



WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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## *From the Principal*

Wominjeka, Welcome.

It was an absolute pleasure to see all the student's expressions and reactions to commencing school last week. We welcomed 54 new Foundation students on Thursday. I can appreciate the roller coaster of emotions our new families felt on the first drop off. It always takes a few weeks for all children to settle back into our school routine so expect a variety of emotions and tiredness over the coming weeks. 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. Whilst out in the yard, I have noticed our Grade 6 Buddies setting up friendships, helping students on the monkey bars and in the sand play space and working together to build cubbies. 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.

I have been regularly visiting all grades and it is always reassuring at how settled and calm our children are. Before students commenced school, all staff attended a curriculum day which focused on our whole school agreements, behaviour management, our goals and targets in addition to personal goals.



Paul Bailey ~ Principal

## *Diary Dates*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

No Preps

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Working Bee #1 9:00am — 11:00am

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Lunch Orders Due At Wandin Bakery

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

No Preps

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Lunch Orders Delivered

Meet & Greet Night

3:40pm—8:00pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

School Council

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

No Preps

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

No Preps

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Free Dress Harvest Theme

Badge Presentation

3:00pm

Twilight Sports 5:30pm—

7:30pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

No Preps

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Labour Day Public Holiday

*A Community of Learners, Achieving Together*



## *Working Bee #1*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**

**School Council :**  
Megan Gibbons

### **Families :**

Armstrong (Patrick)  
Bayliss  
Broda  
Cronkshaw (Lexi)  
Daniels  
Dillema (Keira)  
Ellemans (Hannah)  
Field  
Fox  
Fraser  
Goodchild  
Hobden  
Holmes  
Kleeman  
Langford  
Leary  
Morton  
Porter  
Richards (Rubi)  
Riseborough  
Robnik  
Simon  
Smith (Remi)  
St Clair  
Williams



### **SunSmart Hats**

It is an expectation all students have a Wandin North PS sunsmart hat. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play on the Prep decking at lunch time and attend lunch club at recess.

### **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.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

We have started our Parent Information sessions this week with our Grade 3/4 session occurring yesterday. The aim of these sessions is to provide parents with a snapshot of the year ahead. The teachers will sharing key dates, whole school expectations and ways you can support your child at home with their learning and wellbeing. Teaching teams will be sending out the presentation via Compass after the session has been conducted. We encourage all parents to attend.



### **Meet and Greet**

We look forward to meeting parents/guardians next week at our 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. Meet and Greet bookings are available via Compass.



## *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 \$37,000 profit which assisted with the resurfacing of our assembly area to make it more safe and more engaging for the students. Our goal in 2025 is to use the Harvest Market profits to resurface the top basketball court.

**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](mailto:Wandin.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)** to advise us of any changes which need to be made.

We are still on the lookout for stall coordinators for Mystery Bottles, BBQ, Chips & Nuggets & Pork Rolls. We truly appreciate your support. We will be holding a Harvest Market meeting in the coming weeks, stay tuned for Compass updates.

## *Lunch Orders - Commencing Next Week*

Weekly lunch orders are supplied by the Wandin Bakery. Lunch Order Day will be each **Thursday** of the school term.

Order forms and ordering instructions can be found at the noticeboard near the school office..

Wandin Bakery will have a drop box on the counter for parents/students to do a quick drop off - lunch order form and correct money must be in a zip lock bag or a sealed envelope. You also have the option of paying by card, or wait for the staff to serve you if you don't have correct change.

**Lunch orders must be in by 10am on the Tuesday of each week.**

To go inside with the Wandin North's sustainability program Tomato Sauce and Soy sauce will be supplied to the school for students to use.

The juice boxes or water bottles can also be recycled in the recycle bins located in the school office building, as these are apart of the 10cent recycling project.

We thank Wandin Bakery for the opportunity to work with them, and the school is grateful to be supporting a local business.

Any queries you can call the bakery 59644734.

## *School Council Nominations*

Ever wanted to see the behind scenes working of Wandin North Primary School? Well, here's your chance! Our School Council is on the lookout for proactive, passionate, creative, and curious individuals to help shape the future of our school.

Nominations for the 2025 School Council open on **Tuesday of Week 2, Term 1 (04/02)** –Whether you're a numbers person, a policy enthusiast, or just someone who loves seeing kids thrive, we'd love to have you on board.

### **What's in it for you?**

- **Insight:** Learn what actually goes on behind the scenes.
  - **Impact:** Make decisions that genuinely improve the school experience for all our kids.
- Networking:** Meet other amazing parents and staff while understanding the finer points of school policy.

Our School Council meet on the third Tuesday of every month, starting at 6pm. Our meetings take place in the staffroom and usually take an hour. Our student leadership present at our meetings and it is great to hear their insight and what areas of the school they would like to improve. Let's make 2025 an unforgettable year for Wandin North Primary. Together, we can achieve amazing things.

Nomination forms are in the office. If more nominations are received than places available, a vote will take place. Nominations close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

