The Wantirna Whisper

School Captains
Principal - Mrs Heather Norbury
2014 School Captains - Olivia & Justin
Message from the Principal’s Desk

Aladdin – Just over a week to go! – Rehearsals are happening daily for Aladdin! Tickets are on sale and selling fast. If you do not have access to a computer or don’t have a credit card please contact the office and we can arrange the booking of your tickets. Adults - $15 and school-age children - $10. Younger children must sit on an adult’s knee if they don’t buy a ticket as all tickets are numbered.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing – Following our Curriculum Day, staff completed all the documents for our revised School Values and behaviour expectations. They are now available on our website and posted around the school. Our revised values are below and there are expectations for students, staff and parents/carers. We would appreciate your support in implementing these revised values and talking to your children about the importance of following them.

At Wantirna we C.A.R.E.
C – Compassion
A – Achieve
R - Respect
E - Engage

Language for 2015 – After surveying our families and SLU students we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing Spanish across the school in 2015. It is a DEECD requirement that all Foundation (Prep) students are offered a language from the start of 2015 but School Council agreed that we would introduce Spanish to all our students. We will be advertising for a Spanish teacher next term.

Garage Sale – We have a considerable amount of furniture that we no longer need – filing cabinets, bookcases, tables, chairs, computers, a doll’s house, desks, various trolleys, floor rugs and lots more. Make an offer and all money raised will be used for our students. Please contact the office if you would like to look at any of these items. They will be disposed of at the end of term if no-one wants them.
**Daffodil Day** – Our yellow day to raise funds for Cancer research was a great success with a sea of yellow at our assembly last Friday. Sasha in JNRF also brought a beautiful bunch of daffodils to school. We raised $136.95 – thanks everyone!

**Excursions, swimming, camps and other extra-curricular activities** – We are having a considerable issue with families not paying in full for excursions, swimming etc. It is school policy (ratified by School Council) that children will not attend if full payment and forms are not received by the due date, unless arrangements are made with the Principal. It is unfair on those families who always pay, if others are allowed to go without full payment. There are still many families who have not returned swimming notices for P-2 which starts the first week back in term 4. We may have to cancel the swimming program if numbers attending do not improve significantly.

**Shopping Tour** – Saturday 18th October – 8-6pm. This is a great chance to do your Christmas shopping and also support the school. $40 a head – book now at the office or on 9801 1938!

**Footy Tipping Results** – The last home and away rounds have been completed and final results of our competition have been decided.

**Round 22** – 24/8 – Nine people picked 9 winners – Donna is still in the lead with 138; the Kenneally family and Alicia are equal 2nd on 135; Andrew is 3rd on 134 and Shae remains in last place with 74

**Round 23** – 31/8 – What an exciting finish – the draw between Carlton and Essendon had a significant impact on the results but Donna kept 1st place by one point! She finished with a total of 142 and the Kenneally family and Alicia tied for 2nd place with 141. Kyle and Andrew finished with 139 and several others with 138. Shae kept last place with 79. 1st Prize - $100; Equal 2nd - $30 each and last - $5. Prizes will be presented at next week’s assembly as the SLU are at athletics this week.

Heather Norbury - Principal
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### Student Awards

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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 enquires 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.

Chaplain Chat

Keep your dream

I have a friend named Monty Roberts who owns a horse ranch in San Ysidro. He has let me use his house to put on fund-raising events to raise money for youth at risk programs.

The last time I was there he introduced me by saying, “I want to tell you why I let Jack use my horse. It all goes back to a story about a young man who was the son of an itinerant horse trainer who would go from stable to stable, race track to race track, farm to farm and ranch to ranch, training horses. As a result, the boy’s high school career was continually interrupted. When he was a senior, he was asked to write a paper about what he wanted to be and do when he grew up.

“That night he wrote a seven-page paper describing his goal of someday owning a horse ranch. He wrote about his dream in great detail and he even drew a diagram of a 200-acre ranch, showing the location of all the buildings, the stables and the track. Then he drew a detailed floor plan for a 4,000-square-foot house that would sit on a 200-acre dream ranch. “He put a great deal of his heart into the project and the next day he handed it in to his teacher. Two days later he received his paper back. On the front page was a large red F with a note that read, ‘See me after class.’ “The boy with the dream went to see the teacher after class and asked, ‘Why did I receive an “F”?’ “The teacher said, ‘This is an unrealistic dream for a young boy like you. You have no money. You come from an itinerant family. You have no resources. Owning a horse ranch requires a lot of money. You have to buy the land. You have to pay for the original breeding stock and later you’ll have to pay large stud fees. There’s no way you could ever do it.’ Then the teacher added, ‘If you will rewrite this paper with a more realistic goal, I will reconsider your grade.’

“The boy went home and thought about it long and hard. He asked his father what he should do. His father said, ‘Look, son, you have to make up your own mind on this. However, I think it is a very important decision for you.’ “Finally, after sitting with it for a week, the boy turned in the same paper, making no changes at all.

He stated, “You can keep the “F” and I’ll keep my dream.”

Monty then turned to the assembled group and said, “I tell you this story because you are sitting in my 4,000-square-foot house in the middle of my 200-acre horse ranch. I still have that school paper framed over the fireplace.”

Great Story

Julie Reiher – School Chaplain
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](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.

Wantirna Primary Shopping Tour

Saturday 18th October

$40.00 per person

Book Now – Phone 9801 1938

We have read 304 Books

Please have all books entered by Monday 8th September

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge concludes at midnight on Friday 12th September – no books can be entered after this date

Only 21 days to the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge – so get reading!

Congratulations to Cianna S, Jia Jie W, Jade M and Elisha M, they are really powering along reading the Challenge books. The most popular read book at Wantirna Primary School in the Premier’s Reading Challenge is “There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake” by Hazel Edwards.
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Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent's bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2013, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most
A reminder that it’s hats on the first day of term 4.

**NOT HAT - NO PLAY**

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