A message from our principal team

Welcome to term four.

Wow, this year has been flying along very quickly. We look forward to another term focusing on our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

**Term 4 events**

We have some big events coming up this term, the whole school basketball fun day, parent paint night, grade 1/2 sleepover, Life ED van visit, Grade 6 graduation and 2016 transitions days...just to name a few.

**Term 4 curriculum day**

We have a curriculum student free day scheduled for Monday 30th November. Teachers will be focusing on improving the teaching and learning opportunities of WPPS for 2016 and beyond.

**Students leaving WPPS**

We have had a significant amount of enquiries regarding enrolments at Wyndham Park Primary School for 2016. In order to gain an accurate idea of attendance numbers for next year we would appreciate you notifying the office as soon as possible, if your child (current Year Prep - 5) will be attending another school in 2016. Conversely if you have a child that will be new to WPPS in 2016 we encourage you to commence the enrolment process ASAP to guarantee a place for the 2016 school year. Thank you.

**Sun Smart**

REMINDER: In Term 4 hats must be worn outside by all students. Students who do not have a hat will be required to remain under shelter during recess and lunch times.

**Student and Teacher Learning Focus for term 4**

Staff have been refocusing their work as a follow up to our ongoing professional development. This week staff revisited the importance of Learning Goals, Success Criteria and the Activation of Prior Knowledge as part of an effectively differentiated lesson. If we harness Learning Goals, and students are aware of what they need to do to be successful in meeting these goals, then they are more secure about their learning, and are more willing to take risks. The result of this is achievement, understanding increases and curiosity will be enhanced. Learning Goals capture students’ attention and are critical as the introduction to the beginning of a lesson.

Kind regards
Laban Toose
Principal
Be a walking role model

Children learn through experience. Walking with parents or another caregiver is an important way for children to practice crossing real streets and picking safe places to walk. In general children under 9 years should not walk home without adult supervision. As a parent, you should decide when your child has the skills and experience to deal with traffic safely without you.

Safety Tips

♦ Wear bright-coloured clothes, consider reflective gear if it is dark or hard to see.
♦ Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection.
♦ Watch for parked cars that may be getting ready to move.
♦ Try always to cross at pedestrian crossings with either traffic lights or a school crossing supervisor.

Choose the safest route to school

Select a safe walking route for your child to go to school:

♦ Try to limit the number of uncontrolled street crossings. When available, cross at a pedestrian crossing with either traffic light or a school crossing supervisor.
♦ Try to avoid crossing major throughways.

Understand your child’s limitations

Children are not small adults. It will take time and practice for a child to develop the ability to deal with the associated hazards of road use. Over time, children develop the ability to accurately judge the speed and distance of oncoming traffic. They might try very hard to observe all the road safety rules, but children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

♦ Talk with your children about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play.
♦ Include discussion on the dangers posed by heavy vehicles which may be entering or exiting driveways.
♦ After school, meet your child AT the school gate. At the end of the school day, children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.
♦ If you cannot be with your child, organize for another trusted adult to accompany them.
♦ If your child comes home on the school bus, meet your child AT the bus stop, before choosing the safest place to cross.
♦ Talk with your child about what to do if you are late.

Emergency Procedures

♦ In an emergency, 000 is the telephone number that can be contacted from any phone on any network, for Police, Ambulance or Fire.

♦ In an emergency, if 000 does not connect, 112 is the best number to call using a mobile phone. 112 will use any network available, regardless of your provider. it will work, even if the SIM card is barred or blocked.
♦ The mobile phone does need to have battery life (charge) and be turned on.
♦ You must remember to press the ‘enter’ or ‘dial’ button on the phone, to connect the call.
♦ Always try 000 first then you can make a telephone call to a contact number using one of the following:
  ♦ From a telephone box using: 1800 reverse (1800 7383 773) www.1800reverse.com.au or
  ♦ 1800 mum dad (1800 686 323) www.1800mumdad.com or
  ♦ Use Telstra Phone Away card or an Optus Calling Card.

Further Information

**Wyndham Park Primary School Community Aspirations**

My hopes and dreams for my girls, are to be happy, healthy, successful, kind, confident and respectful in life.

Megan Astell
Mother of Shayla, Erin and Willow

I wish for my students to develop into happy, confident learners of the 21st Century. I hope they learn to ask questions and develop skills to find answers to questions they have about the world. I hope they develop a passion for learning, which they can use to get a successful job and make money out of something they love doing when they grow into adulthood.

Carol Kolic
1/2 Learning Community Leader
Our Prep-2 Learning Community had a fantastic Mini-Olympics Day last week, with lots of events and skills being shown. Congratulations to the athletes, Miss Pyke and our Student Leaders, staff and of course the many families who assisted and helped to make the day a great family event. Lots of fun for all!
SUPERHEROES OF FAIRNESS

What an outstanding performance from 34F on Wednesday at Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Our students along with students from Manor Lakes P-12 College and Our Lady of the Southern Cross confidently performed six songs they had written about being fair. Congratulations to the students, Miss Karri, Kids Thrive and of course the families who attended. Kids can make a difference!
What's this growing in our garden?

If you have any free time please come along and help Mr T and his volunteer gardeners! Lots of fun!

Here's my hat.
It holds my head, the thoughts I’ve had and the things I’ve read.
It keeps out the sun and wind
It keeps off the rain.
It hugs my hair and warms my brain.
There's me below it, the sky above it.
It's my lid and I love it.
We are sun smart at W.P.P.S and wear our hats outside.

Chickenpox alert

We have recently received notification that some students at our school have been diagnosed with chickenpox.

The cases are limited but it is important for you to be aware of the symptoms for chickenpox. Chickenpox usually begins with: • Fever. • Fatigue. • Loss of appetite. • Followed by a generalised rash a day or so later and starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters.

A person is infectious from two days prior to the onset of the rash until the blisters have all crusted into scabs, usually about five days after they appear.

Children with chickenpox must miss school until all remaining blisters have become scabs then exclusion is no longer required.

Please note that pregnant women and newborn babies should not be exposed to people with active chickenpox.

Should you require any additional information the following link is quite useful: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/chickenpox-vaccination.htm Should you feel that you need to seek medical attention please contact your doctor and let them know.
If you would like to join these programs please see Louise at the Hub upstairs.

**VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED**

If you are available, helpers are needed to make teaching resources.

Tasks include: photocopying, laminating, cutting cards and making games.

**EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

2.10-3.10

Upstairs in the Community Hub

Please come along!

Louise WPPS Community Hub Coordinator

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**DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE 5 PLAYGROUPS AT WYNDHAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL?**

- **Monday**
  - 9:00 - 12:00 Learning Together Program

- **Tuesday**
  - 9:30 - 10:30 Kinda Kinder
  - 10:00 - 12:00 Chin/Burmese Playgroup

- **Thursday**
  - 9:30 - 12:30 Indian Playgroup

- **Friday**
  - 9:30 - 11:30 English Conversation Playgroup

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**KAREN LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM**

The Karen learning club will now be held on WEDNESDAYS in Term 4

**STARTS WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER** 3:15-4:15
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
Monday 8:30am to 10:00am
Thursday 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a delicious morning snack and lunch all for $5.00 you can print our menu from the school website.

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1
28 JANUARY TO 27 MARCH

TERM 2
13 APRIL TO 26 JUNE

TERM 3
13 JULY TO 18 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4
5 OCTOBER TO 18 DECEMBER

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