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Newsletter - 2023

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*Family Christmas
Night
Tonight
Picnic 5:30pm
Concert 6:00pm*

*Last Day
Term 4*

*Wednesday 20th
December 2023
1:30pm Dismissal*

*Student's
First Day
Tuesday 30th
January 2024*

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Is there anyone else who is asking how we are in December and the school year has a little over 2 weeks to go? 2023 seems to have flown by with so many highlights to be celebrated.

We commenced the year with 38 Prep students and 15 grades. The Harvest Market was again a success, and as a community we raised \$36,000. Amazing! Profits went into the construction of our amazing shelter over the assembly area. Good things come to those who wait, and oh have we waited. Finally after 3 years of discussions and negotiations our shelter is finally up. Without the community support that goes into our Harvest Market and the support from the Wandin Seville Community Bendigo Bank, we would still be waiting.

Our annual student learning outcome goals, which we have successfully met or exceeded. NAPLAN results continue to validate our improvement efforts and it is worth mentioning that in Year 3 73% achieved in the Strong and Exceeding proficiency for Reading, 95% in Writing, 73% in Spelling, 76% in Numeracy. All of our Year 3 results exceeded State outcomes. Year 5 NAPLAN 82% achieved in the Strong and Exceeding proficiency for Reading, 83% in Writing, 82% in Spelling, 78% in Numeracy and 71% in Grammar and Punctuation. All of our Year 5 results exceeded State outcomes also. All of our outcomes are a huge validation and strong indicator that our school is high performing with teacher practice having a wonderful impact.

2023 saw the beginning of our sustainability HEROES program. I am extremely grateful for the foresight and planning of Mrs Attrill. Mrs Attrill has put a powerful effort in to get our wonderful program off the ground. Our students have strengthened their knowledge on biodiversity, our local endangered species, cooking techniques, composting and worm farming. We now have chickens, a great veggie garden, an orchard and even a Victorian Schools Garden Award. Our students have loved HEROES and we can't wait to see what 2024 has installed.

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The Twilight Sports was a success and our new House and School Captains led the four houses, Wellington, Sebire, Victoria and Bailey through fun activities. It is great seeing the older students taking care of and guiding our new preps which introduces them to what we refer to as 'The Wandin North Way.' We kept our kids moving with interschool sports, surfing, snow skiing, orienteering, cross country, athletics, hoop time basketball, fitness laps and the introduction of new sports through the Sporting Schools Program. Many of our students achieved regional levels of competition and represented Wandin North proudly.

I annually mention the generosity of our families for their time and commitment and this year is no exception. Picnic Hill Reserve Bushwalks, Basketball, Harvest Market, Mothers & Father's Day stalls, camping programs, excursions overnight sleepovers, are a few examples. Our volunteers go above and beyond our expectations and contribute to the wonderful culture we have at Wandin North.

Thank you to all School Council members who have continued to support all of the school community through their commitment to council meetings, organisation and coordination of working bees and their interest in making Wandin North Primary School the best it can be now and into the future. The School Council has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is future planning in the areas of infrastructure, policy and budgets.

In 2023 we farewell Ms Wilcox who is now in the substantive role as Assistant Principal and Warranwood Primary School and wish her the very best in her leadership journey. Our staff for 2023 are; Mrs McArdle, Mr Langley, Mrs Abbruzzese, Ms Burrows, Mrs Salvitti, Ms Johnson, Mr Syme, Mrs Grisold, Ms Bell, Ms Hoehne, Ms Rankin, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Eisele, Ms Woodlock, Ms Dekoning, Mrs Attrill, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Smith and Mrs Flowers. Education Support staff are Lachlan Gibbons, Cristina Kennedy, Robin Miller, Michelle Franken and Alyce Clements. Office staff, whom you probably speak to the most often are, Lyn O'Regan and Rachael Edwards.

We look forward to hosting a family picnic this year on the oval. There are no ticket limitations (there are no tickets!) and all families need to bring is a picnic rug or chair and dinner. We will have 2 areas, the closest area will be picnic rugs and the out ring will be for chairs. We will have sausages and drinks available on the night. All of the grades have been busy rehearsing their Christmas song and Santa will be making an appearance at the end of the night. This event is alcohol, smoke, vape and pet free.

On behalf of our school staff, I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support and wish everyone a safe, happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bailey

Principal - Wandin North Primary School.

Holy Fools Christmas Hampers

This year we are support Holy Fools with their food drive for their Christmas Hampers. For the last 2 years we have come together as a community to help those in need. The Holy Fools purple bin is in the office foyer. Thank you to the families who have donated thus far.

End Of Year Celebration

To celebrate the end of the year, we will be holding a Colour Run on the last day of school. This is not a fundraising event, it will be held from 12:00pm to 1:15pm weather permitted, with students being dismissed from school at 1:30pm. Children who would like to participate in the run will be required to have a plain white T- shirt that will be sprayed with colour. The run will be on our oval/fitness track with several obstacles for the students to navigate. We hope it will be a fun way to finish what has been another big year.

2023 End Of Year Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
4/12	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	
	Lunch Order Week		South East Melbourne Phoenix Visit 5/6 Students	Surf Trip 5/6 Selected Classes	
	2024 Prep Transition				
	Christmas Concert				
11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12	15/12	
Surf Trip 5/6 Selected Classes	State Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition Day				
	Meet the Teacher 2024				
	Back Up Date Christmas Concert				
18/12	19/12	20/12			
End of Year Awards Assembly	Grade 6 Graduation	Colour Run Celebration			
Class Parties		Last day of Term 1:30pm Dismissal			

Diary Dates 2024 :

- Monday 29th January - Staff Resume
- Tuesday 30th January - All Students Resume
- Wednesday 31st January - No Prep Students
- Wednesday 7th February - No Prep Students
- Wednesday 14th February - No Prep Students
- Wednesday 21st February - No Prep Students
- Wednesday 28th February - No Prep Students

Sun Smart

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

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>