Welcome Back
Welcome back to all of our school community for term four. I hope you have enjoyed the break and found time to catch up with family and friends. This term is traditionally a very busy one so I urge everyone to continue to check the newsletter, parent portal or phone app weekly for events and information. Of course please contact the office if you have any queries as well.

Work over the break
A great deal of work was completed over the break despite the heavy rain. The front playgrounds have been completely renovated with new soft fall and borders installed. This should make the playgrounds much safer and cleaner. The old soft fall has been spread over the old carpark to help with drainage when it rains. The relocatable classrooms now have drinking fountains and fresh water taps just in time for the warming weather. As yet we have not been able to have toilets installed near the relocatable classrooms, hopefully when the next relocatable classroom arrives next year toilets will be included. We have also completed the next stage of the Construction Club Area at the shipping container. You will see a large area of tiger turf has been installed. This area will allow students to build and construct things during their breaks in a safe and clean area. The next stage will see fencing and paths installed to complete the project.

Window Damage
Unfortunately, the breaking of windows has continued over the term break. Almost 50 windows have been broken since the damage began in term 2. We have continued to report all damage to the police and extra security patrols have been arranged. I have also sought quotes for CCTV to be installed around the school and will take these quotes to council for consideration at the October meeting. If you have any information that might help the police with dealing with this vandalism, please come to the office and let us know.

Foundation Enrolments
Our Foundation classes for 2017 are quickly filling up. If you have a child due to start school in 2017 or know of a family about to start, and have not yet completed an enrolment form, please come to the school administration ASAP to secure your place for 2017.

Life Ed Van
The Life Ed Van program is due to start on the 18th of October. In 2016 we are providing this excellent learning opportunity free of charge to all students. We have also been able to secure a free Parent information session so you can see the education programs that the Life Ed Van delivers. The parent session is scheduled for 2.10pm on October the 18th. If you would like to attend please come to the school administration and let us know. Spaces are limited to 20.

Late arrivals
We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of students arriving late to school recently. A reminder that the school day commences at 8.55am. If your child arrives after 9.00am they will have missed the very important start of the day. Could I please encourage all families to ensure students arrive at school before 8.55am? The yard is supervised from 8.30am and Breakfast Club starts at 8.20am.

Child Safety Standards
All schools (WPPS included) are always working towards ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children. As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure we are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. At Wyndham Park Primary School, we already have existing policies and procedures that aim to keep children safe. Leadership are currently working through the Child Safe Standards to identify any gaps and improve our policies and practices around child safety. More information can be found at: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/childsafe.aspx or www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html

I am looking forward to the events, activities and learning that will be happening at WPPS during term 4. As always feel free to come in and say hello.

Kind regard
Laban Toose
Principal
SPANISH & ART EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER  4pm – 8pm

A night to celebrate our students learning in the Art & Spanish Programmes.

Opportunities to experience Spanish food, activities, dancing & singing.

Raffles – Give Aways – Photo Booth

Looking forward to seeing you ALL there!

Mrs Janetzki & Ms Romero

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

Congratulations to the following students for winning the best dressed at our Footy Colours Day Parade:

Neihana Simith – Foundation D
Madeleine French – 1/2R
Mykaylah Mills – 3/4W
Lachlann Mills – 5/6W

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 178 students who completed the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. A very special congratulation to winners of the 2016 Premiers’ Reading Challenge who received prizes for their effort, which are:

Loisi Lauhingoa – 5/6P
3/4W
1/2M
Foundation D

All the students who completed the challenge will receive a certificate later this term. More information about the challenge can be found on the following website:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc

Drumbeat

We have a new program at Wyndham Park Primary School called Drumbeat. The goal of Drumbeat is to develop relationships (I think we should call it friendships) through hand drumming and discussion. Some of the discussion topics include: Relationships/Friendships, Harmony, Identity and Community, Emotions & Feelings and Teamwork. Students attend drumbeat once a week for 10 weeks.

Congratulations to our first Drumbeat group Marnie, Chance, Chris, Alex, Aye Wood, Ossama, Lwe K’Pru Paw and Mykaylah. As they are the school experts they will be involved in our new drumming club at Break Two on a Thursday. They will be great drumming teachers.

Drumbeat Coordinators: Louise Holley and Kylee Briggs
COMMUNITY HUB NEWS TERM FOUR

The term four calendar for the Hub has been published and we have many activities families can join. Please fill in the application form or speak with Louise if you would like to participate. Also if you have any ideas for next year please let us know.

All Welcome.

PLAYGROUPS
We have three playgroups running in our Hub and all families are welcome to attend any of the playgroups.

PLAYGROUPS at WPPS COMMUNITY HUB
Mondays VICSEG Playgroup 10:00-12:30
Tuesdays VICSEG Playgroup 10:00-12:30
Friday WCEC Playgroup 9:30-11:30

SHARING CULTURES COOKING CLASS
Next Wednesday 12th October Anne-Marie will teach us how to make ‘Never Fail Scones’. Chelsea Bone a dietician will join us to talk about healthy foods.
The cooking class will be upstairs in our Community Hub from 1:00-3:00pm. A Karen interpreter will be there to assist families if needed. ALL WELCOME!

MOSAIC WORKSHOPS
SongRoom Creative Community Project
Mosaic artist Libby McKinnon has been working every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 with a group of parents designing and making mosaics for the steps at the entrance to the Hub. We have welcome in Koori, English, Maori, Persian, Karen and Spanish. We need some help next Thursday 13th as we try to FINISH the mosaics. If you are available please come along.

Louise Holley WPPS Community Hub Coordinator 0422 906 133

Important News from First Aid.

MELBOURNE 2016 VIRUS
A new strain of Gastro is currently active in Melbourne with experts advising that the peak infectious time extends for 1-2 days after symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting have ceased.

We ask that if your child does experience any of these symptoms that you DO NOT send them to school and that you delay their return until 1-2 days AFTER symptoms cease to assist us in minimising risk of infection to our School Community.
Fun in Foundation

We have been learning about length using a variety of vocabulary to describe our findings.

We were working out longest and shortest using different items. Our Maths afternoon was a great success with many parents joining in with the activities on offer.

Toy Workshop In School Visit

We were given the opportunity to explore the way toys move. Using a variety of materials, we made our own moving toys in preparation for our final Inquiry assessment piece. Throughout the unit we have shared a show and tell project with our peers. Bob our balancing toy was a great success.

Reminders:

Reading is an amazing life-long skill which needs constant practise and provides the basis for all learning areas not just reading. Please continue to encourage your child to return their home reading books each day, listen to them read by assisting them to sound out letters they hear within words and blend the sounds together to make each word ready to read. There are some words which cannot be sounded out they have to be learnt by sight recognition eg ‘the’. Write the home reading book title in your child’s diary so we can see how they are reading at home and change their book.

Please name all items of clothing and check to make sure your child hasn’t picked up any items which don’t belong to them by mistake.

Enrolments are currently being taken for 2017 so please ensure you enrol early.
**MATERNAL HEALTH NURSE VISITS**

*We have Dominique, a Maternal Health Nurse visiting our hub upstairs. Come and meet Dominique who can help you with information, support and guidance regarding child health, nutrition, breast feeding, maternal and family health and parenting.*

All Welcome.

**TERM FOUR DATES**

- Monday 14th November 10-12
- Monday 5th December 10-12
- Tuesday 8th November 10-12
- Monday 22nd November 10-12
Last term we celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week in the 3/4 learning community with an open math afternoon, ten short word story competition and a book parade. The teachers even got dressed up as a mouse, cow, sheep and pig to represent the characters from the book ‘Who sank the boat?’ by Pamella Allen.

Fun was had by all on our Olympics Day. Some of our highlights included the 50 metre sprint, rubber chicken toss, penalty shootout and the paper plane competition. The gold, silver and bronze medals for the events were awarded to 34W, 34D and 34A respectively. Students also researched their chosen country, made flags and 34W made a banner for the closing ceremony.

Our campers returned from Camp Marysville tired and full of exciting stories to tell their family and friends. We had fantastic weather on the first two days and were able to canoe, rock climb, wade through rivers and trek through the forest. Our students were amazingly resilient and demonstrated our school values at all times. We were so proud of them because even though some of the activities looked scary they gave them a go. Well done!

Over the past few weeks of term three in mathematics, the Grade 3/4s had been learning how to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks. Some students were even able to use 24 hours clocks to tell the time. We have learnt that the minute hand is the long hand and the hour hand is the shorter hand on the clock. We have also been practising new strategies to calculate elapsed time in worded problems.

The Grade 3/4s have started a unit of work on design and innovation. We have been working in teams to design and build prototypes to solve problems. Some of the problems so far include the design of a bridge to hold 2 1000 MAB blocks, a device that floats on water and a parachute that slowly floats to the ground. The students chose their materials, built and then tested their prototype. We will continue with our design and innovation unit of work this term, however the focus will change to the students identifying a problem themselves and coming up with their own solution.
Our Term 3 SWPBS Values Badge winners were announced at assembly on Monday. These students consistently display our school values of being Safe, Responsible and Respectful. Congratulations to each of these students for their wonderful efforts. Keep up the great work.

The Term 4 Values Badges will be awarded towards end of Term 4.

**Foundation LC**

00T - Garang Ajak – Responsible
00D - Luis Lara - Respectful
00SA - Wynter Atkinson - Safe

**1/2LC**

1/2R - Jasmin Kaur - Respectful
1/2S - Gabriel Khi Po - Responsible
1/2M - Hadassah Moala - Responsible
1/2E - Eisha Elrefaei- Safe

**3/4LC**

3/4W Aida Arjuna – Respectful
3/4J William Phillip - Respectful
3/4H Say Ku Lwe - Safe

**5/6LC**

5/6W - Sonny Wilson - Safe
5/6P - Charlotte Van Earle - Responsible
5/6J - Star - Respectful
5/6J- Hei Hser Paw - Responsible

Let’s be respectful, responsible and safe when bringing your dog to visit our school, please ensure -

♦ They are child friendly.
♦ On a leash at all times.
♦ Pick up after your pet.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
**FAMILY FUN QUIZ 8**

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

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**FAMILY FUN QUIZ 7**

THE ANSWER WAS: 206

THE WINNERS WERE:
Riley and Rosemaree (second time winners!)

*Congratulations*
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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