A message from our principal team

Welcome back to term 3

While it has been a very wet and cold start to term three it has still be a great start for the students, teachers and community at WPPS. We have welcomed a number of new students and families and this week enrolled our 400th student. Due to the inclement weather over the break we were unable to complete some planned work around the new portable but hope to have this work completed very soon. Foundation S and the Spanish Program have now been moved into the new portable building. Grades 12F and 12W have moved into the classrooms next to the library.

100 days of school celebrations

Next week is a very important milestone for our Foundation students. They will be celebrating their first 100 days of school. Do you remember your first 100 days of school? We hope to make it a very memorable day for these students and their families. To begin the celebrations please consider this rhyme:

One Hundred takes a while to count
It is such a large amount.
But I know you'll take the time
to count the letters in this rhyme.

Soccer Finals

Congratulations to the grade 5&6 Soccer Team for their outstanding efforts this year in the district finals at Galvin Park Oval. While they were not the overall victors, they represented our school wonderfully and consistently displayed the schools values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

Staffing

As mentioned at our last assembly, we welcome Jane Butler who is replacing Ms Karen James until term 3 in 2017, while Karen is in a temporary transfer position. We also welcome Ms Valerie Wilson who is replacing Ms Georgina Psomiadis in the school Counsellor role. Mr Roland Laschet has also resigned from his position at WPPS. We will be working with the Wyndham Park Meds Shed to maintain the school facilities and grounds.

Before and After School Supervision

A reminder to parents that students shouldn’t be arriving at school until supervision begins at 8:30am in the morning. If you need to drop your child off at school earlier than this they should be attending the Breakfast Club program. After school supervision is provided until 3:30pm. After this time students are expected to wait at the office until their parent arrives. I appreciate your support with adhering to these times.

Parent opinion survey

It is that time of year where we seek your feedback about our school. A random selection of families will be asked to complete the survey over the coming weeks. It is vital that we get all of the surveys completed and returned to the school. If your family is selected please take the time to complete and return the survey. If you have any questions about the survey please ask at the office or when you see me in the yard.

Kind regards,
Laban Toose
principal
Homelessness Week 2016
Blanket Wyndham this Winter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year UnitingCare Werribee Support and Housing will be hosting a free community event in recognition of Homelessness Week. We have also put together a colouring competition for all students to participate. Prizes include family passes to the Werribee Zoo, WinxActive Indoor Pools and Aerobics and Trampoline Park. There will be two winners from each age group (Prep – 2, Grade 3 & 4, Grade 5 & 6).

Winners will be drawn at the event on August 6th between 12pm – 1pm.

In Australia there are many reasons why people experience homelessness. Things such as violence, mental health, family breakdown, poverty, housing crisis and addiction can all contribute to issues with housing. Often a lot of times things feel that they are out of our control but there are always services who can help.

- On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless
- Each year in Australia, 12% of people are living in poverty, 1 in 4 of those are children
- Census night 2011, more than 17,200 children under 12 were counted as homeless

Our free community event is aimed to highlight issues for those experiencing homelessness and make sure they are counted in the 2016 census collection. We are also asking for help from the Wyndham community to “Blanket Wyndham this Winter” by making a donation of a blanket to help those experiencing hardship.

If you would like more information about the 2016 census or simply want to enjoy a free community event please attend – all are welcome.

A representative of City West Water will also be there to help with any account questions you may have about any debts or payment options. No appointments needed.

What: FREE family event; BBQ, Animal Nursery, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, fairy floss and popcorn

Where: Saturday 6th August, 11am – 2pm

Where: Uniting Church, Corner of Duncans Road and Synnot Street Werribee

If you would like to make a blanket donation – this can be done at the event.

If you have any questions about the event please call UnitingCare Werribee Support and Housing on 9420 0452 or visit us at 19 Duncans Road, Werribee.

We hope to see you all there.

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Blanket Wyndham this Winter – Colouring Competition Ages 4 – 8

Draw a line to match the animals to their home

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Full Name: ___________________________  School OR phone #: ___________________________  Age: ________
Blanket Wyndham this Winter – Colouring Competition
Ages 9 - 12

Full Name:

School OR phone # ____________________________ Age: ______

[Coloring page with houses and trees]
SICK DAY OR SCHOOL DAY?

During this term, illness, like colds and upset stomachs, can pass through grades quite rapidly and it is now when you may need to make the decision to send your children to school or keep them at home. Below is a guide which may help you make your decision.

Check this sickness guide to help you make the sick day judgement call.

**KEEP STUDENTS AT HOME AND CONSIDER SEEING YOUR DOCTOR**

- Fever of 38.5 or higher
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Disruptive cough
- Constant runny nose with a yellow/green tint
- Diarrhoea or vomiting
- Extremely tired

**STUDENTS FEELING BETTER – STILL NOT QUITE RIGHT FOR SCHOOL**

- Fever free for 24 hours
- Sporadic cough
- Minimal green/yellow runny nose
- Upset stomach (cramps)
- Tired and grumpy

**OK FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL**

- Mild infrequent cough
- Clear runny nose
- Active, playful and rested.

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**BLANKETS WITH LOVE**

*The Phenomenal Animal Rescuers*

The Phenomenal Animal Rescuers from WPPS with Kids Thrive are doing Blankets with Love.

We need your old towels and blankets urgently because we are helping the dogs at Melbourne University Veterinary Hospital in Werribee.

You can drop off some **CLEAN** old towels or blankets during the start of Week 3 and to the end of Week 4 in the office to Miss Jenni.

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING**
Welcome back to Term 3 the students have settled well and are eager to learn. Please continue to check the information boards on the windows of Foundation D and T where messages will be placed to keep you up to date with events.

A new schedule for Show and Tell has been created with a specific focus related to our Inquiry unit. Students are asked to bring and talk about something that they have designed and made which moves.

Library times this Term are: Foundation S Monday, Foundation T Tuesday and Foundation D Friday. Students can only borrow a library book when they return their previous one, so please encourage your child to return their books to avoid disappointment. Please continue to read with your children each day and practise their Golden and Red words to boost confidence and skills.

Foundation D will have Ms Ferreira in their class this term, who is a fourth year in-service teacher. She will be assisting with the teaching of the students as part of her course. This is a very valuable experience for both the students and Ms Ferreira.

Remember to label all items of clothing and make sure your child has enough appropriate clothing at school to keep them warm throughout the day. Breakfast is an important meal which provides a great start to the day encouraging concentration during learning activities. Our Breakfast Club runs every day from 8.10 am offering a selection of warm toast, cereal, fruit, milo and milk. This is open to all students so come along early leaving plenty of time to eat before school starts.

We will be celebrating 100 Days of School on Thursday 28th July (next week). To acknowledge this milestone, we have a day full of special activities to enjoy including a party. Each child will be asked to bring an item of food to share on the day, a note will go home shortly including permission for your child to eat the food provided to avoid any allergies. If you have any concerns, please see Mrs Di Dato.

Kind regards,

Louise Di Dato
Foundation Learning Community Leader

This term in Inquiry we are looking at how toys move and how we can change materials to make our own toys. So far we have been observing spinning toys and jumping toys and have just begun observing and exploring flying toys.

**Bottle Caps Needed!!!**
Please start collecting and bringing in plastic bottle caps as these will be a great resource for making cars. As soon as you have 5-10 send them to your child’s teacher for collection. Thanks

**Some things we have found out so far!**

- The Frogs jump high on the carpet but you have to press hard.
- It is hard to make things fly. The propeller has to spin. (Lance)
- The spinning top didn’t move so fast. It got stuck to the carpet. (Garang)
- You have to press the frog here to make it move. (Aboud)
- The spinning tops move away if you blow on them. (Wyllie)

**Some useful FREE apps to try at home on IPad or IPhone!**

- Geoboard is a shape drawing app.
- Little writer is great for developing handwriting skills.
- These two apps are great for developing word identification skills.
- Students have access to part of this app for free. It has activities and stories to develop letter sound knowledge and spelling skills.
Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub

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Connecting Cultures@Wyndham Printmaking for Families

We will be starting our Connecting Cultures@Wyndham Printmaking classes next Thursday 28th July. We were very fortunate to receive a grant from Wyndham City Council to employ two artists Vicki and Kinga who will share their skills on Thursdays from 3:30 until 5:00 pm.

These workshops are for families, adults and children learning together. Classes will run for five weeks upstairs in the WPPS artroom. ALL WELCOME!

Please let Louise or Jenni at the office know if you would like to join us.

Louise Holley WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422906133

Many thanks to Mrs Sara Mahmood who taught us how to make Birds Nests, a Syrian recipe at our Sharing Cultures Cooking Class today. Delicious! Thanks to The Salvation army team who supported us.

ENGAGING WITH PLACE

(FREE playgroup for children aged 0-5)

�� Engaging with Place is a facilitated playgroup for children and their families.
�� Children will learn through play-based experiences that will take place in their local, community environments.
�� Engaging with Place is facilitated by a qualified early childhood or primary educator.

Location: Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub

Dates: TUESDAYS
(2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August)

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Site Contact: Louise Holley WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422906133
FAMILY FUN QUIZ 6

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

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

Louise Holley - Community Hub Coordinator

FAMILY FUN QUIZ 6

Read the Pokemon Go Journal and answer the two questions.

⇒ How many items have they collected from the PokeStop?
⇒ How many minutes was Geodude caught after Pidgeotto?

Our Answers are
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ADULT Name/s:
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CHILD/CHILDREN’S Name/s:
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Hopsalot: A Frog Story

On Friday the 3/4LC were lucky enough to be visited by the SEDA ARTS students who performed a play that used music and theatre to engage our students. The story is about a small frog who leaves the safety of his pond to go on a life of ADVENTURE! On his adventure Hopsalot learns to accept the cultural, community and individual differences that make up our world. The students were left with a heart-warming message – no matter how big or small you are; it is the size of your heart that matters.
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
Monday 8:30am to 10:00am
Thursday 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Canteen is open 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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