Our School Values

At Wantirna Primary School we CARE -

C – collaborative learners
A – active contributors
R – respectful and responsible citizens
E – emotionally aware

Diary Dates

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Principal’s Message

Literacy & Numeracy Week at Wantirna Primary –
We are in the middle of an exciting week at our school as this week is Literacy & Numeracy Week. Today our students were involved in a whole school spelling bee. The Spelling Bee champions of Wantirna Primary School are Jessica from Prep B and Jade from SNE. Well done girls! If your child would like to bring along some money tomorrow then they can purchase a special toy off our roaming toy trolley, with proceeds from these sales going towards the purchase of new Numeracy games. Our wonderful activities have been led by Melitta Elliott. Thank you Melitta for your organisation.

Grandparent’s Day – On Monday the 5th of August it will be Grandparent’s Day from 9:00 – 10:45am. Grandparent’s and special friends are invited into the classrooms to see some of the wonderful work that our student’s complete. There will be a morning tea at 10:45. We hope to see as many grandparent’s and special friends in attendance as possible. An advance thank you must go to Jenine for her organisation of the morning tea, which is always a large success.

Bookfair – The Schoolastic Bookfair is on again. The children will be attending the fair this Friday to pick their favorite books to put on their wish list. The fair is in the library and will be open on Monday 5th – 9:30am to 12:00am and Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th from 3:45 to 4:15 pm. This is a great opportunity for our library to gain new books. For every book sold we receive points to redeem to pick new books from the Bookfair for our Library. Thankyou to Julie Thompson for organising the Bookfair and for doing a great job in the Library. It looks great!

Newsletter – This is our last paper copy of the newsletter. From August 15th we will no longer send home paper copies with the children. You will be able to read the newsletter on our website, as well as access it on Tiqbiz. We are very conscious of the amount of paper that we use for notices, newsletters etc. and this is one way we can help save our trees! If you do not have access to the internet please contact Jenine in the office.

There is a whisper that our new newsletter will have a new name and different format.

100 Days At School – Today our Junior Learning Unit celebrated 100 Days at School for the year with a special dress up day and lots of activities while learning about the number 100. It seems like not that long ago our Preps were walking through the door and now they are more than halfway through the year.

Parent Opinion Survey – Our parent opinion survey went out last Friday to a random selection of parents. This is an important survey because it gives our community an opportunity to have a say on what is happening within our school. All parent opinion surveys are due back to the school tomorrow Friday 2nd August.

Zumba – Zumba classes started last week and already I can see students dancing in the corridors. ZUMBA is a compulsory program which all students are expected to attend. If you have yet to pay for your child’s participation in Zumba then
please do so as soon as possible.

**Knox Soccer Division Final** – Last Wednesday our SLU soccer team played in the Knox Soccer Division Finals. We lost both games 8-0 to Scoresby PS and then 3-7 to Park Ridge PS, but all of our students played really well. It was so wonderful to hear how well these students represented our school. Well done Michael, Ethan, Regan, Max, Josh K, Josh B, Justin, Rhys, Ryan, Basil & Adam L. Luke A, Matthew C & Oliver were absent on the day, but we’re sure they were cheering the team on. The team did such an excellent job in getting to the finals and we are very proud of their efforts.

**Working Bee** – Just under a fortnight ago we had our double working bee. On Saturday the Grace Church constructed a play area near our veggie patch, with tyres and a new shed for storing buckets and spades. All of this was donated by the Grace Church and we are very thankful for the financial donation and the donation of physical labour. On the Sunday plenty of work was done on the fitness track and the long jump pit, which is already getting a lot of use. Thank you to all of our families and the Wantirna Primary Staff who attended either one, or both of the working bees. Unfortunately we did not have as many people in attendance as we had hoped, which did mean some jobs went unfinished. Hopefully next time we can have a larger turnout and beautify our grounds some more.

**iPad Discounts** – One of our lovely parents Cherie Dickinson has negotiated a deal with Harvey Norman at Knox City to get new iPads at a reduced price. If you head down to Harvey Norman Knox (preferably with a copy of our newsletter) Harvey Norman will sell iPad Minis for $327 or iPad 2s for $385, which is a great price reduction. All you need to do is ask for Nick. Thanks Cherie for hunting down such a great deal and thank you Nick from Harvey Norman.

**New Student** – Yesterday our Preppies welcomed a new student, Daniel into the Prep Classroom.

Welcome Daniel and his family to Wantirna Primary School.

Luke Van Leuveren
van.leuveren.I@edumail.vic.gov.au

**PFN**

There are a lot of Fundraising Events coming up during the next two terms. We will be needing the support of the Wantirna Primary School Community to assist us running these events, so pencil the dates into your diary to help out! Thank You

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Father’s Day Breakfast**— 30th August
**Bunnings BBQ**— 7th September
**Federal Election BBQ**— 14th September

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**Commonwealth Bank School Banking**

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Doolarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day - it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

When your child make’s their first deposit they will get their first token and our school receives $5 for every account opened. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good saving skills.

**TUESDAY IS BANKING DAY**
Chaplain’s Chat

Children and Kindness

Children do not have to be trained to be kind. Kindness can be observed in action in children from a very early age. A baby, hearing another cry, will often join in. From what researchers can establish, this response appears not to be from a reaction of distress, but rather as an expression of sympathy for the other baby. Researchers hypothesise that the ‘sing along’ is to let the other baby know they have company and support. It is also a common practice for small children to comfort a parent or another child who they perceive to be distressed, by making appropriate sounds and gestures. Alfie Kohn, author of ‘The Brighter Side of Nature’ (Basic Books, Inc., NY) tells us, “As the child develops the capacity for purposeful behaviour, in the period between eighteen and twenty-four months, their response to distress will become more active: patting the head, fetching a toy, offering verbal expressions of sympathy, finding an adult to help, and so forth. The ability to be of assistance seems to build on a pre-existing sense of concern and responsibility for others. It has also been known for a child to offer it’s feeding bottle to a crying mother”.

Random acts of kindness.

Perhaps you can watch your children and babies to see how they are around people, how they respond to crying or upset people. I have found that animals react the same as us to their owners being upset or crying.

Have a great week
Chaplain Julie

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open Monday—Friday during school office hours ( 8am—4pm) . Please call in and Jenine will help you. Uniforms orders may be sent to school with a order form and correct money in an envelope. The order will be sent home with your child.

OSHC News

Hours:
7.00 - 8.45 am
3.30 - 6.00 pm

Our Nationally Accredited Before and After School Care Programs offers parents a safe, happy and child focused program. Children may attend on a casual or a permanent basis.

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

To make a booking for OSHC please call our co-coordinator Premila on 0405 736 870 or you can book through the school office on 9801 - 1938

JUST A REMINDER—ALL ACCOUNTS FOR OSHC NEED TO BE PAID WEEKLY. IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS NOT PAID IN FULL WE WILL HAVE TO ASK YOUR CHILD NOT TO ATTEND UNTIL THE ACCOUNT IS SETTLED. THE OSHC PROGRAM IS A SELF FUNDED PROGRAM THAT IS RELIANT ON THE PEOPLE USING THE PROGRAM TO PAY ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO KEEP THE PROGRAM VIABLE.

and read, return their books or borrow.

How to succeed at School!

Maths & English Tuition
Prep - Year 10

75% Scholarship to Haileybury!

Ananya (Grade 6) has been studying at Lynn’s Learning Wheelers Hill. She began the scholarship preparation program before sitting the scholarship examination at Haileybury.

Ananya says the area she improved in the most during the scholarship program was her English. She says the Lynn’s Learning staff were, “Very kind and supportive” through her studies.

Creative Writing
NAPLAN & ICAS
Essay Structure
Problem Solving
Scholarship Preparation

Speak to us about how we can help your child succeed

03 8794 8809
enquiries@lynnslearning.com.au

www.lynnsllearning.com.au
Franchises available
On Tuesday, 30th July, our school participated in the Knox Region’s football gala day for girls. The day was organised as part of a promotion for girls’ football in our region and the event was held at Kings Park, in Ferntree Gully.

Despite not managing a win, our girls never stopped trying as they competed against other schools whose students were all from Years 5 and 6. The ovals were in reasonable conditions however our girls still enjoyed tackling and playing in any mud they could find.

The first match we played was against Knox Park. We lost this match 3. 4. 22 to 1.2. 8. Our second match was against Rowville, a school of about 800 students. We lost this match 6.2.38 to 0.1.1. After finishing third in their pool our girls then played Knox Central and lost 3.1.19 to 0.4.4. Our final match was our closest in which we had a 1 point loss to Bayswater, 1.2.8 to 1.1.7. Well done to Macey who kicked our only 2 goals for the day. Trinity had a couple of chances and narrowly missed goals. Georgia and Trinity were our best tacklers for the day but perhaps they were also tackled the most too.

Thank you to Joanne Morris and Jenine Farley who transported our girls with me to and from Ferntree Gully.

John Donald
Sports Co-ordinator
No more paper Newsletters

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

Our fortnightly newsletter is an important feature of our community. It contains important information about news and events at the school and it ensures that you are kept up to date about what’s happening at Wantirna Primary.

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and to help the environment, our fortnightly newsletter will not be sent home with the children after this newsletter, Edition 11, August 1st 2013.

There are ways to receive notifications that the latest newsletter is available to download from the website. You just simply log on to the schools website at www.wantirnaprimary.vic.edu.au and subscribe to the newsletter and you will receive a notification when it is available. The second way is to download the Tiqbiz App which is available from the App Store for free, you will then receive a notification through Tiqbiz with the newsletter attached. If you don’t have access to the internet you can pick up a paper copy from the school office.

There is a whisper that our new newsletter is going to be having a different format and is going to be named.
30th July 2013

Dear Families,

Some of our students recently participated in a G.A.T.E. Ways Program at Mountain Gate Primary School. These programs are designed to extend student’s thinking skills through enrichment activities.

Teachers offer the information about these programs to the students that they believe are most suited to the topic being offered. As the places fill quickly it is crucial that families respond by the following day, whether or not your child is able to attend. No payment is necessary at this stage as families are only completing an ‘expression of interest’ section on the bottom of the notice. As soon as this slip is returned to me, I immediately fax through the names to G.A.T.E.Ways and the names are placed on a list in order of date and time received.

Students from surrounding schools are also included in the programs and places fill quickly. When I am notified that your child has a place in the program I will send you home a different notice which you must complete in detail and include your payment, to be returned to G.A.T.E. Ways within 7 days. All payments are made payable to G.A.T.E. Ways not Wantirna Primary School, and all paperwork and inquiries are to be forwarded to G.A.T.E.Ways.

For further information about G.A.T.E.Ways Programs please go to www.gateways.edu.au.

If you do not wish your child to attend, PLEASE return the notice to school the next day so that the place can be offered to another student, as places are limited. Please complete the form below if you would like to have your child on a register to receive offers regarding G.A.T.E.Ways Programs.

Yours sincerely
Marcia Cartwright

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Family name: ______________________________________________________________________

Child/s name: _________________________________Grade: _______________________________

(Please circle)
I wish/do not wish to have my child/s name placed on a register to receive information regarding G.A.T.E.Ways Programs.

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________________
