The Wantirna Whisper

Principal - Mrs Heather Norbury
2013 School Captains - Chloe, Luke, Regan and Georgia
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Easter.

**ANZAC DAY**  On behalf of the Wantirna Primary School community, Olivia and Justin, our School Captains, attended a wreath laying ceremony at The Shrine of Remembrance last Wednesday. This was a most humbling and touching experience. Thank you also to Brogan Badrock who conducted a smaller ceremony at school. We certainly have much to be grateful for.

**ATTENDANCE**  As your are aware schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Conversely, limited school participation is associated with a greater chance of dropping out of school, disruptive and delinquent behaviour and may lead to a cycle of rebellion against authority. These outcomes have later implications for employment, a range of health risk behaviours (drug and alcohol abuse), homelessness, poverty, welfare dependence, and involvement in the justice system.

Students are expected to attend the school during normal school hours every day of each term unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

A student is considered to be in attendance at school when involved in an offsite curriculum program or other activity organised by the school, for example an excursion or camp.
Under the new regulations that have come into place as of the 1st March, 2014, the following new conditions will apply to students absent from school:

- Where a student has been absent from school on at least five full days in the previous 12 months and the parent has not provided a reasonable excuse for these absences and measures to improve the student’s attendance have been undertaken and been unsuccessful, or are inappropriate in the circumstances, principals can exercise their discretion to refer the matter to a School Attendance Officer for further action.
- School Attendance Officers can then issue a School Attendance Notice to the parent giving the opportunity to provide a reasonable excuse for the absences or, where necessary, nominate the parent responsible for the absences. Failure to comply with this Notice may result in the issue of an Infringement Notice, which carries with it a penalty of approximately $70.

**EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY/NIGHT** Information regarding this event will follow in the next newsletter. At this stage we need to collect plastic bottles in order to ensure a successful open evening. Please send any contributions to the Senior Learning Unit.

**NAPLAN** The annual NAPLAN testing will take place for all year 3 and 5 students beginning on Tuesday, 13th May. Please refer to the attached letter for further information.

**ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY** As required by the Department, the students in years 5 and 6 have completed the annual Attitudes to School Survey. This survey constitutes a number of questions related to how the students feel about their learning, their peers, their teachers and the curriculum. Results will be available later in the year and are used to inform whole school planning.

**STUDENTS** I was amazed when Dylan G from Kat Faichney’s Year 2 class came to show his work to me. He proceeded to explain that an adverb describes a verb and supported his knowledge with some excellent examples. What a star! During a recent school tour, I was so proud of our year 5/6 students who welcomed a potential 2015 Prep student with lovely smiles and waves. Jade J proceeded to explain the work they were doing. She was so enthusiastic that our little visitor did not want to leave.

Finally my appreciation goes to both Jorja M and Shannon M who willingly and without question assisted with the distribution and collection of sports equipment. What fantastic role models to us all.

**FOOTY TIPPING** 7/4/14 - no-one picked 9 this week. Highest score was 7; Luke G and Donna W are leading on 21, Spencer P, Regan M and Mr P are equal 2nd on 20 and there are three others on 19. Jia Jie is last on 9.

14/4/14 - no-one picked nine; 4 people picked 8 winners; there are 4 people equal 1st on 27 - Kenneally family, Regan M, Spencer P and Donna W. Three are tied for 2nd place - G Petrie, Mr P. and G Norbury. Jia Jie is last with a score of 13.

22/4/14 – Lachlan M scored 9; Donna, Oliver and Marina scored 8. Donna is in the lead with 35, Lachlan is second with 34 and Spencer is third with 33; Jia Jie is last with 18, but close behind is Shae with 19.

27/4/14 - no-one picked 9 - Mark M picked 8 winners; Donna W leads with 41; Lachlan M on 39; Regan and the Kenneally family on 38; Josh, Oliver and Spencer are on 37. Shae is last with 23.

**CLASSROOM CUISINE NOW AVAILABLE 4 DAYS A WEEK** This is our school “canteen” and is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Register online at www.classroomcuisine.com.au with your child’s name and class. Then all you have to do is place an order online, with your child’s name and class with payment, before 8:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Your child’s lunch will be delivered to school.

**ENROLEMENTS**

It is pleasing to note that Wantirna Primary School has been inundated with requests for school tours. Individualised appointments can be made through the office. On our tours, prospective parents have the opportunity to speak to the class teachers directly and to witness the classes in action.

Melitta Elliott - Acting Principal
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What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

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.

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CBA Student Banking

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Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

The Lollamites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Eborato. For your chance to see a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major Prizes:
- A 3-night accommodation at the Sea World Tower & Water Park on the Gold Coast,
- A 2-night stay for two adults and three kids to Sea World,优惠的优惠，Aqua World and Wet'n Wild, Gold Coast,
- A custom family fun day adventure, and
- A $1000 travel gift card to get you there.

Terms and conditions:
1. The $1000 travel Gift Card is to the value of $1000 each to spend on your favorite things. Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each sub-territory.
2. To enter, visit
   commbank.com.au/deepsea savings
Chaplain’s Chat

Welcome back for term two I hope it is a great term for everyone and that all the preps are settling in well.
I am going to be chatting about RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS. Let’s see if we can become an even more kinder community than we already are. I will be taking information from the website of random acts of kindness, and my experience.

What is an Act of Kindness? An act of kindness is a spontaneous gesture of goodwill towards someone or something – our fellow humans, the animal kingdom, and the kingdom of nature. Kind words and deeds come from a state of benevolence, generated by a core response deep within all of us. When we carry out an act of kindness it is a message from one heart to another, an act of love, an unspoken "I care" statement.

While you may not realise it, you are performing many acts of kindness each day. Such things as smiling and greeting people in a friendly manner, whether they be friends, associates or total strangers. A kind act can be sincerely complimenting someone about their hair, eyes, smile, laugh, an item of clothing or jewellery, their positive outlook, their caring attitude, or something they do or have done well. It can be helping someone on or off with their coat, opening a door, saying please, thank you, excuse me, and other common courtesies that unfortunately are not very common these days. It can be giving your total attention to people when they are talking, it can be offering support to someone who has a problem, it can be helping to heal a rift or it can be not doing something. For example, refraining from such things as gossiping, finding fault, or making negative judgements.

A kindness can be acting out all of those lovely, 'soft' words that are in our vocabulary, words such as caring, thoughtful, loving, sympathetic, gentle, considerate, warm, compassionate, understanding, forgiving, friendly, tender, amiable, genial, unselfish, generous, helpful, supporting, and nurturing. These are words that acknowledge, respect, join, and unite, words that build bridges between us. And oh, how the world needs such words! Wouldn't it be wonderful to sprinkle more of these words and actions in our home, our work, our community? Humankind is capable of such beautiful things, and how sad it is that we lose sight of this all too easily. Will you help to warm your home, your work, your community, by using a greater number of such soft words and actions?

www.randomactsofkindness.com.au
Be Kind to someone today
Chaplain Julie

Student Awards

There were many students that received class awards and Pancake Parlour awards at the end of term 1.

Congratulations to you all!

PFN News

Thank you to all the families that donated Easter Eggs for the raffle. We raised $375.00, a great effort!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Support our fundraising by purchasing The Melbourne Entertainment Book from the school office. For $65 you’ll receive over $20,00 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 this is perfect for the person who is on the go. You simply redeem your vouchers on your phone.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – Our Mother’s Day Stall is being held on Thursday 8th May, please see flyer at the end of the newsletter.
The ABC program is a 16 week instrumental program designed to provide students with experience in many musical instruments with a qualified teacher, during school hours, without buying an instrument.

JUNIOR ABC (Prep to Gr2) enables the student to learn Piano, Keyboard, Clarinet, Junior Flute, Junior Guitar, Recorder, Percussion and basic theory.

Each instrument is studied for 2 weeks then revised in the second 8 week term.

Musical games are included in the weekly lesson where the children dance, learn rhythms and name songs after hearing them played.

At the end of the 16 weeks parents receive a report which provides an assessment on all of the instruments and a recommendation on which instrument your child could specialise in for the next new term.

Some instruments can be hired, bought 2nd hand or new at reasonable prices.

To enrol your child in the ABC program, the investment is $300 for 16 weeks.

To book your child in for the 16 week program, deposit $300 in the following account, with your name and Wantirna PS as your reference.

BSB 633-000 Account 142789767

All enquiries to Marianne Wright - mwrightmusic67@yahoo.com.au

Phone - 0409125464
Dr. Seuss (2 March 1904 – September 24, 1991) was an American writer, poet and cartoonist most widely known for his children’s picture books.

Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated 46 children’s books.

His real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel.

Remember, our school Library is a great place to borrow Dr. Seuss’ books.

Below are some great quotes. It is easy to forget about the importance of reading in our busy lives.

♦ “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents”.
  Emile Buchwald.

♦ “I love the solitude of reading. I love the deep dive into someone else’s story, the delicious ache of a last page”.
  Naomi Shihab Nye

♦ You’re off to great places
  Today is your day!
  Your mountain is waiting.
  So.....get on your way!”
  Dr. Seuss

♦ “Children see magic because they look for it”.
  Christopher Moore
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 have been sent home and must be returned to your child’s teacher by the end of Term 1, Friday, 4th April 2014.

Julie Thompson
Library Technician
WOMEN WANTED

‘Body Image and Eating Patterns’

What is the project about?
This research will be investigating risk factors for body dissatisfaction and unhealthy eating
behaviours in women between the ages of 35-55. It will be conducted by Vivian Giannopoulos
as part of a Master's Degree in Psychology, at Monash University.

You can be involved in the project if you are:
- Female
- Between the ages of 35-55 years

What would I be required to do?
Participation in this study simply involves completing a short, anonymous questionnaire either
online or in hard copy format.

How can I get involved?
If you are interested in participating please go to:
http://bit.ly/1DOP8R1
You can also contact Vivien at
vivian@student.monash.edu for more information or to request
a hard copy version of the survey.

Thank you!
This research is intended to provide significant information about age-appropriate treatment
interventions and preventative strategies, whilst also promoting Positive Body Image
and the acceptance of body size diversity for all women.
Mother’s Day Stall
On
Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} May

Prices of Gifts
Range from
$1.00 - $5.00