The
Wantirna Whisper

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

Welcome back everyone! – I hope all our families had a restful time over the September vacation. I enjoyed ten days on the Sunshine Coast visiting my daughter and the warm weather was fantastic. We have a busy time ahead this term with SLU Camp, JLU sleepover, Year 6 Graduation, Fly into Foundation sessions for our new 2015 students and Christmas concert to name a few things! The time will fly and it will be the end of the year before we know it!

Library Funding – Next week I am attending a planning session for the funding we received for our library - $63,549! Staff and school council have discussed what might be done and at this point in time, the roof and spouting are top of the list, followed by painting and new carpet.

Metal-to-Metal Challenge – A bin will be delivered on Tuesday 21 Oct and will be here for two weeks. So, if you have any metal objects you want to get rid of, please keep them until then. A flier will be sent home next week with a list of items that can be placed in the bin.

Garage Sale – Last chance to come and look at some furniture that we no longer need – filing cabinets, bookcases, tables, chairs, computers, a doll’s house, desks, trolleys, floor rugs and lots more. Make an offer at the office if you would like to buy any of these items. They will be disposed of in the next few weeks if no-one wants them.

JLU Swimming – All our P-2 students had their first swimming session yesterday and they all had lots of fun. There were some issues with missing clothing when the children were getting dressed and this was mainly because the clothing was not named. Please name everything before the next session on Wednesday 15th Oct.

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance – From 2015 the Education Maintenance Allowance will no longer be paid. Therefore that option is no longer available to assist with paying school fees. School Council will be reviewing our School Fee payment process at the next meeting on 20th October.
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! Full payment of $40 is now due.

Parents Victoria Online Conference - October 2014 & May 2015

First four days: 6am Monday 27 October 2014 to 11pm Thursday 30 October (Australian Eastern Standard time)

PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all Australian States, Territories and countries, in government, Catholic and independent schools, are invited to take part in the Parents Victoria (two-part) online conference, which will be held over four days in October 2014 and a further four days during Education Week in May 2015. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in; online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all of the eight days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments. The conference is open 24/7 and is moderated between 6am to 11pm.

Topics

The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). The ongoing topic of Funding, an additional topic, will run for the entire four days.

DAY 1: Monday 27 October: Homework - how much and when? Hosted by: Victoria Hall, DEECD & Leanne McCurdy, Parents Victoria

DAY 2: Tuesday 28 October: Access. How and why is it important to you for your child to have access to high quality state school education in your local community? Hosted by Christine Hall, Our Children Our Schools & Elaine Crowle, Parents Victoria

DAY 3: Wednesday 29 October: Reporting. What do you really want to know about your child’s progress at school? When and how would you prefer to receive this information? Hosted by Kathryn Patford, DEECD & Nicole Sweeney, Parents Victoria

DAY 4: Thursday 30 October: BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). BYOD is a fast-growing trend in our schools; how is this working for your family? Hosted by Peter Maggs, DEECD & Sharron Healy, Parents Victoria

FOUR-DAY ONGOING TOPIC: 27-30 October inclusive: Funding. What should the government pay for? What, when and how should assistance be provided for disadvantaged students?

How to register

Register and confirm your participation (for no cost) at: [http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/](http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/)

*Once your registration has been saved, you will receive an email when the conference starts (at 6am on Monday 27 October) letting you know the exact website address of the online conference.

If receive this email but you have already registered, there is no need to register again. Simply note the extra information on the topics and the particular days each topic is being discussed. *All those who register will be sent an email with the online conference website address when the conference opens at 6am on 27 October.

Format of the online conference

The first section of the online conference will feature four ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria as well as another expert commentator. Each day will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last for the entire four days.

I look forward to meeting all of you online soon, to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this event will be.

Debra J. Crouch
Online Conference Manager

Heather Norbury - Principal
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Congratulations to all the students that received Pancake Parlour awards at the end of last term.

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

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

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- 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 enquries 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’s Chat

Here is a funny story about a serious matter – hope you like it, although he could have used an alarm clock I say!!!

Have a great week. Julie Reiher

**The Bedtime Story**

A man and his wife had been arguing all night, and as bedtime approached neither was speaking to the other. It was not unusual for the pair to continue this war of silence for two or three days, however, on this occasion the man was concerned; he needed to be awake at 4:30am the next morning to catch an important flight, and being a very heavy sleeper he normally relied on his wife to wake him. Cleverly, so he thought, while his wife was in the bathroom, he wrote on a piece of paper: 'Please wake me at 4:30am - I have an important flight to catch'. He put the note on his wife's pillow, then turned over and went to sleep.

The man awoke the next morning and looked at the clock. It was 8:00am. Enraged that he'd missed his flight, he was about to go in search of his errant wife to give her a piece of his mind, when he spotted a hand-written note on his bedside cabinet.

The note said: 'It's 4:30am - get up.'

~author unknown
Ordering your Uniform for 2015

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note uniform for 2015 will have to be ordered and paid for by Friday, 21 November 2014.

Orders can be collected at time of payment or alternatively on the day of book collection Thursday, 22 January 2015.

WE REGRET THAT THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL NOT BE OPEN ON BOOK COLLECTION DAY

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

We read 330 Books

Congratulations to all the children that completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The most popular read book at Wantirna Primary School in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge was “There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake” by Hazel Edwards.
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