



WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Wominjeka, Welcome.

We welcomed 51 new Prep students last week and they have simply been amazing! They are very settled and honestly look like they have been at school for a Term, as they are listening so well and beginning to master the routines of school. Our Grade 6 buddies have been pivotal in supporting our Preps in the playground during play times. Our Grade 6 buddies have demonstrated fantastic leadership and negotiation skills while integrating their Prep buddies into our play spaces. 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.

We have started our Parent Information sessions this week with our Grade 5/6 session occurring yesterday. The aim of these sessions is to provide parents with a snapshot of the year ahead. The teachers will be 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.

No Hat, No Play. We have provided students and families with time to find their SunSmart school from last year or purchase a new one from LOWES in Lilydale. Aligning with our SunSmart policy, all students are required to wear a school wide brim hat in terms 1 and 4. From tomorrow (Wednesday 4th February), if students do not have their school hat at school, they will be required to play under the Prep deck.



UNIFORM AVAILABLE IN STORE



Diary Dates

- Monday 2nd February**
Gr 5/6 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- Tuesday 3rd February**
Gr 3/4 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- Wednesday 4th February**
No Preps At school
Gr 1/2 Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- Thursday 5th February**
Prep Parent Information Session 3:45pm
- Sunday 8th February**
Working Bee #1
9:00am — 11:00am
- Tuesday 10th February**
Lunch Orders Due At Wandin Bakery
- Wednesday 11th February**
No Preps At School
- Thursday 12th February**
Lunch Orders Delivered
Meet & Greet Night
3:45pm—8:00pm
- Tuesday 17th February**
School Council
- Wednesday 18th February**
No Preps At School
- Wednesday 25th February**
No Preps At School
- Friday 27th February**
Free Dress Harvest Theme
Badge Presentation 3pm TBC

Paul Bailey ~ Principal

A Community of Learners, Achieving Together



Welcome to our wonderful 2026 Prep students



Student attendance will be focus in 2026. Across the State, the average number of days absent for a student is 12. Anything below that is great and will result in students maximising the opportunities for learning both academically and socially. Anything above 12 days needs improvement. It is well proven that absenteeism can lead to a significant gap forming in academic outcomes and students not reaching their potential. Socially it is difficult to maintain friendships and of great interest is the fact that students with high absenteeism usually continue this pattern into Secondary School.

1 or 2 days ABSENT a week doesn't seem much but...			
If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years
How about 10 minutes LATE a day? Surely that won't affect my child?			
My child is only missing just	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years

Harvest Market is fast approaching and there is a lot of work occurring behind the scenes. We will be having a face-to-face meeting on Monday 9th February at 9:15am in the staffroom. We invite all parents to attend. For our Harvest Market to continue to be a success, we require support from our parent community. We are on the lookout for stall coordinators (please see below). We allocate all families on stalls for the day to help the event run smoothly and so it is not left to the same parents helping each year. The first version of the Harvest Market roster will be sent out via Compass next week.

Our Meet and Greet session will be going live on Compass tomorrow and will be occurring Thursday 12th February. Meet and greets are an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss anything which may impact your child/rens learning and ensure a successful year. 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. If families would like to arrange a time meet their child's specialist teacher, please email them via Compass to arrange a time.

Lastly, we are currently taking school tours for 2027 Preps. If you are aware of families who are thinking of sending their child to Wandin North, we would love to have them, please encourage the families to book a tour via our website or call the office.

Working Bee #1

Sunday 8th February
9:00am - 11:00am

School Council :

Megan Gibbons

Families :

Armstrong (Patrick)

Bayliss

Braun

Broda

Cronkshaw (Lexi)

Daniels

Dillema (Bodhi)

Ellemans (Hannah)

Field

Fox

Fraser

Kleeman

Langford

Leary

Macnee

Morton

Porter

Robnik

Simon

Smith (Remi)

St Clair

Williams

◆ **2026 Camps / Sports / Excursion Funds (CSEF) application forms are now available.**

The 2026 CSEF application forms are now available for eligible parents to complete. Please note it is the responsibility of the family to determine if they are a health care card holder and are eligible.

The school is not privy to any families personal financials, so are unable to contact parents / carers direct to remind them of the applications being open.

Please ensure that forms are back to the school office together with a copy of your valid health care card, ideally by **15th February 2026**, to allow adequate time for the funds to come in so they can be used on your child/ren activities, as soon as events happen in 2026.

General eligibility is as follows: The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card.

a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on Mature Minors and Decision Making.

For more CSFE details, please visit —

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

No Smoking or Vaping

Smoking & Vaping are **NOT PERMITTED**
at any time on school grounds or the
surrounding areas, including the car parks.

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.

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 2026 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 to advise us of any changes which need to be made.

We are still on the lookout for stall coordinators for Mystery Bottles, BBQ, Kid's Activities & 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 part 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 please call the bakery on 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 2026 School Council open on **Tuesday of Week 2, Term 1 (03/02/26)** – 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 2026 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 20th February.

WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL **FREE ENTRY**

HARVEST Market

9AM - 2PM **15th MARCH** **220 Warburton Hwy Wandin North 3139**

QUALITY CRAFT • FOOD AND DRINKS • RAFFLES
KIDS ACTIVITIES • LIVE & SILENT AUCTION
HOT & COLD FOOD • FRESH PRODUCE
• FREE ENTERTAINMENT

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
Call Megan Gibbons 0408 226 001