



Newsletter - 2023

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** Curriculum Day*

*Wednesday 6th
September*

** Last Day Term 3*

*Friday 15th
September
2:30pm Dismissal*

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an action-packed month in August with a lot of learning, celebrating student achievements and lots of extra-curricular events across the school.

Book week was a great success! It started on the Monday where all classes participated in an online book author experience. We welcomed Clark's Ice cream on Thursday and then our magnificent Book Week free dress on Friday and author Jane Godwin visit. We had a great variety of costumes of favourite book characters from the books we love to read. We were so lucky with the weather to be able to have a whole school parade on the basketball before assembly.

To continue on the Literacy theme, we celebrated our wonderful authors. It was great to have so many family members come in to view and listen to the amazing writing pieces that have been produced this term. It is so important that our students write for a purpose and an audience to ensure the thrill of writing is present. Our junior classrooms were a buzz, and the students were so proud to show the work that they had produced.

Infrastructure update: Our contractors have come to a solution regarding the cover for our assembly area shelter. We are hoping this will be all up and finished by the end of this term. We are all very excited for our toilet refurbishment.

These works are planned to begin in the Term 3 break. The project is estimated to take 12 weeks to complete, resulting in the main toilet block being out of action. For Term 4, we will be having an 8-cubicle portable toilet block situated at the front of the school, before the start of the fitness track. Although it is not ideal having a toilet block at the front of the school, it is the best place to ensure all the students are safe and in line of sight. We won't know ourselves by the end of the year with new toilets and shelter.

Last week we held our Parent Cyber Safety Session that was delivered by the ThinkUKnow program. The ThinkUKnow program is run by the Australian Federal Police with the latest statistics, research, and strategies for parents to help navigate their children safely through the digital world. Our aim is to have the ThinkUKnow program presented annually for our parents.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful parent community. Recently, we have had our Grade 1 Sleepover, Fathers and Special Person stall and today we have our Bizarre Bazaar Grade 6 Market Day. These events would not be possible without parent helpers. In the month of August, we have had many parents give up their time to support their child and the school to ensure all children have a great experience.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Currently we have had minimal families complete the survey and we would love more! All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 21 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

Link is <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School Pin is 444241

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey
Principal - Wandin North Primary School.



Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 6th September - Curriculum Day No Students At School**
- Friday 8th September - Last Day Parent/Carer Opinion Survey
- Sunday 10th September - Working Bee #7 9:00am—12:00pm
- Monday 11th September - Forest Discovery Excursion Gr 3/4
- Monday 11th - Friday 15th September - Swimming Gr P-2 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 12th September - Lunch Orders Due At Mr K's. Delivery Thursday.
- School Council
- Wednesday 13th September - Author Celebration Gr 3/4 3:00pm—3:30pm
- Thursday 14th September - Writing Share Time Prep 3:00pm—3:30pm
- **Friday 15th September - Last Day Term 3 2:30pm Dismissal**
- Monday 2nd October - First Day Term 4
- Tuesday 10th October - Lunch Orders Due At Mr K's. Delivery Thursday.
- Sunday 15th October - Working Bee #8 9:00am—12:00pm
- Tuesday 17th October - School Council

Working Bee #7 Sunday 10th September 9am-12pm

- ◆ Families rostered on : Paul Bailey (School Council), Blake-Goldsmith, Busst (Adam), Crampton, Cross, Davidson, Dowthwaite, Emblin, Hibgame, Hyde, Killin, Knight, Lawrence, Leckie, Mitchell (Willow), Monteith, Ramsauer, Rangel, Roberts (Max), Sargeant (Patrick), Schwerkolt, Thomas (Zack), Van Der Vlugt, Wheeler and Wray.
Please read the "Volunteer Induction Handbook" (see Useful Links)

Unexplained Absence Letters

Letters were sent home last week with students who have unexplained absences recorded. Parents are asked to check student's bags, complete and return any forms this week so we can amend student attendance entries. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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/2023/08/2023-Mr-Ks-Lunch-Order-Form-Fortnight.pdf>
- ◆ **Working With Children Check** : All volunteers helping in our school require a valid Working With Children Check. [MyCheck | Working with Children \(justice.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/MyCheck)
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.
- ◆ **OH&S** : "Volunteer Induction Handbook"
<https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Volunteer-Induction-Handbook.pdf>



Some children at this school are allergic to nuts. We urge you to refrain from sending food containing nuts to school.

No Smoking or Vaping

Smoking & Vaping are **NOT PERMITTED** at any time on school grounds or the surrounding areas, including the car parks.

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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.

