The Wantirna Whisper

Principal - Mrs Heather Herbury
2013 School Captains - Chloe, Luke, Regan and Georgia

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

Important - Our final assembly for 2013 will commence at 12:50pm in the JLU as we have so much to share with you!!

Classes and Teachers for 2014
The staff and class structure for next year is—
JNRB— Preps—Brogan Badrock
JNRA— Prep/1—Adriana Allard
JNRF—1/2—Katherine Faichney
SNRP - 3/4/5/6—Warwick Peluso
SNRE—3/4/5/6—Melitta Elliott
Whole School Literacy and Numeracy Support – Marcia Cartwright
Literacy and Numeracy Intervention – Cathy Jacobs
Art—Olga Megele
JNR PE and whole school Performing Arts – Lynneve Collard
Senior PE & Sport – John Donald
Chaplain—Julie Reiher
Educational Support Staff – Sue Martin, Debi Johnson, Debbie Blackhurst and Tash Hill
Office Staff – Jenine Farley and Julie Thompson (also Library Technician)
OSH – Premila Stone
The three Junior classes will be in the JLU building and the two senior classes will be in the main building. All students will visit their new rooms and meet their teachers on Thursday 18th December at 11:30am.

End of Year Finishing Time – Please note that school will finish early at 1:30pm this Friday 20th December following our final whole school assembly in the BER Junior building. As there will be no ‘lunchtime’ we encourage children to bring a large ‘snack’ to have at the day’s only break which will be at 11:00am to 11:30am.

Reports - Reports will be coming home today and will also include the 2014 booklist and 2014 class information.

Booklists and fees for 2014 - Book Selling Day is Friday 24th January from 8:30-4:30pm. There have been some minor changes to the 2014 booklist and fee structure for 2014. Fees must be paid before books can be collected from the staffroom. Uniforms will also be sold from the staffroom.

iPad Program – Our iPad Program officially begins for Years 1-6 from the start of the school year in 2014 - don’t forget to bring your iPads from 28th January!
**Classroom Cuisine** - Our lunch order company Classroom Cuisine will be offering lunch orders in 2014 now on a Monday and Friday. There will be no lunch orders now on a Wednesday. Lunch orders will start from Monday 3rd February.

**Year 6 Graduation** - Last Monday night we had our 2013 Year 6 Graduation ceremony at the Grace Church – it was a wonderful evening and a big thank you must go to the parents who organized the event. The decorations, disco and food were amazing and a lot of work went into making it such a success! Well done to all who contributed to the night.

**School Council Thank You** – I would like to thank all the parents who are on School Council as well as all the other parents who are on the committees associated with School Council—Education, OSHC, PFN, Finance and Promotions and Marketing. It is great that you are able to give up your time to support our school and all the school community appreciates your hard work.

**Staff Thank You** – A huge thank you to our wonderful staff for an excellent year’s work. Your dedication to our students and families is amazing and you have all earned a holiday and well deserved rest!

**Farewell Cheryl Roodenburg and Luke Van Leuveren** – Both of these staff members have taken up positions at other schools and we wish them all the best.

**Farewell to Ashlee and Khozema** – Who are leaving us at the end of the year – we hope you enjoy your new schools.

**Farewell to our Year 6’s** – On Friday we say goodbye to 15 Year 6 students. You have been wonderful leaders this year and a special thank you must go to our school captains—Chloe, Georgia, Regan and Luke. Our best wishes go to all of you as you start the next phase of your education.

I wish every member of our school community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you again in January!

**Heather Norbury** – Principal
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**Chaplain’s Chat**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The end of the year is here. I hope that it is well with you all, and that the school holidays are a time of fun and relaxation. A time when as families we come together, perhaps you have not seen relatives for a long time and it’s like a reunion, or you may be remembering loved ones who are no longer with you, whatever your Christmas looks like may you have peace and love mingled with Joy and Happiness. Try not to eat too much! I look forward to serving you in this community of wonderful people again next year. Please feel free to come and have a chat.

Chaplain Julie
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.

2014 Pupil Free Days

The government allocates schools four Pupil Free days a year. The first one is Tuesday January 28th, 2014 (Teachers Return to school this day). The children will be starting school on Wednesday 29th January. The other three days will be allocated to Report Writing days. We will notify you of these dates when School Council has approved them.

EMA for 2014

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) forms will be available at the office on 24th January 2014.

To be eligible to receive the EMA you must hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card which is effective on 28th January 2014. In 2014 the annual EMA amount per student is $200 for new prep students and $150 for students in years 1 – 6. The EMA is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education related costs.

School Banking in 2014

First day of school banking for 2014 will be Tuesday 4th February

In 2014 we will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens. Each reward item will continue to be ‘valued’ at 10 tokens (10 deposits). The reward program will be automated so when a child reaches 10 tokens the system will notify the school banking co-ordinator which students are eligible to redeem their tokens. So this means that all children will start the beginning of the 2014 year on zero tokens. However, you can carry over 9 or less tokens into 2014 but you must send them into school by the end of term 4 with your child’s name and grade on them in an envelope so that the banking co-ordinator can tell the CBA how many tokens need to be carried over for your child.
ABC MUSIC PROGRAM

@ WANTIRNA PS with Marianne Wright

The ABC program is a 16 week instrumental program designed to provide students with experience in many musical instruments with a qualified teacher, during school hours, without buying an instrument.

JUNIOR ABC (Prep to Gr2) enables the student to learn Piano, Keyboard, Clarinet, Junior Flute, Junior Guitar, Recorder, Percussion and basic theory.

Each instrument is studied for 2 weeks then revised in the second 8 week term.

Musical games are included in the weekly lesson where the children dance, learn rhythms and name songs after hearing them played.

At the end of the 16 weeks parents receive a report which provides an assessment on all of the instruments and a recommendation on which instrument your child could specialise in for the next new term.

Some instruments can be hired, bought 2nd hand or new at reasonable prices.

To enrol your child in the ABC program, the investment is $300 for 16 weeks.

To book your child in for the 16 week program, deposit $300 in the following account, with your name and Wantirna PS as your reference.

BSB 633-000 Account 142789767

All enquiries to Marianne Wright - mwrightmusic67@yahoo.com.au

Phone - 0409125464
Violin lessons offered in a positive, encouraging environment which will foster your child’s learning needs, style and talent.

Tuition offered for beginners through to advance. Lauren Hancock holds music performance and teaching qualifications from The University of Melbourne, Victorian College of the Arts and AMEB (Bachelor of Music Performance, Postgraduate Diploma of Education and Associate Diploma in Music, Australia - Violin Performance).

Individual half hour lessons $25, group lessons (up to three students per group) $18.

Please contact Lauren on 0423 819 753 or 8802 0161.