The Wantirna Whisper

School Captains
Principal - Mrs Heather Norbury
2014 School Captains - Olivia & Justin

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

I am thrilled to be joining the Wantirna Primary School community and look forward to working with the staff, children and parents who have made me feel so welcome.

Many of the community will be wondering what sort of person is overseeing the crucially important education of their children. As you get to know me, you will find out that I stand for fairness, equality and high expectations for each and every child. I expect that teachers will be extending children to achieve their best at all times. I demand respect in all our interactions and hope that I can always make you feel welcome in my office (or elsewhere in the school) to chat about the things that are important to you.

I also acknowledge that ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ and with the huge range of extra curricular activities on offer here at Wantirna and only six grade teachers, it is obvious that we need to rely on parents to support the delivery of a top quality education.

We are seeking any form of support, and we are sure that we can use your skills. We will be pleased to have any support that you can offer and are happy to train you to assist if you need that.

Some ideas are:

- covering books, shelving books etc
- tidying storage rooms
- being involved on Parents and Friends Association or School Council
- gardening/helping with the vegie garden
- cooking sessions
- making cakes/slices
- helping to organise events
- wrapping gifts
- school banking
- classroom helper
- listening to children read.
- selling on stalls
- Are there trade skills that you have that you are willing to share with us? Please let a staff member, another parent or me know.

Diary Dates 2015

Friday 6th Feb – Assembly 3:00pm
Friday 13th Feb – School Leaders Assembly – Presentation of Badges – 9:00am in the JLU Building – Join us for a cuppa in the staffroom afterwards.
Friday 20th Feb – Assembly 3:00pm
Monday 16th Feb – School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday 25th Feb – District Swimming for selected students.
Thursday 26th Feb – Getting to know you Interviews.
Friday 27th Feb – Assembly 9:00am
Wednesday 4th March- Responsible Pet Education
Monday 9th March – Labour Day – Public Holiday – No students at school today.
Wednesday 24th March- School Photos being taken today.

Classroom Cuisine

Please note that Classroom Cuisine is now available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open:-
Monday to Friday during school office hours (8:00am—3:30pm). Please call in and Jenine will help you. Uniform orders may be sent to school with an order form and correct money in an envelope. The order will be sent home with your child.

Term Dates for 2015

Term One – Thurs 29th Jan – Fri 27th March
Term Two – Monday 13th April – Fri 26th June
Term Three – Monday 13th July – Fri 18th Sept
Term Four – Monday 5th Oct – Fri 18th Dec
NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS - Because of the increasing demands on schools with accountability and record keeping (and also the potential litigation) we will need to be more stringent with excursion planning. From now on, there will be a cut-off time for children returning forms/money for events that leave the school. Generally there will be a three day closing period. Money and forms returned later than three days prior to the events will unfortunately NOT be processed and will be returned to you and the child not permitted to attend. We appreciate your understanding in this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - School Council plays a crucial part in managing a school and we value the various expertises that staff and parents bring to the school. Every year, half SC membership needs to go up for re-election. This year there will be three parent positions that will become available. If you have an interest in helping set the direction of the school, then please speak to a staff member, an existing SC member or to me. If you are not sure if this is something you can contribute to, please drop in to chat.

ASSEMBLIES - We thought that what we might do this year is have variable times for school assembly. Last week we held assembly in the morning at 9:00am in the junior building. Tomorrow it will be at 3:00pm, in the same venue. We hope to see parents there to celebrate the weekly achievements of the children.

On the 13th February, we have MP, Nick Wakeling attending assembly to present leadership badges. We hope that you are all able to attend to celebrate our children’s successes and to join us after in the staffroom for morning tea.

IPAD APP GUIDE – Some parents and students are concerned that the list of Apps for each level has not yet been published. At the moment staff are in the process of culling a very extensive list. There will be a TiqBiz notification that will come out next week that will clarify this.

REMININDERS - Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55 am and learning starts promptly at 9am. We need to maximise learning time, so children arriving late often disadvantage themselves and others.

Thanks again for a wonderful start. Let’s make Term One a fantastic and exciting term for our children.

Phillippa Adgemis

Student School Banking

Great News!

In 2014 Wantirna Primary School earned $539.78 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank for student banking. The School Banking program is a great way to teach our students about regular saving while being rewarded through the redemption scheme. With each new student account opened, the Commonwealth Bank donates $5 per student to the school and the school earns commission on the total deposits each quarter - it’s easy fundraising for Wantirna Primary School. Bank books are handed in to the class teacher first thing each Tuesday morning for processing.

If you would like to sign up for banking you can obtain a Student Banking Pack from our Student Banking Coordinator, Mrs Keren Johnston or visit your local Commonwealth Bank and let them know you would like to open a school banking account.

2015 School Banking Rewards

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dolarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4
The Manipulators:

Their Motto: WHATEVER IT TAKES.

Manipulators are kids who can wrap adults around their little finger, eat them for breakfast, hoodwink and charm the socks off them. They often dominate and control other people. They can often be the Bully while being cute to adults. The best mascot for the manipulators is Angelica in the Rugrats TV show. Highly recommend you have a look. Manipulators of this world are anything but angels and they can be boys as well as girls. They are determined people who are extremely successful long term in business and corporate life. They are single minded, like to take charge and tell people what to do.

They live by the saying 'The secret of success is sincerity – once you can fake that, you’ve got it made’.

These kids can be quite mild in family settings, but tend to know a lot more about their rights than responsibilities. The behaviour of manipulators can vary wildly in different settings. It can be very disappointing to realize that your sweet little golden child that mixes well with adults can be a dictator when it comes to playing with children his own age. Try not to leave them unsupervised in a group of children they will side with one child at the expense of another. When these kids fall out with friends they do so in a big way. These kids can be quite vehement and purposefully leave other people out. As a result they need help building ongoing relationships, to resolve and makeup differences.

They can be very provocative with parents telling them they are stupid, and pushing all the right buttons. They need to be the centre of attention and the best. If you get between them and their goal - you risk abuse, being put down, and verbal brawls.

WHAT TO DO?

Proactive style parenting – Be there and be aware of what they are doing and saying, don’t let them get away with anything. They will thrive if they think that you have eyes in the back of your head. Pick up on the small behaviours and don’t give them an inch. For example – say hey I am hanging out with you today – they may not be impressed and say but I haven’t done anything wrong? You reply “No but you might”

Help the manipulator become the reciprocator – someone who can give as well as take. Help her then learn the skills of getting along with others. She will be happier for it. These kids can grow into great leaders in the future. Let her select a goal of making another person happy, address their issues, especially low self esteem. Their self esteem is based on outdoing others rather than on something positive.

Happy parenting

Julie Reiher
SPANISH NEWS

Hola to all the parents and siblings of the students at Wantirna Primary School. My name (me llamo) is Ani Maria Falk (Señora Ani) and I am delighted to be teaching Spanish to your children. I thought I would tell you a little about myself.

I am originally from Sevilla, Spain and I came to Australia with my parents when I was 14 years old. I began high school when I arrived and with no English, I know what it is like to learn a new language. I am very fortunate to be teaching something so close to my heart.

Spanish has become a very important language on the world stage as it is spoken in 23 countries around the world and 43 million people speak it in the USA alone.

Apart from our students leaning Spanish, it is important to note that languages in general help to develop part of the brain essential for mental development and if it is started in early childhood, it enhances learning and sets them up for life. Please read the information on Languages attached to this newsletter as it will explain further the enormous benefits of learning a language.

OSHC News

What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

Our staff operate a stimulating and enjoyable Out of School Hours Care Program.

Fees: Before School Care $22.00 – 7:00am – 8:45am
    After School Care $17.00 – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
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
Community News

St Mark Dental Clinic
Dental Bulk Billing
children aged 2-17 years. Eligible with CDBS.
We use clear braces for children
Adult braces completed within 12 months. Clear Braces, Invisalign

621-623 Boronia Road, Wantirna, 3152 (inside Wantirna Mall Clinic) Tel: 9720 4029

$1000 CASH REWARD
I'M BELLA! I'M STILL MISSING!
PLEASE WHOEVER IS LOOKING AFTER ME I NEED TO GO HOME TO MY FAMILY.
I have a condition that needs treatment

- Sponsored by 's fine wares 28/12/14 in Princes Vale
- Originally wearing a red cloth collar with my name & phone number/collars & registration
- I'm dower & microchipped please drop me off at a vet or police station
- Any information please ring: 0413 602 929 OR 0402 922 838
- Facebook page is www.facebook.com/helpingbellahome2012

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- Guide you through the home buying process.
- Answer all your home loan questions, from “How much will I need for a deposit?” to “What is Lenders’ Mortgage Insurance?”
- Provide you with a conditional pre-approval, so you can move quickly when you find the right home.
- Help you choose the right loan for your financial situation and lifestyle through our special home loan offers.

Arrange an appointment today.

HELLO, I'M KRISTYN YAP
YOUR HOME LENDING EXPERT.
Maths and English Tuition
Kinder to Year 10

Lynn's Learning has been successfully providing tailored tuition programs for over 20 years. We aim to teach our students to write from their hearts, and solve problems with an open mind. The benefits of our individualised programs include:

- Individualised extension and remedial programs
- Problem solving and mathematical skills
- Creative writing techniques
- ICAS and NAPLAN preparation
- Scholarship preparation
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$21 per week per subject

Call us to book your complimentary assessment and learn how we can help your child
03 8794 8809
Email: enquiries@lynnslearning.com.au

Break the Cycle

Are you parenting or caring for an adolescent who is abusive or violent in the home?

Feeling threatened, frightened or controlled by this young person? Are siblings, family members or pets feeling scared? Do you feel anxious, isolated, ashamed and resentful? Would you like to find ways to help your young person become responsible and respectful?

The Breaking The Cycle program is supportive and informative. It offers practical ideas to manage and change your situation.

GROUP PROGRAM FOR TERM 1 & 2 2015
8 sessions on Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm
March 5 - 26 and April 16 - May 17 (No group sessions during school holidays)
Anglicare Victoria
47 - 51 Castella Street, Lilydale

FREE PROGRAM
Feedback from participants:

“I feel good that I’m not the only one”
“It gave me understanding that applied to real life”
“Support of the group was helpful”

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Julia 9735 6190 or 0400 866 495
anglicarevic.org

EUREKA

"Curious Science"

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Term 1 2015

Thursday 5th March 2015
Mountain Gate Primary School, Aldes Avenue, Ferntree Gully
5:45 am - 11:15 am

Fees $199.00

Albert Einstein once said, “The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity will keep us on our toes.” In these exciting workshops your budding scientists will be exploring some intriguing areas of science. In the three enrichment and academic workshops created by the talented team from GATEWAYs, the participants will be encouraged to question, experiment, make discoveries and to take the opportunity to be curious.

“It’s all in the Blood” with Joanne Davis
Did you know that your body manufactures 27 million red blood cells per second? Or that it takes only 20-40 seconds for a drop of blood to travel from the heart through your body and back to your heart again? Amazing, isn’t it! This workshop will become a haematologist and explore why our blood is red, how it helps us to survive, and how much of it we have in our bodies. You’ll learn about the science behind blood transfusions to learn why some people are “universal donors” and other people are “universal recipients.” You’ll create fake “blood” in a test tube, and use microscopy to examine blood cells up close and personal, whilst blood cells are the bearer, and which organisms are the customer, when it comes to understanding the immune system. Why do we need vaccines, and how do they work? Put on a lab coat and join us for some curious scientific fun.

Joanne developed a fascination for science at a young age, gaining her first microscope at 6 years of age! As a research scientist with a PhD in immunology and over 15 years’ experience in the lab, Joanne is devoted to bringing a love for science to all ages.

“Nanotechnology – what’s this big deal about small science?” with Robyn Downing
Nanotechnology isn’t just found in laboratories, it can already be found in our homes, in many consumer goods and toiletries. Some common packaging and in sporting goods such as tennis rackets and footballs. New nanotech products are entering the market at a rate of 3 per week, and it’s like all technology, the more we learn about it, the more we learn that there are risks and benefits. Nannotechnology has a huge potential to improve our health, fitness and safety. This workshop will explore the basics of nanotechnology and see how these materials can be used in everyday products.

Robyn has a passionate and enthusiastic science teacher and teacher educator over twenty-five years. She actively engages her students through a wide range of hands on, minds on activities and encourages them to think outside the box.

“Seeing Double” with Narelle Wood
Did you know that identical twins are not 100% identical? Or that twins can apparently feel each other’s pain and that they can be born with different coloured eyes? Or even in some cases, where both twins are separated after birth, they can still speak the same language? Narelle Downing

Narelle studied genetics and other interesting science subjects like psychology at university, after having her lab partner and decided to follow the musical career of teaching these subjects. She often finds herself daydreaming about the research she could do if only she had as much science people.
Save and win a trip to Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is taking you on a mission to Planet Savings. There are eight new awesome rewards to choose from, plus we’re introducing a new Grand Prize competition where you could win a family trip to Disneyland.

How to enter
All you need to do is simply make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 and you’ll automatically go into the Grand Prize competition.

The Grand Prize
A family trip for up to two adults and two kids to California’s Disneyland, including:
• Return flights to LA and airport transfers
• 5 nights at a Disneyland hotel
• 3 day pass to Disneyland
• Enjoy Space Mountain, rollercoasters and hundreds of rides
• Meet Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
• AUD$2,000 spending money

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.