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

We have had a very hot start to the year but all our students are working very hard. We have a new student in Year 5, David, and we welcome him and his family to our school.

**House Swimming Sports**—our first house swimming sports were a great success and it was terrific to see the children having so much fun! Congratulations to Koomba for winning the competition. Thank you to Mrs Petric for her organisation of the event. We have about 18 students representing our school at the BDSSA swimming carnival on Friday and we wish them the best of luck. I would also like to thank Wendy Hayes and Janine Murphy who have taken several of our students to the Knox pool for training sessions.

**Lunch Orders**—we are introducing an online lunch order system—Classroom Cuisine—that will commence next Wednesday. All you have to do is go online, register and order your children’s meals and pay for them before 8:30am each Wednesday. The lunches will be delivered to school by 1:30pm. The menu is very extensive and you can order two or three courses. Give it a try and let us know what you think! A flier has gone home to all students explaining how to use the service.

**School Council**—our first meeting for 2013 was held last Monday and we had presentations on the development of the area outside the art room and the JLU as well as a proposal for an iPad program from Years 1-6. There is a survey link on our website for parent feedback regarding the iPad proposal.

**School Council Elections**—notices have been sent home about our school council elections. We have three parent positions open and nominations close on Wednesday 27th February. The position is for 2 years and meetings are held once a month on Monday evenings. Nomination forms are available at the office.

**Staff Carpark**—we have had several parents/carers using the staff carpark to drop off and pick up students. This is an out of bounds area for obvious safety reasons. One parent has permission to use the carpark as she has a disabled sticker and the Knox Council would not install a disabled space at the front or the rear of the school as we have enough room in our staff carpark.

**School Banking**—School Banking has commenced again and this year we have two parents who will be doing the banking. They have both been trained by a representative from the Commonwealth Bank and we thank them for taking this opportunity to support our school. Application forms for school banking have been sent home to all families and you can register online or in a Commonwealth Bank Branch. Bankbooks must be sent to school on Tuesdays. Next Wednesday we have a visitor coming from the Commonwealth Bank to talk to all the students about the values of saving money!

**Premier’s Active Families Challenge**—this challenge runs from 4 March to 14 April and encourages families to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days. Pamphlets have been distributed to children. I have registered our school so please support this challenge and maybe we will win a prize!

**Permission Notices**—all students have received a set of permission slips to be signed and returned to school. There are still some students who have not returned these and we ask parents to do so as soon as possible. There will be...
forms available at our GTKY interviews tonight! **Parent Information Evening**—a big thank you to our staff for running a very successful Information Evening for parents. There was a great turnout for both sessions and parents were very appreciative of all the information they received about their children’s education.

**Getting To Know You Interviews and Family Fun Night**—Tonight we will be holding GTKY interviews from 3:30—6:30, followed by a family fun night from 6:30-8pm on the oval. The Family Fun Night will be run by our Year 6 leaders. Families can bring a picnic tea from 5:30-6:30.

**Working Bee**—our first working bee for 2013 is on Sunday 24th February from 8:30am-1pm. The main task is to reconfigure the chook shed in preparation for our new chicks that will be arriving soon. So if you are a budding Bob the Builder or just like to be involved in demolition please come along, even it is only for an hour or so. We will also be planting a tree to shade the chook shed.

**Curriculum Day**—our first Curriculum Day is Monday 25th February and staff will be investigating the AusVels curriculum as well as updating their first aid qualifications. **Students do not attend on this day.**

**PFN Term 1 fundraisers**—Our wonderful PFN are holding two fundraisers this term—a nutfree Mars chocolate drive and an Easter raffle. Donations for our Easter raffle can be left at the office and boxes of chocolates will be coming home soon.

**Footy Tipping is back!!** - Our WPS footy tipping competition will commence on Friday 22nd March. Fixtures will be sent home next week and if you want to play all you have to do is cross out the losing side for every match for the year and return the fixture with $10 per entry. It’s a lot of fun and half the money goes towards prizes and the other half to PFN fundraising. If you need more that one entry form there will be extras available at the office. Go Demons!!

**IGA Fundraiser**—the local IGA at Wantirna Mall supports many schools in the area by donating a percentage of the money spent by parents back to their school. We have cards and tags available that you can use when you shop at any Richie’s IGA., even if you only shop there occasionally. If you would like to support our school by showing your card each time you shop please collect one from the office.

Heather Norbury  
Principal  
norbury.heather.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Help Sponsor Cherie Dickinson

On Friday March 8th, 2013, Cherie Dickinson, one of our school mums is taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave to help raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. During our Friday assembly she will be shaving her head for this cause and as a community we need to support her.

Come along to school on this day in FREE DRESS AND CRAZY HAIR. Please send along a GOLD COIN DONATION.

The Leukaemia Foundation provides emotional support for families - free of charge during their time of need and are researching to improve treatments and find cures.

Cherie is aiming high and would like to raise lots of money.

Please help to support Cherie in her challenge by donating to this very worth cause.

You can donate at -:
You can also donate through the school office.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform shop is open during school hours. If you are unable to attend during school hours you can place an order by phone or complete an order form at any time and send your order and payment to school with your child.

Canteen News

The Canteen will only be open for special treat days. We will not be having over the counter sales every Thursday. Yesterday you received the Classroom Cuisine Lunch Order Service notice. We are very excited that we will be offering Lunch Orders on Wednesdays, starting from 27th February.

To order just go online at http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au
Orders will only be accepted online—we cannot phone/email/fax orders through the school office.

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.

Chaplain’s Chat

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

We have as ONE of our school goals to practice respect of other people and their property.

This is a very important goal to aspire to, and it helps the whole community to function in peace and harmony. When we know that others are being respectful we are able to have opinions and be free in our actions than if we are to fear negative consequences from a lack of respect. When there is no respect there is contempt and humiliation, the sense of being not heard or misunderstood. Conflicts can then occur at an individual, family or society level. When these conflicts occur there is a breakdown in relationships, and if there is no respect then it is hard to maintain any type of relationship.

Respect is created when people treat others as they want to be treated. This brings us to the famous quotation from the Bible. “Do unto others as you would others do unto you” be the first to give respect and it will come back to you. Avoid insulting people or their culture; instead try to understand them. Being courteous and listening to what others have to say, and by treating people fairly. If you are already involved in a conflict, try separating the people from the problem this also allows you to treat the other side with honour.

Lets all help our Kids to learn what it is to respect others and themselves.

Have a good week

Julie Reiher
Did you know?
Wantirna Primary School has a twitter account.
www.twitter.com/wantirnaps

If you become a follower of our twitter account you can find out all the latest happenings at Wantirna Primary School, as well as view photos from the school in action. It’s really easy to get started, just follow these steps.

Type www.twitter.com into Internet Explorer and click on the yellow, ‘give it a try’ button, which is located on the right side.

Fill in some basic details, such as your first name and select a username. Then check the Terms of Service. You can skip through the ‘sources that interest you’ page, unless you would like to add your own friends.

Then just click on the Follow button and you’re following Wantirna Primary School!
Dear Parents,

One of our fundraisers for term 1 this year is going to be a chocolate drive. In previous years we have had some success with a Cadbury Freddo drive; this has become a little stale so this year we are giving something else a go. We are going with a Mars Fundraiser - still chocolates but a different variety with a mix of chocolates to sell. These will be $2 per item. In the variety box of 30 there will be the following chocolates:-

M&M's
Skittles
Maltesers
Twix
Mars
Milky Way

Suggestions for future fundraisers I would like to support -

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2. ..................................................
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PLEASE SEND YOUR SLIP BACK TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you
Wantirna PS PFN Committee
Dear Parents,

Easter is approaching fast. Time is running out and before we know it we will be enjoying our Easter chocolate and we will be on School holidays again.

Could we please ask each family to donate an Easter item to go towards our Easter raffle? E.g. Easter eggs, Easter basket, Easter novelties etc....

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. We would like to thank you for your support with our Easter raffle.

PFN Committee
Were you born in 2003 and would like to play Footy this year?

Then we want to hear from you!

Contact
Cameron Mellis 0438 768 142
Libby Flanagan 0419 327 040

Lots of Fun, New Friends, Keep Fit & Healthy