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

School Photos on Friday – staring at 9am! All students must be in correct school uniform!

Staff Retirement – It is with some sadness that we announce the retirement of Marcia Cartwright. Marcia is our longest serving staff member and most families will have had a child in her class at some time over the last 20+ years. She will finish at the end of this term, but will be taking long service leave next term. We will be having a special farewell in Term 2, and will keep you informed!

School Council Elections Results – Congratulations to Hamish Smith, Ana Beames, Michelle McLean and Kath Faichney on being elected for WPS School Council for the next two years. We look forward to working with you! The AGM and first meeting of the new school council is on Monday 24th March at 7pm. Our retiring School Council member is Peter Murphy and we thank him for all his support of our school over many years!

Footy Tipping – We have 49 people in our 2014 AFL footy tipping competition this year which is fantastic! Shae S. was very clever picking 4/4 last weekend and the results for everyone will be displayed outside the Principal’s office from next Monday!

Better Buddies – Last Thursday our year 5 students presented their Prep buddies with a Buddy Bear. We had two representatives from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation talk to the students about the work that is done as well as a local volunteer, Bruce who is actively involved with the Foundation as well.

House Athletic Sports – On Friday 27th March we will be holding our House Athletics Sports from 9am - 1pm. All the children will compete in several events and can wear their house colours. More information will be sent home shortly!

Cultural Diversity Week at WPS – In the last week of term all our students will be involved in a range of activities to celebrate the multicultural nature of our school and community. The week will end with 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. On this day students are encouraged to wear their national dress and bring traditional food to share.
Knox Multicultural Harmony Festival – 29 and 30 March 2014 – Residents of all nationalities are invited to take part in the 2nd Multicultural Harmony Festival in Knox. This is a weekend that celebrates Knox diverse culture with traditional activities from across the globe. Many people of different nationalities take part in the festival each year, bringing their own culture and flavour to the celebrations. There will be two days of nonstop dancing and singing. Traditional artefacts will be available for sale and cultural food from various countries will be available at only $5.00 each. For the children, there will be an enclosed entertainment area with free face painting, balloon art and many rides.

People of Polish, Hungarian, Indian, Italian, Greek, Irish, Afghani, Filipino, Austrian, South American, Chinese, Serbian, Mexican, Sri-Lankan, Australian-Indigenous and many other origins will share parts of their culture at the festival. Come and enjoy the things that make Knox such a vibrant and multicultural place to live. For more information please look on www.facebook.com/MulticulturalHarmonyFestival

Date: 29-30 March 2014
Time: 10:00am-6:00pm
Venue: ‘Syrena’ 1325 Stud Road Rowville

Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank Grant – We have been very fortunate in receiving a $600 Grant for another fitness station for our fitness track. The Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank are great supporters of our school and community and we really appreciate their generous gift. If you would like to know more about the Wantirna Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank and how you can help our school even more, please read below!

*Good for U*

When you choose to be a Wantirna Community Bank® customer, you not only make a decision that benefits you, you also make one that benefits Wantirna Primary School. That’s because our community focus ensures we share the profits we make with the communities we’re part of.

*Good for your School*

Wantirna Community Bank® Branch is rewarding Wantirna Primary School by contributing funds for each new loan, credit card, personal account or everyday account opened by families. Your School will receive:

- $500 for a Bendigo Home Loan
- $100 for a Bendigo Personal Loan
- $50 for a new term deposit over $10,000
- $50 for Insurance cover
- $200 for a new business account
- $20 for a new personal account
- $50 for an appointment with a Financial Planner

*It starts with U*

Drop into your nearest branch at Wantirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway or phone 9720 4122 for more details on how we can reward your school and make a difference to your own banking.

We have many ways people can get to know us and contact us – here are just a few for you to share:


Our Facebook page link: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wantirna-Community-Bank-Branch/445464402132590?ref=hl

Our YouTube video clip link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOj_EinPj8E

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!!

Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Drive – Our PFN have two fundraisers happening at the moment – please donate Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of this Term. Your donations can be left at the Office. Hot Cross Buns will be sent home in the last week of term!

Heather Norbury – Principal
norbury.heather.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

What a great start to 2014. The children have settled in well and we have number of new students attending OSHC. The preps have enjoyed their first days in OSHC and the older students have been a great help welcoming the Preps.

A big thank you to Riley’s mum Nerolie in the senior school for donating lots of Hama Beads, the children love them. The Smith family have also donated some toys to the program –thank you.

Activities

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<td>March 17 -21 BEFORE SCHOOL CARE</td>
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
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.
## Student Awards

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<td>JNB - Prep</td>
<td>Eros L</td>
<td>Growing in confidence this week!</td>
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<td>JNA – Prep/Year 1</td>
<td>Chern X</td>
<td>For learning all her ABC.</td>
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<td>Toby J</td>
<td>For having respect for his classmates.</td>
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<td>JNF – Year 2</td>
<td>Alex L</td>
<td>Consistently trying his best encouraging others and having fun.</td>
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<td>JNF – Year 2</td>
<td>Oliver G</td>
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<td>SNP – Year 3-6</td>
<td>Josh K</td>
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<td>Elijah Z</td>
<td>For working productively.</td>
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<td>For the diligent approach to their call and response task.</td>
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<td>Newzi L</td>
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<td>SNP</td>
<td>Erica L</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach to their assembly item practice.</td>
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<td>Cohen D</td>
<td>For excellent singing during assembly item.</td>
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<td>Lisia T</td>
<td>For her beautiful singing in time to the beat.</td>
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<td>Aarya B</td>
<td>Awesome beat recognition.</td>
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<td>Maddie G</td>
<td>For achieving the fastest race time in P.E.</td>
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<td>JNB</td>
<td>Lydia L</td>
<td>For always participating with enthusiasm in P.E.</td>
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<td>JNF</td>
<td>Logan B</td>
<td>For achieving the fastest race time in P.E.</td>
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## Visual Arts

**Can you help?**

The next stage of our outdoor program is the construction of mosaic totem poles. I am wondering if anyone has a contact for cheap terracotta pots. Even used ones would be of use if you have any in your backyard that you no longer need. We also need tiles such as colourful kitchen or bathroom tiles, even broken crockery can be used. Please deposit any offerings to the Art Room on a Tuesday, if possible or contact me if you have any questions, by leaving a message with Jenine at the school office.

*Olga Megele – Visual Arts Teacher*

## The Wantirna Journal

**The Perfect Bracelet**

The Rainbow Looms Bracelets are now starting to get really popular at our school. You can make them out of all kinds of colours and styles and make them look magnificent on you. The colours can be blended or stand out, it’s up to you. Let’s explore the World of Rainbow Looms and feel the style. You can also make rings and necklaces. So now don’t you want to go and make some rainbow looms? **Written by Wendy and Poppy**
Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
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- laptops and notebooks
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Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program, supporting over 20,000 people to build their financial confidence since 2003.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Simon Mansfield, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 9239 1458 / 0434 314 633
or smansfield@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with Berry Street, Wantirna and the State Brangel by Berry Street. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

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WHEN
Mon-Fri 4.30-5.30pm

WHERE
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✓ TEACHER
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 will be sent home next week and must be returned to your child’s teacher by the end of Term 1, Friday, 4th April 2014.

Julie Thompson
Library Technician
Margaret Wild is an Australian author.

She was born in 1948 in Eschew, a small town in South Africa, and came to Australia in 1972. She now lives in Sydney.

Before becoming a full-time writer, Margaret was a journalist for newspapers and magazines and then she worked for sixteen years as a book editor in children's publishing. Margaret has written more than 40 books for children. Her books are published around the world and have won numerous awards.

Remember, our school Library is a great place to borrow books written by Margaret Wild.

It is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday second-half of lunchtimes for reading and borrowing.