A message from our principal team

Hola,

I'd like to start this weeks newsletter with three of my favourite facts about Spain;

1. In 2012 the population of Spain was 43 million
2. The first modern humans arrived in Spain around 32,000 years ago
3. (my favourite fact) – Paella & Tapas are traditional Spanish foods

Enrolments

Our enrolments continue to increase and we expect to pass the 400 mark during this month. Whenever I conduct a school tour I feel particularly proud to share our success with prospective families. I often hear that our school has a positive reputation and looks so bright, open and clean. I also receive great feedback on how our classrooms look and how engaged the students are in their learning.

Strategic Review

We found out today that this year is a strategic review year for our school. Over coming weeks I will be seeking feedback in the form of focus groups and online feedback surveys. The information gathered from these activities will then form the basis for a school self-evaluation that needs to be prepared for the external review panel. Once the panel has conducted its review we will begin construction of our next 4 year strategic plan. While this will be a considerable undertaking for the school council, myself and the wider school community. The resulting plan will ensure that our school continues its journey to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students and school community.

Naplan

National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 will begin next Tuesday with the language conventions and writing tests, Wednesday students will participate in the reading assessment, with the numeracy on Thursday. I have also included an open letter from the CEO of Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) for your viewing. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive information regarding these tests via the students.

Mother’s Day Stall

We also had our Mother’s day stall held yesterday in the community Hub. A big thank you to Anne-Marie Pitman for her organisation and preparation for the day, and the wonderful parents that volunteered to help with the stall. Congratulations to the raffle winners. I am sure the mothers of WPPS will be very happy with their gifts on Mother’s day

Parent excursion with Grade 1/2s

It was fantastic to see so many parent taking the opportunity to attend the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion this week. What a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and teachers to spend time together.

Lift for the school

We have received confirmation that in late December works will commence on a lift installation for our double story main building. The lift will go next to the Community Hub stairs.

2017 Enrolments

We have started our 2017 enrolment process. Can I please ask all existing parents who have a child of school age next year to collect an enrolment pack from our office and complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible? If you know of prospective parents who want to enrol their child at our school in 2017 please encourage them to book for a school tour at their earliest convenience.

Kind regards
Laban Toose
Principal
On Friday 29th of April, Grade 3/4 students attended the Star Lab as an school visit that explored the history of Aboriginal and Greek astrology. Students learnt about the stories behind the moon and sun and discovered that there is 88 constellations.

Tips for Parents

Parent involvement that makes a difference.

Have high expectations for your children.

Let your children know that you think it is important that they do well in school. High parental expectations have the greatest impact on student achievement.

When parents consistently express belief in their children’s potential and tell their kids that they expect them to succeed academically, students do better.
We have been lucky enough to receive a First Call Fund grant from the Arts Centre Melbourne to engage our parents in learning about The Arts.

We invited ten parents (guardians) from our 12 Learning Community who joined us on our excursion to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Perform Crazy Creatures on 4th May at The Arts Centre. Families learning together.

Connecting Cultures@Wyndham Park Primary School
WEAVING WORKSHOPS
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Wyndham Park is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at:

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Please return to classroom teachers at Wyndham Park by Friday 3 June 2016.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child........................................................................................................Grade.........................................................

Parent Signature........................................................................................................
**Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub**

*Schools & Community Working Together*

If you would like to join these programs please see Louise at the Hub upstairs.

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Celebrating 50 days of School!

“The first thing we start to do is hat,” Said Jia
Anaya said, “We colour the numbers then we stick them on the hat and stick numbers.”

“We took a picture of ourselves, so everyone can see us and we want our class to be different,” states Yosra

Taya told everyone, “First we got the balloons and took a photo in a group.”

“We went outside and let the balloons pop,” shared Asma.

“I felt scared when they popped and jumped backwards,” said Hector.

“You can’t see where it’s going. It’s like a ghost.”

“Balloon small,” Said Eh Ler Moo when we were discussing what happened to the balloons.

“Some of them floated away,” Shared Olwyn.
Where do you feel so ‘at home’
you can dance like no-one’s watching?

Rocking out in your backyard?
Going off in the loungeroom?
A waltz in the kitchen or a disco in the hallway?
Tango in the street or cha-cha at the station?

Choose your favourite song or piece of music and your favourite place in Wyndham..... and we will make a video of you dancing there!

All styles of music, dance and all abilities welcome. You can dance by yourself, with family members or friends.

Interested?
Call Gretel to get involved 0425 759 988
or email gretelt@unimelb.edu.au
District Cross Country

On Wednesday 27th of April 2016, I competed in the District Cross Country. Our school competed against other schools and it was awesome even though I came 29th. I saw Darren Edwards and had to make two laps around the wetlands. Girls from other schools tried to trip me so I ran through them and said it wasn’t my fault. I saw my uncle and niece who go to Woodville. My uncle is the same age as me and my niece is two years younger than me and I was so happy to see them.

Shayn-Jade Mafatogia  56J

GREEN LIVING IN WYNDHAM
Join a local clean-up group this month!

Beach Patrol 3030 are continuing their monthly clean ups, with the May clean up targeting Wyndham Harbour & Werribee South Beach.

Sunday 8 May between 11:30am & 12:30pm
Meet in the last car park (before you turn the corner near the Marina) on Beach Road, Werribee South
Bring your own gloves and join in for one hour of beach cleaning, followed by a coffee and chat at Wyndham Harbour.
For more information visit www.beachpatrol.com.au

Point Cook Open Spaces community group are hosting a clean-up day at the Wetlands on the corner Featherbrook Drive & Hacketts Road, Point Cook.

Sunday 15 May, 10:30am
Bring the family along with sturdy shoes, sunscreen and water. A BBQ lunch will be provided following the clean-up, so come along and meet other community members and help to improve your local environment.
For enquiries contact Bruce on 8376 4170.
Kids Thrive – Kids as Catalysts

The Kids Thrive people come in every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:30 and we are learning about philanthropy. In Kids Thrive we get 1000 dollars to help animals. In my group we are working with animals and we get to talk on the phone to call up places and see if we can partner up with them as part of our Kids Thrive activity. Michael Kinniburgh Hassan 56J

BIG THANKS to the wonderful parents and staff who volunteered their time last Sunday at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle! Excellent work as they braved the wind and rain. Thanks go to Kylee, DahMoo, Louise and Pat, Sarah, Lucia, Marita, Jenni, Karri, Hayley, Lucia, Anne-Marie, Helen, Raylee and Laban and of course thanks to Bunnings for supporting our school. Communities working together!

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our successful Mothers Day stall. A special thank you to the office staff for
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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