The Wantirna Whisper

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

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to all our students for settling in so well! Our Preps, in particular, are starting each day confidently and enjoying all the new experiences of school life!

Leadership Assembly – Last Friday we held a special assembly to present all our school leaders with their badges. Our local politicians – Alan Tudge and Nick Wakeling – assisted with the presentations. Congratulations to all these students!

Our school leaders this year are -
School Captains – Justin M and Olivia A
Winton House Captain and Assistant – Kyle T and Josh K
Salford House Captain and Assistant – Eudora L and Oliver G
Koomba House Captain and Assistant – Jade J and Stephanie A
Community & Environment Officers – Puli T., David O, Sophia P and Riley N
ICT Leaders – Mckenzi O and Shannon M

Information Evening – Thank you to all the families who attended our Information Evening last week. All the staff shared information about what will be happening in both the JLU and SLU during 2014, as well as reminders about acceptable use of iPads at school.

Parking – There have been several complaints of parents double parking at the front of the school. This is an extremely dangerous thing to do as Mountain Highway carries a lot of traffic. Knox Council has been notified and there will be spot checks by traffic wardens. There is plenty of parking at the back of the school in Wonderlea Crescent. Just a reminder that the staff carpark is out of bounds to all parents and students.

Vegetable Patch request – Our vegetable patch mums are looking for clear 2litre drink bottles to help with watering. Please send these to the office.

GTKY session and Family Fun Night – On Thursday 20th February we will be holding our Getting To Know You interviews and our Family Fun Night. Parents can organize a time to meet with their child’s teacher from 3:30 pm and then have a sausage sizzle and a family disco in the gym at about 6:30pm. A notice has been sent home with more information about the events after the interviews.
**Notices and Money** – Every year we seem to have issues with students returning notices and money for events both at school and at other venues. There is always a “due by” date when both the money and note are required back at school. This is usually a few days before the actual event. This is necessary because staff have to make lists of students attending with emergency contact numbers, pay deposits, book buses etc and it is difficult to do this when notices are still being brought in on the day. Last year School Council decided that students will not attend an event if both the notice and money have not been returned, unless other arrangements have been made with the Principal. Please note that receipts will no longer be given for amounts $10 and under unless requested by parents.

When sending back notices and money, please make sure they are in an envelope with the child’s name, class and event on the front. If you are paying by EFTPOS, please come to the office. We would like all our students to attend every event offered to them as they are all part of the curriculum. It is very disappointing when parents allow students to choose if they attend or not. Please encourage your children to have a go at everything that is offered to them at school!

**Footy Tipping** – One of the fundraisers for 2014 is an AFL Footy Tipping Competition. It is $10 per entry and all you have to do is select the winning team for every match this season. Footy fixtures will be sent out soon as the first match is on March 14!

**Email Addresses** – To ensure effective communication with all our parents, please make sure you provide your email address to your child’s teacher. This information will also be collected at our Getting to Know You interviews on 20th February.

**Have you downloaded Tiqbiz yet??** – Thank you to all the parents who 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. We are also adding dates to the calendar and you can report your child’s absence as well on the Tiqbiz app. The App is free and can be downloaded onto your iPhone, iPad or desktop computer. Log on to [www.tiqbiz.com](http://www.tiqbiz.com) and follow the prompts. There are also fliers available at the office.

**Classroom Cuisine** – This is our school “canteen” and is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Register online at [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au) with your child’s name and class. Then all you have to do is place an order online, with your child’s name and class with payment, before 8:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your child’s lunch will be delivered to school. A flier went home last Friday with the menu.

**School Banking** – Lots of students are now banking every Tuesday. Not only does the school benefit but your child learns the value of saving. Information is available at the office.

**Wantirna Primary School Council Elections 2014** – Wantirna Primary School is calling for nominations for the elected Parent Category. There are three two year positions. School Council will also be appointing two community members which are for one year. Community members are appointed because of special skills or experience that they may have in a particular area. Please consider nominating for a position on School Council. Nomination forms are available at the school office from Tuesday 25th February and must be returned by 4:00 pm on Wednesday 5th March, 2014. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Parenting Information** – Here are some more articles about parenting and how we can best help our children to grow into responsible and respectful adults.

*From an article by Dr Tim Elmore – a leadership expert.*

We rave too easily

The self-esteem movement has been around since Baby Boomers were kids, but it took root in our school systems in the 1980s. Attend a little league baseball game and you’ll see that everyone is a winner. This “everyone gets a trophy” mentality might make our kids feel special, but research is now indicating this method has unintended consequences. Kids eventually observe that Mum and Dad are the only ones who think they’re awesome when no one else is saying it. They begin to doubt the objectivity of their parents; it feels good in the moment, but it’s not connected to reality. When we rave too easily and disregard poor behavior, children eventually learn to cheat, exaggerate and lie and to avoid difficult reality. They have not been conditioned to face it.

We let guilt get in the way of leading well

Your child does not have to love you every minute. Your kids will get over the disappointment, but they won’t get over the effects of being spoiled. So tell them “no” or “not now,” and let them fight for what they really value and need. As parents, we tend to give them what they want when rewarding our children, especially with multiple kids. When one does well in something, we feel it’s unfair to praise and reward that one and not the other. This is unrealistic and misses an opportunity to enforce the point to our kids that success is dependent upon our own actions and good deeds. Be careful not to teach them a good grade is rewarded by a trip to the shops. If your relationship is based on material rewards, kids will experience neither intrinsic motivation nor unconditional love.

Heather Norbury – Principal
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What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

First of all we would like to say a big THANK-YOU to the Tuttleby Family for their very kind donation of a brand new & extra comfy SOFA BED! Thanks to Peter Murphy whose children have left WPS, but still kindly delivers & donates fresh bread every Thursday. Thanks to the other donations received also. If anybody else would like to donate anything ie: paper; pens; glue; cushions; pillows; blankets; toys, etc... It will be greatly appreciated by all the children who use OSHC.

Premila & Committee would love to hear from you about any ideas to enhance the kids experience in OSHC. Even if your child does not attend OSHC, we would love to hear your ideas!!

On a Monday after the school bell rings, we meet a couple of times a term to brain storm and share ideas on what exciting and fun activities to do for that term. This term we will be having a movie popcorn night. The date to be determined.

All the children that go to OSHC, experience a fun & safe environment.

HAPPY KIDS = HAPPY PARENTS!

School Banking in 2014

Every Tuesday during school term.

This year the Dolormites treasure is hidden in the Deep Sea so be on the lookout for your School Banking pack which was sent home to every child at Wantirna Primary. The new rewards are fantastic, so don’t forget to keep your rewards card in a safe place, ready to order when you have saved 10 tokens.

Happy Saving Everyone!
## Student Awards

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<td>Darcy C</td>
<td>Having a go at everything, with a smile on his face.</td>
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<td>Alicia K</td>
<td>Approaching all tasks calmly and always doing her best.</td>
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<td>Tonia B</td>
<td>Being so helpful and kind to all her classmates and teachers</td>
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<td>Elisha M</td>
<td>For being a wonderful helper to the preps</td>
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<td>Kyle C</td>
<td>A great first week in prep.</td>
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<td>Cianna S</td>
<td>Working hard on her writing.</td>
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<td>Jade M</td>
<td>For getting along with everyone.</td>
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<td>For always doing her best.</td>
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<td>Valentina V</td>
<td>Working hard all week.</td>
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<td>Nathan K</td>
<td>Great responsibility and respect to everyone, always.</td>
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<td>Luke G</td>
<td>Having a great start to the year.</td>
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<td>Lockie H</td>
<td>Working hard on his reading.</td>
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<td>Ankita J</td>
<td>Always thinking of others and being a wonderful friend.</td>
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<td>SNP – Year 3-6</td>
<td>Jerry S</td>
<td>Settling in well at Wantirna Primary.</td>
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<td>Chantelle B</td>
<td>For having a great personality.</td>
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<td>Spencer P</td>
<td>Gaining confidence.</td>
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<td>Leading by example.</td>
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### Performing Arts

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<td>JNF</td>
<td>Aaron B</td>
<td>Awesome listening skills during Performing Arts.</td>
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<td>Tonia</td>
<td>Amazing rhythm composition.</td>
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<td>Kyle C</td>
<td>Fantastic participation in Performing Arts.</td>
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<td>William L</td>
<td>For having excellent singing.</td>
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### Physical Education

| JNA               | Elisha M  | For using her Stop, Look and Listen skills consistently during P.E.      |
| SNP               | Mathew D  | For a great effort in his first phys ed lesson.                           |
| SNP               | Chantelle B| Trying really hard in phys ed and a great effort in freestyle at the house swimming sports. |
| JNF               | JNF       | For having great team work in P.E.                                       |

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## Uniform Shop

Great News! We have purchased some Art Smocks and Library Bags that are made out of a very sturdy material with children’s patterns such as fairy princess, Spiderman, dinosaurs, pretty pink butterflies, space rockets and other great designs. We have matching sets of the Art Smock & Library Bag or you can purchase individually. Our uniform shop is open during school hours Monday to Friday.  

- **Art Smock $19.00** .............. **Library Bag $12.00**

All uniform sizes are now in stock, remember school photos are being taken on Friday March 21st.
Pictured above on the left is captain of Melbourne Storm Cameron Smith and Tim Glasby, Junior Moors was also part of team that visited.

As part of the NRL’s One Community Tackle Bullying program three Melbourne Storm players visited our school last Thursday to do a talk about bullying. They gave the children great strategies to cope with bullies, aiming to empower students to stand up for themselves and how to cope with difficult social situations. One of the questions that the children asked was “Where is Billy Slater?” The children where very excited and the players signed a lot of autographs. They also signed a rugby ball for the school. Thank you to all three players for visiting Wantirna Primary School.
Love and limits

Boundaries are how we make it clear to our children what is OK and what isn’t. Figuring out, and agreeing, where we stand as parents is hard enough, and then begins the ongoing effort of holding those boundaries secure and consistent. Make this job a lot easier for yourself by getting comfortable with this concept: Love and Limits are closely intertwined. If you feel as though it’s not possible to be a loving parent as you set a limit, or that you have to be gruff and unfriendly to get this job done, then you might find you resist doing it full-stop. Remind yourself often that good parents are confident and loving as they hold the line, and that children can cope with hearing what they don’t want to hear.

More parenting Hot Tips from The Parenting Place

A book you may find helpful:

Boundaries With Kids by Dr Henry Cloud and Dr John Townsend

*Boundaries With Kids* is a goldmine of practical information on raising responsible, self-controlled and emotionally healthy children. A great book on setting boundaries, establishing consequences and helping your child develop self-control. This book could revolutionise the way you parent.

Have a great week
Chaplain Julie

School Injuries and Student Insurance

Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students. Parents often ask are there other insurance providers that offer policies. Yes there are!

Two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also provide insurance. Below are their contact details.

JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd
Suite 110, Level 16
530 Little Collins Street
Melbourne Vic 3000
Contact – Maria Rashcilla
Phone: 03 – 9909 7480

EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd
Suite 4/651 Victoria Street
Abbotsford Vic 3067
Contact – Jonnine Gould
Phone: 1300 783 878
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 2014

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).

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Please contact Lauren on 0423 819 753 or 8802 0161.
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Rowville:
Saturdays 11:15-3:45pm
Rowville Uniting Church
Corner Fulham Rd & Bridgewater Way

Wantima South:
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm, Saturdays 9:00-12:00pm
Knox Gardens Community Centre
70-72 Argyle Way

You can find our other centres online:
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