The
Wantirna Whisper

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

School Council Elections - Elections for school council were held in March and I am pleased to announce that Kirstin Jackson, Emma Gardner and Donna White were successful nominations. We welcome them to their roles and value their contributions to Wantirna Primary School. School Council for 2016:

Parent Members: Hamish Smith, Donna White, Leisa George, Kirstin Jackson, Emma Gardner, Joe Gan
DET Members: Sue Fergeus, Kath Faichney, Adriana Grisold
President: Hamish Smith
Vice President: Donna White
Treasurer: Leisa George
Secretary: Kath Faichney
PFN: Sam Loten, Emma Gardner, Kirstin Jackson, Donna White, Hamish Smith, Sue Fergeus
Promotions & Marketing: Sue Fergeus, Joe Gan
Buildings & Grounds Convenors: Hamish Smith and Sue Fergeus
OSHC: Sue Fergeus, Donna White, Melitta Elliott, Premila Stone
Education Committee: Adriana Grisold, Emma Gardner, Sue Fergeus, Hamish Smith
Finance Committee: Leisa George, Sue Fergeus, Jenine Farley, Hamish Smith
Chaplaincy Committee: Sue Fergeus, Julie Reiher
School Council would like to thank our retiring councillors: Andrew Cusworth and Ana Beames. Leo Veliz is no longer a member due to the family relocating.

Library Grand Opening - In the holidays we received the Library Furnishings we purchased as a result of the Bendigo Bank Grant. We are having a Grand Opening for the community on the 22nd of April. Our usual Friday whole school assembly will be held in the gym with our guests Nick Wakeling MP and Colin Fletcher from the board at the Bendigo Bank. After assembly parents and guests will be invited to visit the Library and join us for a morning tea.

Student Leadership Day - I was extremely proud of our student leaders due to their engagement, maturity and exemplary behaviour at our Student Leadership Day on March 18th. It was attended by three local schools as a joint event to support our Grade 6 students in developing skills in communication, negotiation and event planning.
**Inquiry Learning Term 2** - The focus for students across the Humanities this term is History. The Foundation Year Ones and Year Twos will be investigating how people commemorate important past events, the history of people, buildings or the natural environment, a historical site and how changing technology has affected our lives. In Year Three and Four, students will be discovering more about Australia’s first peoples and the significance of European settlement. They will also discuss how different cultures have influenced our community.

In Years Five and Six, students will be learning about the time leading up to the Federation of Australia, how key figures and events have shaped our country’s system of law and government and the stories and perspectives of those who migrated to Australia.

**Enrolment for Foundation for 2017** - Thank you to the families, existing and new who have enrolled for Foundation next year. It assists us greatly with our future planning when this information is known as soon as possible.

**Harmony Day** - Wantirna Primary School staff, students and parents participated in another successful Harmony Day event on March 21st. Students travelled from Hungary, to Korea, to Greece, to Tonga, to New Zealand, to Scotland and culminated with a celebration of the Spanish language in song!

**Learning Expo** - We had a very busy week at the end of term 1 with the students showcasing their Term 1 Inquiry Learning. This event was very well attended and the feedback from our community was that they enjoyed engaging with our students and asking questions about their investigations. There was a noticeable ‘buzz’ in both the Junior and Senior buildings.

**Line Marking** - Thank you to the PFN and particularly Leisa George for organising for the line marking to occur over the term break. This was directly funded via the recent Bunnings BBQ effort. The PFN and School Council very excited to be able to demonstrate how your hard work is making a difference around the school.

**Behind the scenes** - It would be remiss of me not to continue to mention and thank Michelle McLean who maintains our vegetable garden and has been selling the produce to our community. This is a time consuming voluntary role and we do appreciate her efforts very much. Both Michelle and Kim Twomey have also been caring for our chickens, and sadly over the holidays one has passed away. If any parent or grandparent has some time during the week to assist with some of the duties please let Michelle or myself know. Also over the holidays, Peter Gilbert has been busy planting a few colourful annuals at the front entrance to the school. As you all know, Peter takes great pride in Wantirna PS and has been a staff member here for many years. Thank you Peter, for your care and attention to detail in making our school such a pleasant environment in which to work.

Regards,
Sue Fergeus
Principal

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**Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who received Pancake Parlour awards the last week of term 1. Well done!

- Chace C
- Ashley S
- Nishka T
- Riley V
- Ethan G
- Harkirat
- William H
- Chantelle B
- Yun H
- Elisha M
• **Footy Tipping** - After 3 rounds we have three leaders, all on 20 points –
  
  - Gail
  - Mr P
  - Sam M

  • There are a lot of people on 19 points - the tally sheet can be viewed in the school office area.
Oz Child Wishing Tree Gift Appeal.

Since it began 165 years ago, OzChild has helped over 1,000,000 children and young people. They work with 9,000 children, young people and their families every year, making sure that every night more than 300 children have a safe roof over their heads.

A lot of the children and young people OzChild provide services to are doing it tough. They’ve come into OzChild’s care as a result of a Child Protection Order after exposure to abuse, chronic neglect, family violence, substance misuse and more.

OzChild’s Christmas Wishing Tree Gift Appeal helps connect caring organisations, clubs, businesses and individuals with those at risk and vulnerable children. Tags provided to community-focused organisations like Wantirna Community Bank® Branch describe a child’s age and Christmas wishes then participants return an appropriate gift for that child to the branch.

On Tuesday 15 December OzChild CEO, Lisa Stukenenger, visited the Wantirna Community Bank® Branch to receive the 130 plus gifts that were collected for OzChild’s vulnerable children and young people. Everything from dolls, to craft kits to soccer balls and giant Tonka trucks!

Board member Colin Fletcher, Regional Manager (Melbourne Outer Eastern Region) Mark Nolan, Branch Manager Paul Jeram and Chairman Merv Ericson all took time out of their day to share stories of how rewarding it had been buying the presents for kids who, to put it simply, just deserve a bit of normal in their lives.

The gifts collected by various generous staff, colleagues, local businesses and customers from Wantirna Community Bank® Branch joined others collected by schools, clubs, businesses and individuals and brought smiles to the faces of over 600 children and young people OzChild are working with and caring for at Christmas.

There’s always a lot of work for OzChild, protecting kids, healing trauma and rebuilding families. There is a lot still to do, today, tomorrow and every day after that. But one thing is for sure, the kids had a brighter Christmas thanks to you.

The entire project has made this year a very special year for all of us involved, and we are certainly planning to continue to support the OzChild Wishing Tree Appeal in the future.

So far we have contributed $159,460 to the community.

Wentirna Community Financial Services Limited Shop 5-6 Wentirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway, Wentirna VIC 3152 ABN 43 118 000 230 Directors: Merv Ericson (Chairman), Peter Shiehly (Treasurer), Margarita Armenta (Secretary), Gary Hunter, Vivian Prasad, Colin Fletcher and Vivian Gonsalves.

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All fees are invoiced and sent out fortnightly and are to be paid within 7 days.  
To make a booking or any general enquiries about OSHC – Phone 0405 736 870  
Coordinator – Premila Stone

All families must be enrolled to attend the program.

Please make sure you are signing your children in and out. It is a legal requirement that this is done by the parent or authorised person picking or dropping them off.

All the children that go to OSHC experience a fun & safe environment
CLASSROOM CUISINE 2016

Classroom Cuisine our Lunch order service is available on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Starting from Monday 2nd February

We are very excited to announce that we will still be offering Lunch orders through the company Classroom Cuisine in 2016. They are a healthy food company.

They will deliver your placed order to the school by lunchtime.

You can either choose a TWO or THREE COURSE MEAL from 23 options within each course.

TO REGISTER AND ORDER ONLINE JUST VISIT

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Even though you can order up until 8:30 am on the site we encourage you not to be in a "last minute panic" - especially on the first day! Cut off is 8:30 am on the day of lunch orders. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN. Order anytime! On the back of this notice is a menu sheet.

Orders will only be accepted online - we cannot phone/email/fax orders through the school office.
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