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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<td>Tuesday 23rd April</td>
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Principal’s Message

Summer is over and what a relief it was to have some rain and cooler weather!  
**BDSSA Swimming Sports**—Many students represented WPS at the BDSSA swimming sports in Lilydale. We had an outstanding day, coming second to the Knox School! Max, Regan, Justin, Kieran and Kristina were successful in going onto the Knox Division finals last Friday and all were successful in their events and our now representing Wantirna at the Regional finals at Nunawading pool this Friday. We wish them every success!!  

**Preps are Full time**—Our wonderful Preps have all settled well into school life and from next week will be attending school every day. Miss Badrock has completed her assessments with all the children and will now be able to plan her teaching around their needs. They will now be able to have lunch orders and join our 1/2’s at PMP on a Wednesday afternoon.  

**New outdoor furniture**—We will be installing some new picnic tables and benches before the end of the term. The picnic tables will be located in the area between the Art room and JLU building and the benches will be placed near the senior playground area. These are part of a special project being led by our Art teacher, Olga Megele, who is also creating some wall murals and paving to be placed near the picnic tables. Keep an eye out for developments for the remainder of this year!  

**Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders**—What a huge success this was. We had 30 orders from staff and students in the first week and everyone was very excited comparing their lunches (even the staff) ! I have introduced a “Random Acts of Kindness” award—teachers will select students who show acts of kindness and their names will go into a special box at the office. Once a fortnight I will draw out one child to receive a lunch order the following Wednesday!  

**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 Years1-6. There is a survey link on our website for parent feedback regarding the ipad proposal.  

**School Council Elections and AGM**—Congratulations to our three new members for school council for the next two years—Andrew Cusworth, Rachael Allan and Leisa George. Thank you to these parents for putting their hands up to support our school. The next meeting on Monday 18th March is the annual AGM and first meeting for the new council.  

**World’s Greatest Shave**—Don’t forget Cherie Dickinson is shaving her head at assembly for a great cause tomorrow.  

**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!
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. Boxes of chocolates were sent home last week, as were the Easter Raffle tickets—all need to be returned by the end of term.

Footy Tipping is back!! - Our WPS Footy tipping competition will commence on Friday 22nd March. Fixtures have been sent home 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!!!

Principal Leave - I am currently on a week’s leave and will return next Thursday. Luke Van Leuveren is “holding the fort” during my absence.

Heather Norbury
Principal
norbury.heather.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Term Dates 2013

Term 1
30th January - 28th March

Term 2
15th April—28th June

Term 3
15th July - 20th September

Term 4
7th October - 20th December

Chaplain’s Chat
I have been on holidays the first few weeks of Term 1. I am now back if you need to discuss anything that concerns your children or if you just would like to catch up. I am working at Wantirna Primary, Mondays and Thursdays. It would be great to see you!

“We'll be Friends Forever, won't we, Pooh?” asked Piglet.
Even longer,' Pooh answered.”
— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Have a great week.
Julie Reheir
School Chaplain

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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.

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. We are very excited that we will be offering Lunch Orders on Wednesdays.

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.

Staff Car Park

We have had many parents coming into the school office concerned about the number of parents who drive into the Staff Car Park and drop off their children.

For the safety of the children please do not drop off your children in the car park. The children know the Staff Car Park is out of bounds to them and they might become confused about being dropped off in the Car Park, and not to mention the safety issues that arise from little children being around cars unsupervised. It is very hard to see little children especially when you are reversing. It only takes a minute or two to park in Wondalea Cres to let your children out of the car. Even when it is raining please do not drop off the children in the Staff Car Park. We do have one parent that is allowed to park in the car park due to the council not allocating a disabled car park for us.

Wantirna Primary values the safety of all their students.

PFN

What a busy term this is. At the moment we have the Mars Chocolate drive on, the Footy Tipping Competition and the Easter Raffle all going together. Thank you to the Wantirna Community, with the money we fundraise we are able to buy things for our students.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our annual Easter Raffle is on again. Could you please help us by donating an Easter Egg or Basket to go into the raffle. You can leave your donations at the school office.

Thank You
PFN Committee
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.

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

**Step Two**
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.

**Step Three**
Then just click on the Follow Button and you’re following Wantirna Primary School!
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