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

Winter weather has hit with a vengeance and lots of children are rugging up with scarves etc to stay warm! Walkathon—Our walkathon was a great success with great weather and the children completed lots of laps of the Milpeara oval. We now need all our families to send back the money they raised so we can buy an iPad for each of our classes. At this stage we have only received a small amount of money and have not raised enough for one iPad. Please collect the money from your child’s sponsors and send it back to school as soon as possible. If each family sends back $20 we will easily reach our target of $2000.

School Buildings Audit Results—Last week I received some exciting news following an audit of all our school buildings earlier this year—we have been allocated $125,000 by the government for repairs to our Hall and OSHC building. I will know more after a meeting on May 20th. What this space for further information!!

NAPLAN—It’s that time of year again when all our Year 3 and 5 students join others across Australia to sit the NAPLAN assessments. Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our students will complete assessments in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics and I know all our students will do their very best! Good luck everyone!

Chickens—Our three chickens are growing quickly and will move to the chicken shed in about 4 weeks time. We will be asking families to help with feeding at weekends and during school holidays, so please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Bayswater District Cross Country—This Friday we are again sending about 30 students to represent our school at the district cross country. This is always a fun event with the children coming back very dirty but very proud of their efforts. The event will be at the Lewis Rd Reserve from 12-3pm.

Mother’s Day—Next Sunday is Mother’s Day and the children had an opportunity to buy their mum’s something special from the stall on Thursday. A big thank you to Rachael Allan and her PFN team for organizing this for our children. I wish every Mum a wonderful day and I hope you all get very spoiled!

Footy Tipping—The last two weeks have seen some changes in the leaderboard with Jorja still out in front with 41, followed by Mrs Cartwright and Jessica M on 39 and in equal third place on 38 we have Mr Norbury, Aaron B, Chloe and Regan.

FTG Nissan Raffle—The tickets for this exciting raffle will be coming home next week. The
The following students received awards at assembly. Congratulations to:

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<td>SNP</td>
<td>Congratulations receiving the SOTWA award.</td>
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<td>Kristina M</td>
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<td>for achieving her personal best in class.</td>
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<td>for having an consistent effort in class.</td>
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<td>Justin M</td>
<td>SNE</td>
<td>for running 15 laps in the House Cross Country.</td>
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<td>Tyler C</td>
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<td>for being persistent when completing his work.</td>
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<td>Alex A</td>
<td>JNB</td>
<td>for being an enthusiastic Participant in our Creepy Crawlies lessons.</td>
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Heather Norbury
Principal
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first prize is a 2013 Nissan Pulsar ST valued at $19,990 and last year a mum at Knox Park PS won the car! Remember—every ticket you buy is money for our school as we get 100% of the ticket sales. Other prizes include two iPad minis and several $200 gift vouchers. Tickets are only $2 each.

Working Bee—Our next working bee is on Sunday 2nd June and we hope lots of families will come along and help complete the chicken shed renovations as well as some general cleaning up and tidying of our schoolyard. Please try and come along and support our Building and Grounds committee.

Lost Property—Could all parents please check their children’s jumpers and make sure they are not wearing someone else’s jumper. We have several jumpers missing that are clearly named and may have accidentally been taken home by other children.

Woolworths Earn and Learn—This wonderful initiative is back again so if you shop at Woolworths please collect the stickers and send them to school on the sheets, which are available at the office.

Wantirna Lions Club fundraiser—Don’t forget to keep collecting your loose change for this very worthwhile fundraiser. Please fill the bag that was attached to the notice with your loose change and on Friday 14th June we will be laying all the coins out in a line and measuring it. Our length will be compared to all the other schools involved and we also get half the money raised returned to our school.

Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders—Zoe J was the lucky winner of the Random Acts of Kindness award last week and she is very excited about her free lunch order. Well done Zoe!

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.

Term Dates 2013

Term 2
15th April—28th June

Term 3
15th July - 20th September

Term 4
7th October - 20th December

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open Monday—Friday during school office hours (8am—4pm). Please call in and Jenine will help you. Uniforms orders may be sent to school with a order form and correct money in an envelope. The order will be sent home with your child.
Chaplain’s Chat

So more evidence of WHY being kind is healthy for you – what can it do for you? You may like to read these books! Kindness can bring a sense of richness and fulfillment to our lives, and as a bonus, promote good health and longevity. Paul Pearsall, a Ph.D. in psychology living in Hawaii, writes in his book The Pleasure Prescription (Hunter House, 1996) “Modern research shows one of the most pleasurable of all human acts is also one of the healthiest things you can do for yourself and for others. Gentle, caring selflessness results in significant health benefits.”

In the book Meaning & Medicine, (Bantam Books, 1991) author Dr Larry Dossey tells us, “Altruism behaves like a miracle drug, and a strange one at that. It has beneficial effects on the person doing the helping - the helper’s high; it benefits the person to whom the help is directed; and it can stimulate healthy responses in persons at a distance who may view it only obliquely.”

There have been a number of studies undertaken which demonstrate the positive effects of kindness on health (both psychological and physiological). Further studies are under way, and several books have been published on the beneficial effects of kindness. Studies undertaken since 1988 are described in detail in The Healing Power of Doing Good (Fawcett Columbine,1991) written by Allan Luks and Peggy Payne. Luks often noticed feelings of pleasure and well being while involved in helping others. Initially thinking it was something he alone experienced, he began to hear from others about the pleasurable feelings associated with helping. This prompted him to investigate further into “this intriguing phenomenon that seemed to have almost magical effects”.

See if you can guess what the benefits may be, make a list and check next time.

Keep being Kind
Chaplain Julie

Netball News

On Saturday the 27th of April the Wantirna Starlets versed St Thomas Gerard. We won by 3 points. The weather was nice and everyone played well. Good job Starlets!

By Shannon M & Zoe J

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.
ALL CHOCOLATE MONEY IS NOW DUE BACK.

PFN Committee

Sport News

WINTER SPORT AGAINST THE KNOX PARK

We had a shared result against Knox Park P.S. in our winter sport on Friday, May 3rd, with two of our four teams winning. That is a tremendous effort considering Knox Park has double the number of students that we have.

Our boys soccer team who played home, won 5–2. The other winning Wantirna team was our girls’ netball who played brilliantly, winning 11–0. Our girls’ soccer team lost 4-0 and our boys’ teeball lost 12-3 to the Knox Park team who are undefeated.

Our next interschool match will be against Carrington P.S. on Friday, May 17th. The Cross Country for students in Years 3-6 is on Friday, May 10th.

John Donald
Sport Co-ordinator
Premiers’ Reading Challenge UPDATE

We have read…………

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Congratulations to the following students on completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Cassy DeLeon
Alex DeLeon
Alfonso DeLeon
Alex Leap

Parents still needing a permission slip can email van.leuveren.luke.l@edumail.vic.gov.au for an extra consent form.
INVITATION
WANTIRNA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents
You are warmly invited to enjoy our Open Day / Night

- Tuesday May 21st 2013
- 2:30pm – 6:30pm (All classrooms will be open)
- 2014 Preps can visit from 9:00am – 6:30pm

Meet our teachers, visit your children’s classrooms.

We look forward to your attendance at this special event to celebrate Education Week at Wantirna Primary School.