The
Wantirna Whisper

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

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

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.

Fun Food Fair Election Day – On Saturday November 29th will are having a Fun Food Fair. The Fair is running from 8am-2pm and is a joint effort between WPS and the Grace Church. Notices have been sent home requesting secondhand books and cakes and we also require parent support to man all the stalls that both WPS and the Grace Church are providing. Please return the slip as soon as possible.

Working Bee – On Sunday we are having a working bee from 9-12am to help tidy up our grounds in preparation for the Election day Fun Food Fair. Please come along and help us achieve this task!

2014 Student Reports – Teachers are currently assessing all our students in preparation for writing final reports for 2014. It is a busy time of year and I want to acknowledge the amount of time and effort that goes into the writing of the reports. These will be sent home on the last Wednesday of term and will include your child’s class and teacher for 2015.

Staffing 2015 – We are currently interviewing for both a class teacher and an education support staff member. Once these positions are finalised we will be preparing class lists and class structures for 2015.

School Fees 2015 – School fees and student book pack collection day notices will be sent home on Thursday 27th November.

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 information has been sent home to all families.

Heather Norbury – Principal
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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<td>JNB</td>
<td>Lara C</td>
<td>For P.E. – For always having a big smile during P.E.</td>
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<td>JNB</td>
<td>JNB – all students</td>
<td>Outstanding cooperation and team work during our number puzzle task this week.</td>
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<td>JNB</td>
<td>Tonia B</td>
<td>A wonderful enthusiasm to all that she does. Fantastic work all week.</td>
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<td>JNF</td>
<td>Aisling A</td>
<td>For having a high level effort in all her learning.</td>
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<td>JNF</td>
<td>Alex L</td>
<td>Excellent effort in always challenging himself in his maths.</td>
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<td>SNP</td>
<td>Jerry S</td>
<td>Improving in all subjects.</td>
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**Chaplain’s Chat**

What do you think is the opposite of love? Ok who said hate? It is actually FEAR. Fear is what is at the root of not being able to love. What do we fear the most…maybe its people not liking us, something happening to our children, not coping with divorce, separation or a grief. What else may be happening to encourage that fear or feed that fear? Fear can a very scary thing that can keep us locked up in a cage, causing us to feel that we are unable to escape.

Fear has many different arms like pride, anger, hopelessness, they are like tentacles. Think about it this way if fear and its friends are like plastic cling wrap – on it’s own in one layer, it can be weak and easy to break. But if I were to wrap it around you several times you would be immobilized. Try it sometime to get the full picture. It can be very hard to break free from its clingy grip. Fear can immobilize you and not help you to think clearly.

Be aware of your Fears – what are they? Be open and honest with yourself and try to free yourself from your fears this will enable you to love and you will be a more complete and happy person if you do.

Have a great week

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.

Ordering your Uniform for 2015

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All uniform is now in stock.

Please note uniform for 2015 will have to be purchased before Friday 12th December.

**UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2014 FOR STOCKTAKE WILL RE–OPEN ON THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2015**

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

Hats.....................Hats ....................Hats

Remember to bring your hat every day to school. It is compulsory to wear hats while outside during term 4 and term 1.

Slip  Slop  Slap  Seek  Slide

PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER

We are a SUNSMART School.
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.

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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.
medicare

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 KRISTYN 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:
Kristyn Yap
04 12 295 906
Email:
Kristyn.yap@picta.com.au
Can you Bake us a cake?

At the Fun Fair on **Saturday November 29th 2014** we are holding a Cake Stall. We are looking for people to bake or donate cakes to sell at the stall.

Cakes can be dropped off the night before at the school’s office or on the morning of the Fun Fair from 8:00am. You can also come and vote at the Polling Booths. We also need a team of helpers to run the stall and some of the other food stalls. A notice was sent home last week asking for helpers. Have you volunteered to help? We will need lots of helpers on the day.

*Please note that because of the food handling regulations we are unable to take cakes with cream or any items that require refrigeration.*

*Please label all cakes with ingredients used. We have made a label at the bottom of this page to use.*

*Please use a plate that can be thrown out as we are unable to return plates.*

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This item was baked on ..........November 2014

**Many Thanks from Wantirna Primary School. Your support of our stall helps our school in many ways.**