



Newsletter - 2023

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From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 4 has started on the run! Prep transition, Little Night In, Hooptime, incursions, orienteering, 3/4 Camp, working bees, the list goes on. The huge number of events happening in a school is always a constant and we are so grateful for the number of volunteers who offer their time to support our very busy school life. Recent volunteers have replaced plants at our flag poles, installed our community library, and graded the car park. This work literally saves the school thousands of dollars and on behalf of everyone at school, thank you to all those who put in the time and effort for our school.

Last week our incredible Indonesian Captains, organised and ran a second fundraiser for the year to support our sponsor child. It was a great success and the final total will be shared at assembly this week. In HEROES, the students have learning about local endangered species. This has sparked a honey joy drive to raise much needed funded for the helmeted honey eater. Keep a look out for the flyers around the school.

Works are going steadily on the refurbishment of our toilet block. The internals have been stripped back to frame, plumbing has been fitted out and the insulation and cement sheet plaster is being hung as we speak. We are working closely with the Department regarding our portable toilets and the upkeep of them. It has been challenging for our students and community and we hope to be able to use our new refurbished toilets by the end of this year.

Walking around the school grounds I have noticed the amount of litter in our yard is increasing. Our staff will continue to remind the students not to take any litter outside when the eating time bell goes. Where possible, we encourage families to minimise the packaging that is going into lunch each day and aim for nude food in lunch boxes.

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Curriculum Day

*Monday 6th
November*

*Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday*

*Tuesday 7th
November*

Our School Review was completed in Term 3. Schools are reviewed every 4 years to celebrate what has been achieved, reviewed progress and set new targets for the following review period. It was a proud moment to take the time to look back over the last 4 years and acknowledge the hard work of our students, parents, and teachers. We were all required to be flexible, pivot out unknown challenges and situations, whilst remaining positive. As a result, our school achieved outstanding academic and wellbeing results during this time. Our School Review report has now been published and will be tabling it at our next school council meeting.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) / a category 3 school. Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district.**

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day. Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. During this term, we will be conducting evacuation drills to our 2 evacuation points, top basketball court and our shelter in place building (Prep and Grade 2).

With a busy end to the year, please ensure the important dates from our weekly news, newsletter and Compass posts are marked in your calendar.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey
Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

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) :**
<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>

Diary Dates

- Monday 30th October - Wednesday 1st November - YMCA Discovery Camp Gr 3/4
- Tuesday 31st October - Prep Transition Session 9:15-10:15am 'Number Patterns'
- Wednesday 1st November - Helmeted Honeyeater Talk
- Friday 3rd November - Jr Sports Day Gr P-2
- Monday 6th November - Curriculum Day No Students At School
- Tuesday 7th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Friday 10th November - Summer Sport Day Gr 5/6
- Sunday 12th November - Working Bee #9
- Monday 13th - Tuesday 14th November - Camp Gundiwindi Grade 2
- Monday 13th November - African Drumming Incursion Gr 3/4
- Tuesday 14th November - Prep Transition Session 9:15-10:15am 'Awesome Art'
- Tuesday 21st November - Lunch Orders Due At Mr K's. Delivery Thursday.
- School Council
- Thursday 23rd November - Year 7 Transition Session (Online) Lilydale High and Lilydale Heights 2:00 – 2:45pm Selected Gr 6 Students
- Friday 24th November - Free Dress Animal Theme Friends Of The Leadbeater's Possum Gold Coin Donation
- Tuesday 5th December - Lunch Orders Due At Mr K's. Delivery Thursday.
- Prep Transition Session 9:15-11:00am 'Get To Know Your Buddy, Class & Teacher'
- Family Christmas Night
- Friday 8th December - Surf Day #1 Gr 5/6
- Monday 11th December - Surf Day #2 Gr 5/6
- School Council
- Tuesday 19th December - Grade 6 Graduation York on Lilydale 5:30pm—9:30pm
- Wednesday 20th December - Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Dismissal

2024 Prep Transition Dates

- ♦ **2024 Prep Transition Dates** : We will be holding our 2024 Prep Transition sessions during Term 4 on the following dates :
Tuesday 31st October 9:15-10:15am 'Number Patterns'
Tuesday 14th November 9:15-10:15am 'Awesome Art'
Tuesday 5th December 9:15-11:00am 'Get To Know Your Buddy, Class & Teacher'
Please mark these dates in your diary.

Working Bee #9 Sunday 12th November 9am-12pm

- ♦ Families rostered on : Leigh Hallett (School Council), Barnard, Best, Bombinski, Di Pietro, Ghaffari, Hadland, Hibgame, Jamieson, Jowitt, Kinsmore, Lampkin, Linley, McKeown, Munro, Norris-O'Donnell, Panetta, Roberts (Lucy), Robinson, Rowe, Tanner, Todd, Wallis, Watson, Winfield and Yong. Please read the "Volunteer Induction Handbook" (see Useful Links)

CSEF - Camps, Sport & Excursion Fund

- ◆ **2024 CSEF Application Forms** : Forms are now available from the office foyer.

Points of Interest to note:

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024** (and 15 April 2024 for new card holders not eligible on the earlier date).

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or
- on the first day of Term two.

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR Be a temporary foster parent, and; Submit an application to the school by the due date.

CSEF payment amount : 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: \$150.00 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.

Please return completed forms together with a copy of eligible cards by 15th February 2024.

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.

Sun Smart

Hats are to be worn outside for terms 1 & 4 as part of our Sun Smart Policy.



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.

