The Wantirna Whisper

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

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Planning for 2015 – If you have any special requests for your children for 2015 in regards to class placement, friendships etc please put these in writing to me. The closing date for requests is 30th November so that teachers can begin putting class lists together.

Spanish teacher - Ms Ani Falk has accepted a provisional appointment as Spanish teacher for 2015. Ani is an experienced teacher of Spanish and will be a welcome addition to our staff.

New Bin shed – Some of you may have noticed the new bin shed, adjacent to the senior playground. A huge thank you must go to Justin and Hamish (and their families) for dismantling the old shed and erecting the new one, which was donated by the Vermont South Bunnings store. There were some unpleasant surprises during the dismantling but now the new one looks so much better!

Have you noticed our veggie garden? – Lots have been happening in our veggie garden over the past few weeks – new garden beds, new soil, and lots more! There is a small band of very dedicated parents who have worked tirelessly in their own time to have our veggie garden looking so great and producing some yummy produce. A huge thank you to Michelle M, Colin M, Hamish S. and Justin G for all their hard work.

Parent Concerns – It has come to my attention that there are a few parents concerned about some school organisation issues. However, these issues are being talked about in the car park and school yard rather than being discussed with me. Since my appointment as Principal in 2010 I have always had an open-door policy and have been approached by many parents who needed clarification about all sorts of things to do with school organisation. I encourage any parent who has a concern to make an appointment with me to discuss the issue.

Fun Food Fair Election Day – On Saturday November 29th will are having a Fun Food Fair. A notice will be coming home soon asking for Parent Helpers and second hand books to sell at the stall.
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 have reviewed our current policy and more information has been sent home to all families.

Reading Challenge Award – Last Friday Nick Wakeling, our local member, attended assembly to present Cianna with a special award for her outstanding results in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We are very appreciative of the support Nick provides to all schools in Knox.

Shopping Spree – Last week we received a cheque from the company that ran our shopping spree a couple of weeks ago. We raised nearly $800 from our fun day of spending! This money will be put towards our next piece of fitness equipment for the running track. Thank you again to all the parents who organised the event.

Metal-to-Metal Challenge – Thank you to all the parents who have brought unwanted metal to fill our metal bins for the Metal-to-Metal challenge. We have had such a good response this time that we had to get two extra bins delivered.

Heather Norbury – Principal
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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Jade M</td>
<td>Always giving her best in writing tasks.</td>
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<td>Lydia L</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach to surveying her class and creating graphs.</td>
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<td>Never giving up on his learning and taking initiative in helping others.</td>
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<td>Logan B</td>
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<td>William L</td>
<td>Excellent graphing techniques.</td>
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<td>Nathan K</td>
<td>For his excellent graphing techniques.</td>
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<td>SNE</td>
<td>Emily S</td>
<td>Always respectful of the school values.</td>
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<td>Max J</td>
<td>For being an astute listener.</td>
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<td>Adam L</td>
<td>Fantastic effort all week.</td>
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<td>Shaylan G</td>
<td>For playing basketball with a smile on her face the whole day.</td>
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<td>SNP</td>
<td>William H</td>
<td>For having a great attitude in CBL.</td>
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<td>Shaylan G</td>
<td>For displaying the school values CARE at all times.</td>
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Chaplain’s Chat

“Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.” - Dr. Seuss

Think what a remarkable, un-duplicable, and miraculous thing it is to be you! Of all the people who have come and gone on the earth, since the beginning of time, not ONE of them is like YOU! No one who has ever lived or is to come has had your combination of abilities, talents, appearance, friends, acquaintances, burdens, sorrows and opportunities. No one’s hair grows exactly the way yours does. No one’s finger prints are like yours. No one has the same combination of secret inside jokes and family expressions that you know. The few people who laugh at all the same things you do and don’t sneeze the way you do. No one prays about exactly the same concerns as you do. No one is loved by the same combination of people that love you – NO ONE! No-one before, no-one to come.

YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE!
See it! Receive it! Let it tickle you! Let it inform you and nudge you and inspire you! YOU ARE UNIQUE!

Julie Reiher
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE ("EMA") IN 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

Many families from Wantirna Primary School have been receiving the EMA since their child/children first commenced school. Two years ago, changes were made so that schools no longer received their portion of the EMA and therefore parents were encouraged to use their parent payment to pay for Student Materials and Essential Educational Items which then left no EMA available to pay for extras such as camps, excursions and uniform.

From 1st January 2015 the EMA will be completely abolished

Schools have been informed by the DEECD that additional funding will be provided to schools rather than directly to parents through the EMA.

Not all schools will receive this additional funding in 2015. Wantirna Primary School is not receiving any additional funding.

If you are one of our many families who have relied on the EMA payment to help with school expenses, you should plan accordingly to ensure these expenses are budgeted for in 2015.

If you would like to set up a payment plan for 2015, an agreement form for payments will be sent home with the 2015 Parent Payments List. To receive your child’s book pack half of the Student Materials and Essential Items Levy must be paid before you book pack can be collected on Thursday January 22nd 2015 and your payment agreement plan must be in place with the school office.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to see Jenine in the school office.

Regards

Mrs Heather Norbury
Principal
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.

Please make sure you are signing your children in and out. It is a legal requirement that this is done by the parent or authorised person picking or dropping them off.

All the children that go to OSHC, experience a fun & safe environment.

**Scholastic Bookfair**

**Buy One get One Free – to the same value**

**Friday 7th November to Wednesday 12th November**
Great idea for Christmas Presents or donate the book back to our School Library

The Bookfair is being held in the school office area
- 8:30am to 9:00am
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm
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

All pets are welcome, but must be on lead or in a secure carrier.

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

Ordering your Uniform for 2015

Election Day Fun Food Fair

Wantirna Primary School

Cake Stall, Sausage Sizzle, Second Hand Book Stall, Jumping Castle and much more

Saturday 29th November, 2014

10:00 am to 2:00pm
St Mark Dental Clinic

Dental Bulk Billing
children aged 2-17 years. Eligible with CDBS.

We use clear braces for children

Adult braces completed within 12 months. Clear Braces, Invisaling

621-623 Boronia Road, Wantirna, 3152 (inside Wantima Mall Clinic) Tel: 9720 4029

HELLO, I’M KRISTYNY YAP
YOUR HOME LENDING EXPERT.

As a lending expert, I understand that no two home buyers are the same. I can:

- Guide you through the home buying process.
- Answer all your home loan questions, from “How much will I need for a deposit?” to “What is Lenders’ Mortgage Insurance?”
- Provide you with a conditional pre-approval, so you can move quickly when you find the right home.
- Help you choose the right loan for your financial situation and lifestyle through our special home loan offers.

Arrange an appointment today.

[Contact information provided]
The uniform shop is located next to the sick bay room. Please call into the office and one of the office staff will help you. Uniform orders may also be left at the office or put into your child’s grade office tub. Please include order form and correct money in an envelope. The ordered uniforms will then be taken to your child’s classroom.

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**TOTAL**

SCHOOL UNIFORM PAYMENT DETAILS

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Enclosed is cash payment of $________

OR

Enclosed is a cheque payable to Wantirna primary School for $________

OR

Details of credit card payment of $________

Name on card ____________________

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