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

Monday 10th March – Labour Day holiday - children do not attend school.

Knox Division Swimming – Congratulations to Rhys on representing Wantirna PS at the Knox Division swimming competition. Rhys came third in the 11 year old breaststroke event! A great effort!

Knox Schools Expo – The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Year 5/6 students changing to secondary school in 2015/2016. There is a guest speaker and Q&A session as well as displays from all the secondary colleges in Knox. The Expo runs from 6:45-8:45pm in the Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South.

School Council Elections – Thank you to those parents and staff who have been nominated for Wantirna School Council. As we had the exact number of nominations required we will not need to hold a ballot.

GTKY session and Family Fun Night – On Thursday 20th February we held our Getting To Know You interviews and our Family Disco. Thank you to all the parents who met with our teachers to share information about their children. Our family disco was lots of fun and a big thank you goes to our PFN for helping with the decorations and running the sausage sizzle. Thank you also to our Year 6’s for organizing the disco – well done on your first whole school event!

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 were sent out last week and must be returned by 3:30pm on March 14.

Mulch – We have a huge pile of mulch in our staff carpark. If you would like to take a trailer load – please contact the office – it’s free or you can make a donation to the school!

Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Drive – Our PFN have two fundraisers happening at the moment – please donate Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of this Term. Your donations can be left at the Office. Forms will go home on 6th March for the Hot Cross Bun drive – the buns will be supplied by Baker’s Delight and are delicious!!! Orders will be sent home in the last week of this term.
Rugby League – Would your child like to join the local Rugby League club? The 2014 Season Online Registration is now open – www.easternraptors.com.au and is suitable for boys and girls aged from 4-16 years. There is also a Girls 12-18years League Tag team.

Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank Grant – We have been very fortunate in receiving a $600 Grant for another fitness station for our fitness track. The Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank are great supporters of our school and community and we really appreciate their generous gift. If you would like to know more about the Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank and how you can help our school even more, please read below!

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We have many ways people can get to know us and contact us – here are just a few for you to share:
Our Facebook page link: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wantirna-Community-Bank-Branch/445464402132590?ref=hl
Our YouTube video clip link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOj_EinPj8E

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.

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 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 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.

Heather Norbury – Principal
norbury.heather.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

What a great start to 2014. The children have settled in well and we have number of new students attending OSHC. The preps have enjoyed their first days in OSHC and the older students have been a great help welcoming the Preps.

A big thank you to Riley’s mum Nerolie in the senior school for donating lots of Hama Beads, the children love them. The Smith family have also donated some toys to the program –thank you.

Next Fortnights Activities

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
To make a booking or any general enquires about OSHC – Phone 0405 736 870
Coordinator – Premila Stone
All families must be enrolled to attend the program.

All the children that go to OSHC, experience a fun & safe environment.
Grade Name | Student’s Name | Award
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JNB - Prep | Oscar P | For a wonderful attitude towards all he does and a willingness to have a go!
JNB - Prep | Lara C | Making great progress with her writing this week.
JNA – Prep/ Year 1 | Tahana W | For building her scissor skills.
JNA – Prep/ Year 1 | Cody H | For his improved writing.
JNF – Year 2 | Dylan G | Trying his hardest when creating his mathematics toolbox and his problem solving.
JNF – Year 2 | Dakota L | For always trying her best and producing some amazing work.
SNE – Year 3-6 | Tyler D | Being a great buddy.
SNP – Year 3-6 | Charlee D | Great project work!
SNP –Year 3-6 | Justin M | Outstanding Leadership for our School Captain.
SNP – Year 3-6 | Sophia P | Working with enthusiasm.
SNP – Year 3-6 | Riley N | For being a great SLU role model.
Performing Arts
SLU | Zac D | For excellent participation in our call & response session.
SNE | Poppy J | For creating awesome rhythmic compositions.
SNP | Josh K | For displaying his creativity during call and response activities.
JNF | William M | For learning his beat values so quickly.
JNA | Toby J | For being quick to learn his beat names and values.
JNB | Darcy C | Excellent communication of beat values and names.
Physical Education
SLU | Rhys M | Congratulations for qualifying for the Regional swimming sports.
JNA | Cody H | For improved concentration during P.E.
JNB | Chace C | For fantastic running technique and great participation.
JNF | Aisling A | Demonstrating good running techniques.

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.

People are lazy that they don’t even bother to walk to the bin. They are dropping yucky rubbish in our lovely school yard! It chokes plants and can kill them. It’s ruining our beautiful school habitat. It can cause bushfires and rubbish like plastic bags take years and years to break down. **By Poppy & Wendy – Seniors**
I love this stuff from Michael Grose he is practical and sensible, look him up on the net.

Who empties your dishwasher?

The answer to this question tells a great deal about your parenting philosophy.

If you or your partner usually empties your dishwasher then I humbly suggest that you maybe working too hard.

If one or all your kids (over the age of three) have this job then congratulations, you’re travelling down the road toward redundancy, and your children are heading toward independence.

Many parents would love their kids to do this task but pragmatism (“It’s easier to do it myself.”); lack of faith (“They’re sure to break something!”) and unwillingness to let go (“It’s my job after all.”) get in the way.

Why the dishwasher?

Good question. Here are seven good reasons:

1. These days almost every house has one, and it’s a job that just has to be done!

2. Its fiddly & tedious; and it needs to be done right, which is a great lesson for kids to learn.

3. Kids also learn everything has a place in the kitchen, which is a great lesson for those who are organisationally-challenged. Knowing your way around the kitchen is also an important first step toward children making their own snacks and preparing meals. That’s also a worthy aim!

4. Its emptied every morning/day, second morning/day so kids learn about the value of routine.

5. As it needs to be emptied whether they feel like it or not kids learn about grit (the ability to stick at a task even though it’s boring) and self-control (through delaying gratification) - two important character strengths that contribute to kids’ success.

6. If they don’t do it then who will? It teaches kids that others rely on them. Believe me, I see many young people who’ve never learned this lesson at home!!!

7. Kids are hard-wired to help but they need the opportunity and the great opportunity that is the dishwasher is always there!!

There are plenty of other reasons for putting the dishwasher on the kids’ chores list, but that should be enough to get you thinking.

Okay, it doesn’t have to be the dishwasher!

Smart parents put important principles into practice to suit their circumstances.

So, if you buy into the notion that kids should routinely help at home without being paid and that your aim is to make yourself redundant BUT…..getting them to empty the dishwasher just doesn’t cut it in your world, make sure they do other laborious tasks, that are regular and that benefit others. (Suggestions of household task that fits the laborious, regular & benefit others category are welcome and can be made on our Facebook page.)
Gradually, then suddenly

If getting kids to help is an uphill battle then I suggest you keep expecting them to help. Keep working on a chores roster and keep reminding your kids to do the right thing. One day it will all click and helping out will become habitual; impacting on their brains so their helping habit is as much about their neurology as it is their psychology.

That’s why gradually, and then suddenly is a really useful parenting mantra. The Australian cricket team’s recent success can be attributed to this approach. They’d been gradually improving (by doing all the right things) throughout 2013 without success and then suddenly it all clicked in the Australian summer and they experienced huge success. But that’s another story……

Stay on the redundancy track……and move your kids’ toward independence & resilience.

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

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