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

Term 1 ends on Friday – final assembly will be at 2pm in the JLU.

Principal Leave – Due to personal reasons I am taking Carer’s leave for the first 6 weeks of term 2. All being well I will return on Tuesday 3rd June and then join nine students from WPS at Somers camp for the next nine days. During my absence Melitta Elliott will be the Acting Principal, but she will still spend two days a week in her class. I know she will fulfil this role expertly and will be available for students, parents and staff.

School Council AGM – Last Monday we held the AGM for School Council and the following appointments were made – Andrew Cusworth – President and Buildings and Grounds member Hamish Smith – Vice President and Buildings and Grounds Convenor Leisa George – Treasurer Ana Beames – Promotions and Marketing Convenor Warwick Peluso - Buildings and Grounds member Kath Faichney – Education member Rachael Allan – PFN Julie Reiher and Premila Stone – Community members Thank you to Peter Murphy for his years of service at Wantirna PS – we appreciate all your support!

Footy Tipping – We have had two rounds of footy tipping and Luke G is the leader at this point with 15. Jai Jie is holding last spot with 4 winners! Three people picked 9 winners in the second round. All results can be seen on the wall outside my office.

House Athletic Sports – Last Friday we held our House Athletics Sports. All the children looked terrific in their house colours and they all had a go at every event! Thank you to Mr. Donald for organising the morning and to all the parents and staff for helping with the events. It was great to see such support from our families.

Cultural Diversity Week at WPS – This week our students will be involved in many activities to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week. There will be a Student Expo on Friday 4th April at 9:10am for all parents and students to look at all the work done during the week. Students can wear their national dress and bring traditional food to share. I have enjoyed reading stories from the country they are studying to each of the classes.

Classroom Cuisine
Please note that Classroom Cuisine is now available on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. In the flyer sent home it said only available on Mondays and Fridays. Please note this change.

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

Notices/Replies Due Back
Swimming – Senior School April 4th

120 Mountain Highway
Wantirna Vic 3152
P: (03) 9801 1938
F: (03) 9887 4192
**Metal2Metal is back!** – We will be having a Metal2Metal Challenge again from 28th May to 11th June so start saving all your waste metal – cans, stainless steel, copper, aluminum, brass, cars and car parts, clothes lines, sinks, computer towers white goods, pipes, guttering etc. Fliers will be sent home next term.

**Healthy Together Knox Program**

Wantirna Primary School is committed to the Healthy Together Knox program to improve the health and wellbeing of our school community. Your opinions matter! Please click on the link to take this short survey to let us know what WPS does well in terms of health and wellbeing and what we could improve. Your time and support are much appreciated!  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVH826L](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVH826L)

**Parking at the front of the school** – There have been several parents parking on the reserve next to the school near the new fence. This is illegal and Knox Council has been informed. There is plenty of parking at the rear of the school in Wondalea Cres. Please park sensibly and keep all our community members safe!

**Mulch** – We still 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! Great holiday job!!

**PFN noticeboard** – Have you noticed the PFN noticeboard next to the blue doors in the main building, near the first aid room? Check it out as it has lots of information about the PFN and what’s happening! Thanks to the mums who set the board up!

**Plastic Bags** – We desperately need some plastic bags for the first aid room. We use these for lots of reasons, but are down to very few! Please bring to the office!

**Curriculum Day** – Our next Curriculum Day is on Friday 6th June, when teachers will be finalizing student reports. This is also the Queen’s Birthday weekend so children will not attend on Monday 9th June either

**Happy Holidays** – I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break over Easter and try not to eat too many Easter eggs!!

**Don’t forget that Term 2 starts on Tuesday 22nd April as Monday 21st April is a public holiday for Easter. Friday 25th April is also a public holiday for ANZAC Day and children do not attend school.**

Heather Norbury – Principal  
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**School Council – Annual General Meeting**

Your School Council held their AGM on Monday 24th March 2014.

I would like to congratulate Hamish Smith and Ana Beams on their re-election and welcome to Michelle McLean and Kath Faichney to the 2014 School Council.

I would also like to thank Peter Murphy who is leaving the School Council as his youngest boy moves onto high school. Thanks you Peter for all the work you have done over the last seven years as a School Council member.

Sub-committee meeting schedule  
FINANCE – 1st Tuesday of each month at 9.05 am  
BUILDING AND GROUNDS (BAG) – 1st week of each month (time TBA)  
EDUCATION – 1st Thursday of each month at 3.30 pm  
MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS – 1st Monday of each month at 2.30 pm

You are more than welcome to attend any sub-committee meeting and School Council meeting. I would also like to thank the new School Council entrusting me to be School Council President for another year – please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything throughout the school year. Thank you

Kinds Regards  
Andrew Cusworth  
2014 School Council President.  
andy_megs423@bigpond.com
Dear Families,

It is with very mixed feelings that I retire from my teaching at WPS after 31 years of working with children. I first taught disabled children then moved to Grimshaw Primary and finally WPS, which has been my home for the past 29 years. I have witnessed and been part of numerous changes, too many to mention, but a few of these changes really stand out. At the time I first came here the population was about 300 but I had come from a school of about 550 so WPS seemed very small and country like. The merging of WPS and Wantirna Heights Primary was very eventful and swelled our population to about 500 children. It was very difficult for the students and parents of Wantirna Heights School as they tried to adjust to a different school, teachers and friends. I think that we had about 5 grade sixes graduating one year. I had always been in the senior school as co-ordinator and I stressed out when asked to take the 3-4 area. They couldn’t even do long division! What was I thinking being in the 3-area. It was me who had to make the adjustments not the students, they were fine. Then came the 1-2 levels which I knew I could not ever cope with, what was I thinking, they couldn’t even rule margins! After anguishing over this fact I was told at this stage of their learning they were not expected to be doing this. I was so use to being in the seniors, it was back to learning for me. I had to learn what these year levels needed and it was certainly not how to rule margins! As you can see I have been on a long learning journey myself and have enjoyed every minute of it. It has been wonderful to learn with the students and so rewarding. The ipad program is a great example of this as I am truly amazed at what the students can do with them. And they are so willing to share their knowledge and become the teacher. I have worked with and have been inspired by some remarkable teachers that have passed through Wantirna Primary. I remain in a strong network of former Wantirna teachers and I am hoping that they will help me with my transition to the next phase of my life. Teaching children is extremely rewarding and I feel privileged that I have been able to spend 30 odd years in their company. I am delighted when former students make contact to let me know how they are going but not so delighted when I hear that they have had children of their own, it makes one aware of time. I believe that the staff at WPS work very hard to provide an exciting educational environment for their students. They certainly work diligently to cater for the many needs of the student population and I hope that their efforts are valued because being a teacher is a daily challenge in all respects. I thank all the families, students and staff that have supported me, argued with me and laughed with me over the years. I hope I am invited back to do some work occasionally.

Marcia Cartwright.

Out of School Hours Care

What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
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.

Winter Sport – Knox Park

Our first match was played against Knox Park Primary on Friday, 21 March. It was a tough battle for many of the teams as we were a smaller school against the largest school in our district. Our teeball team combined very well and improved throughout the match before losing 7 – 21. Our boys’ netball team lost 3 – 36 and our girls lost 0 – 20. The soccer teams fared much better with the boys winning 5 – 1 and the girls having a 3 – 3 draw.

After completing the matches it was interesting to see how much the students had learnt about their sports and competing. As we have limited numbers of Year 6 students in our teams, this year’s competition will provide valuable learning and experiences for our younger students.
Thank you to our hard working teachers Mrs Elliott, Mr Peluso and Mrs Martin and to her daughter Louise who has given up her time to coach both of our netball teams, made up of mainly Year 3 students.

John Donald  
Sport Co-ordinator

**Community Notices**

*Animal Aid Pet Picnic - Lilydale Lake. Sunday 27th April 2014. 11am – 3pm*

Animal Aid’s Pet Picnic promises to be a whole lot of fun for all the family, including your pets!

- Pet related stalls
- Food stalls
- Pet competitions
- Lure coursing & agility
- Face painting and Cars jumping castle.
- Live entertainment
- Discount pet micro-chipping
- Raffle tickets

*All pets are welcome, but must be on lead or in a secure carrier.*
On Thursday, March 27, students in all grades participated in a Tennis Australia Hot Shots program which was run by coaches Mike and Troy from the Kings Club Wantirna. All students enjoyed the day and learned many tennis related skills.

Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions the classes were transferred to our indoor gym however the students adapted extremely well to the more confined area. Each class began with some warm skills related to tennis movement before learning some of the shots used in tennis.

The Hot Shots program uses a less pressurised tennis ball and smaller racquets more suited to the students’ skill and ability. The idea of the equipment is that it enables the students to learn how to create a rally as the ball is much easier to hit and control.

If any parents are interested in their children learning tennis, I would highly recommend the program run by Mike and Troy, at the Kings Club. Their enthusiasm and application towards this program ensured a great day. For tennis lessons please contact the coaches on ENQUIRIES@TROYANDMIKETENNIS.COM or phone 0424 693 005.

John Donald
Sport Co-ordinator
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The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and officially will end on Friday, 12th September.

Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or “experience” 30 books (at least 20 from the Challenge list) and students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books (at least 10 from the Challenge list) during this period.

Participation in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge inspires our students to develop a love of reading, which is one of the key ways to improve literacy, which is a vital part of every child’s education.

Parents must complete and sign the consent form for the names of successful students to be published in the online Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll.

Consent forms have been sent home and must be returned to your child’s teacher by the end of Term 1, Friday, 4th April 2014.

Julie Thompson
Library Technician
Library Award Winners

Congratulations to JNRA for collectively reading a total of 107 books from our school library this term. Keep up the great reading!
ACTING FOR STAGE AND SCREEN.

Bayswater Studio

Two classes on offer starting 29th April

- Thursdays 4:30–5:30pm
  Ages 6–9
- Thursdays 6:00–7:30pm
  Ages 10–13

Register for classes at
www.actiondramastudio.com.au

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