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

Thursday 20th June
Monday 24th June
Tuesday 25th June
Friday 28th June
Monday 15th July
Monday 22nd July

Children’s Half Year School Reports sent home
Parent / Teacher Interviews
Parent / Teacher Interviews
END OF TERM 2 - 2:30 PM DISMISSAL
START OF TERM 3
Zumba Dance Class starting

Principal’s Message

Reports—All student reports will be sent home today and I am sure you will enjoy reading about your child’s progress for the first half if this year. The report format has changed due to the adoption of the AisVels curriculum. There is a note included with the report to explain the changes.

Parent Teacher Interviews—Mid year parent/teacher conferences will take place on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June. All appointments can be made online via the link—www.ptcfast.com/reg1 . Each class has a code and it is very simple to book in a time for each child. Class codes are—
Junior B—X4W133707
Junior V—1QB133325
Junior CJ—ULT133706
SNRE—XRH133708
SNRP—Q2M133709

Woorabinda Camp—We have three students and two staff members at Woorabinda Camp this week. The camp is an annex of the Somers Camp and is offered to all Year 4/5 students in the Knox area every two years. I’m sure they all have a terrific time and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return. We welcome Mr Greenway and Mrs Collard into SNRP and JNB for the week.

Assemblies—We have held the last few assemblies in the JLU building and we will continue to do so until at least the end of Term 3. We will be having some work done to the gym and this will be a major construction. If the work is completed by term 4 we will move our assemblies back to the gym. The JLU is proving to be a very warm and cozy venue for assemblies and seems to be popular with both students and parents!

Working Bees—Term 3—We will be having two working bees on the first weekend after school resumes in Term 3—the Saturday will be to develop a play construction area, with the help of the Grace Church community, next to the veggie garden and the Sunday project will be to redo the fitness track. Please put one or both these days to support our school! A notice will come home next week with more details!

Wantirna Lions Club fundraiser—At last Friday’s assembly we lay out all the loose change that our families had sent along for the Lion’s Fundraiser. Our junior classes enjoyed lining all the coins up and we made a 33 metre line! Not bad for our first effort. The coins have been counted and we raised $193.65. With the donation of $150 from the Wantirna Lion’s Club, we have a grand total of $343.65 for the Kids with Cancer Research fund.

FTG Nissan Raffle—Please sell as many tickets as you can because every cent we raise is given back to our school and the more tickets we sell the more chance we have of winning a car for one of our families! All tickets and money (including unsold tickets) are due back by the end of this term.

National Buddy Day—A lot of fun was had last Wednesday for National Buddy Day and is was terrific to see our students tied together and managing the challenges this caused during the day. Thank you to everyone who supported the day and a special thank you to Miss Badrock for her organization of the event.

SLU Excursion to Phillip Island—Our senior students had a wonderful day last Friday and a highlight was the visit to the Penguin Parade. Thank you to Mr P. for organizing the day and
our students were extremely well behaved and represented our school very well. Well done! **Footy Day**—Yesterday our school participated in the BDSSA footy Day. We had a boy and girls team and our students proudly wore our new footy jumpers! The children had a fantastic day.

**Footy Tipping**—There have been several position changes in our footy tipping competition, but there are two tippers vying for 1st place—Mr Norbury and Regan M. Team Kenneally and Mrs Cartwright are coming second and Mr P is third.

**Tiqbiz**—Many parents have signed up to the Tiqbiz App and many of you will have received alerts from us about various events happening at school. This is a very quick way for us to send out reminders or information, rather than using reams of paper. The App is free and can be downloaded onto your iPhone, iPad or desktop computer.

**Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders**—Dakota L-W was the lucky winner of the Random Acts of Kindness award last week and she enjoyed her delicious lunch order yesterday. Well Done Dakota!

**iPads**—Mr V is very busy talking to parents and setting up student iPads ready for their use later next term in the SLU. IA purchase guide was sent home to all families to help parents with their choice of iPad. Please contact Mr V. if you have any questions.

This is our last newsletter for Term 2! Have a wonderful fortnight with your children. Don’t forget—our last assembly for this term will be at 2pm on Friday 28th June in the JLU Building.

Heather Norbury
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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**
The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has now closed. Thanks to everyone who have returned and collected the Earn and Learn stickers. You can still return your stickers to the school office until the end of this term.

**School Fees**
If you selected to pay for your 2013 School Fees in two installments, just a reminder that the second have of the payment was due by Friday June 7th 2013.

**Swimming**
There will be no swimming lessons held during term 3. The Prep - 2 grades will be doing a eight week program in term four.

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**ICT NEWS**

**CYBERSAFETY - HOW SAFE ARE YOU?**

**THINK**

- **T** - Tell mum or dad if you see something that upsets you.
- **H** - Hide your password. Only share with your parents.
- **I** - Interesting Websites can be fun. Check it’s okay with Mum or Dad if a site is safe to use.
- **N** - Be nice to people you talk to on the internet.
- **K** - Keep your special personal information safe. Never give our real name, address or phone number to anyone you don’t know in the real world. Use a nick name when you play games.

Mr Van Leuveren
ICT-Coordinator

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**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

PFN News

There are a lot of Fundraising Events coming up during the next two terms. We will be needing the support of the Wantirna Primary School Community to assist us running these events, so pencil the dates into your diary to help out!

Thank You

SAVE THE DATE!

Father’s Day Breakfast— 30th August
Bunnings BBQ— 7th September
Federal Election BBQ— 14th September
Trivia Night— 18th October

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.

Working With Children Check

Parent Volunteers... Have you got your Working with Children Check?

Under the Working with Children 2005 (the Act). Any person who Volunteers in school activities, e.g. excursions, helping out in the classroom, canteen duty, driving children to special events, sausage sizzles held at the school must have a current WWC. As a volunteer there is no cost, except that you require a passport size photo. Forms are available from Australia Post or the School Office.

Police Check

Parent Volunteers that handle money (canteen or sausage sizzles) or drive children to special events must have a current Police Check. This is very simple to do. Forms are available at the school office and we process the form from the school office. There is no charge.

Both these Checks are compulsory under the Department of Education Act if you are a volunteer in a school. We are going to Audited on a regular basis so we need everyone to be aware of the regulations. Thanks for understanding.

It is for the safety of all the children.
Our first day out in the garden. We scratched the dirt and picked at all the yummy things in our patch!

We are in there somewhere! Hide and Seek is a great game.

The Vegetable Patch is flourishing. All the seedlings are thriving with all this rain we have had. We look forward to having some delicious vegetables when Spring comes.
Macey and Trinity, Max, Regan and Justin all represented the Bayswater District at the Knox Division Cross Country, held at Nortons Park, Wantirna, on Thursday, June 6th. Despite being unplaced all of our students performed extremely well. The track at Nortons Park is a difficult one, particularly with the uphill start.

Congratulations to each of those students for competing so well.

John Donald
Sport Co-ordinator

Just keep running! That uphill start was a real challenge
A GREAT DAY OF FOOTBALL

Our school fielded both a boys' and a girls' team in the Bayswater District football round robin day, on Wednesday June 19th. Unfortunately, both teams didn't manage to win a match in their pools however they were certainly more competitive than the team I support, Melbourne. Hopefully the sports teacher won't be sacked either.

What was terrific to see was the camaraderie of our students and those who helped us field teams from Knox Central P.S. They were a welcome addition and helped make the day even more enjoyable. There were some superb efforts from our girls, such as the ruck work of Chloe, Macey's long kicking, great defence from Jade, Sophia running past two much bigger opponents and some fine goals kicked too. The girls had a fantastic time.

Our boys were in a difficult group but managed to score goals in each match. Max and Regan, in particular, took on the opposition with their run and our younger players such as Jett and Josh also did a lot of work. All players contributed throughout the matches and once again those students from Knox Central P.S. helped enormously.

Finally, it must be said that our new football jumpers looked sensational and really made our school stand out. The girls will be lucky enough to wear them again as part of a promotion of girls' football on July 30th.

John Donald
Sport Co-ordinator