



WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Wominjeka, Welcome. It has been an action-packed start to 2024. Our new Prep students have simply been amazing. They are very settled, demonstrating a growth mindset and engaging in all tasks and bouncing forward from setbacks. Our Grade 6 buddies have been outstanding! They have been patient, caring and supportive out in the yard when helping our new Preps navigate the transition to primary school. Thank you to the parents who have trusted us to care for anyone who is upset at the beginning of the day. A quick hug, saying bye and walking away will always be harder for you as you cannot see how quickly (usually within seconds of being distracted), a child is smiling and joining their grade.

Meet and Greet

We look forward to meeting parents/guardians at this week's Meet and Greet. It is a lovely opportunity to make connections with your child's new teacher and share important information which may impact readiness to learn. If families are unable to attend but would like to speak to their class teacher, please email for class teacher via Compass to arrange a time.

Congratulations

At the end of the last year, Wandin North Primary School was recognised for outstanding achievement in NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5. We were identified in the Top 5 school in the Outer East area which includes Yarra Valley, Maroondah, Knox, and Mount Dandenong networks. We are so proud of our students for aiming high and demonstrating a growth mindset when faced with challenges.

Paul Bailey ~ Principal



Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th February
No Prep Students

Thursday 8th February
Meet & Greet 3:45-8:00pm

Sunday 11th February
Working Bee #1

Wednesday 14th February
No Prep Students

Tuesday 20th February
School Council

Wednesday 21st February
No Prep Students

Friday 23rd February
Free Dress Harvest
Theme - Filled Jar Donation

Wednesday 28th February
No Prep Students

Tuesday 5th March
Twilight Sports 4:30pm

Wednesday 6th March
No Prep Students

Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Saturday 16th March
Working Bee #2

Harvest Market Set Up
12:00pm onwards

Sunday 17th March
Harvest Market

A Community of Learners, Achieving Together

Working Bee #1

Sunday 11th February
9:00am - 11:00am

School Council :
Megan Gibbons

Families :

Armstrong (Cody)
Bayliss
Broda
Daniels
Dillema (Keira)
Ellemans (Hannah)
Field
Fox
Goodchild
Gale
Graham (Milla)
Henderson
Holmes
Kleeman
Langford
Leary
Morton
Nolder
Richards (Rubi)
Riseborough
Robnik
Simon
St Clair
Williams

WANDIN NORTH
HARVEST
MARKET
17TH MARCH 2024
9AM - 2PM
FREE ENTRY
STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
QUALITY CRAFT
HOT AND COLD FOOD
RAFFLES
LIVE AUCTION
FRESH PRODUCE
KIDS ACTIVITIES
SILENT AUCTION
PHONE 59 644 570

Harvest Market

We are very grateful each year to the families at Wandin North who generously donate their time, goods and services to our annual Harvest Market. Last year we raised \$38,000 profit which assisted with the installation of our new shelter over the assembly area. Our goal in 2024 is to use the Harvest Market profits to resurface the assembly area. **We have listed all school families** in our roster this year however like all processes it is not flawless and there is no doubt we have forgotten someone or put someone in a time slot they may not be able to fill. We will be sending out an updated roster next week. We ask that families check the roster for your names/times ASAP and **only if you are unable to support us at the allotted time, contact the office via email –** Wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to advise us of any changes which need to be made. We truly appreciate your support. We will be holding a Harvest Market meeting in the coming weeks, stay for Compass updates.



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Wandin North will be continuing teaching **The Resilience Project's (TRP)** wellbeing curriculum in 2024. It is a fantastic program that seeks to teach positive mental health strategies to help our kids become happier, and be equipped for resilience and good mental health outcomes throughout their life.

Students are engaged in activities and videos to develop the key principles of: **Gratitude**, **Mindfulness** and **Empathy** (or GEM) as well as developing **Emotional Literacy** to understand and express themselves confidently.

Throughout 2024 we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our **school community**.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community. Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude**, **Empathy** & **Mindfulness**. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers. This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here:

Part 1: Meet Martin and learn about The Resilience Project

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

We will be in touch fortnightly to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).



Respectful Relationships



On Friday, our School Captains revealed the new Wandin North Student Pledge. This pledge is a demonstration of our school's commitment to Respectful Relationships and was co-constructed in 2023 with Mr. Langley and the Junior School Council. The key message of the pledge was driven by the students, understanding the expectations our school community has of each other at Wandin North and aligning it with our school values.

Students will be completing the Respectful Relationships curriculum content in Terms 1-3 as part of the Resilience Project and then resuming Topics 7 & 8 in Term 4.

All the content can be accessed via the link below.

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePackage/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

