A message from our principal team

Hola,

I would like to start this newsletter with a big welcome to the 20 new students and families that started at WPPS in the past fortnight. It is wonderful to have so many new members in our school community and I hope that you enjoy being a part of our fantastic school.

New Staff

I would also like to welcome 4 additional staff members for 2016. Ms Kirstin Wilkinson in grade 34W, Ms Leah Mannion in grade 12M, Mr Wesley Coles (starting on Monday) in PE. Ms Kim Raymer also joins us in Education Support. WPPS is very lucky to have these new team members working at our school with our fantastic staff.

A great beginning

The start of the school year has been outstanding. I would like to say thank you to the all our teachers and education support staff for working so hard to make sure our students and families settle into the new school year. As I walk around the yard and into classrooms I see a sea of smiles, hear lots of laughter and learning happening, and receive many high fives from students. This is the stuff that makes being the principal of WPPS so fulfilling.

School entrance and traffic management

Thank you also to the school community who have worked with the school to ensure that the new school entrance and surrounding parking safe for students and parents. Please remember that the council does enforce the parking restrictions and speed limits on Kookaburra Ave so please continue to be careful. Also a reminder that until the council moves the school crossing nearer to the entrance that it is important that all people use the existing school crossing.

Asbestos Audit

As you are aware a letter was sent home yesterday to inform all members of the community that an Asbestos audit was carried out on Wednesday. While no dangerous Asbestos was found it was arranged for tests be carried out on a small amount of concrete sheeting in the main building toilets. While it is very unlikely that there will be Asbestos detected we have taken these measures to be absolutely certain that our school is Asbestos free. Blue stickers have been placed on the doors of the administration building to inform any builders or contractors that they must contact the office before commencing any work while these tests are being completed.
Parent Information Evening

Our Parent information evening has been set for the 1st of March from 4pm – 6pm. This year each learning community will be making a 10 minute presentation at two different times during this event. We have arranged this so that parents with multiple children have the opportunity to attend more than one presentation during the evening. A timetable outlining presentation times will be sent home before the event. On the night there will also be a free BBQ so please come along with your family and enjoy the evening.

Phone App, Parent Portal, and Website

Don’t forget to download the school phone app or sign up for the newsletter on the school website if you don’t have a compatible mobile phone. We already have 50+ families signed up and enjoying this new form of school communication. In coming weeks our new parent portal will go live and you will be able to see attendance data, learning plans, and school reports. You will also be able to make payments, update your contact details, book parent teacher interview (for mid year reports) and even report absences.

Newsletter

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work done by Ms Jenni in the front office who puts together this wonderful newsletter each fortnight. I think you would agree that every newsletter is full of great information, news and coming events. Thank you Ms Jenni!.

Some friendly reminders:

- We would prefer that you help us maintain our Healthy School status by not bringing fast food into the school (eg. McDonalds, KFC etc.) Any lunches being brought in late must be dropped off to the office please.

- Please ensure that Heely ‘skate shoes’ are not worn at school for safety reasons.

- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back when at school.

And finally all parents that arrive for pickup before 2.45pm must sign in at the office and collect a visitors pass. This helps us ensure that in case of an emergency we can account for everyone that is onsite. The school gates are opened at 2.50pm and the yard monitored by either myself or a member of the school leadership team.

Kind regards
Laban Toose
**Wyndham Park Primary School Community Aspirations**

My parents grew up in a small rural town in Sri Lanka during civil war. My mum remembers walking 10km a day to get to and from school. My dad remembers standing in line at the bakery each Monday for 3 hours to purchase bread (bread only came in on Mondays with a one loaf limit). Education allowed my parents to create a better life for our family. Through their guidance I learnt to love learning and see education as a powerful tool.

My wish for my students is for them to enjoy learning. To ask questions, find wonder in the world around them and to use their learning to achieve their personal dreams.

Nadeeka Pussalle
Grade 56 Teacher

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I would like my children to grow up and live their dreams, whatever they want. I also want to see my kids happy & healthy.

Anuradha Singh
Mother of Angeline

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We have had a number of confirmed cases of chickenpox in our Foundation and Year ½ Classes.

If you are pregnant or have a compromised immune system, you may wish to seek medical advice.
Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when children return to school after the Christmas break. This checklist will help you to manage your child’s asthma at this time. We have included steps to work with the school staff to ensure asthma management of your child’s condition is a shared responsibility. This checklist is also useful for parents with children at child care.

1. With your doctor
   - Asthma Action Plan
     Most schools require a doctor signed, up-to-date Asthma Action Plan or Care Plan for each student with asthma. Evidence tells us that using an Asthma Action Plan can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.
   - Asthma Australia Care Plan specifically for schools
   - CareMonkey.com electronic sharing of health information

While with the doctor, why not combine this with,
   - Annual check up
     for your child’s asthma, including spirometry or a lung function test and a check on their device technique

2. With the school
   - Talk to school staff
     Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child’s asthma, their Asthma Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication. Also talk to their sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities.
     Keep staff up to date with any change to your child’s asthma management

3. For you
   - Learn more about asthma
     Useful resources
   - Asthma Australia website
   - Asthma Assist
     your local Asthma Foundation will work with you over time to monitor and improve your child’s asthma 1800 ASThma (1800 278462) or register online
   - Asthma Education e-book
     Check out our other e-books while you’re there
   - Asthma Kids
     specifically for primary aged children
   - Asthma Australia social media
     follow us on
     ‏‪Facebook‬‬
     ‏‪Twitter‬‬

For information sessions and all other queries – contact your local Asthma Foundation 1800 ASThma (1800 278462)

*Please return updated Asthma Plans to First Aid as soon as possible.
WANTED CULTURAL PERFORMERS

We are looking for any local cultural groups to perform for us on Harmony Day at school. It would be great to have our school community share their culture through performance such as the Haka, a Samoan dance, or a Karen song. A small payment will be provided. If you can contribute or have contacts please let me know.

Louise Holley 0422906133
WPPS Community Hub Coordinator

LOST AND FOUND

We have many jackets in lost and found, with no names. Please ensure you label all items of clothing so if your child misplaces their jacket or hat, it will be return promptly.

Clean up Day, 2016

Heathdale Glen Orden Wetlands

Sunday, 6th March
10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Meet at Wyndham Park Community Shed, 57a Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee
Mel Ref 206 C4

Sunscreen, Gloves, Bags, etc., provided

Sausage Sizzle at 12.00 pm

For information, contact Maggie on 9742 9046

Friends of Heathdale Glen Orden Wetlands - like us on Facebook
If you would like to join these programs please see Louise at the Hub upstairs.

CLASSROOM HELPERS & VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help make teaching aids, listen to children read or help in classrooms please come along Thursday afternoons at the Hub upstairs. We have lots of opportunities where parents and community volunteers can assist.

Jaspreet and Sehaj helped with laminating and making games for families to borrow. Many thanks!

Every Thursday 2:10 - 3:10
Please see Louise for further information
Louise Holley Community Hub Coordinator 0422 906 133

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Saffron Kitchen Canteen (help prepare food for school canteen and if eligible gain pre-accredited training in food handling)

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 2.00 Canteen

For more information please contact Louise Holley WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422 906 133
FAMILY FUN QUIZ
Every fortnight in the newsletter we will have a Family Fun Quiz with a small prize given. Families need to solve the puzzle together, write their answer and names on the entry form and place it in the FFQ box at the office. You may be the lucky winner! (A lucky winner will be drawn from the CORRECT answers)

RULES
Quiz must be solved by a child/ren and adult/s together.
One entry per child. (that means a family with three children can make three entries)
Entries must be in FFQ box at the office signed by both child and adult/s.
You have one week to solve the quiz. Entries close after one week.
Prizes may be different for each quiz.
You must have fun!

Louise Holley Community Hub Coordinator

FAMILY FUN QUIZ 2

RIDDLE ME THIS ...
I'm there once in a minute, twice in a moment, once in the month of May, but not in June, and never in a thousand years. What am I?
Our Answer is ...........................................................................................................................................
ADULT Name/s: ..................................................................................................................................
CHILD/CHILDREN’S Name/s: .............................................................................................................

FAMILY FUN QUIZ 1 Answer
Party! Party! Party!
Charlie, who’s 12, brought POTATO CRISPS. Wayne brought FIZZY LEMONADE (he’s 13). Helen (11) brought PAPER PLATES, and her brother Peter (9) brought PAPER CUPS. Sheila is the same age as Charlie: she brought PARTY POPPERS. And little Horace brought PEANUTS.
How old is Horace? Hint: Think about the words in capital letters ...
THE ANSWER WAS: 7
Each kid's age is the number of letters in the thing they brought to the party. Horace brought PEANUTS, which has seven letters. So Horace is only 7 years old.
THE WINNERS WERE: Minea, Daniel, Jelica, Dom Graham!
Congratulations!

Good Luck with Family Fun Quiz 2
FREE 3 GAME FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

North Melbourne Football Club have offered our Foundation (Prep) families the opportunity to take up a **FREE 3 Game Family Membership** which includes the following:

- Access into any three (3) North Melbourne home games at Etihad Stadium
- Access to seating on Level 3
- An exclusive members’ pack with lanyard, sticker sheet, fixture fridge magnet and your choice of either a cap or scarf
- Priority access to finals tickets in Weeks 1 to 3 (if North Melbourne participates)
- Third priority access to purchase a Grand Final (if North Melbourne participates)
- 10% off your Roo Shop purchases

If families wish to take up the offer they simply need to fill out the forms and return it to the office at school or post it directly to the Club by **Friday April 29**.

Forms are at the school office or see Louise 0422 906 133.

Louise Holley
WPPS Community Hub Coordinator
Dear Parents,

Our teachers know that all students learn at their own pace and carefully plan for and monitor each student’s progress. This is achieved by setting individualised goals for students who need extra support, using ILPs. All ILPs will be sent home on 26th February and will contain specific learning goals and the strategies to best suit your child’s learning needs. We have an extensive Student Support Timetable offering a variety of small group learning opportunities and you will be informed via the ILP, if your child is included in any of these support programs. If you receive an ILP, please read it, sign one copy and then send it back to school. Once your child has reached their learning goal, the completed goal will be included in the next ILP so you can track your child’s progress and celebrate their successes with them.

If you have questions about your child’s ILP, you are more than welcome to make a time with the classroom teacher to discuss further.

We are currently planning for all ILPs to be available electronically via our Parent Portal, so keep an eye out for further details to come shortly!

Example:
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
Monday 8:30am to 10:00am
Thursday 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Canteen is open on every day for a delicious morning snack and lunch all for $5.00 you can print our menu from the school website.
www.wyndhamparkps.vic.edu.au

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1
29 JANUARY TO 24 MARCH

TERM 2
11 APRIL TO 24 JUNE

TERM 3
11 JULY TO 16 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4
3 OCTOBER TO 20 DECEMBER

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