (School Council), Agnew, Bristow, Cross, Ellemans (Riley), Emery, Eva, Fernando, Guillot, Gannan, Hartnett-Freeman, Kemp, Kraus, Moloney (Elijah), Poole, Riches, Ricketts, Russell, Sargeant (Patrick), Schwerkolt, Stephenson-Poole and Thornton-Lindsay.

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>

- ♦ **School Uniform Orders** : www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

- ♦ **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)

- ♦ **OH&S** : "Volunteer Induction Handbook"
<https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Volunteer-Induction-Handbook.pdf>