The
Wantirna Whisper

School Captains
Principal - Mrs Heather Norbury
2014 School Captains - Olivia & Justin

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

Thank You - I’d like to begin with a big thank you to the Wantirna Primary School community. Having the opportunity to see the big picture has given me a greater insight to just how important and valuable your contributions are to the effective running of our school.

Naplan - This week the students in years 3 and 5 have completed the NAPLAN assessments. The staff would like to congratulate the students for their diligence and hard work. Parents, please remember that the NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process and results are used in conjunction with the ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

Road Safety - Our student’s safety is of paramount importance. Over the last few weeks we have had a couple of instances at pick up time, where students have run across the road without looking. At this stage the children’s peripheral vision is not well developed and their focus is primarily on what they see in their central vision. The staff will reinforce appropriate road safety rules over the next few weeks. I would encourage you to please pick your child up at the gate in order to avoid any unnecessary accidents occurring.

Supervision - The school is supervised by staff from 8.45 am to 3.45pm each day. If you notice something occurring in the playground that is of concern please do not hesitate to speak to the yard duty teacher or speak to another member of staff who will deal with the situation according to school protocols.

Special Mention - The staff would like to thank Tyler C in SNE for showing the Wantirna CARE values. Tyler has demonstrated a caring and kind attitude. Tyler is a great friend to all.
iPads - The students continue to use their iPad’s on a daily basis. Activities include the use of the iPad Calendar, PowerPoint, Pages, Notes, iMovie, Google for research, Book Creator, Dictionary, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, comprehension activities etc. Please support this initiative by downloading the appropriate apps as detailed on the school website.

Footy Tipping 12/5/2014 – No one picked 6 in the first bye round of the season but several people picked five. Kath F picked 0 winners. Donna remains on top with 53, equal second are Regan M and Lachlan M with 50. The Kenneally family are 3rd with 49. Shae is last with 28.

Metal2Metal Challenge - The Metal2Metal challenge is back this year. A skip will be placed on the front lawn between 28/5/2014 and 11/6/2014. At the end of the challenge the skip will be weighed and the school will receive a donation depending on how heavy the bins are. Please refer to the attached advertisement for further information.

Enrolments - It is pleasing to note that Wantirna Primary School has been inundated with requests for school tours. Individualised appointments can be made through the office. On our tours, prospective parents have the opportunity to speak to the class teachers directly and to witness the classes in action.

Melitta Elliott – Acting Principal
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**Student Awards**

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<td>Consistently being respectful and a hard working student.</td>
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<td>For having a great start to term 2 being much more focussed and working on his goals.</td>
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<td>Chace C</td>
<td>For his progress in his writing.</td>
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<td>William L</td>
<td>For taking initiative and investigating and creating amazing fact books.</td>
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<td>For working hard and having great manners.</td>
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<td>Settling well back into her class and trying hard in her learning.</td>
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<td>Lockie H</td>
<td>For his persistence &amp; effort.</td>
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<td>SNE</td>
<td>Direin W</td>
<td>For settling so well into our senior learning unit.</td>
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<td>For his good work habits.</td>
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What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

Our staff operate a stimulating and enjoyable Out of School Hours Care Program.

**Fees:**
- Before School Care $22.00 – 7:00am – 8:45am
- After School Care $17.00 – 3:30pm – 6:00pm

All fees are invoiced and sent out fortnightly and are to be paid within 7 days.

To make a booking or any general enquiries 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.

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### CBA Student Banking

**Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.**

The Columbus have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Xepea. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize:**
- 3 Night’s accommodation at the Xepea Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast.
- $1000 spending money & tickets to Xepea World, Water Park, Xepea World & Park Fire Todd & Boat Trip.
- A 3 Day Family Adventure, and
- A CBA Student Gift Card to get you started.

**BONUS entry options:**
- 3 Day, 2 Night Mom & Dad Getaway to the value of $980, each to be awarded to your favourite teacher.
- Plus, there will be a separate chance to win $100 gift cards for each school in each state/territory.

**How can you enter?**

1. Log in to your CBA online banking and make eligible deposits at school at least once a week.
2. Your child will receive a CBA gift card on each deposit made, and we’ll keep a record of each deposit made.
3. All eligible deposits that are made between now and Term 2 will be entered into the competition.

**Here's how to win:**

Look for the ocean creature on your CBA rewards bank statements, in your My CBA account, and on your gift card. Find more information at commbank.com.au/deepseaadventures

Don’t forget our CBA student banking is on every Tuesday during term. There are a lot of great rewards for saving and you can even win a family adventure holiday.
PFN News

Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser will soon be sent home with the eldest child.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Support our fundraising by purchasing The Melbourne Entertainment Book from the school office. For $65 you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers! You can now purchase the book in a Digital Membership by simply going online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189e273 this is perfect for the person who is on the go. You simply redeem your vouchers on your phone.

Samples of our School Groups are on display at the office. School Captains, House Captains, Junior School Council, Senior School, Junior School, Community & Environment Leaders & ICT Leaders. The cost of the photo is $17.00 per photo.

All photo orders are to be ordered by Wednesday May 21st

SORRY NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN

Chickens

A couple of weeks ago we adopted 3 rescued Battery Hens. They have been kept in cramped wire cages with no access to natural sunlight. Because they are so stressed, they pull out their feathers. They are coming along very well. They are still learning the life of a normal free chicken. Please be gentle with them and allow them time to adjust to their new found freedom. Over the next few months their feathers will grow back slowly and they will settle in to a happy and healthy life at Wantirna Primary School.
If you have any food scraps that the chickens will eat just drop them into the school office.

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open for 2014. Any child in primary school may register to take part.

There are 9000 books on the list to pick from. Each year level needs to read a certain number of books.

Preps – Year 2 need to read 30 books, 20 books from the challenge list and ten free choice books.

Year 3 – 6 need to read 15 books, 10 from the challenge book list and 5 free choice books.

There are still a number of students that have registered and have not started reading, it is never too late to start!

90 BOOKS READ
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
Author of the Month

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss (2 March 1904 – September 24, 1991) was an American writer, poet and cartoonist most widely known for his children’s picture books.

Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated 46 children’s books.

His real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel.

Remember, our school Library is a great place to borrow Dr. Seuss’ books.

Below are some great quotes. It is easy to forget about the importance of reading in our busy lives.

♦ “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents”.
  Emile Buchwald.

♦ “I love the solitude of reading. I love the deep dive into someone else’s story, the delicious ache of a last page”.
  Namoi Shihab Nye

♦ You’re off to great places
  Today is your day!
  Your mountain is waiting.
  So......get on your way!”
  Dr. Seuss

♦ “Children see magic because they look for it”.
  Christopher Moore
DanceXpress Academy has opened up in Wantirna south at Knox Gardens Primary School offering:

- Jazz/funk
- Hip Hop
- Contemporary
- Ballet
- Tiny Tot Classes (from 3 years of age)

For more information please contact Alisha on 0423 694 362 or email dancexpress@outlook.com

First Lesson is Free!!