A message from our principal team

Hola!

What an exciting week it has been at WPPS as we celebrate Education Week 2016.

NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students worked through the national testing (NAPLAN) tests last week. They completed assessments in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Families of students in these year levels will receive their child’s results in late August or early September.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge has also started. Students will receive a letter and their log in details shortly. There is some information in this newsletter and further details on the Premiers Reading Challenge website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. Thank-you to Ms Carol Kolic who will be coordinating the challenge this year.

Supervision before and after school

A reminder to parents that students shouldn’t be arriving at school until supervision begins at 8.15am in the morning at the Breakfast Club. After school supervision is provided until 3.30pm. After this time the yard duty teacher will ask students not collected by their parents to wait at the office until their parent arrives. I appreciate your support with adhering to these times.

New Classroom

Our new classroom arrived today and will become available to the school in about 2 weeks time. The building is called a Mod5. It gets this name from the 5 sections that arrive on the back of large trucks. These sections are lifted into place by large cranes and then bolted together...much like a very large Lego kit. These buildings will continue to be provided by the Department of Education as our school population grows. The next building will arrive once our enrolments pass 450 students. This is expected to happen within the next two years.

Lego Robotics Competition.

I would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of WPPS to Mr Milorad Cerovac and the First Robotics organisation from Macquarie University. They have today donated and delivered another 4 sets of EVE3 Lego robotics kits and a Robotics Challenge table and Mats. This equipment will help our grade 5&6 students prepare for the First Lego League competition in November. Please use the following link to see what all the excitement is about

https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-lego-league/

Kind regards

Laban Toose
Principal
We had some exciting visitors in the Foundation team last week!

Have you met them before?

(Where to find these amazing reptiles)

Giant Geko
Endangered Growing grass frog
Marble Gekos

An Olive Python called Jeff, is seven metres long!
“Gigantic and scary!” Exclaimed Hector.
“It freaked me out.” Stated William

Olwyn said it felt, “Slimy”

We wrote about our experiences and finding!

We all enjoyed the in school visit

Rare albino python called violet
Bearded Dragon
FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Every fortnight in the newsletter we will have a Family Fun Quiz (FFQ) 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 5

If I start jogging along the wetlands at 2.15pm and finish at 3.05pm, how long have I been jogging for?

Our Answer is ……………………………………………………………………………………………

ADULT Name/s:…………………………………………………………………………………………

CHILD/CHILDREN’S Name/s: ………………………………………………………………………………

Tips for Parents

Parent involvement that makes a difference

Talk about school.

Talk with your children about what’s happening at school – activities, programs and what they are learning. Surprisingly, this has a greater impact on academic achievement than monitoring homework, being at home after school for your kids, or limiting the time they are allowed to watch TV or go out during the week.

According to our kids, we may not be doing such a great job in this area. In student surveys conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), less than half of students in grade 3 (46%) report they talk to a parent or guardian “every day or almost every day” about their school activities. By grade 6, that percentage drops to 38%.

How did you help somebody today?

Tell me something that made you laugh today.

Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today.

What was the best thing that happened at school today?

What was your favourite part of lunch?
NEW COURSE STARTING TERM THREE
At Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub

If interested please contact Wyndham Community Education Centre 9742 4013
or enquiries@wyndhamcec.org.au

SHARING CULTURES COOKING CLASSES

Are you interested in participating in our Sharing Cultures Cooking Classes in Term Three?

You will have the opportunity to teach a recipe from your culture to a small group of parents and children. We will meet from 3:30 until 5:30, cook the food and then share it together. There are limited places.

If interested please send the note back to the office or see Louise.

Start (& ongoing) Date(s):
Wednesday 20 July 2016
Wednesday 17 August 2016
Wednesday 7 September 2016
Wednesday 12 October 2016

YES I would love to join the Sharing Cultures Cooking Class

Name: ..........................................................
Phone: ..........................................................
Children: ..........................................................
Recipe I could share: ..............................................
# Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub

## Term Two 2016

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_Saffron Kitchen Canteen_ (help prepare food for school canteen) M–F 9:00–2:00

_CANTEEN_

_OSHTClub_ (before/after school care program) M–F 6:55–8:55am 3:10–6:00pm Hub 1

If you would like to join these programs please see Louise at the Hub upstairs.
BOLT – Bicycles Over Lunch Time is a popular mentor program that keeps students engaged with their education through a series of weekly lunchtime bike repair workshops. Some of our 5/6 students are involved in this program and enthusiastically participate each week.

Mr T had lots of helpers at our gardening club.

Meet Harry Huntsman!

Build a tower challenge!

Learning together

Education Week at our Karen Language Learning Club

Families reading together
EDUCATION WEEK IN FOUNDATION

LEARNING IS FUN!

WE USE IPADS TO HELP US LEARN
IN MANY AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM.
THEY HELP US TO EXPLORE AND CONFIRM WHAT
WE ALREADY KNOW IN A FUN WAY!

Challenges are exciting!

We had to build a tower with a friend using 15 pipe cleaners.
The tower needed to be tall and stand up without support.

Describing our actions: Beau said, “Twisting click it together.”
“Making triangles and squares.” To get started stated Achuot.
Taya suggested they made a, “Pyramid.”
William’s goal was to create the, “tallest tower.”

Our towers ranged from 6 centimetres to 55cms tall, the highest measurement was with Hector holding the creation he made with Olwyn.
Our Community Hub has been busy this term with lots of activities for families and community members.

A qualified early childhood teacher and 8 pre-service teachers from Victoria University have run a 5 week *Engaging With Place Early Years Program* on a Tuesday morning in our Hub. They have finished and will be back in August. Kinda Kinder will be back on this Tuesday 9:00-11:00am so come along and join in the fun.

On Thursday afternoons we have our family weaving workshops, which are a lot of fun. Come and join us on a Thursday in the art room 3:30-5:00pm.

Wyndham Community Education Centre runs adult English classes in our Hub. If you are interested please contact Louise. Below are photos of the Certificate 1 EAL students.

We are planning to have some Sharing Cultures Cooking Classes in Term Three. This is an opportunity for parents to teach others a recipe from their culture. Children are welcome to join these classes on a Wednesday afternoon 3:30-5:30. If you are interested please fill out the form below and return to school or see Louise.

Werribee Support and Housing are holding a ‘Housing Question & Answer” Free Information Session on Thursday 2nd June in the Hub. If you have any questions about renting, signing a lease or financial assistance come along and find the answers. To book a place call 9742 6452 or email wsh.housing@gmail.com.

Our Term Two Program is available with an enrolment form attached. If you are interested in joining in any activities please complete the form and send it to the office or speak to me. I am at school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Louise Holley WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422906133
“Housing Q & A”
Free Information Session

Do you have questions about getting or maintaining a rental property?

WHY?
This information session is designed to answer your questions about renting:
- How to obtain and maintain a rental
- Where to go for help and support
- Who can help with Rental Arrears, Rent in Advance, Bond etc

WHAT?
Topics will be guided by your questions but can include:
- Contacting Yarra Community Housing Applications
- Financial assistance and responsibility
- Signing a lease
- Your rights and responsibilities

WHEN?
Date: Thursday 2nd June, 2016
Time: 9:30am
Venue: Wyndham Park Primary School – Community Hub

Contact: Housing Team at UnitingCare Werribee Support & Housing
For questions or to book, please call: 03 9742 6452  ask for Deb or Jackie or email wsh.housing@gmail.com

Reminders for parents.
⇒ We have many lost and found items being returned to the office with no names on them. To ensure your child has their items returned please name all items of clothing.
⇒ Foundation parents need to return their CSEF forms together with your free uniform order form to the office ASAP.
⇒ When collecting students early from school please send a note to the classroom teacher, so we can have the student ready for collection at the office.
⇒ Dah Moo our Karen interpreter will be available for assistance on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons in the Community Hub.
⇒ We are looking for donations of tracksuit pants for our first aid room. This will help us when a child needs a change of clothes for varying reasons.
⇒ If your child is absent from school please send a note to the teacher on their return.
⇒ We are now taking 2017 foundation enrolments. Enrolment packs are available at the office upon request.

WPPS thanks you for your cooperation in the above matters.
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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