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# WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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# From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Our Preps celebrated 100 days of school this week. A huge thank you to the parents and extended family members who attended the celebration. It was fabulous! The Preps looked incredible as 100-year-olds whilst Mrs Eisele, Ms Woodlock, Mrs Sansom and Ms Burnage were very convincing elderly characters. The children had so much fun completing activities such as counting to 100, icing biscuits with 100 decorations, making marvellous crowns and enjoying class parties.







Paul Bailey ~ Principal

# **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 7th August -**Lego Land Excursion Gr 1/2

Sunay 17th August - Working Bee #6

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August - Book Week

Monday 18th August -Hooptime Selected 5/6 Students

Tuesday 19th August -Online Parent Session: Thinking Trap 5:00pm School Council 6:00pm

Wednesday 20th August - Clarke's Ice Cream

Gr 1 Sleepover Parent Information Session 3:40pm

Thursday 21st August -Book Author Visit

Friday 22nd August -Fee Dress Book Character

Thursday 28th August -Gr 1 Sleepover 5:00pm

Wednesday 3rd
September - Healesville
Sanctuary Excursion Preps
IMAX Excursion Gr 5/6

**Sunday 14th September -** Working Bee #7

Throughout the month of August, we will be celebrating Book Week. It starts this week, with a design a book cover competition. The title of the book cover is 'Book an Adventure' and the rest is up to you and your imagination. Book cover templates are available in the office or from your child's classroom teacher. Kids Council will be selecting the finalists. The finalists will be on display in the Office during Book Week for the whole school to vote.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, students from Grades Prep to Grade 4 will be tuning into an online incursion with different authors, On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> August we will be having a visit from Clarke's Ice Cream. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August we welcome author Jess Racklyeft and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> we finish off the week with a Book Character themed dress day.



I met with the school's leadership team last week to summarise how we are tracking towards the expected Literacy and Numeracy targets, and I am very pleased to inform our school community that we are achieving outstanding results. Our students at Wandin North aim high and set high expectations for themselves and others. One of the very important areas we discuss is student goal setting and developing a growth mindset, which assist children to understand that something worthwhile will take effort, persistence and resilience. We empower our students to be resourceful and independent learners who can use multiple strategies to problem solve. Our 2025 NAPLAN results reflect this. Our students have achieved outstanding results. We have outperformed State and Similar schools in the percentage of students who have achieved in Exceeding and Strong proficiency across all areas in Grade 3 and Grade 5.

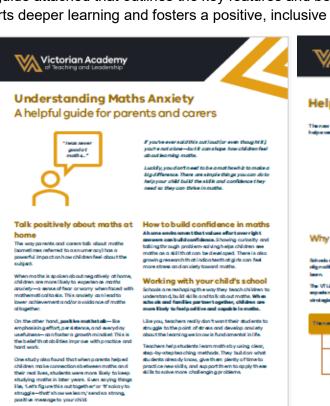
Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend 3-way conferences. It is so important to see and hear the successful learning that is taking place and share how children are achieving their personal goals. If any parent missed their conference, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make a time.

We're excited to share with you that throughout the year our teaching team has been learning about and implementing the **VTLM 2.0 – the updated Victorian Teaching and Learning Model**. This renewed framework from the Department of Education is designed to further enhance the way we plan, teach, and support your child's learning, with a stronger focus on evidence-based practices and student engagement.

To help you understand more about VTLM 2.0 and what it means for your child's classroom experience, there's a helpful guide attached that outlines the key features and benefits. It's a great way to see how this model supports deeper learning and fosters a positive, inclusive environment for every student.

If you're curious or would like to discuss how VTLM 2.0 is shaping teaching and learning at our school, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your child's classroom teacher or a member of the school team would be more than happy to speak with you.

Our next curriculum day will be on Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be working through the VTLM 2.0 model to produce our own teaching and learning model that aligns with the current research.









Our grade 4 students had a wonderful time at their ski trip last Thursday.







In light of recent media reports, it's important that we remain vigilant about our processes for working with children checks for all volunteers and visitors. Please ensure that when visiting or volunteering in our school, come to the office first to sign in at the Compass Kiosk. provide a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) before assisting in classrooms or with any activities.

To help our students feel safe, all visitor and volunteers are reminded to that approved visitors always wear a Wandin North lanyard or visitor sticker. Following these procedures is essential to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for everyone. For more details, please refer to our Visitor and Volunteer Policy available on the school website.

# 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.



Thank you to Teresa Salvitti and the Armstrong (Harper), Charles, Douglas, Elias, Murphy, Pearson (Ryan), Walton, & Wilson families for attending the July working bee. Here are our new picnic tables that were assembled.







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## Brrr, winter has arrived!

It's the perfect time to check in on our wellbeing and stay connected as a school community. So, grab a warm drink and settle in with the latest **Wellbeing Newsletter**.

A gentle reminder that there are many *free counselling services* available to both students and families. If you or your family need support, or if you'd like help accessing services, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

# Term 3 Workshop: Tuesday 19th August

We are thrilled to have the team from *Education Toolkit* joining us at Wandin North to share their incredible insights and practical strategies. This upcoming workshop will focus on **emotional regulation**—an essential skill for both children and adults.

# Workshop Details:

- ☐ Tuesday 19th August
- ☐ 5:00–6:00pm
- $\Box$  Online Session ( link will be sent closer to the date)

This interactive session is designed to help families and educators create a calm, supportive environment at home.

# **Emotional Regulation: Supporting Big Feelings**

Big feelings are a normal part of every child's

development. But knowing how to manage those emotions—especially in the heat of the moment—can be challenging. This workshop will explore:

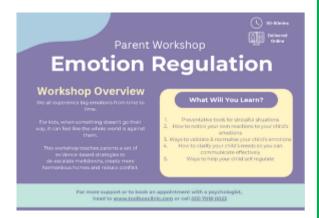
- How to recognise emotional triggers
- Strategies to regulate your own emotions
- How to support children through their emotional moments

Ways to foster a more peaceful and connected home or classroom

We highly encourage all **Wandin North families** to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, share, and grow together.

If you or anyone you know needs help or support, please reach out!

Teresa Salvitti — Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



# What's On Wellbeing

August 2025



## What is Mindfulness?

# RESILIENCE PROJECT.

**Mindfulness** is the ability to pay attention to what is happening right now. Living in the moment and not letting our minds get caught up in worries or moments that have already happened or could be happen-

ing in the future. It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than be reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection. **Mindfulness** is such an important skill for our students to begin working with to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes through school and into adulthood. **Mindfulness** improves many aspects of student wellbeing such as:



Being able to reduce stress and anxiety by developing healthy mindfulness breathing and cognitive strategies

Improve focus and concentration by practising techniques to keep our mind on the present moment and responding to the now

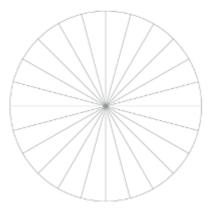
Improve emotional regulation by being able to tune into feelings and our bodies responses and consider how best to support emotions in tricky situations

Enhance self awareness and improve in turn, compassion and resilience and support relationship building by improving communication skills, considering others perspectives and being attuned to our current feelings

### HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

Life can get extremely busy and **finding time for mindfulness practice can be quite tricky**. With the busyness of life and the large amount of time people are on their devices this can make it even more difficult. Take a few minutes to **do an audit of how you spend your time**.

The pie chart below is broken up into 24 segments and each segment represents one hour of your day. What does a typical day look like for you? Colour in hours of the pie chart to represent how you spend your time each day.







- · Are you happy with how you spend your time?
- · How much time do you spend on devices?
- Is there something you could change?

It might be worth doing this with your children using this template and discuss how much time is being spent on screens or using devices. Talk about what could be done to decrease screen time, what mindfulness activities could your children do?

# Respectful Relationships







## Consent and Respectful Relationships at Wandin North Primary School

At Wandin North Primary School, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of every student. As part of our whole-school approach—delivered alongside *The Resilience Project*—all students take part in **mandated Consent and Respectful Relationships education**.

This learning begins in the early years with simple, age-appropriate concepts such as body boundaries, personal space and the importance of saying and respecting "no". As students grow, lessons expand to include digital consent, peer pressure, and healthy communication.

Teaching consent is not a one-off lesson—it's a vital part of helping students build respectful, safe relationships throughout their lives.

Explicit teaching of Respectful Relationships Topics 7 & 8 begin in Term 4.



# What's On in Prep

August 2025

# Welcome Back to Term 3!

We're so happy to see everyone back and ready for another fun-filled Term. We've already kicked things off with a big celebration, **100 Days of School!** The kids had a great time marking this special milestone and reflecting on all the amazing things they've learned so far.

It's hard to believe just how much they've grown in 100 days! From learning letters and sounds to counting, writing, and exploring the world around them, they've come such a long way! It was lovely to see them dressed up in character and sharing the morning with their families. Thank you for the time and efforts you put into the morning, it was greatly appreciated.

We're looking forward to a fantastic Term 3 filled with even more learning, laughter, and special moments

# Literacy

This Term, the children have started exploring some important reading comprehension strategies to help them better understand what they read. We've been learning about metacognition, which means thinking about our thinking. It helps children become more aware of how they read and understand texts. We've also talked about schema, which is using what we already know to make connections with new stories and information.

Over the holidays, the children personalised their Writer's Notebooks, which we've now started using to help plan and organise ideas for their writing. It's been so exciting to see them dive into their creativity! We can't wait to share some of their writing with you throughout the Term.

# Numeracy

Our Prep students have been exploring teen numbers and how to partition numbers. We've been learning that teen numbers are made up of a group of ten and some extra ones, for example, 14 is 10 and 4 more. This helps children understand place value and how numbers are built. We've also been practising partitioning, which means breaking numbers into parts e.g. splitting 8 into 5 and 3, or 6 and 2. This helps build a strong foundation for addition and subtraction.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be diving into addition and subtraction, using hands-on activities to help chil-



# Important Dates

Mon 18th -Fri 22nd August

**Book Week Celebrations** 

Friday 22nd August

Book Week Dress Up

Wednesday 3rd September Healesville Sanctuary

Friday 19th September

Last Day of Term 3

## Reminders:

Please continue to read your child's reader with them each night and record it in their yellow reading journal. Also keep practising the alphabet letters and corresponding sounds (out of order) and Magic Words as often as possible.

Any counting practise at home is a bonus and greatly benefits your child!



Teachers: Tayla Eisele, Isabella Woodlock, Steph Burnage & Jamie Sansom

# What's On in 1/2

August 2025

# I ITERACY

## We've been learning...

All about procedure texts. So far this term, students have been reading a variety of fiction and non fiction procedures. We have learnt what makes a text a procedure, as well as investigating the types of language used in a procedure.

## We've been reading...

If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed by Denise Vega



## We've been writing...

The lucky 1/2's have been in the kitchen to begin Term 3, making all sorts of delicious treats, from Pizza Wraps to Milkshakes. Biscuits and even Fairv Bread! We have been following and creating instructions to get our creative ideas flowing.



# NUMERACY

## We've been learning...

In our first week of term we have looked at number lines. Students have found the missing value on a number line, even those tricky ones that don't start at zero! We have built on our knowledge this week by using number lines to complete addition equations.

Check out some of our work!

# Inquiry / The resilience project

This term students have begun our Science unit! So far we have talked about what science is, and how we use it in our everyday lives. We will be conducting experiments this term to investigate the reactions caused by mixing two or more different materials.

We are so excited to be venturing to Lego Land to explore how different materials move, and what makes them go!



# **Upcoming Dates: AUGUST**

complete nightly reading.

REMINDERS

Thurs 7th—Lego Land excursion Mon 18th—Book week incursion Wed 20th—Ice Cream Van Thurs 21st—Author Visit Fri 22nd—Book Week Dress Up Day Thurs 28th—Grade 1 Sleepover

Students have recently tested their retention

next set. Once your child passes their reten-

tion set/s, they will commence Magic words again. Please chat to your child's teacher if

you have any questions about this process

Students should change their take home

reader/good fit books each day at school to

and we would be happy to help.

pass each set at 100% to move on to their

of their Magic Words. Students need to



Teachers: Kiera Rankin, Carly Bell & Emma Hoehne

# What's On in 3/4

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# Welcome to Edition 5, 2025 in 3/4!

Hopefully everyone had a lovely break. School is back in full swing. With so much to look forward to this Term it is hard to imagine how we are going to fit everything into this shorter 9 week term. Students have been reminded of the; expectations at school. In the classroom, specialists and in the yard. Perhaps you could have a chat about what these are with your child/ren?

# Literacy

We have dived deep into our new mentor text. Knowledge Encyclopedia- Earth! This book covers everything you need to know about Earth in glorious technicolour

detail alongside easy explanations and fun facts to spark young minds to find out everything about our planet and how it works. So far we have analysed and



solved the author's word choice, making inferences using the text, graphics and our schema, and next we are summarizing this and other non-fiction texts.

Writing—students are busy publishing information reports. They have explored some creative topics.

## Numeracy

Solving Worded problems using RUCSAC has been on the agenda for the weeks 1 and 2. Focusing on identifying key words, using the right operation and solving with efficient strategies.

Next...Shape!! Our mathematicians will be classifying, understanding the features and lines of shapes. Looking at compound shapes and enjoying lots of hands on activities. Being precise when drawing and understanding shapes is extremely important. Lines of symmetry, rotational symmetry, angles and congruent shapes are going to fill the amazing brains of our legendary learners this week. And of course we tackle problem solving in groups every week. It is great seeing the kids work together to come up with lots of different solutions.



# Integrated

Our amazing topic this term is OUR HOME; EARTH!. This unit will see students investigate the Earth's rotation and the impacts this has on the Earth (climate/weather). Understanding the impact of human and natural activities on the Earth's surface. Investigating life cycles and the dependence of living things on their environment. Engagement levels are already HIGH!!

Teachers: Kirsten Burrows, Georgia DeKoning, Natalie Johnson & Kristy Kennedy

# What's On in 5/6

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# Reading

In Reading, the students have been exposed to two new mentor texts. Both texts are scientific reports and we have been learning to explain the purpose of the report, along with identifying the key information or sections. The students have been enjoying learning new and interesting facts regarding the effects of fungi on insects and how certain chemicals within sunscreen is making our corals reefs sick.



# Writing

In Writing, students have been delving into the structure and parts of a scientific report, including what needs to be included in each section. To be able to put their learning into practice, the students have been conducting experiments to investigate a question. These experiments included investigating the effect different liquids had on apple slices turning brown, when exposed to air, as well as the effect osmosis has in gummy bears with different liquids. The students are currently working on planning their own investigation to write as a scientific report.



# Winter Sports

Students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Winter Sport Day. This day saw our students choose a sport to play including netball, volley ball, soccer, football and tee ball against other schools within our area. This was such a successful day, filled with fun, laughter, sportsmanship and lots of physical activity! We are so proud of how all the students conducted themselves, displaying the Wandin North values out within our community. Congratulations to everyone for their outstanding participation on the day and also to the Wallabies netball team and volley stars Eagles, who won their grand finals!

## **Maths**

Students have been learning all about BIDMAS. Including what the acronym stands for and how it is applied to an array of equations. Students then displayed this learnt knowledge, within their first portfolio task for Term 3!

We are now delving into worded problems, unpacking them using RUCSAC. This method, supports students to be able to understand a worded question and the steps needed in order to solve the equation.



Teachers: Mrs Kemp, Mrs Grisold, Mr Langley & Mrs Cooper

# What's On in HEROES

August 2025

# **National Tree Day 2025**

I hope you had a wonderful school holidays with your children and you got to spend some time outdoors in nature.

To start this term we have been learning all about trees as part of National Tree Day celebrations. Our junior classes spent time studying our trees and looking for life within them. We picked the best trees to install our habitat boxes in and where we think our rope bridges should go. Our senior grades went on adventure to the Little Stringybark Creek along Victoria road. We planted 2000 plants over 2 days!!!!! It was a huge success and we are very grateful to the Yarra Ranges Council for inviting us along.



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# HELP NEEDED— In exchange for a working bee!

Are you handy? Our grade 5/6 students made 16 nest boxes which need to be installed in our school trees.

However, we need a piece of hardwood screwed onto the back of each one so that they can be installed. I don't imagine this will take long at all. They don't need to look pretty, just be stable and secure for them to be mounted.

If you would be interested in volunteering yourself for this job, please email me at:

laura.attrill@education.vic.gov.au



## Farewell Roosters!

Our school roosters are happily moved into their new home at Miss Rankin's house. Please welcome our newest additions.



## **THANK YOU**

The Linley Family have been cashing in our 10c containers for us this year. Last time they went they earnt us \$80 which goes directly into the 'cooking week' budget.

PLEASE bring your 10c containers to school and place them in the green cupboard on the HERE-OES deck and we can earn even more!!!!



Teacher: Laura Attrill

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# What's On in Global Studies

# Global Studies

Welcome back to Term 3! The year is flying by and we have had some busy, fun-filled weeks in Global Studies! We are continuing our 'Continents Journey', with this term exploring South America, North America, Australia and Oceania and Asia. We began the term creating delicious pizzas to learn about the traditional Italian cuisine! The students helped to spread the sauce and add the ingredients of their choice! They looked and tasted delicious!

# **Important Dates in** August

August 9th – International Day of the World's Indigenous People's

August 12th – International Youth

August 18th-22nd- Book Week



The students enjoyed learning all about Brazil on the continent 'South America'. The Prep and Grade 1/2 students loved learning to dance the Samba! There were some impressive dance moves on show!

Our 3-6 students have been busy working to create a digital design of a topic about Brazil. Some topics are- sport, traditional food, landmarks, celebrations etc. Students have printed their page and collated into a book.

Teachers: Steph Clarke & Donna Bucklow

# What's On in ART

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# Portraiture - Drawing

This Term in Art, our young artists are discovering the world of **Portraiture** through **drawing.** As we explore many different portrait artists from today and the past, students will explore different styles and techniques to portray emotions. We are looking forward to seeing their drawing skills develop!

**Prep** Students jumped into our Drawing unit with great enthusiasm. They have loved creating their first Self-Portrait, using shape and colour. They were so proud of their piece!

Grade 1 & 2 Students have enjoyed learning about Portraiture and investigated shape, colour and facial features. They finished their first Self-Portrait using their school photo as a reference.





**Grade 3/4** Students have begun lessons with a warm-up drawing, to help develop their drawing skills. They planned and created a side-profile Self-Portrait, illustrated with objects and symbols that are meaningful to them.

**Grade 5/6** Students explored portrait artists and facial proportions. They also planned and created a side-profile Self-Portrait, illustrated with objects and symbols

that are meaningful to them.





<u>Upcoming Dates</u> Book Week—Illustrator Visit Thursday 21st August <u>Reminders</u>

Art pieces are filling up our office area and Art Room. Please come and have a look at our artists wonderful work!

CLUB

Every Wednesday at Recess in the Art Room. Everyone welcome!

Melanie Smith & Kaitlin Saynor



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# **WANDIN NORTH PS TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE**

PLAY

THURSDAYS | WANDIN PS OVAL AUGUST 21st - SEPTEMBER 18th

3:45 - 4:45pm

CONTACT MAT.WATERS@AFL.COM.AU
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