Message from the Principal’s Desk

**Bunnings BBQ** - This Saturday members of School Council, PFN and other fantastic school volunteers will be hosting a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Vermont South. Thank you to those parents who are already rostered for the day. If you were unable to help, but can support the school by buying a sausage we would love to see you there.

Also, let friends, family members and your local sporting groups know to come down on Saturday 5th March.

**Student Leadership Presentation** - Thank you to Nick Wakeling who came along and presented our Student Leadership Group with their badges. Our flag monitors Tahlia W and Semin L (our flag monitors) proudly accepted a new flag which Nick kindly donated to Wantirna Primary School.

School Captains: Wendy S and Ryan T

House Captains: Bill K (Koomba), Max J (Salford) and Corey H (Winton)

Junior School Council Captains: Adam N and Chantelle B

ICT Captains: Adam L and Basil K

Sustainability and Recycling Captain: Matthew D

Library Captain: Poppy J

(If parents would like a copy of their child’s photo with Nick Wakeling, please email the school and I will forward one to you)

**Victorian Curriculum** - After our Parent Information Night, I suggested I would include a brief summary of some of the topics which were covered on the night. During 2016, Wantirna Primary School will be transitioning from AusVELS to the Victorian Curriculum. For students and parents, this will mean little difference as Literacy and Numeracy are the core subjects which will be the focus of our learning.

The Domains of English F-6

- Reading and Viewing (which is supported with our CAFÉ Reading Approach)
- Writing (students participate in explicit teaching of text types as well as Writer’s Notebook)
- Speaking and Listening (which incorporates all curriculum areas including Tribes sessions)
The Domains of Mathematics F-6

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

History F-6

Geography F-6

Civics and Citizenship 3-6

Economics and Business 5-6

Pupil Free Day - Next Friday, 11th March is our first pupil free day of the year. The primary focus for staff on this day is to finalise the School Strategic Plan 2016-2019, which will be presented to School Council on the 22nd of March and submitted to the DET by the end of Term 1. The Strategic Plan is a document which has evolved as a result of our Peer Review in October 2015. All schools must prepare a plan which outlines the direction for the next three years (the last year being the year of review). The areas for consideration are Achievement, Student Engagement, Student Wellbeing and Productivity.

This is where data from NAPLAN, AusVELS/Victorian Curriculum, Parent Opinion Survey, Attitudes To School Survey and the Staff Opinion Survey are all incorporated in order to determine targets for 2016-2019. From this document, staff extract the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which isolates goals for the coming year. The other planning element for this day will involve teams looking at curriculum for Term 2.

District Swimming Carnival - Four students from Wantirna Primary School represented our school in this event which was held at Croydon last Friday. Maddie G competed for the first time in backstroke and freestyle, Luke G achieved 2nd place in backstroke, Sam M competed in freestyle and came 4th and Kyle B competed in backstroke. Congratulations to these students for their efforts and for the parents and Mr P for supporting them on the day.

Promotions and Marketing - Paul Tadday has visited Wantirna Primary School and taken a selection of individual, group and whole class photographs of our students. The process will be that the staff and School Council will be selecting photographs which best represent our school. These photographs will be used on the website, school signage, brochures and posters and real estate boards to promote our school in the community.

The responses for our new school slogan/motto have been overwhelmingly in favour of ‘Engage, Explore, Excel’. This choice complements the new Inquiry Approach we have introduced this year. It also supports Wantirna Primary School’s commitment to providing a curriculum which allows the children to investigate and pursue areas of interest as well as supporting students to excel in all areas of their learning.

School Uniform - As a result of the recent focus on marketing our school, it became obvious that some students are not arriving at school in the correct uniform. It was a shame that I was unable to include some students in our professional photographs due to having the wrong colour shorts/pants or because they were wearing leggings under the school dress or shorts were visible under school dresses. Wantirna Primary School is both respectful of cultural expectations as well as financial constraints with regards to uniform. If you have any concerns with regards to either, please see myself or Jenine who will be able to assist with clarification of our policy (see attached) or to obtain correct uniform.

Chickens - It’s time for our Wantirna Primary School chickens to retire. They have been a wonderful addition to our school and have contributed with produce which Michelle Mclean has sold to the community. If anyone has a suggestion as to how to rehouse them or knows of a suitable place where they can find a ‘forever home’ please contact myself or Michelle.

Junior School Council - On Thursday 17th of March, the Junior School Council will be running a Crazy Hair Day in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. There will also be a special event at the Whole School Assembly on Friday 18th of March. Chantelle and Adam will have more information at School Assembly and a notice will come home soon with more information.

Lunch Club - Our partnership with The Adventist Church continues this year as a result of our Knox Council – School Focused Youth Network Brokerage Funding. Last year we ran ‘Kids In The Kitchen’ a lunchtime cooking program for both Junior and Senior students. This term we have started with the ‘Game On’ project for Juniors with students enjoying participating in giant sized games.
Student Leadership Training Day - I am very excited to announce that along with Bayswater PS, Knox Central PS, Boronia West PS and Carrington Park PS, we are offering a Year 6 Student Leadership Training Day at Wantirna Primary School. This is a great opportunity to develop strong partnerships with other local primary schools. The content of the day will be of extreme benefit to our student leaders in 2016 and in their future potential leadership roles. The facilitators of this day are with an organisation called ‘Second Strike’ and I have worked with them previously and have found this to be an extremely successful day. Year 6 students will be involved in a day’s training on Friday 18th March. A more detailed notice will go home to students next week and photos and reports will follow as the year progresses.

Regards,
Sue Fergeus
Principal

Stars of the Week

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<td>Brian L</td>
<td>For eagerly taking on new challenges.</td>
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<td>Soomin L</td>
<td>For being a caring &amp; helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Destiny B</td>
<td>For having go.</td>
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<td>Anglea Y</td>
<td>For her brilliant effort in guided reading.</td>
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<td>Emily S</td>
<td>For using initiative in creating a wonderful learning environment.</td>
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<td>Nathan K</td>
<td>For consistently doing his best in all his learning.</td>
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<td>Chantelle B</td>
<td>For taking chances.</td>
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<td>Spencer P</td>
<td>For being engaged in his learning.</td>
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<td>William</td>
<td>For great work during inquiry.</td>
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<td>Cohen D</td>
<td>For working really hard all week.</td>
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<td>Tahlia W</td>
<td>For a great effort in her maths this week.</td>
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<td>Zac C</td>
<td>For his wonderful questioning skills during our ‘Patterns” lesson.</td>
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<td>Chace C</td>
<td>For persevering with his writing and producing a wonderful recount.</td>
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<td>Ebony L</td>
<td>For her wonderful effort with her word ring.</td>
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<td>Kyle C</td>
<td>For his thoughtful use of our class bins to maximise sustainability.</td>
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<td>Meryem P</td>
<td>For challenging herself in her number pattern work.</td>
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<td>Rathik K</td>
<td>For confidently speaking in our community circle.</td>
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<td>Aaron T</td>
<td>For being a great ICT helper.</td>
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2016 School Term Dates

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Uniform Shop

Short Sleeve polo shirts all sizes are now in stock.

Uniform Shop is open during school hours.
ACHIEVEMENT BY PROXY

This is defined as a parent or coach experiencing the success of a young person. Initially used in sporting and athletics contexts but I have also experienced in academics and music as well.

Essentially it occurs when the parent makes their child’s success the basis for their own happiness. One of the results is that wherever their child achieves the parent wants them to strive for more, higher, greater levels of success. They become routinely dissatisfied with their child’s achievements.

Often this can come about to a sense of failure or inadequacy of the parent, something that they weren’t able to achieve as a young person or something that they have come to regret later in life.

Some things to look out for to gauge if this is an issue for you would be

- The level of sacrifice that you ask your child to make sacrifice to their social life for example – causes friction in the household. In some cases this can cause a family to move schools, move house to go to the ‘right’ school, make financial sacrifices way beyond the norm. This can develop to the point where your child feels obliged to do everything as they owe it to you.

- Starting to see your child as a machine that produces results. If it is a musical talent issue then they just become another medal, an extra competition winner, a participant in every possible show.

These become demotivating factors in your child’s life. INSTEAD why not:

- Maintain a healthy focus on the relationship between you and your child. Value it higher than any participation in a competition or whether they are successful in becoming the doctor that you always wanted them to be.

- Become more interested in the process of their involvement than the outcome of it. Make it less about winning the prize.

- Acknowledge that they are still a child and that they will have their own goals and dreams for their life which may be different from yours.

Have a good week!
Julie Reiher
Great stories about our Friendship Seat.

**Friendship Seat**

Once upon a time boy named Bob. He was on the friendship seat, sad and alone. Then Steve came and asked “do you want to play with me?” “Yes please!” said Bob. They became best friends.

The End  By Brian and Ryan

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**True Friends**

One day a little girl named Ally was sitting on the friendship seat all alone. She was sad because she couldn't find her friends but then along came another little girl called Rose who said "would you like to play with me?" "Ok" said Ally and they became best friends.

Poppy and Fernanda

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**Friendship**

One day the queen of fairies was sitting on the friendship chair. Then a fairy came over and asked what was wrong. The queen said "I don't have any friends" then the fairy said "I will be your friend". The queen was very happy.

Alysia and Corey

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**Friendship Buddy’s**

One day there was a boy whose name was Bob. Bob was sad because none of his friends were at school. The next day a kid came along his name was Max. They played all day long. Bob stayed at the Friendship seat for a while until Max came along. The Friendship seat made them be friends.

Max and Max
What a great start we have had to our fundraising for 2016. Our goal for this year is to raise funds to go towards the line marking of our playground. We are going to also have marked games of numbers and letters for the children to be able to use in the playground.

There are many things happening at the moment, during the next few weeks we have:

- **Bunnings BBQ** – Saturday March 5
- **Bakers Delight special treat lunch** – Tuesday March 8 – orders were due by Thursday March 3
- **Easter Egg Raffle donations** – We are seeking donations for our hampers for the Easter Raffle – eggs, baskets and anything Easter themed. Donations can be left at the school office
- **Easter Egg Raffle** – Tickets on sale Monday March 7
- **Easter Hot Cross Bun Orders** – Bakers Delight order forms due back at school by Thursday March 17
- **Footy Tipping** - The 2016 starts on Thursday March 24. Tipping forms sent home on Friday March 4
Mr P is participating in the World’s Greatest Shave this year. We will be shaving Mr P’s head at assembly on Friday March 18 at 9am. A bidding auction is being held for someone to have the chance to give Mr P his new ‘hairdo’. Bids can be placed at the school office.

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

To help Mr P raise funds for the World’s Greatest Shave we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 17th March. Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukaemia Foundation.
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 6,000 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 rough. 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 these 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 Sturzenegger, 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 Jerram 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.

Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited Shop 5/6 Wantirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway Wantirna VIC 3152 ABN 43 118 000 230 Directors: Merv Ericson (Chairman), Peter Sheehy (Treasurer), Margaret Pimentel (Secretary), Gary Hunter, ViVan Prasad, Colin Fletcher and Vivian Gonsalves.

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We are also happy to assist with Free Community event boards, Free use of our PW Marquee’s and donate a prize/ gift to be used for fundraising for the club.

For more information please contact Andrew Gardner 0417 993 954

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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 enquiry 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.

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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.
Dear Parents,

As part of the Department's Health and Safety Management Plan, it is expected that new labelling will be installed at Wantirna Primary School. Over time all schools, with asbestos, in Victoria will be labelled. The labels remind workmen, contractors and school community members that they need to contact the school office before undertaking any works at the school, to ensure that they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register. The labels you will see are like the labels attached. I am expecting these labels to be placed at our school (most schools in Victoria will be in the same position) but it is not cause for alarm. As mentioned, it is a reminder for all workers entering our school that they need to check our asbestos register.

Unfortunately asbestos, which is now banned, was used in the past and our school does have some areas where asbestos has been used as a building material. Asbestos is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. All asbestos at Wantirna PS is in good condition. We have an Asbestos Register which identifies all areas where asbestos has been used and is updated whenever building works occur.

Please be reassured that our school is a safe place and that this labelling adds an extra level of protection for your child and you. We have an Asbestos Management Plan which outlines the responsibilities, procedures, protocols and systems for the effective management of identified asbestos and minimisation of associated risks.

If, and when, any works are planned for areas containing asbestos, before works begin the asbestos is removed. This is undertaken by companies who are registered to remove asbestos and is only completed at times when students and staff are not in the school.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on 9801 1938.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Fergus
Principal