A message from our principal team

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the first 5 weeks of term 1. It has been such a busy time for WPPS and as a community we have achieved so much. Please take the time to read through this newsletter to see just some of the highlights so far.

Information Night on March 1st
Thank you to all the parents that attended the information night. I hope you found it useful. If you were not able to make it we will be making all presentations available via the school website in coming weeks: http://www.wyndhamparks.vic.edu.au

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments for 2017
Bookings for tours of the school have now started. We encourage anyone interested to contact the office. If you have a son or daughter ready for school next year, please collect an enrolment form from the office ASAP.

Secondary School Enrolments for 2017
Parents with children in year 6 will start receiving information about enrolling in Secondary school very soon. Everyone has a story about their experience of school, but visiting each school that you are interested in for your child/ren is the best way to make an informed decision for their future. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further questions and keep an eye out for more information coming throughout the year about Secondary School enrolments for 2017.

Birthday celebrations at Wyndham Park Primary School
We believe in celebrating students as individuals, and this may or may not include the acknowledgement of birthdays. Classes may choose to acknowledge this in their own way, such as singing happy birthday or wearing a birthday badge/hat in the early years.

At times, parents may also wish to provide a special treat for their child’s class on this day. If you choose to send birthday ‘treats’ for your child’s class, we ask parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please provide only small, individually portioned items (e.g. cupcakes, freddo frog)
- No nuts or nut products
- If it is home-made please include a list of ingredients
- Bring the items to your child’s classroom before 9:00am, to be left with the teacher to hand out at their discretion. (This may vary depending on the classes learning time and most convenient time for the class on that day.)

Insurance and Ambulance Cover
I remind parents/guardians that:
Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
Please note, that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Council Elections
As per the Department of Education School Council Election Guidelines the following information is presented to parents regarding 2017 School Council Elections.

In 2015 all members of the school council were elected for a 2 year period as per the Department of Education guidelines. Therefore, there are no current vacancies in 2016 for School Council. This means that there will be no need for School Council Elections until 2017.

Kind regards
Laban Toose
Principal
2017 Foundation Enrolment Week

Monday 7th – 11th March 2016

Interested prospective Foundation parents are welcome to visit and see Wyndham Park PS in action at any time. However, during Enrolment Week we have organised an informational tour program.

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<th>DAY SESSIONS:</th>
<th>9.30-10.30 am Tour</th>
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<td>EVENING SESSION:</td>
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<td>Mr Laban Toose and the Foundation teachers will explain the Prep programs and procedures. The session will be followed by Question Time. You are then welcome to stay and join us for supper.</td>
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<td>Prep Rooms (follow the signs)</td>
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Eligibility for school: Children are eligible for enrolment if they turn five (5) years of age on or before 30th April 2017. At Wyndham Park, we will accept enrolments at any time during the remainder of the year if places are available. To assist with planning for 2017 (particularly grade and staffing arrangements) we ask that parents wishing to enrol their child call into the school between 9.00 am. and 4.00 pm. during Enrolment Week. We require proof of age (eg. copy of Extract of Birth Certificate) for your child and a completed Immunisation Certificate (available from the City of Wyndham Offices).

Please note:

1. Due to the limited classroom accommodation at Wyndham Park Primary School, the School Council has found it necessary to formulate an Enrolment Policy to ensure that the overall school population remains at a manageable level. This means we can only confirm the enrolment of a child for whom Wyndham Park is the closest State Primary School.

2. Any new families will be requested to supply verification of residence.

Note: This does not apply to families with children currently enrolled in the school.

The borders of the enrolment zone are indicative. The school, under DEECD guidelines/policy adheres to the placement of children to their nearest school when deciding eligibility.

Further enrolments will be on a provisional basis only and will be confirmed if places are available.
Wyndham Park Primary School Community Aspirations

Life is about fulfilling dreams and doing something that you love, happiness will always follow. I encourage my daughter to be the best she can at everything she does. Education is key, as no matter how old, you never stop learning to become better.

Jodie Rickerby  Mother of Madeleine 12R

My aspirations for my students are to encourage them to be life long learners. I tell them that learning doesn’t stop when you leave school and it happens all the time. I also encourage my students to be individuals and that it is amazing to be different. This is something I learnt as a young adult, but I wish I had been told when I was a child.

Karri Fry 1/2 Learning Community Leader

REMINDER:

It is important that your child’s asthma/allergies are reviewed each year. Asthma Care Plans and Allergy Action Plans have been sent home with all students currently noted to have Asthma and/or an Allergy at Wyndham Park Primary School. Please consult with your doctor and have these completed and returned to First Aid, as soon as possible.
3/4D Class Update

On Thursday the 18th and Friday the 19th of February all grade 1/2 and 3/4 classes participated in a one-hour hockey clinic run by the Werribee Hockey Club.

Students of 3/4D embraced the experience and had a lot of fun learning different hockey skills and games. There were lots of happy faces at the end of the session as the students were proud of their efforts!

Pictured: Scott Wilson and Ossama Haddara practicing how to dribble across the ground. Great effort 3/4D!

Foundation D have been developing their senses through exploration of technology. They have experienced an App called ‘Little Writer’ which is consolidating their understanding. Along with the importance of correct letter or number formation. Embedding these skills from the beginning is vital to encourage early success and a positive attitude towards learning. Using the app reinforces what has been taught in the classroom and transfers the same skills to other areas of the curriculum. We had tremendous fun!

Friendly Reminders:

Please check your child’s clothing each day to ensure they haven’t picked someone else’s up by mistake. Make sure everything is clearly named to minimise mix ups.

If you are running late please inform the office, as children often become anxious. A late pass needs to be collected if you are late in the morning before bringing your child to the classroom. This ensures their safety and your peace of mind. We also ask that if someone else is collecting your child please let us know in advance or make arrangements with the office providing permission to avoid unnecessary holdups on collection. School finishes at 3:10pm, students will be taken to the office at 3:20pm for collection after this time as staff have meetings to attend and their safety is paramount. If you have any concerns or queries please contact your classroom teacher or myself. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Louise Di Dato Foundation Learning Community Leader.
P.E. NEWS

The North Melbourne Kangaroos visited our school last week to run a special skills clinic with some selected school leaders, and Warringa Park School joined in too.

Inspirational captain Brent Harvey, Ben Jacobs and Luke McDonald passed on some key tips in handballs, short kicking and shots at goal. They signed autographs and answered lots of questions from our excited students!
**Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub**  
**Term One 2016**

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Program (parent formal  
English classes to  
complement Karen  
playgroup sessions)  
9.00-12.00  
Hub 1 and 2 | Parents & Friends  
Morning Tea  
WPPS Community Hub  
9.00-9.30  
Hub 1 | English Language Class for Adults  
9.00-3.30  
Hub 2 | Parent Helpers and Volunteers  
9.00-10.00  
Hub 1 | English Language Class for Adults  
9.00-12.00  
Hub 2 |
| Maternal and Child  
Health drop-in to nurse  
(weekly alternate  
Monday/Tuesday)  
10.00-12.00  
Hub 1 and 2 | KINDA KINDER  
Playgroup  
9.30-11.30 (starts 9th  
February)  
Hub 2 | Learning Together  
WPPS  
2:15 - 3:15  
Hub 1 | Connecting Cultures  
@Wyndham Park  
Leather Craft Workshops  
February 18th, 25th,  
March 10th  
3:30-5:30  
Art Room | Connecting Cultures  
9.30-11.30  
Hub 1 |
| English Language Class  
for Adults  
12.30-3.30  
Hub 2 | Chin/Burmese playgroup  
10.00-12.00  
Hub 1 | Karen Language Learning  
Club (support for  
reading, writing and  
speaking Karen)  
3.15-4.15  
Hub 1 and 2 | English Conversation  
playgroup  
(Adults learn English in  
supported play sessions  
with their pre-school  
children)  
9.30-11.30  
Hub 1 | English Conversation  
playgroup  
9.30-12.00  
Hub 2 |
| Dance Fit  
6.15-7.30  
Hub 1 and 2 | Maternal and Child  
Health drop-in to nurse  
(weekly alternate  
Monday/Tuesday)  
10.00-12.00  
Hub 1 and 2 | Weightloss Challenge  
7.00-8.15  
Hub 1 | | |
| | Fit Club  
6.15-7.30  
Hub 1 and 2 | | | |

**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 Halley  
WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422906133

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**MAKING HEALTHY LUNCHES WORKSHOP**

**Save the date**  
Thursday March 17th  
WPPS Community Hub  
.... more information to follow!

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**KOOKABURRA KITCHEN GARDEN PRODUCE**

Many parents volunteer their time every week working in our school garden. This week Moo K’Paw has shared lots of vegetables and herbs with our families and teachers. A big thank you to our garden helpers.

If you would like to work in our garden please see Moo K’Paw or Mr T.
**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 3**

What do you know about things happening in Werribee?
Can you find the answers to these two questions?
How many soccer teams will play in the 2016 Cultural Diversity Cup?
Can girls play in the 2016 Cultural Diversity Cup?
Hint: Read your newsletter and our school noticeboards.

Our Answer is ...........................................................................................................
ADULT Name/s: ......................................................................................................
CHILD/CHILDREN’S Name/s: ..............................................................................
Dear Parent/s,

We are pleased to advise you that from Monday 29 February 2016, Dah Moo will be available at school to meet with you if you need assistance:

- Visiting the Uniform Shop to purchase uniform
- Filling in parent notes, excursion notes, consent forms, CSEF applications
- Understanding other school information or events

This service is available to you on Monday morning from 8.55am until 9.55am and on Wednesday afternoon from 2.10pm until 3.10pm.

We hope that this improved service will assist you in the regular interactions that you have with Wyndham Park Primary School during your child’s education.

Yours sincerely

Laban Toose
PRINCIPAL

NEW WYNDHAM VALE SOCCER CLUB
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ALL PLAYERS WANTED

Mini Roos U7 - U11 Ages

For interest please email or FBK: wyndhamvalessoccer@gmail.com or

Facebook: Wyndham Vale Soccer Club

We will be in touch for registration details soon.
CONNECTING CULTURES@WYNDHAM
LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP WEEK 2
We learnt lots of new skills today and painted our leather. Families learning together, many thanks to our principal Mr Toose for sharing his skills with us!

The Select Entry Learning Program
At
Werribee Secondary College

This program is designed to meet the special needs of more able students, providing them with a curriculum which is more challenging than that for mainstream classes. The program caters for students who may excel in verbal and literacy skills as well as for students who excel in mathematics. Modifications to the curriculum ensure that students are stimulated towards attaining the potential which they possess.

Outside the classroom, students participate in a number of enrichment activities aimed at broadening their horizons, stimulating their interests and building their confidence. These activities include (amongst others), a Guest Speaker program, Public Speaking program, Debating and National subject competitions.

Werribee Secondary College has the only accredited, Department of Education, Select Entry Learning Program in the Wyndham District. The College is very accessible to students from a wide area, being conveniently situated just several minutes’ walk from Werribee Railway Station, and serviced by many bus routes.

In order to enter the program, students need to apply and sit for a written test which is conducted at Werribee Secondary College in May, - pre-registration is essential. For more information and / or to make an application to have your child enter the program, contact Werribee Secondary College on 9741 1822 and ask for an information pack to be sent out to you.

William Hatzis
Assistant Principal and SELP Manager
Werribee Secondary College

Angela Callea
Special Programs Director and SELP Co-ordinator
Program Update

Hello Everyone J

The last month was fantastic and very busy. We have been getting to know each other this term and will continue to do so as the year progresses. We have had many new families join OSH Club which is great!

We have incorporated a buddy system into the program were the older children are providing support to the foundation and grade 1s.

This terms key focus is to work with the children in developing key life skills, such as self-serving, cooking and being responsible for their belongings and hygiene practices.

Community Involvement:

We are seeking any donations for the program: recycling materials such as jars, empty food boxes, also dolls, barbies, keyboards and anything else you are willing to donate.

Operation Hours:
Before School Care: 6:55-8:55am
After School Care: 3:10-6:00pm

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0447 543 920
Coordinator: Samantha
Assistants: N/A
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
**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

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**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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**CONTACT US**

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Email: wyndham.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Website: www.wyndhamparkps.vic.edu.au

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**clk2sell**

An initiative introduced by State Schools’ Relief

clk2sell – the fastest way to buy and sell your kid’s school uniforms.

Just snap a photo of your items, then with one click they’re uploaded to a streamlined marketplace.  
Plus there are no listing payment hassles – it’s all FREE.

For more information about the app visit:  
www.clk2sell.com

Download the clk2sell app on the App Store today
Wyndham Warriors BMX club are running beginner and novice rider development programs at the Heathdale wetlands track. Starting Thursday 17th March 2016. This will be a perfect lead up to the state event Victorian Rider cup to be held April 9th and 10th at Wyndham BMX Club.

Details:
Four free come and try sessions March 17, 24, 31 & April 7th
All 1 hour sessions 5-6pm
All ages can come and try out BMX
Sessions are ran by BMX Australia accredited coaches
Each participant will get to experience all aspects of the exciting Olympic sport of BMX racing.
You need to wear long pants and long sleeve top. Helmet, gloves and any other safety gear such as knee and elbow pads.
The club will provide gear where possible.

How to book: To be a part of this BMX experience simply reply to committee@wwbmxclub.com.au
NEW VOLLEYBALL CLUB IN WYNDHAM

Are you interested in helping to develop a new Volleyball club in Wyndham?

Wyndham City is looking to further the development of new and diverse community sporting clubs and understands that there is demand for a Volleyball Club in Wyndham. Please help to develop volleyball in Wyndham by coming to a community forum on Tuesday 15 March 2016. The forum will provide interested residents the chance to contribute to the formation of a new volleyball club.

The purpose of this meeting will be to determine the feasibility of starting a new club, discuss ideas for the development of the club and learn more about the process of establishing a new volleyball club.

What: Community meeting to discuss the creation of this new volleyball club.
Who: All residents interested in helping to develop the club.
When: 6:30pm, Tuesday 15 March 2015.

For any access requirements or more information contact:
Lewis Tuck - Acting Leisure Projects Officer
Email: lewis.tuck@wyndham.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9742 0840

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