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
Last Newsletter for Term 1. 2013!

Regional Swimming Sports—We had five students represent WPS at the Regional swimming finals at Nunawading Swim Centre. We had competitors in the Boys relay, boys freestyle and girls freestyle. Although none of the students were successful in going onto State finals we congratulate them on reaching this level. Well done Regan, Kieran, Justin, Max and Kristina.

School Council—Last Monday we held our AGM and annual reports were presented from all the committees, myself and Andrew Cusworth, School Council President. A meeting then followed with the new council for the next twelve months. I would like to thank Melitta Elliott and Mark Morris, who ended their terms with School Council, and thank them for their support on Council over the last few years.

Annual Report—At the School Council meeting I presented the Wantirna PS Annual Report for 2012. This will be available for the community early next term, when it will be published by the DEECD.

Emergency Lockdown Practice—Next Wednesday we will be having an emergency lockdown practice. This is a necessary requirement in case we ever have to do the real thing. We will be telling the children that it is a practice and that there is a dangerous person in the Wantirna area and the police would like us to lock down the school. This will involve the students sitting on the floor out of sight of the windows and doors for about 5-10mins. This will be a new experience for our Preps in particular so we ask that you talk to your children about what we will be doing. I am also letting you know so that you don’t become concerned if they come home next week and tell you there was a dangerous person in the school!!

Staff News—We are saying goodbye to Katherine Petric at the end of this term, due to family reasons. We welcome John Donald to take up the SLU and PE roles on Wednesdays and Thursdays. John is an experienced teacher and has many years experience teaching PE and organizing sporting events such as cross country, winter and summer sport. We thank Katherine for all her hard work during her time at Wantirna and we wish her well with her teaching future.

Barmah Drive Crossing—We are in danger of losing our crossing supervisor in Barmah Drive, due to low numbers using it. If you cross Barmah Drive can you please use the crossing, not only for safety reasons but also to ensure we have someone manning the crossing as it is a very busy road. If your child rides to school and also crosses Barmah Drive, please make sure they use the crossing as well!

Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders—This is continuing to be a great success with more families using the service each week! Our first winner of the Random Acts of Kindness award went to Rhys and he had his free lunch order yesterday! I look forward to choosing a new winner at our assembly on the last day!

Excursions—This week has been a very busy one for excursions. Our SLU visited the Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens on Monday and the JLU went to Anakie Fairy Park on Wednesday. All our students had a fantastic time and were very well behaved. Thank you to staff for organizing these events as part of this term’s units of inquiry and thank you also to the parents who also went along.
**Prep Tours**—I am continuing to have many tours of our wonderful school as parents of Preps for 2014 try to make the difficult decision of choosing the best school for their child. Whenever I take parents around our staff and students are always willing to show what we are doing in our classrooms.

**Fairytale Parade**—Tomorrow at Assembly we will be visited by many fairytale characters as our JLU students dress up as their favourite characters! Please come along and see all the costumes.

**Plus 10 Day**—Next Monday our SLU will be having their first Plus10 day—a bike ride to Bayswater Park and a sausage sizzle. Congratulations to all our SLU students for earning this reward.

**PFN Term 1 fundraisers**—Don’t forget to return you chocolates and/or money by the end of term and our Easter Raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday 28th March at 2pm. We still more donations for our raffle—just bring them along and put them in the box at the office.

**Footy Tipping is back!!** - Our WPS Footy tipping competition will commence tomorrow 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!!!

**School Uniform** – There have been many students wearing inappropriate items of clothing and jewellery to school. Our Uniform policy is very clear as to what is acceptable and we would appreciate parents supporting us by not allowing students to come to school out of uniform. If your child has to wear a different top or pants due to unexpected circumstances, please send a note to the teacher. A copy of the Uniform Policy is on the school website under the “About Us” tab – www.wantirnaprimary.vic.edu.au

**Last Day**—Thursday 28th March—Assembly at 2:00pm, including the Easter raffle draw.

Have a safe and happy Easter Holiday

Heather Norbury
Principal
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**Student Awards**

The following students received awards at assembly. Congratulations to:

![Image of award recipients]

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**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
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.

Classroom Cuisine
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.

Chaplain’s Chat
You can make a difference – just one person at a time – or one choice at a time – or one day at a time. Have a great week!
Julie Reiher.

Starfish
A small boy was walking along a beach at low tide, where countless starfish, having been washed up on the beach, were stranded and doomed to perish.
A man watched as the boy picked up individual starfish and took them back into the water.
"I can see you're being very kind," said the watching man, "But there must be thousands of them; it can't possibly make any difference."
Returning from the water's edge, the boy said, "It will for that one."
~author unknown

School Photos 2013
School Photos for 2013 will be taken in term 2 on Friday 26th April.

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.

PFN News
CHOCOLATE DRIVE
If you are able to sell more chocolates, we have more boxes that can be collected from the school office. Don't forget that all money and unsold chocolates need to be returned back to school no later than Thursday 28th March.

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE 50 CENTS EACH OR 3 FOR $1
TICKETS ARE DUE BACK WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH

ENTERTAINMENT
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Thank You
PFN Committee
Does your child suffer from headaches or muscle pains? 
Do they seem to always have a runny nose or a cold? 
Are they always coming home with skin off their knees from trips and falls in the playground?

Chiropractic may be able to help by boosting your child’s immune system, improving balance and co-ordination and treating the cause of muscle pains and headaches.

**Chiropractic is safe. Chiropractic is natural. Chiropractic works!**

Come in and meet Dr. Bridget Kelly, Chiropractor to see what Chiropractic can do for you.

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