The Wantirna Whisper

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2013 School Captains - Chloe, Luke, Regan and Georgia

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Welcome back everyone – I hope you had a very enjoyable time with your children – I can’t believe how quickly the year has gone! The final term of each year is always a busy one, but also allows us to reflect on how much all our students have grown and developed, both in maturity and educational achievement.

Sporting Achievements – Our SLU students have been involved in many sporting events since our last newsletter!
* We have several students representing WPS at the Knox Division Athletics on Thursday 10th October. We wish them well and hope they enjoy the experience.
* Several SLU students joined with Knox Central students to participate in the Rugby League competition. The boys’ team won the event and will be representing WPS in the State finals. Great effort everyone!
* Last Tuesday many 5/6 students went to the Nunawading basketball stadium for the BDSSA competition. Although we didn’t win many matches, all the children had a great time. Thank you to Mr Donald, Wendy Hayes and Jenine for transporting the children.
* Summer Sport is next Friday 18 October and all SLU students will be involved.

JLU Swimming Program – The JLU swimming program commences next Wednesday and is being run differently to past years as there are new owners of the pool at Genesis. The three JLU classes will be going separately for their lessons but will overlap slightly. We would love parents to come along, especially dad’s to help with the boys in the change rooms. Notices have gone home and more information will available from your child’s teacher.

No Pay, No Go – Last term I sent a letter home to all families regarding payment for events run for the children. Unfortunately there are a significant number of parents returning permission slips, but not including the payment required. From the start of this term, as passed by School Council earlier this year, a child will not be allowed to participate if they have not paid for the event. We always endeavour to keep the cost to a minimum and aim to only cover the cost to us. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me and we can organise a payment plan.
Trivia Night — Our first Trivia Night for many years is being held on Friday 18 October in the gym. We would love to see all our parents there as it will be a fun night with lots of games, a silent auction and many prizes. Please book a table or places now! Tickets are $15 a head.

Fitness Track — The fitness track is looking fabulous and a big thank you must go to Andrew for all his hard work in completing this project. We are now looking at adding some new fitness stations around the track. If we raise enough money at the Trivia Night we may be able to purchase some this year.

iPad Information Night — We are holding an information night for our 2014 iPad program on Tuesday 22 October in the JLU building at 7pm. We will have demonstrations by both students and staff and we will be presenting the iPad App guide as well. A notice has been sent home and we ask that you let us know if you will be coming.

WPS Camping Program — Our SLU students are busily preparing for their camp to the City at the end of October and are very excited about the activities they will be participating in. Also our JLU is having their own “camp” program as an introduction to the SLU camp program. On Friday 25 October our Preps will have an extended day until about 5pm; our Year one’s will have a pizza dinner and our Year two’s are having a sleepover. This will be an exciting experience for our JLU and I hope all our children will participate.

Art work — Many of you will have noticed the new art work on the end of the main building near the art room. All this art has been produced by our SLU students and looks fantastic. Unfortunately two pieces were removed — a very cute yellow duck and a weird blue creature. Not only is it disappointing that someone would take them but it is also upsetting for the students who created them. If anyone has any knowledge of their whereabouts could they contact me please?

Prep Transition Sessions — Our 2014 Preps have experienced their first Step Into Prep session and we had 29 students attend. I met with all the parents and we talked about class structures and friendship groups. Our next session is on Friday 18 October and the children will be having a science session led by Mrs Cartwright and Miss Badrock.

Chaplaincy Survey — Each year we are asked to evaluate our Chaplaincy program by Access Ministries, who help fund the program. A Chaplaincy survey will be on our website in the next few days and I encourage everyone to fill it in, even if you have never utilised the program. The survey is very short and should only take about 5 minutes to complete.

Have you downloaded Tiqbiz yet??? — Many parents have signed up to the Tiqbiz App and many of you will have received alerts from us about various events happening at school, including our newsletter. This is a very quick way for us to also send out reminders or information, rather than using reams of paper. The App is free and can be downloaded onto your iPhone, iPad or desktop computer.

Metal2Metal Challenge — Our Metal2Metal Challenge fundraiser is starting in two weeks and all you have to do is give us all your metal rubbish. There will be a skip in the staff carpark for two weeks from October 28 – November 11 and we can put any metal rubbish in it. A flyer was sent home last term with a list of all the items that can be placed in the skip! At the end of the two weeks we will have the skip weighed and we will be given a cheque for the total weight! If we fill our skip quickly we will get a second, third, fourth one!!! So keep all your metal to one side and bring it along from October 28!

NAPLAN — Our NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) results have been received for 2013 and once again our Year 3 and 5 students have performed extremely well. Many of our students have achieved results above the national average in areas such as spelling, reading, writing and mathematics. Although this is a snapshot assessment that takes place over a few days, it is the information that families use when looking for a school for their child in Prep. Well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students and our staff for providing such a comprehensive curriculum in Literacy and Numeracy.

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Congratulations to the following students:

There were many students that received Pancake Parlour Awards for last term. Congratulations to all of them.

Our next big event is the **TRIVIA NIGHT – FRIDAY OCT 18TH**.

Have you booked your tickets? $15 a person - Tables of 8

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**Chaplain’s Chat**

We have an awesome responsibility to teach children. I loved this poem as I was bringing up my four children, it helped me to keep some perspective. Hope you like it too.

**Children Learn What They Live**

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

~author unknown

Have a really good week............. Julie Reiher
CUT CHILD CARE COSTS! CLAIM YOUR CHILDCARE REBATE STRAIGHT OFF YOUR WEEKLY OSHC FEES.

Everybody that attends OSHC is entitled to Childcare Rebate and it is not income tested. Childcare Rebate is available on all out of pocket expenses, for childcare provided by an approved Children's Service, up to the amount of $7500 per child per year. (Wantirna OSHC is an approved Childcare Service.)

Remember: That your Childcare Benefit (means tested) also comes off your weekly fees.

If you would like to book your child/ren in for care they must be fully enrolled into the program. We cannot take a booking without the enrolment form being filled in – this is a legal requirement. If you think you might need the OSHC program as a one off or even just casually you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or from OSHC.

After School Care .......... $17.00 per session
Before School Care.........$22.00 per session

To make a booking or for any further enquiries regarding OSHC please call Premila on 0405 736 870 or you can book through the school office on 9801 – 1938.

Get Safe for Summer!

Spring is here, the sun is out, and summer is just around the corner. That means holiday time, fun and games often based around water at pools, the beach, rivers and lakes. We would like to give all children at Wantirna Primary School the chance to get safe for summer by having a free swimming / water safety lesson at Kings Swim Centre in Wantirna.

At Kings we know how much fun children can have in the water, and we believe all children deserve the chance fully enjoy water activities. As part of our community support program we want to offer the students at Wantirna Primary School a free swimming lesson at a time of your choice to help build their confidence, develop their skills, and increase their water safety.

To take up this offer simply call 9800 2555, select a day and time that suits for your class, and quote the code “Wantirna Primary School safety program”. We hope this gives your whole family a head start to enjoy summer fun by the water this year.
What’s happening at Wantirna?

Dear Parents,

You are invited to:

Our 2014 iPad Information Evening

When? Tuesday 22nd October
Where? In the Junior Learning Unit Building
Time: 7:00 – 7:45

Next year Wantirna Primary School will be introducing a 1:1 iPad Program for Year 1-6 students. Come along to our 2014 iPad Information Evening and hear about the learning journey that has already begun. We will also be presenting information about the iPad App Guide.

Both students and staff will be making presentations and answering all of your questions.

REPLY SLIP

There will be ___ people attending the Parent Information Evening for the 2014 iPod Program at Wantirna PS on Tuesday 22 October.
Colin Thompson was born in London in 1942 and started to write and illustrate children’s books in 1990. He has had over 65 books published.

In March 1995 he visited Australia and then returned two weeks later to live. He is now an Australian citizen!

His favourite fruit is cherries. He is left-handed and colour-blind.

Remember, our school Library is a great place to borrow books written by Colin Thompson. It is open Monday, Thursday and Friday second-half of lunchtimes for reading and borrowing.